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SUNDAYS

Title: **Encounters With Jesus**

Facilitator: John Larsen

Dates: Sundays, September 10 to October 22

Location: Room 158

Time: 8:00 to 8:50 a.m.

Description: *The people who met Jesus Christ in person faced the same big life questions we face today. Like most of us, the answers handed to them didn't seem to work in the real world. But when they met Jesus, things immediately started to change for them. It seemed He not only had the answers - He was the Answer. In "Encounters with Jesus", Timothy Keller shows how the central events and meetings in Jesus' life can change our own lives forever. Cost of the book and materials is \$12.*

Title: **Alpha: Open to Everyone**

Facilitators: Various Nazareth Leaders

Special Note: **Join us! College Students, Adults with Special Needs, Parents, High School Students, Retirees, Young Adults, Empty Nesters, Singles, and more! No matter where you are in your faith journey, you are welcome!**

Dates: Sundays, September 10 to November 12

Location: Bethel Hall

Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Description: *Alpha creates an environment of hospitality where people can bring their friends, family, and work colleagues to explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share their point of view. Alpha makes it easy to invite friends, enjoy food, hear a short teaching talk, and have an opportunity to explore life's biggest questions in a safe and respectful environment. There will be an "Alpha Day Away" retreat on Saturday, October 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.*

Title: **MidKids**

Facilitator: David Duncan

Dates: Sundays, ongoing

Location: Room 156

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

Description: *This Bible study and Fellowship group has met on an ongoing basis for several decades, and they continue to welcome new members. Topics of discussion and study vary. In addition to meeting on Sunday mornings, they gather on a regular basis in one another's homes to "do life together".*

Title: **World Religions**

Facilitators: Larry Leutzinger and Adrian Talbot

Dates: Sundays, ongoing

Location: Room 153

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

Description: *A Bible-based study of other religions: Among the religions studied will be Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witness, Christian Science and New Age Religions. The major focus will be on the errors of each the religions based on the truth contained in God's Word.*

TUESDAYS

Title: **Philippians - Letter of Joy**

Facilitator: Pastor Bob Ericson

Dates: Tuesdays, September 12 to October 24

Location: Bethel Hall

Time: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. OR 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Description: *Paul wrote his Letter to the Philippians while he was in prison in Rome around AD 63, but there is no bitterness or disillusionment. In this letter, Paul opens his heart, showing us the secret to real contentment. The letter speaks of fellowship in the sufferings of Christ, and yet, there is no book of the Bible so full of joy. Paul's letter can point the way to experiencing joy in our Christian walk even as it did for the original recipients of his letter. Participants will work their way through Paul's letter via a short DVD presentation followed by discussion of Paul's concepts and application of the same to participants' lives.*

Title: **Young Adults Alpha Course**

Facilitator: Lindsay McDonald

Dates: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, September to May

Location: Room 301

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Description: *Join other young adults from Nazareth as we meet together, serve together, and have a lot of fun. This semester we will be doing Alpha. Alpha creates an environment of hospitality where we can explore the Christian faith and ask questions while sharing our stories and experiences.*

Title: **Traveling Through Grief**

Facilitators: Andy Walser and Pastor Dennis Hanson

Dates: Tuesdays, November 7 to December 19

Location: Room 158

Time: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Description: *Utilizing the "Traveling Through Grief" book by grief counselors Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge and Robert DeVries as a guide for discussion, this group will provide a compassion-filled place, providing help and support for those who are grieving the death of a loved one.*

WEDNESDAYS

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. in the conference room on the second floor of the College Square HyVee. Weekly, we have 20-30 men gather for fellowship and study, and there is room for more. This fall, we will be studying the Gospel of Luke. Coffee, orange juice and donuts are served.*

Facilitator: Pastors Brian King and Dennis Hanson

Location: College Square HyVee

Title: A Study on the Book of James

Dates: Wednesdays, September 20 to October 18

Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Description: *James is a pragmatic book that can show us how to live in trust and maturity. Our study will be engaging and allow us all to apply this encouraging scripture to the "here and now" of our present lives. Please bring your Bible.*

Facilitator: Andy Walser

Location: Room 160

Title: Mom's Bible Study: Parenting Children Course by Alpha

Dates: Wednesdays, September 13 to November 15

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

Description: *The Parenting Children Course by Alpha consists of ten sessions designed to equip those parenting or caring for children, with long-term strategies to build a healthy, spiritually grounded and Christ-focused family life. Childcare provided.*

Facilitators: Molly Depping and Sam Barrett

Location: Room 158

Title: Men's Wednesday Promise Keepers Bible Study

Dates: Wednesdays, ongoing

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: The Alpha Course and New Member Class

Dates: Wednesdays, September 20 to November 8

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Description: *Alpha creates an environment of hospitality where people can bring their friends, family, and work colleagues to explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share their point of view. Alpha makes it easy to invite friends, enjoy food, hear a short teaching talk, and have an opportunity to explore life's biggest questions in a safe and respectful environment. There will be table groups for specific groups including Adults with Special Needs, College-Age Young Adults, those interested in becoming Nazareth members, and more. There will be an "Alpha Day Away" retreat on Saturday, October 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please contact Jenny Nelson at jenny.nelson@naz.org with specific questions. A meal will be served and childcare is available.*

Facilitators: Pastor Brian King and Enrique Ochoa

Location: Bethel Hall

THURSDAYS

Title: Women's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): The Book of Romans

Dates: Thursdays, September 14 to May 3, 2018

Time: 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Description: *Romans - Written by Paul to first century Christians living in Rome. Paul exposed the fallen nature of humanity and gave God's answer to this hopeless condition in the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul addresses the believer's relationship to Israel and exhorts believers to live in light of God's Truth, Wisdom, Grace, and Gospel. Throughout the ages God has used Paul's letter to the Romans to change and transform the lives of countless people. God uses Romans to do the same today! As God changes and transforms individuals thru the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Romans, its impact on churches, communities, cultures, nations and the world is incalculable.*

Facilitators: Carmen Christie and others

Location: Room 151

Title: Search Thursday Fellowship Bible Study

Dates: Thursdays, ongoing

Time: 10:30 to 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.*

Facilitators: Pastors Brian King and Dennis Hanson

Location: Room 160

Title: The Quest - An Excursion Toward Intimacy with God

Dates: Thursdays, September 21 to October 26

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Description: *The Quest is a challenge to accept the invitation. In this six-week excursion with Jesus, Beth Moore uses questions from Scripture to lead you into intimacy with the One who knows you best. Learn to dig into the Word, to respond to the questions of God, and to bring your questions before Him. Let the crooked punctuation mark be the map that points you into a closer relationship with the Father. Learn to pray to promote intimacy with God. Explore questions and responses from the Bible. Track your quest by journaling along the way. Learn to read and respond to Scripture. Cost is \$18 for the book and materials.*

Facilitators: Jeannie Lindgren and Darlene Imhoff

Location: Room 156

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

Women's Bible Study Circles: *Five small groups associated with Women of the ELCA (WELCA) meet monthly for a Bible study on selected topics throughout the year. Please see the Women's Ministry Handbook for details on times and locations or contact Nazareth WELCA President Donna Kirschenmann at dkmann@yahoo.com.*

Online Mentoring: *Through Naz's partnership with The Life Project and The Digital Doorway, you'll be trained to respond to anonymous online messages sent to you from hurting/lonely/questioning people looking for answers on the Internet. Training and mentoring online as available. Mentors will be invited to gather periodically to share insights, tips, and stories.*

B.L.E.S.S. Small Groups: *To connect to a small group that is following Jesus and doing "life together", email jenny.nelson@naz.org.*

The Grow Seminar: Sunday, October 1, 3:30-6:30 p.m. **The Marriage Retreat:** October 27 (5:30-8:30 p.m.) and October 28 (8:30-11:30 a.m.)