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Fall – 2022

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Fall Sermon Series: The Alpha Course



This fall, Nazareth Lutheran Church will be doing a 12-week sermon series based on the Alpha Course. In a world of isolation, anonymity, and keyboard-warriors, Alpha offers engaging content to churches and individuals to create a space for honest and open conversations about life's biggest questions. Everyone is welcome and no questions are off limits. We hope you will join one of our Alpha groups. Sign-up sheets will be located at Naz Next Steps starting on Sunday, August 21st!

We are also encouraging small groups to follow along. If your small group would like to study Alpha this fall, please contact Mallory Jensen at Mallory.jensen@naz.org.

Weekly Small Group Offerings

Sunday

Title: 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. The fall season will begin on September 4th with a series on Paul's Personal Epistles: The Letters of I and II Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

Title: 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.

Description: Join the Sunday School group on Sunday mornings. All our welcome.

Monday

Title: GriefShare

Facilitator: Marilee Tarkett & Sandy Tempel

Date: Monday, September 26th – December 19th

Location: Nazareth Lutheran Church Room 158

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

Title: 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.

Title: Prayer by Ole Hallesby

Facilitator: Pastor Bob Ericson

Date: Fall Session September 13 – October 25 / Winter Session January 10 - 31

Location: Nazareth Lutheran Church Room 156

Time: 10:00 a.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.

Cost: Book & Workbook \$10. You may pick up your book at Naz Next Steps starting Sunday, August 21st.

Wednesday

Title: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Facilitator: Pastor King

Date: Every Wednesday All Year

Location: Bethel Hall

Time: 6:30 a.m. – 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 gather for fellowship and study, and there is always room for more.

Title: POW – Ephesians a RightNow Media Study

Facilitator: Meg Husted

Fall Session: September 14th – November 16th

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

Title: Search Thursday Fellowship Bible Study

Facilitator: Pastor King

Date: Ongoing

Location: Room 160

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 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 the Thursday Lunch & Learn.

Gather Bible Studies

Jesus and nature: Teachers of Faith

By the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

Jesus often turned to the natural world in teaching, opening our eyes to see creation not just as something to be cared for, but as our teacher and kindred. It is no mistake that Jesus, who lovingly spoke of soil and plants, was thought to be a gardener that first Easter morning. This three-session Bible study will shift our perspectives and allow nature to be our teacher, through the words of Jesus and other parts of Scripture. The trees, the soil and the creatures will offer us new perspectives on the character of God and challenge us to deepen our stewardship of God's precious creation.

September 2022, Session 1: "Trees," will tap into Biblical images of trees and explore why planting and protecting trees is important, while rooting us in models of interdependence and mutuality.

October 2022, Session 2: "Soil," will dig deeply into the parable of the soil (otherwise known as the parable of the seed, Matthew 13) and other Biblical accounts that relate to care for this part of creation, while looking at models of growth that involve wholeness and wellness.

November 2022, Session 3: "Creatures," offers us an opportunity to observe and learn about God from birds, foxes, sheep, dogs and other animals, while considering habitat protection, food justice and the model of trust.

The 3 Gather groups will meet on the following days/times:

Wednesday	September 14	9:15 a.m.	Room 155
	October 12		
	November 9		
Thursday	September 15	9:15 a.m.	Room 158
	October 13		
	November 10		
Thursday	September 15	1:30 p.m.	Room 156
	October 13		
	November 10		

There will be an Advent Meditation on Wednesday December 14 in Bethel Hall. Time to be determined. (That will be the only Gather meeting in December)

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

Title: 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.

Lunch & Learn Series

Location: Bethel Hall

Time: noon – 1:00

September 15th – Junior Achievement

September 22nd – Waterloo Women's Center for Change

September 29th – Remembering the Home Place – Laura Sohl-Cryer

October 6th – Jamaica

October 13th – New Aldaya

October 20th – Riverside Bible Camp

October 27th – Hartman Reserve

November 3rd – Salvation Army

November 10th – Perspectives

November 17th – Thanksgiving Celebration

December 1st – Christmas Celebration

