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SUNDAYS

Title: Biblical Literacy: The Exodus
 Dates: Sundays, September 16 - November 18
 Description: We'll explore the life of Moses through the books he wrote and learn how God rescued his people from slavery and trained them in the wilderness to know, love and trust in the one true God. Studying the Old Testament together will add a whole new layer of understanding to the good news that we are rescued by Jesus.

Facilitators: Jay and Stephanie Boeding
 Time: 9:20-10:30 a.m.

Location: Room 158

Title: The Alpha Course
 Dates: Sundays, September 9 - November 18
 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. The Holy Spirit Retreat is Saturday, October 27 (with a makeup date of Sunday, October 28).

Facilitators: Bill and Susie Zimmerman
 Location: Room 160

Time: 9:20 - 10:30 a.m.

Title: A Bible Study on the Book of Romans
 Dates: Every Sunday
 Description: Romans provides the fullest expression of Paul's theology. The book of Romans addresses important issue of interest to the church in Rome and to Nazareth. All are welcome and insightful discussions are encouraged.

Facilitators: Larry Leutzinger and Adrian Talbot
 Location: Room 155

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

Title: MidKids
 Dates: Every Sunday
 Description: Join Naz folks as they explore God's word together.

Facilitator: David Duncan
 Location: Room 156

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

Title: The Alpha Course
 Dates: Sunday, September 9 - November 18
 Description: (see above)

Facilitators: Various Table Hosts
 Location: Bethel Hall

Time: 5:45-7:30 p.m.

Title: Financial Peace University
 Facilitator: Chris Hansen and Kim Cross
 Time: Sundays, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
 Description: What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. The cost of this course is \$109. With questions, email jan.glaspie@naz.org.

Dates: September 9 to November 4
 Location: Rooms 151/153

MONDAYS

Title: Centering Prayer
 Dates: 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month
 Description: Craving a time of peace in your hectic life? Seeking silence as you intentionally listen to God during prayer? Centering prayer gives you the opportunity to "be still" and to experience the Lord in intentional moments of silence and reflection. All are welcome.

Facilitators: Lorene Wellnitz and Margaret Shay
 Location: Room 158

Time: 3:30 - 4:30

Title: Circle Up
 Dates: October 7 to November 18
 Description: Circle Up is a four-part study that casts vision for what can happen in your group, explores how authentic community contributes to spiritual growth, and urges every member to share ownership in the group so that you can maximize the potential of your time together.

Facilitators: Pat and Lloyd Dove
 Location: Their Home

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

TUESDAYS

Title: Cross Vision: How the Crucifixion of Jesus Makes Sense of Old Testament Violence.
 Facilitator: Pastor Robert Ericson
 Time: Afternoon 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. OR Evening – 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.
 Description: Have you struggled with what God is really like as you encounter the violent picture we are given of God in the Old Testament? Come join in an insightful study. "If we believe that Jesus fully reveals what God is really like, we have no choice but to suspect that something else must be going on when God appears to act violently in the OT. And until we have the opportunity to sit down with God face-to-face, our job is to try to imagine what this something else might be." (Introduction, xii)

Dates: Tuesdays, September 11 to October 30 (8 sessions)
 Location: Room 155

Title: The Quest for Meaning in a Post-Truth Culture by Ravi Zacharias
 Facilitators: Terry Imhoff and Merle Oakland
 Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Description: Participants will discuss selected talks on Christian Worldviews by Ravi Zacharias. We are planning a six week class, and the first session is entitled "The Quest for Meaning in a Post-Truth Culture". Because of the length of the first talk, we will probably have two sessions on that subject.

Dates: Tuesdays, October 9 - November 20
 Location: Room 151

Title: Young Adults
 Dates: Tuesdays, Ongoing
 Description: Join with other young adults from Nazareth Tuesdays this fall. We will meet at the church at 7pm, some weeks we will stay and do a Bible study, other weeks we may go off campus for a social gathering. Join the Facebook page "Young Adults at Naz" or talk to Lindsay McDonald for more information.

Facilitators: Lindsay McDonald and Troy Olson
 Location: Nazareth Room 301 and other locations
 Time: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Title: **Men's Prayer Breakfast** Facilitators: Pastors Brian King and Denny Hanson
Dates: Every Wednesday Location: College Square Hy-Vee Time: 6:30-7:30 a.m.
Description: This is a gathering of men each week that sing, pray, and engage in a study and discussion of a book in the Bible selected by the group. This spring we are studying the book of Acts.

Title: **Mom's Bible Study** Facilitators: Molly Depping, Jenny Nelson
Dates: Wednesdays: Sept. 12th - Nov. 14th Location: Room 151 Time: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Description: To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain. A look at the book of Philippians with Matt Chandler on RightNow Media. Through this book Paul (author of Philippians) paints a beautiful picture of what it is to be a mature Christian. Free childcare is available.

Title: **Traveling Through Grief** Facilitator: Andy Walser
Dates: Wednesdays, September 19 - October 24 Location: Room 158 Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Description: Grief affects us in similar yet profoundly different ways when we lose loved ones. How does God help us when we experience deep loss and sorrow? This study will explore biblically sound ways to spiritually, mentally, and emotionally navigate the reality of grief. Cost: \$15 to order the book *Traveling Through Grief* by Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge & Robert DeVries - Adult Discussion & Book Study

Title: **Men's Promise Keepers Bible Study** Facilitators: Pastors Brian King and Denny Hanson
Dates: Every Wednesday Location: Room 160 Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Description: This is a weekly men's gathering centered on prayer and study and frank discussions of the Bible texts and themes that will be the focus of the upcoming Sunday's worship teaching.

Title: **The Alpha Course** Facilitators: Various Naz leaders
Dates: Wednesdays, September 12 - November 14 Location: Room 151 Time: 5:45 - 7:30 p.m.
Description: (see previous page)

Title: **POW-WOW** Facilitator: Meg Husted
Dates: Wednesdays (during WOW/Jump56 programing) Location: Room 301 Time: 6:00-7:15
Description: An open parent small group that offers community, opportunity to talk about parenting, discussion on tips for discipling our children, and building on our own faith and knowledge as parents. We will base conversation on stories/topics being discussed in Wednesday night programing. Parents do not need to have a child attending Wednesday night programming to attend. Free childcare is available.

THURSDAYS

Title: **Women's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)** Facilitators: Carmen Christie and others
Dates: Thursdays, September 13 to May 2 Location: Room 151 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Description: People of the Promised Land, Part I People of the Promised Land, Part I
Beginning with Israel's entrance into Canaan under the leadership of Joshua, *People of the Promised Land I chart the ups and downs of the nation of Israel through the united kingdom, from Joshua to Solomon.* We will study the books of Joshua, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 Kings 1-11 and overviews of Psalms and Proverbs. Come and learn how God would show His people His desire for holiness for their good and His Glory. Come and realize the struggles of the men and women of the Old Testament regarding sin and holiness are the same struggles that we have today. Come and learn of God's faithfulness to His own. Come and experience the joy of studying God's word with over seventy women as we learn of the God's plan and power by personal study, discussion groups, dynamic teaching, and insightful commentary.

Title: **Search Bible Study** Facilitators: Pastors Brian King and Denny Hanson
Dates: Every Thursday Location: Room 160 Time: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Description: Each week men and women gather to sing, pray, and engage in the study and discussion of the Bible readings that will be the focus of the upcoming Sunday preaching and teaching. After the study participants are invited to join in on the Senior Fellowship Luncheon that is served in Bethel Hall.

Title: **Together: A Study of the book of Ephesians** Facilitators: Darlene Imhoff
Dates: Thursday, September 13- October 25 Location: Room 156 Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Description: Discipleship and Scripture. They just go together. At IF, we are passionate about discipleship and studying God's Word together. We believe that the Scriptures are the foundation for discipleship. With this study, we hope to provide a tool that encourages studying the Scriptures and guides you into a discipleship relationship. As we study Ephesians, we will focus on an inductive way of studying the Bible—we will use the Bible as a means to interpret itself. In other words, we will consider Ephesians in the context of the entire Bible, which will help us understand the message of Ephesians.

FRIDAYS

Title: **The Life Giving Parent by Clay and Sally Clarkson** Facilitator: Meg Husted
Dates: September 7 - November 9 Location: Her Home Time: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Description: A 10-week journey of parenting for life. Clay and Sally Clarkson explore 8 key principles to shed light on what it means to create a home where your children will experience the living God alive in your family. The Lifegiving Parent will equip you with 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. Child care will be available and cost is divided among participants. Purchase of book required.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Title: **Women of the ELCA** Facilitators: Pastors, various Circle members
Locations: Rooms 156, 158, New Aldaya and various homes TIME: hours vary from early morning, mid morning, afternoon and evening.
Description: Women of the ELCA is the churchwide organization for all women who are members of Nazareth. The three main areas of focus are:
1) Discipleship – Monthly Bible study found in the GATHER magazine. Five Circles meet monthly on a Wednesday or Thursday to study God's Word.
2) Justice – Each month a specific topic such as human trafficking, spiritual hospitality, needs of the deaf community, advocacy, gender equality, assisting veterans) is discussed to bring awareness to the group;
3) Stewardship – An active Kits & Quilts group meets 3 times a month to create quilts, gather supplies and pack school bags, baby care kits, personal care kits and fabric kits for distribution through Lutheran World Relief. A Prayer Shawl ministry that creates prayer shawls, mantles, baby blankets for baptisms and infants caps is open to anyone wishing to knit or crochet.

Title: **Online Mentoring**
God calls every single Christ follower to be a faith sharer; a spiritual multiplier. If that's an area where you want/need to grow, online mentoring might be perfect for you. 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 gather periodically to share insights, tips, and stories.

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