

**Wednesday Evening**

**Children and Youth Activities**

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Intergenerational connections are vital for kids and adults both to grow as disciples of Jesus. This year we are offering weeks of ECHO (kids and adults together) as well as weeks of Grow groups (kids and adults separate). ECHO is held Sept.-Oct., Jan.-Feb., and April-May, and Grow Groups is held Oct.-Dec. and Feb.-April.

**Fall 2018**

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# **Day:** Wednesday Evenings

# **Time:** 6:15 PM – 7:30 PM

# **Forest Hills Kids (Nursery)**

Dates: Ongoing

Grades/Age: Kindergarten and Younger

Caregivers: Misty Thoen & Sue LaVigne

Location: Nursery

Description: Bible stories and interactive activities for young children during ECHO.

**Answering the Call (grades 1-6)**

October 24 thru December 19, no class November 21

Teacher: Andrew Bonsell

Location: Sanctuary

Description: Have you ever thought about the “why”

behind the stories of the amazing heroes of faith in the Bible? “Answering the Call” will explore the call upon each of these leaders, how they answered it and how their story fits in with God's overall plan God's call still persists, and our kids are a part of it! We’ll look at the stories of Moses, Joshua, David, Peter, Paul, and others!

**Confirmation: Our History and Our Heritage (grades 7-9)**

Dates: Ongoing

Leader: Pastor David Werner & Bob Rosenbaum

Location: Pastor’s Office

Description: We will explore the foundations of the Christian faith, starting with Jesus, the early Christians, and then through history, to our own church. God’s work in history earns our trust, and we respond by seeking to become a disciple (follower) of Jesus.

# **Outside the Zone (Youth grades 9-12)**

Dates: Ongoing

Leaders: Cassi Betker

Location: Upstairs Youth Room

Description: Targeting youth, this series will push you

outside your comfort zone. We are rejected by the

majority in order to reach the minority (Hebrews 13). We'll be using the Back to the Future movies to see we can be like the disciples in the Bible and invite our friends into a life-saving and life-changing relationship with Jesus. We'll end with a focus on Christmas, and learn how Jesus left the comfort of glory to share faith with us. Christmas is a time to share our faith. Grow through games, lessons, and group discussions.

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**Session**

Grow groups help give us an opportunity to Learn, Live and reLate.

We **Learn** about the bible and Christ as a way to provide the foundation of our Christian Faith.

We **Live** out our Christian Faith in daily living by practicing spiritual disciplines, faith sharing and discipleship.

We **ReLate** by exploring as a group a variety of topics or issues from the perspective of Christian Faith, or participate in classes or activities that give us opportunities to learn new skills and strategies to Love, Grow and Serve.

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## **Names of God**

October 7 thru December 16

Day: Sunday Before Church

Time: 8:45am – 9:45am

Host: Dan Hair

Location: Event Center (Fellowship Hall)

Materials: Bring your bible, handouts

provided as needed.

Description: The names of God in the Old

Testament reveal God’s character. As we get to know

our God better, we learn to trust and rely on Him

more fully. This discussion will grow you in your

biblical knowledge, but also in your faith. Lecture

style with group discussion.

**The Bible’s Testimony of Itself**

October 7 thru November 18

Day: Sunday After Church

Time: 11:15am – 12:30pm

**Child Care Provided**

Host: Michael Berglund

Location: Upstairs Conference Room

Materials: Bring your bible, handouts

provided as needed.

Description: We’ll explore what the Bible says about

itself! We’ll first learn about the Bible’s inspiration,

and then it’s truthfulness, before learning what the

Bible says our response to reading it should be.

Lecture style with group discussion.

**Learning to Knit Tutorial**

September 10 – December 17

Day: Monday Mornings

Time: 10:05am – 11:30am

Host: Hellen Ash

Location: Downstairs

Materials: Bring 4 ply yarn and size 8 knitting

needles, or bring your own project.

Description: God calls us to put our hands to good

work. We’ll not only learn how to knit, but we will

also discuss the ways we can keep our hands busy

doing God’s work. We are God’s hands! Drop ins

welcome, come when you can.

**God's Help in Times of Sorrow**

October 8 thru December 17

Day: Monday Mornings

Time: 10:00am – 11:30am

Host: Mary Weaver and Patti Phillips

Location: Upstairs Board room

Materials:

Description: We all experience grief and loss in many

forms. This session uses the Psalms to place

participants in the arms of our compassionate,

healing God. Hear words of healing and calling, and

experience the comfort of God’s presence through

others and through the Psalms.

**No cost or child care unless specifically noted.**

**Spiritual Disciplines for the**

**Christian Life**

October 24 thru December 19, no class November 21

Day: Wednesday Evening

Time: 6:15pm – 7:30pm

**Child Care Provided**

Host: Vicky & Jason Keintz

Location: Downstairs meeting room

Materials: Bring your bible.

Cost: Optional book: Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life, by Donald Whitney ($10)

Description: How the practices of spiritual discipline disciplines lead to freedom in Christ. Disciplines include: prayer, worship, fasting meditation, stewardship, evangelism, silence or journaling.

**Sacred Rhythms: Spiritual Practices that Nourish Your Soul and Transform Your Life**

October 24 thru December 19, no class November 21

Day: Wednesday Evening

Time: 6:15pm – 7:30pm

**Child Care Provided**

Host: Reese Werner

Location: Upstairs Green Room

Materials: Bring your bible.

Cost: Optional study book by Ruth Haley Barton ($10)

Description: Explore the practices that both new and experienced disciples have used throughout history to grow closer to God. Practices include solitude and silence, Scripture reading, examine Prayer, Sabbath, personal rhythms. If you want to grow closer to God, this is how! Format includes DVD, study book and discussion.

**Finding Hope in Grief**

October 24 thru December 19, no class November 21

Day: Wednesday Evening

Time: 6:15pm – 7:30pm

**Child Care Provided**

Host: Paulette Johnson

Location: Upstairs Conference room

Materials: Bring your bible.

Cost: Optional study book ($10) Hope: Lifeguide Topical Bible Study, by Jack Kauhatschek

Description: We will explore both sides of hope, confronting doubts and fears, but also being reminded of the great joy that awaits us in Christ Jesus.

**Restoring the Shack**

October 12 – December 21

Day: Friday Mornings - Breakfast is provided.

Time: 7:00am – 8:15am

Host: Brad Blocher

Location: Event Center (Fellowship Hall)

Materials: Handouts provided as needed.

Description: Author William P. Young of *The Shack* shares how Paul’s life journey shaped his writing of *The Shack* and explores how to deal with life issues such as questions about faith, grief, memories, hope and new beginnings. Class format is a video presentation, followed by discussion and prayer.