

2024 Edition

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BIBLE STUDY HOUR

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

Whether you're new to scripture or not, 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.

DIVORCECARE

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



DivorceCare is a supportive 13-week group for those dealing with the pain of divorce that offers hope, healing and transformation. Topics include the road to healing, anger, new relationships, depression, loneliness, financial survival, kid care, single sexuality, forgiveness, reconciliation, and moving on. The group will be using the DivorceCare workbook. If you already own it, feel free to bring it along. Walk ins welcome! Sign up by Thursday, February 1.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 10, 8:30–10:30am



The men of Open Door are gathering for breakfast followed by a panel conversation with a few special guests. Perfect space to bring a buddy. Open to men 18+. Sign up by Thursday, February 8.

PRAYER FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

4th Sundays, 8:30–9:20am

Do you have a desire to pray for our mission partners and what God is up to in the world? Join a small group that meets once a month to pray for our mission partner prayer requests. You will also have the chance to meet some of our partners as they occasionally pop in to join us. If you'd prefer to receive these prayer requests digitally but aren't able to make the prayer time, email Dawn | dwood@thedoor.org.

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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 6:45–7:45am

Grow in your relationship with God alongside a group of men who study God's word and are encouraged through community and connection. In-person and virtual options are available. Join anytime.

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. They meet for breakfast at the Original Pancake House in Maple Grove and then head out to the work site. Men of all ages welcome – bring your sons! (Know someone who could use help? Contact Maureen Pranghofer at maureensmusic@comcast.net.)

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ALPHA

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

Alpha offers space to look at life's big questions, to say what you think and to hear other people's points of view. It's an environment of hospitality where people can bring friends, family, and colleagues for a conversation about faith, life and God. Each session includes time to connect with others over a meal, hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith and share thoughts / questions with the group. Register by Thursday, March 28.

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WINTER BAPTISM

Sunday, January 21, after the Sunday Gathering



Welcome to a wonderful opportunity to affirm your faith in Jesus. Baptism was a common practice in Jesus' day, and it's been practiced by the church for centuries. It's always exciting to join with others in celebrating the living reality represented by the experience of baptism. Sign up by Tuesday, January 16.

NEWCOMER'S GATHERING

Sunday, January 28, 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.

SWEET TREATS BINGO

Friday, February 2, 7–9pm

Come enjoy a night of bingo with your church family! We'll have root beer & popcorn to snack on while you play and every winner takes home a delicious prize. As if that wasn't enough...we heard a dessert and coffee bar will break out between the rounds. This event is a great way to meet others whether you are new to Open Door or not! Sorry kids, this one's for adults only.

MN FOODSHARE MONTH

March 1–31

The MN FoodShare Campaign brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, & individuals to help stock and support the capacity of nearly 300 food shelves around the state. We'll be collecting to help restock CEAP, Cross Services and MELA food shelves. Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Place or donate financially online directly to the organizations.



u p c o m i n g ²⁰²⁴ MISSION TRIPS

GUATEMALA MISSIONS TRIP (summer 2024 & fall 2024)

summer trip: Saturday, June 15 – Saturday, June 22

fall trip: Saturday, October 12 – Saturday, October 19

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.

Contact: Tom Johnson | tjohnson@thedoor.org

Location: Caserio Lopez, Guatemala

Cost: approx. \$1,800 – \$2,000

Sign up by Thursday, February 1 (summer trip), Saturday, June 1 (fall trip)

SLOVAKIA MISSIONS TRIP (summer 2024)

Tuesday, June 25 – Tuesday, July 9

This summer we're joining GoodSports for the 28th annual summer baseball / sports / English camp in Klačno, Slovakia. It's a time to be Jesus with skin on for the youth and volunteers who come to enjoy a variety of sports, crazy camp games, campfires and conversational English.

Devotional time in the morning is enhanced with music and faith stories at evening chapel. Demonstrating God's love through interaction with other campers and coaches can be life-changing for young people who often come from families that have rejected the church. It's a challenging and exhilarating time in a beautiful part of a former Communist country.

Contact: Tom Johnson | tjohnson@thedoor.org

Location: Klačno, Slovakia

Cost: approx. \$900 + your airline ticket

Sign up by Thursday, February 1

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WINTER BASH

Sunday, February 4, after the Sunday Gathering – 2pm

Who's ready for some winter fun?! Bring your whole family, invite some friends and put on your warm clothes for WINTER BASH!! Come anytime until 2:00 pm – it's open house style! BYO lunch (or Door Dash it!) and eat lunch in the "warming house" (room 23). Tables will be set up to store your winter gear (clothes / sleds / etc.) during the Sunday Gathering.

CHILD DEDICATION

Sunday, February 11, during the Sunday Gathering



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.

Sign up by February 4th.

OPEN GYM

Monday, February 19, 10am–12pm

School's out and it's cold outside so let's gather our kids and drink coffee together. The gym will be open and coffee brewing. Bring your own snacks and come join the fun. The gym will be open for early childhood kids (infant – Kindergarten) 10–11am and for elementary aged kids (1st – 5th grade) 11–12 pm.

DINNER & a MOVIE

Friday, March 1, 6–8pm



Share a meal and "How to Train Your Dragon" on the big screen with all your favorite OD families with kids birth–5th grade. Blankets, pillows, friends, and either red carpet attire or pjs are encouraged! Pre-order pizza when you register (\$15 per pizza). We provide popcorn, candy and water.

BYO other treats or drinks your family would like. Sign up by Monday, February 26.

od students

Middle & High School

SNOW TUBING

Monday, January 15 (MLK Day), Reach out to Amanda for timing

Students 6–12th grade who don't have school will meet up for tubing on the Elm Creek tubing hill. Email Amanda (asvensk@thedoor.org) if you want to join our winter fun! Cost is \$17+tax paid to Elm Creek (buy your ticket online in advance or the day of). Parents and guardians must fill out a waiver for students under 18 to participate. Email Amanda for timing and meeting details.

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!

need prayer?

Leave a message on
the PRAYER LINE:

763.416.5887 ext. 1374

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



support GROUPS

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.

