

Winter 2021

DISCIPLESHIP

All In-person meetings at Nazareth request social distancing and the use of face masks.

Congregational Study: *The Good and Beautiful LIFE: Putting on the Character of Christ*

Our 2021 Lenten series will offer opportunities to participate in spiritual formation small groups for 6 weeks. These groups will complete the study of *The Good and Beautiful Life* by James Bryan Smith based on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount that was begun last Fall. This study compares false worldly narratives about where abundant life is found with Jesus' narratives that deliver on his promise, "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). The sermons each Sunday will be based on the same words of Jesus which each chapter examines. Opportunities to sign up for a small group will be available online in January or by calling Terri Packard, Receptionist at 319-266-7589 (Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Books will be available at the Welcome Desk (Sundays) and the Receptionist's Desk (Weekdays). The cost is \$15. It would be wonderful if, in addition to reading the book, many of our congregation members would participate in a small group discussion, either in person or via zoom. You may either join a group that met in the Fall or form a new group of your own.

SUNDAY

Title: **MidKids – The Good and Beautiful God/Life – then Gideon**

Facilitator: David Duncan

Dates: Sundays, ongoing (Starting January 3)

Location: Bethel Hall

Time: 10:00 to 11:10 a.m.

Description: *A study of Gideon, an Old Testament hero with great strengths and many flaws with application for our lives. This Bible study and Fellowship group has met on an ongoing basis for thirty years, and they continue to welcome new members.*

Title: **Bible Study - David: Warrior, Writer and Witness**

Facilitators: Larry Leutzinger

Dates: Sundays, beginning September 13

Location: Room 155

Time: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Description: *This class will trace the life of David through Biblical historical records, his writings in Psalms and his witness of God's favor and to other historical figures including Jesus. New members are welcome at any time!*

Title: **The Good and Beautiful Community**

Facilitators: Bill and Susie Zimmerman

Dates: Sundays, ongoing (starting January 10)

Location: Webex meeting

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Description: *"The Good and Beautiful Community: Following the Spirit, Extending Grace, Demonstrating Love" is the third book by James Bryan Smith in the Apprenticeship Series. New members are welcome at any time! This study is led by Bill (319-830-7178, billyz6342@gmail.com) and Susie (319-830-9142, susie9229@gmail.com) Zimmerman. Contact them for the Webex link to the sessions.*

Title: **Alpha**

Facilitator: Mallory Jensen

Dates: Sundays, January 3 to February 7

Location: Zoom meetings

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Description: *Over a series of interactive sessions, Alpha helps participants explore the meaning of life, revealing that Christianity can be every bit as relevant to life today as it was 2000 years ago. Alpha makes it easy to invite friends, enjoy food and fellowship (if in-person becomes possible), hear short teaching talks, and have opportunities to discuss and explore life's biggest questions in a safe and respectful environment.*

MONDAY

Title: **Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)**

Facilitator: Travis Tolliver

Dates: Mondays, beginning January 4

Contact: cedarvalleybsf@gmail.com

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting

Description: *Bible Study Fellowship invites you to join in studying the book of Genesis. The first book of the Bible reveals our shared story as a single race created in God's image. We look forward to exploring the book of "Beginnings" together, where we witness the wonder of God creating the universe, the tragedy of humanity's fall into sin and God's gracious redemption. BSF this winter will be on Zoom in discussion groups. Please go to bsfinternational.org to learn more and register for a class this winter. You may also contact Travis at the email address above.*

Title: **Young Adults**

Facilitator: Troy Olson

Dates: Mondays, beginning September 14

Location: Room 301

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Description: *Are you a young adult interested in getting connected to others here at Nazareth? Join the "Young Adults at Naz" Facebook Group to get updates about activities and/or meeting times. Contact tolson@gmail.com for more information!*

REGISTRATION FOR ALL CLASSES (except for BSF/parenting classes) AT NAZ.ORG/SMALLGROUPS

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Please note: All classes are subject to change to accommodate COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.
Once signed up, your group leader will notify you of any changes your class(es) may have.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY

Title: **Centering Prayer**

Dates: Every Tuesday and Thursday, ongoing

Time 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Description: *Craving a time of peace in your hectic life? Seeking silence as you intentionally listen to God during prayer? This class gives you the opportunity to "be still" and to experience the Lord in intentional moments of silence and reflection. All are welcome.*

Facilitator: Lorene Wellnitz

Location: Zoom meeting

WEDNESDAY

Title: **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Dates: Wednesdays, ongoing

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

Description: *The Nazareth pastors facilitate a time of (singing), prayer and Bible study from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Weekly, we have 20-30 men gathering for fellowship and study, and there is room for more. Weekly, we have 20-30 men gather for fellowship and study.*

Facilitator: Pastors King & Hanson

Location: Bethel Hall

Title: **Women's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)**

Dates: Wednesdays or Thursdays

Times: (W)9:30 – 10:15 a.m., (TH)9:30 – 10:15 a.m., 7:00-7:45 p.m.

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Facilitator: Diane Curtis and more

Contact: diane.curtis@uni.edu

Location: Zoom meeting

Title: **Men's Wednesday Promise Keepers Bible Study**

Dates: Wednesdays (will meet once COVID restrictions are lifted)

Time: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Description: *Men gather to discuss the scriptures upon which the upcoming Sunday sermon/teaching is based. Bring your own lunch and join us in prayer and discussion.*

Facilitators: Pastors Brian King and Dennis Hanson

Location: Room 160

Title: **POW - A Parent Small Group : Giving Your Child
a Life Worth Living for Christ**

Dates: Wednesdays, January 27—April 21

Time: 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Description: *This book and study guide explores 8 key principles--heartbeats of lifegiving parenting--to shed light on what it means to create a home where your children will experience the living God alive in your family. Filled with biblical insights and classic Clarkson stories, The Lifegiving Parent will equip you with the tools and wisdom you need to give your children much more than just a good Christian life. You'll give them the life of Christ. Kid's programming/childcare (up to 6th grade) is provided for families participating in the small group. Registration is required. Please email Meg at meg.husted@naz.org*

Facilitator: Meg Husted

Contact (for sign up): meg.husted@naz.org

Location: Room 301

Title: **Winter Gather Bible Study – "Journey with Angels"**

Dates/Times: Wed, 9:15 a.m., Thurs., 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Description: *The Winter Bible study series will be about: "Journeys with Angels" in which we will shake those biblical branches, watch for angels and listen for God's call to action.*

- January - Wednesday (13th) and Thursday (14th) - New beginnings, awe-full, awe-some angels
- February - Wednesday (10th) and Thursday (11th) - Repentance and route-changing angels
- March - Wednesday (10th) and Thursday (11th) - Loneliness, abandonment and holy comfort
- April - Wednesday (14th) and Thursday (15th) - Feasting angels

Facilitators: Various Leaders

Location: Bethel Hall

Please note: The above is the schedule for in-person meetings and are subject to change if changes in COVID restrictions.

THURSDAY

Title: **Search Thursday Fellowship Bible Study**

Dates: Thursdays (will meet when COVID restrictions are lifted)

Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Description: *Men and women gather for an hour to (sing), pray and study the Biblical texts and themes for the upcoming Sunday sermon/teaching. After the study, participants are invited to join in on the Senior Fellowship Luncheon (will be available when COVID restrictions are lifted).*

Facilitators: Pastors Brian King and Dennis Hanson

Location: Room 151/153

GROUPS/EVENTS NOT MEETING THIS FALL. MORE UPDATES COMING!

Title: **BELONG - New Member Class**

Dates: Sundays, April 11, 18, 25, and May 2

New Members will be received on May 2nd during worship services.

Description: *This class is a great opportunity to explore the Lutheran faith, learn about the history of Nazareth and begin to build community with others who are interested in membership. A light meal will be served and childcare is available. With questions, contact Lori Fegley at lori.fegley@naz.org or 319-266-7589.*

Facilitators: Various Naz Leaders

Location: At Nazareth or Zoom meetings - TBD

Title: **Financial Peace University**

Time: TBD – Watch for announcement

Description: *With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. Watch the Financial Peace University Videos from home and then gather together for discussion each Monday evening. The cost of this course is \$99. With questions, email janijoglaspie@cfu.net*

Facilitators: TBD

Location: TBD

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