

Winter 2023

DiscipleshipU Offerings

We Are Better Together



The Fellowship of the Believers

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Naz Next Steps

Each person is at a different place (or step) in his or her discipleship journey – SEEKING, BELIEVING, FOLLOWING, or WITNESSING. You might even find yourself in more than one of these places at a time! At each of these steps, there will be multiple opportunities in community with other Christians to enable you in a variety of ways to know Christ better, grow deeper in your relationship with Him, and to make Christ known through what you do and say. We invite you to take your next step in your relationship with Christ by participating in a small group.

Stepping into a new group can feel a little intimidating, but we are here to make it feel more comfortable. To join a group, visit us at Naz Next Steps on Sunday mornings. You can also call the church at 319-266-7589, or visit us on our website at <https://www.naz.org/nextsteps>. We can help you find a group that feels right for you, and also introduce you to the group lead before your first meeting. We value our relationships at Naz, and know we are better when we are together. We are looking forward to walking with you on your faith journey with Christ.

Weekly Small Group Offerings

Matthew 18:20 (NIV)

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

Sunday

Alpha Prayer

Facilitator: Bill & Susie Zimmerman

Date: Sundays from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Room 156

Time: 10:10 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Description: Starting on January 8th, the class will be studying Alpha Prayer, followed by a second prayer course on unanswered prayers.

MidKids

Facilitator: David Duncan

Date: Sundays, ongoing year-round

Location: Room 156

Time: 10:10 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Description: Join MidKids on Sunday mornings after the 9:00 a.m. service.

Adult Bible Class Studying the Gospel of John

Facilitator: Larry Leutzinger

Date: Ongoing

Location: Room 155

Time: 10:10 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

OVERCOMER By Dr. David Jeremiah

Facilitator: Russ & Glenda Potratz

Date: January 8th – March 26th

Location: Room 158

Time: 10:10 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Description: We will be doing a 10-week DVD study by Dr. David Jeremiah. The title is OVERCOMER - 8 Ways to Live a Life of Unstoppable Strength, Unmovable Faith, and Unbelievable Power. Workbooks will be needed and can be picked up at Naz Next Steps.

Monday

GriefShare

Facilitator: Marilee Tarkett & Sandy Tempel

Date: Late Spring – Exact Date TBD

Location: Nazareth Lutheran Church

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Description: Are you looking for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one? GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help! Sign up today at naz.org/small-groups. Or you can sign up at Naz Next Steps on Sunday Mornings.

Cost: \$10 for workbook. Books will be available at the first session.

Tuesday

Centering Prayer

Facilitator: Dixie Nederhoff & Lorene Wellnitz

Date: Every Tuesday & Thursday, ongoing

Location: Zoom

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 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.

Prayer by Ole Hallesby

Facilitator: Pastor Bob Ericson

Date: Winter Session January 10 - 31

Location: Nazareth Lutheran Church Room 156

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Description: This is a Biblical study of prayer based on a world classic by Ole Hallesby entitled Prayer. It is one of the best books ever written on prayer and will help strengthen your spiritual life and your relationship with God.

Wednesday

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Facilitator: Pastor Bob

Date: Every Wednesday All Year

Location: Bethel Hall

Time: 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

Men's Promise Keepers

Facilitator: Andy Walser

Date: Ongoing

Location: Room 158

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

POW

Facilitator: Meg Husted

Winter Session: January 18th – April 26th

Location: Kids in Naz K – 1 Room / Adults in Room 301

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Description: In this small group, parents are able to attend small group while their kids attend programming that is directed by the Children's Ministry team. There will be family service nights throughout the semester for the entire group! We will study the book of Ephesians this fall via a RightNow Media study, and we will work toward applying this information to parenting.

POW will meet: September 14th through November 16th and then January 18th through April 26th. We take a break for Advent in December, February 22nd for Ash Wednesday and then take spring break week off for March 12th.

Thursday

Search Thursday Fellowship Bible Study

Facilitator: Andy Walser

Date: Ongoing

Location: Room 160

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Saturday

Men's Saturday Small Group

Facilitator: Dave Prail

Date: Ongoing

Location: Room 160

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Gather Bible Studies

The Ten Commandments

January: Dancing the Decalogue (Commandments 1 & 2)

February: Rhythms & Respect (Commandments 3 & 4)

March: Sanctity of Life & Love (Commandments 5 & 6)

April: Guardrails for Love of God and Neighbor (Commandments 7,8,9 & 10)

Please see the Gather Bible Study Groups Guide for groups and locations. The Gather Bible Study Guide can be found in Fellowship Hall at Naz Next Steps.

Perspectives

Cedar Valley Perspectives Course

Contact: Maureen Hanson at cfperspectives@gmail.com

Date: January 15, 2023 – April 30, 2023

Location: Cedar Heights Baptist Church / 2403 Neola Street / Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$220

Website: www.perspectives.org/CedarValley

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

Women's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

Contacts: Jeanie Albers at bjalbers11@gmail.com

Date: September 8, 2022 – April 27, 2023

Location: Thursday Mornings at Nazareth Lutheran Church

Location: Cedar Valley Community Church in Waterloo

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Description: Bible Study Fellowship's 2022-2023 Study will explore 15 of the books Jesus deeply loved in community, discussing questions around the goodness of God amidst calamity, mercy, ultimate allegiance, judgment, and salvation. Join others in finding answers and how they apply to modern life.

People of the Promise: Kingdom Divided will unpack a fascinating period in Israel's history across 15 books, from its split into two nations, through dozens of kings and prophets and ultimately to the heartbreaking exile into Babylon.

Women's groups meet at Naz on Thursday mornings, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., September 8, 2022 - April 27, 2023. BSF is also available Wednesday mornings (with children's program 0-6yrs) at Cedar Valley Church in Waterloo. Morning or evening Zoom groups are also available. Please register at www.mybsf.org (search for Cedar Falls, IA group) or by emailing Jeanie Albers at bjalbers11@gmail.com.

Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

Contacts: Travis Toliver

Date: Monday Evenings

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 p.m.

BSF Men's groups offer straight talk and biblical truth built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. As a group member, you will personally study Scripture and answer questions each day. Once a week, you will meet for a small-group discussion lesson, hear from a teaching leader how the truths of Scripture can be applied to the daily life and receive comprehensive notes on the Scripture passages you studied.

Lunch & Learn Series

Winter 2023 Lunch & Learn Series – Celebrating Ministry at Nazareth

Location: Bethel Hall

Time: noon – 1:00

Schedule:

January 19 – Small Group Ministry & Confirmation

January 26 – Children's & Family Ministry

February 2 – Junior High (CHAOS)

February 9 – High School Ministry (Big House)

February 16 – College Ministry (Basic)