



Winter 2020 Life Groups

Get plugged in starting
Sunday, January 5
and
Wednesday, January 8

Our Life Groups exist for two reasons:
Spiritual and relational growth. Spiritual renewal and
new friendships don't just happen. We have to be
intentional! These groups give you a chance to
deepen your relationship with Christ and others.

You are invited to join a life group at any time.



LIFE GROUPS

Sundays 8:45 AM

20/20 - Jesus' last command... Our first priority. Can you imagine feeling so seen by God that you can't help but see others? The same way God does? Can you imagine your everyday, ordinary life having a significant eternal impact? God has seen you. He's chosen you. And He's sent you. To see others clearly, and to help them feel seen.
Led by: Tom & Mary Roelofs Room W16

The Book of Revelation Explained - The Book of Revelation can be a confusing and intimidating book to study because of all of the symbols and apocalyptic themes. However, this class will take a step by step approach to unraveling the Book of Revelation. We will study the methods of interpretation as well as the passages themselves. Students will learn the tools and study methods needed to continue their own exploration of Revelation, as well as the other apocalyptic writings in the Old Testament.

Led by: Clark Becker

Room W13

Sundays 10:30 AM

Agents of the Apocalypse - In this series, you will gain insight on the nine individuals and groups who will populate the world stage at the end of the age as well as the person who narrates it in the book of Revelation - the apostle John. As we better understand these key individuals and how they are in God's master plan for this world, it strengthens our resolve to stand firm in the face of worsening circumstances.

Led by: Mo Laube & Brad Bramer

Room W16

The Gospel According to John - Find out why John's Gospel remains one of the most interesting books of the Bible! In this study, Dr. Marvin Smith will uncover and discuss perhaps the most theologically and philosophically profound account of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection in the New Testament. John lived longer than any other apostle and left us a profound understanding of Jesus as the logos, as the bread of light, as the light of the world, as the door, the Good Shepherd, the Resurrection and the Life, the True Vine. And there is so much more.

Led by: Dr. Marvin Smith

Room W13

LIFE GROUPS

Sundays - 6:30 PM

Ephesians (Men's Home Group) - Opening our eyes to the central issues of our Christian faith and the process of Christian living and maturity, the way to have victory in this life and for eternity! The goal for the men is to see who we are in Christ and that everything starts from that position. After the initial study of Ephesians we're going to accompany it with the book "Sit Walk Stand" by Watchmen Nee which is also a study of Ephesians.

Led by: Brian Achtelik & Team (612-669-6676)

Achtelik Home

1st & 3rd Sunday 6-8 PM

The Fruit of the Spirit (Home Group) - In this series, Alistair Begg explains that the fruit of the Spirit is the character of God reflected in the lives of those who are united with Christ. It cannot be produced by an outward change of habit or a system of self-improvement but is cultivated as God works to conform us to the image of His Son. As we consider the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, Scripture guides us to examine our hearts, challenges our progress, and encourages us to trust God's promise that He began this work and will complete it.

Led by: Marty & Kathy Koepke (612-812-3382)

Koepke Home

Tuesdays 8:30-10 AM

Embraced (Women's Group) -

When hard times come and it seems God is deviating from the plan we assume our life should follow, we're more likely to want to tame God, not trust Him. It's then that we begin to press into our ways and our own timing. No human can carry the weight of being their own god, but so many of us try. In this study of 1 & 2 Kings, join Lysa TerKeurst in Israel as she honestly reveals the places of distrust in her own heart while exploring the deeply applicable Scriptures that will teach us how to truly trust God. Childcare provided.

Starting January 14

Led by: Kortney Schwartz, Kim Davis, Teri Struthers & Cindy Riddle

Room W16

LIFE GROUPS

Tuesdays 10-11 AM

Tuesday Morning Prayer - In this group we will be praying for your prayer requests, those sent through the church prayer chain, for our church and its leaders, ministries, our missionaries, our nation and it's leaders. As well as local issues and whatever the Lord puts on our hearts as we pray.

Led by: Evelyn King

Room W13

Wednesdays 7 PM

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Led by: Jason Janes & Team

Church Office

Soul Satisfaction - This 10 session DVD presentation will take us through understanding real hope and authentic joy through the living Christ. Instead of surviving, we will learn to thrive. We will learn to represent Jesus well, through joy, hope, power, eternal perspective, peace and comfort. You will be able to follow along with the \$3 study guide. And there will be discussion time following the video.

Led by: Pastor Laurie Hrkal & Mary Roelofs

Room W16

Relat(able) - From the time we are born, relationships are constantly shaping who we are and how we engage with the world around us. Beginning with how we see ourselves, we develop a view of God and others that impacts the way we relate to our parents, navigate friendships, dating relationships and marriage. In this study, we will explore the fundamental question of what makes us relatable to others. How God can change our perspective on relationships, give us greater purpose in dating and marriage, bring us peace in the midst of conflict, and help us restore relationships that seem broken beyond repair.

Led by: Pastor Chuck & Julie Pruett

Coffee Shop

LIFE GROUPS

Wednesdays 7 PM Continued

A Bible Study for those Affected by Someone else's Addiction - Has your life been affected by the addiction of someone close to you? In this study, we will look at Biblical characters and how they faced very difficult situations, yet obeyed God. Their lives can be a role model for us in how we too can obey God despite the difficulties we are facing and not be overcome by our circumstances. 'What Satan meant for evil, God can turn around for good.' This will be repeated lessons from the fall classes.

Led by: Pat Daniels

Room A1

Beyond Young Adults (Ages 18-30) - We will understand that the message of the scriptures is eternal and unchanging. Not only will we gain insight from a geographic, historical and cultural perspective in which the Bible was written, we will discover that the mission of God's people today is the same one he gave to ancient Hebrews and Israelites: to live obediently within the world so that through us the world may know that our God is the one true God. "Living by Faith is not a vague, other worldly experience; rather, it is being faithful to God in whatever place and time he has put us."

Led by: John & Sue Carlson & Shawn Swanson

Room A2 (youth room)

1st & 3rd Thursday 7 PM

NLC Worship Choir - Choir is a Creative Arts opportunity for adults & youth 9th grade & up. Choir meets two Thursdays a month and sings on Sunday mornings once a month.

Led by: Pastor Vinnie Zarletti

Room W13

Friday's 11:30AM

Unshackled (Women's Home Group) - Finding freedom from the things that keep us from experiencing joy. Real women, with real problems, meeting a real God in a real way. Come join us any time. Lunch and childcare provided.

Led by: Mary Roelofs (612-390-5964)

Roelofs Home

ADDITIONAL CONNECTIONS

Encore (Empty Nesters) - The kids are gone and you are learning to enjoy a whole new life. Gather with others just like you during this interesting stage of life for encouragement, food and a variety of fun activities.

Organizer: George & Debbie Marko

Dates and Location Vary

2nd Sunday 12:15 PM

Forerunners Lunch - Seniors come together, after second service, once a month for a catered meal (just for you) and a good time of fellowship. Cost of the meal is \$4.

Organizer: Kortney Schwartz

Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 8
Room W16

Sunday 12:15 PM (Quarterly)

Starting Point Gathering - Are you new? Or have you been coming awhile and still feel new? Come get connected. RSVP to the church office 763-631-4858.

Organizer: Kim Davis

Jan. 26
Room W13

Mondays 6-8 PM

NRG (Newlife Recovery Growth) - New Life Church has a Christ based addiction recovery group. This group is for anyone struggling with the bondage of addiction. This could be any kind of addiction from alcohol to eating disorders. We want to come alongside you and help you build a closer relationship with Christ, and walk in freedom from your addictions. Meal and childcare are provided.

Meal 5:30 PM and children are welcome.

Organizers: Steve Rotz & Cheryl Hansen

Activity Center

ADDITIONAL CONNECTIONS

**Prayer & Devotional - Open to all
Tuesdays - 9:15 AM
in the Sanctuary
Led by: Pastoral Staff**

Fridays 6:30 PM

She - Fun and free events for all women 17+ from every background. We'd be honored to have you join us!

Organizer: Justine Zarletti & She Team

Feb. 7
Activity Center

Saturdays

Beyond Young Adults (Ages 18-30) - A fun social gathering. Watch bulletin and announcements for upcoming events.

Led by: John & Sue Carlson & Shawn Swanson

2nd Saturday of each month

DISCOVERY ZONE - SUNDAYS



Crawler Zone (Birth - 23 Months) - Your infants are safely loved on, cuddled, fed and prayed over while they are in the Crawler Zone (**Room W10**).



Toddler Zone (2 year olds)- We blend songs, Bible stories, crafts and toys into a whirlwind of fun (**Room W11**).



3K Zone (3 yrs - Kindergarten) - Your kids will experience a hands on Bible lesson, activities, craft, prayer, worship and a monthly memory verse in a fun atmosphere. For those families that attend both services, your child will be learning the same biblical topics in different and creative hands on ways. (**3 yrs: Room LD3, 4 yrs-K: LD10**).



KIDZ AND YOUTH - SUNDAYS

8:45 AM Sunday School Grades 1-12

Grades 1-6: All kids will begin and end their morning in KidZone.



I.D. Zone (1 - 2 Grade) - They will learn how to use their Bible. Go through the Old and New Testament in 2 years, turning everyday objects into memory making, faith building opportunities.



Explore Zone (3 - 4 Grade) - Trust that the Bible is true. Mix Bible history, real life application, and a touch of science to cement a solid foundation of lifelong faith in God's word.



Battle Zone (5 - 6 Grade) - Become a Christian who grows daily on their own and lives out their faith. Get tools and resources to get ready for life's battles and get empowered to take a stand for Truth. Based on the pieces of armor from Ephesians 6.



Drop Zone (7 - 9 Grade) - Creating a Biblical identity for your personal drop zone. No matter where you come from in your life, God has given you the tools and his word which is needed to find your way (**Room A4**).



End Zone (10 - 12 Grade) - Starting with the end in mind (**Room A2**). Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith Hebrews 12: 1-2.

10:30 AM KidZone Grades 1-6



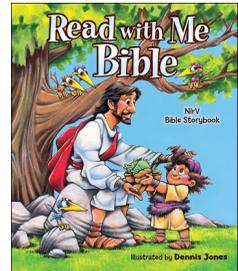
Kids have a great time in a service just for them! Learn Bible truths via crazy characters, object lessons, worship music, puppets and more! All this fun helps apply the Bible lessons to real-life situations and learning how to live for Jesus! KidZone also teaches the importance of missions and having a giving heart through BGMC and mission emphasis challenges throughout the year.

DISCOVERY ZONE AND KIDZONE - WEDNESDAYS

Crawler Zone (Birth - 23 Months) - We have a place for your little ones on Wednesday nights where they are cared for and loved. (**Room W10**).

Toddler Zone (2 yrs) - We blend songs, Bible stories, crafts and toys into a whirlwind of fun (**Room W11**).

3K Zone (3 yrs - Kindergarten) - Your kids will experience fun hands on activities, craft and Kidz Praise that supports their Sunday lesson. (**3 yrs: Room LD3, 4 yrs-K: Room LD10**).



Grades 1-6 on Wednesday 5:45-6:45 PM

Junior Bible Quiz - In JBQ, kids in 1st-6th grade learn more about God's Word through a set of questions and answers about the Bible. They study the questions, then compete against teams from other churches to see who remembers the most (i.e. Quiz Bowl-style). JBQ takes some hard work and commitment, but is worth it in the end when kids realize how much they know about the bible! To find out more about JBQ and/or get signed-up, contact Pastor Aaron at aaron.gruber@newlifechurchmn.com.

Grades 1-6 on Wednesday 7 PM

Kidz DTeams - DTeams are small groups built around special interests such as art, baking, science, puppets, drama, sports, etc. Kids start with worship and a message in Kidzone then divide into their teams for small groups and activities. DTeams change quarterly, kids can sign up at the Kidzone info table.

KidZone Life Group, Sunday 5:30-7:30 PM

Club56 - A Life Group just for 5th and 6th graders! We'll spend time building friendships, growing in discipleship, and learning to serve in the church. C56 will happen about twice a month in KidZone.

YOUTH - WEDNESDAYS



The Refuge Youth Ministries is intentional in meeting students where they are and helping them grow in their relationship and walk with Jesus. We believe youth are the church of today - not just of the future. We believe they are world changers and we are ready to engage with them creatively and progressively to start changing the world around them.

The Refuge meets Wednesday nights at 7pm from September to May, with additional events all year long. MYC, Life Groups, Breakaway, Sunday School, Valleyfair, and many missions focused events keep us focused on training and reaching students of Christ.



Our Wednesday night services are powerful and fun: youth will experience a time of corporate worship, teaching from God's word, time to hang out, rec fun and time to gather and reflect on what the Lord has done and is calling us to do.

Refuge Life Groups, Sunday 6-8 PM

Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 15

Locations:

Princeton (Central): Dave & Amy Peterson's

Cambridge (East): James & Brenda Schumacher's

Life Group 78 (for 7th and 8th grade students):

James & Brenda Schumacher's

Milaca (North): Jared & Leah Weidner's





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