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## **Upcoming Events!**

May 14: ALPHA is meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30PM. It is a conversation built around wrestling with the deep questions of life. Feel free to invite others to join us!

May 19: Annual Elections - Voting will take place in the gym from 10 -10:30AM and 11:30AM -Noon.

May 19: Next Steps Class - This class is designed to help you take your next step spiritually and will meet right after church. Please sign up with Pastor Aaron (aaron@connectionpointmi.com) or in the Welcome Center. Childcare will be provided upon advanced request.

May 21: MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) - We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:30-11:00am at the church.

Growing in Faith - If you are interested in exploring some of the Spiritual Disciplines and ho-w you might put them into practice, then this class is for you. On Sundays May 19, June 2, and June 9 we will explore practices designed to help us grow spiritually. Workbooks are

June 2: Membership Class - This class is designed to explore what our church holds to be true in terms of theology, doctrine and what it means to be a part of the Church of the Nazarene. Please sign up with Pastor Aaron (aaron@connectionpointmi.com) or in the Welcome Center. Childcare provided upon advanced request.

June 2: Grad Sunday - We're celebrating our graduating high schoolers, as well as our college and post-graduate students. If you or someone in your family graduated in 2023-2024, email Pastor Matt (Matthew@connectionpointmi.com), because we want to celebrate you! Please let us know by May 26th, to make sure you're included!

Summer Kick-Off | June 2, 6-7:30pm - Connection Point Students is hosting its annual Summer Kick-Off on June 2nd. We're grilling up hamburgers and hotdogs, kicking off a new series for the month of June about Christ and culture, there will be yard games like Cornhole, Kan Jam, Gagaball, and more! We will also be ending the night with a bonfire and s'mores, so make sure to bring a chair! Students who bring a friend for the first time will be entered to win prizes.

June 8: Double Bubble 5k and 1/2 Mile Fun Run will be at 9am, benefitting Bridge Builders (formerly Nazarene Community Resource Center). Sign up to run and support the compassionate ministry nonprofit that is housed at Connection Point! Flyers and info at Welcome Center!

June 9: Food Truck Sunday - We are having Baby Suga's Cheesesteak Shack following the 2nd service! We will follow up with preordering options at a later date. Come on out, purchase some lunch, and fellowship with us!

Week of June 17 - Kids Camp! Mark your calendars! Registration cards and Volunteer forms are in the Welcome Center! See Pastor Holly for more information. Register Here!

June 17-21 & 24-28: Middle and High School Camp at

Indian Lake Nazarene Camp is hosting camp for both middle and high school students in June. The cost is \$295, and there is a deposit to be made when students register. If you want more information, talk to Pastor Matt. You can register online at <a href="https://www.indianlake.camp/">https://www.indianlake.camp/</a> summer.html

Food Pantry & Kids Clothing Donations are being accepted on Sundays or during office hours.

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## **Further Reflection for 5/5**

- 1. Is there something in your life that you know you should change but don't? Why? Is there something in your life that you made a considerable change?
- Read John 5:1-15
- What jumps out to you from the text?
- The man says that he has no one to help him and yet Jesus goes to him. Jesus is the one who goes to the outcast and lonely. How can we also be people who look for the outcast and lonely?
- Jesus invites the man to partner with him in the man's healing. How might God want to partner with us in our "healing"?
- In verse 7 the man is known as "the invalid" and in verse 13 he is known as "the man who was healed." This paints a picture of us that the man never went back to the invalid. Is there an area of life that God wants us to never go back to?
- 7. Jesus said to the man, "stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." How might this be a reminder for us to truly live new lives in Jesus?
- In this healing we see another instance of Jesus performing a sign that points to the new creation. How might we live as a part of God's new creation, here and now?
- How can we understand God's goodness when there are moments that we might pray for healing and someone isn't healed in the way we see in this text?

Further Reading: Love Does: Bob Goff; UnConditional: Brian Zahnd

## Things You Should Know!

**Connect Cards** can be found in the seat-back pocket in front of you! Please fill it out, take it to the Welcome Center in the Foyer and grab a gift! We want guests to feel welcome and we hope to see you again!

Prayer Requests can be submitted via the website under the Ministries tab. These prayer requests go directly to Pastor Aaron and are confidential.

The Bridge the Gap Fund sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/ offerings, you may do so by putting donations in the box at the back of the sanctuary or by giving online. Please email the church office for more information.

Church Directory App is available now! If you need help accessing it, please contact the church office and we can work on getting you set up!

## **Weekly Gatherings:**

Sunday Service: 9AM & 10:30AM Kids Service: Sundays during both Services Youth Group: Sundays from 6-7:30PM