

## Bible Studies/Groups Updates

- **Prayer Team** meets Monday, 10am, Youth Room. Leader Judy Strong.
- **Tuesday Evening Study Group** meets Tuesday, 6:00pm, Youth Room, studying Listening to the Land of the Bible #2. Discussion Leader Jim Kress.
- **Tuesday Knights Bible Study** meets Tuesday, 7pm, Hope Center. They will be on break after Thanksgiving for the Christmas Holidays. Leader: Jeff Dowling.
- **Quilters**, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 9am, Hope Center. Leader: Lucy Dahn.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** meets Thursday, 9am, Francine Rienstra's residence. They will be doing a study of the 12 Women of the Bible. Leader: Francine Rienstra at fgrienstra@gmail.com.
- **Thursday Women's Bible Study** Thursday Women's Bible study will begin a new 7-week study on January 9, 12:00-1:30 entitled "*Heaven: When Faith Becomes Sight*" by Jennifer Rothschild. The focus of that study is to explore the subject of Heaven from a biblical perspective. Participants will need to purchase their own study guide prior to start date. Please contact Amy Martin if you are interested in joining in this study group in the new year and she will add you to the email list.
- **Friday AM Women's Bible Study** meets Friday, 9:30am, Hope Center. On December 20 they will be watching a video entitled "*The Bethlehem Star*." Leader Wanda Johnson.
- **Sunday Adult Bible Study** meets after worship focusing on watching "The Chosen". Leader: Patti Thibaut for details.

## **3dm & Huddle Group Information**

In 2009 I got an email from "Alpha" program about a new ministry called "3dm". I kept that email in my in-box for about 6 months before I did anything about it. It was an invitation to a 3dm "taster". At the last minute I signed up to go. It was an immersion experience in a small group model of accountable discipleship. I was introduced to the concept of "Kairos moments" and the "two questions": "What is God saying to you? What are you going to do?"

The concept of "Kairos moments" transformed my understanding and experience of God speaking to me through the circumstances of the day, the Scriptures, and people I met in my day-to-day life. Kairos moments are times in which God breaks into our world to guide us, inspire us and lead us to people to be led to Jesus Christ. I found that the two questions when asked and answered again and again within a small group moves the people of the group forward in life and faith. These two questions enliven the accountability group experience. Huddle groups are a dynamic search for God in each and every day, even moment of our lives. The weekly times we gather together will be times of excitement and growth seeing what God is doing in our personal lives, the life of the huddle, and our church.

The commitment for this group is for one year minus holidays and vacations. Once people have indicated interest, we will pick a time that meets the needs of most that can attend. We will not be meeting Saturday or Sunday or in the evenings. Late in the afternoon is a possibility. We will be using two books for study material "Empowering Missional Disciples" by Rev. Bob Rognlien (Lutheran pastor) and "Building a Discipling Culture". **We will start the first week of February.**

Pastor Fred Baum