

2024 edition

# SPRING

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## PRAYER ROOM

**Hours: Sunday 8am–2pm,  
Monday–Friday 8am–9pm**

Take the elevator to the second floor and into the prayer room where there are spaces set up to help you connect with Jesus in creative ways. We hope this is a refreshing space where you can take a deep breath, lay down burdens and be filled in a fresh way with grace and love. Pause and hear Jesus whisper, "Enter Beloved." All ages welcome.

## THE WONDER OF SEASONS & RHYTHMS

(a podcast)

**New episodes release every  
other Wednesday on Apple  
& Spotify.**

Through real life stories from those within our church family, this podcast seeks to help us figure out how to integrate some of the spiritual disciplines and practices into our regular, everyday lives. These conversations will help widen our imaginations on how to practice the presence and way of Jesus, in the regular comings and goings of our day-to-day. Search "The Wonder of Seasons and Rhythms" on your fave podcast platform!



**more info & registration: [thedoors.org/events](https://thedoors.org/events)**

## THE JOY SWITCH

**Tuesdays, April 2 – May 14, 7–8:30pm; Zoom**

Do you long to live as the person God created you to be but keep getting tangled up in old patterns that leave you wondering where your best self went? Join us as we go through the book "The Joy Switch" to learn how to get out of patterns of overwhelm, anger and sadness so we can live fully from the heart Jesus gave us.

## BIBLE STUDY HOUR

**Sundays, January 21 – end of May, 8:45–9:45am**

Join us before church for a verse by verse study of the Bible in a relaxed and discussion-oriented format. We'll start in Genesis and then decide where we go next! No sign ups, just show up. Led by Ronn Johnson.

## ALPHA

**Thursdays, April 4 – May 23, 6pm meal, 7–8:30pm group time**

Alpha is a space to look at life's big questions. It's an open environment of hospitality where you can bring friends, family, and colleagues for a conversation about faith, life and God. Each session includes time to connect over a meal, watch a short video on an element of the Christian faith and space to share thoughts / questions. Ready to begin the journey?

## BIKING MEET-UP GROUP

**Every other Saturday, May 11–Sept 14, 9am**

You'll build relationships and increase your heart rate as we tour the many scenic, paved bike trails and parks around the Twin Cities. All levels of bikers encouraged to join. No obligation or commitment required. Ride once or throughout the season! Come with an expectation to connect with others and break a sweat.

## MARRIAGE IN COMMUNITY

**1st Thursdays beginning April 4, 6:45–8:15pm**

Couples, strengthen your bond and enhance your marriage at this monthly night filled with story, discussion, and meaningful connection with other couples. Whether you are newlyweds or seasoned partners, this is a great opportunity to invest in your relationship.

## WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING GATHERING

**Thursdays, April 11 – May 16, 10–11:30am**

Ladies, we're gathering and talk about the practice of Simplicity. At its core, simplicity is our deep desire to practice the presence and way of Jesus together. We'll also look at Scripture together and pray. Bring your Bibles and journals. Registration not required, just show up! Need childcare? Sign your kids up by April 4.

## WHEN HELPING HURTS

**Tuesdays, April 23 – May 7; 7–8:30pm**

Poverty is much more than simply a lack of material resources, and it takes much more than donations and handouts to solve it. *When Helping Hurts* shows how some alleviation efforts, failing to consider the complexities of poverty, have actually (and unintentionally) done more harm than good. But it also looks ahead. It encourages us to see the dignity in everyone, to empower the materially poor, and to know that we are all uniquely needy—and that God in the gospel is reconciling all things to himself.

## OPEN TABLE (a young adult group)

**2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30–8pm**

Be known in a community of young adults (18–30ish) who want to grow deeper together. We gather twice a month to share a meal as we ask questions and practice the way of Jesus through scripture and conversation. Longevity and commitment are encouraged AND new people are always welcome. Join anytime!

## THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP

**3rd Thursdays, 6:30–8:30pm**

The men of Open Door are taking time each month to hang out, share stories, and deepen life with God together. If you're looking for community, support, connection, and an opportunity to be yourself in a laidback, fun environment...this group is for you!

## HEARTS IN ACTION (a men's group)

**3rd Saturdays, 7am meet for breakfast, 8:30am head to work sites**

This group of men desires to help our church and local community by serving single mothers, widows, and those with special needs through home projects. Men of all ages welcome – bring your sons! (Know someone who could use help? Contact Maureen Pranghofer at [maureensmusic@comcast.net](mailto:maureensmusic@comcast.net).)

## PICKLEBALL NIGHT

**Friday, May 10, 6–7:25pm or 7:35–9pm**

**Location: Pickle in the Middle, 7700 68th Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428**



Join us for some fast-paced action and friendly competition on the pickleball court! We rented the whole place out for a round robin tournament. Sign up for a slot and bring a snack to share. We'll supply the refreshing off-court drinks (pop & water). Suggested donation is \$5/player. All skill levels welcome!

## CELEBRATION NIGHT

**Friday, April 26, 7:30–9pm**

Come celebrate God's goodness and His life in us through high energy worship & fellowship! Worship night meets pizza party = celebration night!

## NEWCOMER'S GATHERING

**Sundays, April 7 & May 5, 11:30am – 12:15pm**

New to Open Door? Curious about this church? Been attending Open Door for a while but desire to be known and get more plugged in? The Newcomer's Gathering is an opportunity to learn more about the church, meet some of the pastors/staff, and share what brought you to Open Door.

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

**2nd Saturdays, 9:30–11:15am**

Lack of access to healthy food is a problem for many people around the world and you can help make a difference from right here in Minnesota! Have fun with family and friends by packing meals together at Feed My Starving Children (Coon Rapids location). Help restore dignity and provide nutritious meals for families while discovering how God is at work through His people around the world. Feed My Starving Children also has a marketplace where you can buy handcrafted goods that support small businesses around the world.

Sign up here:



April  
Event



May  
Event



# u p c o m i n g MISSION TRIPS



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## **GUATEMALA MISSIONS TRIP** (fall 2024)

**Saturday, October 12 – Saturday, October 19**  
**Caserio Lopez, Guatemala**

We are joining Food for the Hungry in Guatemala to support the small village of Caserio Lopez. While there we'll be helping lead a vacation Bible school (VBS), distributing water filtration systems to families, visiting sponsored children and continuing to building relationships with community members and leaders. Each trip we take to Caserio Lopez is unique depending on what the community decides is the best project for that season. Sign up by Saturday, June 1

## **MN CAMP** (summer 2024)

**Sunday, August 18 – Friday, August 23, Lake Geneva, Alexandria, MN**

You're invited to be a caregiver for people with special needs at the most fun camp you can image – MN Camp! Join the amazing team that gets to serve, love and play with our friends with special needs. You'll learn, grow and be deeply touched as you love on and are loved by these beautiful campers. If you're interested in learning more or signing up to be a caregiver check out the website: [mncamp.com/](http://mncamp.com/).

## **PRAYER FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS**

**4th Sundays, 8:30–9:20am**

Join a small group that meets once a month to pray for our mission partners and their ministry around the world. There's also a chance to meet some of our partners as they occasionally pop in to join us. Prefer to receive these prayer requests digitally? Email Dawn | [dwood@thedoor.org](mailto:dwood@thedoor.org)

## 4th & 5th GRADE SKY ZONE EVENT

**Wednesday, April 10, 6:45–8:30pm (Drop off & pick up at Sky Zone Maple Grove)**



Grab some friends and come jump with the 4th and 5th graders from Open Door! We're gathering for a fun night of trampolines and community.

## 4th & 5th GRADE FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT

**Wednesday, April 24, 6:15–9pm (Drop off & pick up at FMSC)**



Grab your 4th & 5th grade friends and come pack meals together at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) Coon Rapids. Help restore dignity and provide nutritious meals for families while discovering how God is at work through His people around the world. **\*\*Parent volunteers needed.\*\***

## 5th GRADE PREVIEW NIGHT

**Wednesday, May 15, 7–8:45pm**

5th graders are invited to check out our Wednesday night OD student gathering to see what it's about! There's games, a raffle, a short Bible-based message, and time to connect with other 5th graders.

**od kids**  
Birth through Elementary

## CHILD DEDICATION

**Sunday, May 19, during Sunday Gathering (Prep Class Monday, May 13, 8pm, Zoom)**



Dedicate your child to God's trustworthy and loving hands, and publicly state your intention to raise them in the Christian faith along with family, friends and our faith community. Space is limited.

## START THE PARTY KIDS' WEEK (vbs 2024)

**Monday, June 24th – Thursday, June 27th, 9am – 12pm**



How does it feel when you get REALLY good news? Do you want to tell ALL your friends? Do you want to throw a party? Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party! Start the Party celebrates that through Jesus we have, belonging, forgiveness, life and purpose! The Gospel of Jesus is the ULTIMATE GOOD NEWS! For kids 4 years old – finished 5th grade.

Want to join in on the fun?

Join us as a START THE PARTY volunteer!



# ▶▶▶▶ od students

Middle & High School

## OD STUDENTS SPRING BREAK EVENT

**Wednesday, March 27, 7-9pm**



It's an exhilarating evening of whirlyball and laser tag! Challenge your friends to an epic battle of wits and agility. This is a great event to bring your friends! BYO money to play arcade games or order snacks from the restaurant. Don't miss out – RSVP today! Sign up by Tuesday, March 26.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT GATHERING

**Wednesdays, 7-8:45pm (Hangout time begins at 6:30pm)**

At the Wednesday Night Gathering 6th – 12th graders will encounter Jesus, worship, engage with Scripture, experience community, and serve one another and others outside the student community. Students can join at any time. Friends always welcome!

## AWOL (A WORK OF LOVE)

**Sunday, August 4 – Friday, August 9**



Students completing 6th – 12th grade are invited to leave home, camp at Open Door and be a part of our "A Work of Love" (AWOL) team! AWOL is an opportunity to serve and love our neighbors at the Dayton Mobile Home Park by leading a Vacation Bible School, sharing meals, and doing fun activities with kids living in the neighborhood. In the evenings we head out for fun activities with teen peers from Dayton.

If you love kids, want to grow in leadership, can be flexible and teachable, and love to have fun...this trip is for you! Sign up by Wednesday, May 15.

*need prayer?*

Leave a message on the PRAYER LINE: **763.416.5887 ext. 1374**

Want a callback? Include name & phone number in message.



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support groups

# s u p p o r t G R O U P S

## **DIVORCECARE**

**Tuesdays, February 6 – May 7, 7–8:30pm**

DivorceCare is a supportive group that offers hope, healing and transformation for those dealing with the pain of divorce. Topics include the road to healing, depression, new relationships, depression, loneliness, financial survival, kid care, single sexuality, and moving on. Join anytime!

## **ADDICTION RECOVERY for FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**Thursdays, 7–8:30pm (on Zoom)**

Group for the family & friends of those who struggle with addictions, substance use, or mental health concerns. We'll learn strategies to invite change in ourselves and others. We will also receive support, tools, hope, and a way of being that invites growth and spiritual formation in all our relationships.

## **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**

**1st Sundays, 6–7pm (on Zoom)**

Group for those caring for someone with significant limitations. It's a place where caregivers feel less alone or overwhelmed in their caregiving. Participants support one another through listening, self-care ideas and prayer.

## **MOURNING OUR LOSSES, WAITING IN HOPE**

**2nd Sundays, 11:30am–12:30pm**

Group exploring the experiences of cumulative grief and loss in our lives and in the life of Jesus. Together, we will create a safe, welcoming space to encounter the Presence of God and have the opportunity to share where we are in our journey of grief.

## **WIDOW'S WELL (a women's group)**

**3rd Sundays, 11:30am–1:30pm**

Group of widows who come together in a safe and nurturing environment that allows them to continue to grow and learn in this season of life. It's a place where women connect with others who understand what it feels like to lose someone so close.