

Announcements

VBS 2017: Explore the Bible - the Coolest Book on the Planet - at Operation Arctic VBS here at Nazareth from June 11-15! Registration for kids and volunteers will begin NEXT Sunday, May 7.

Nazareth Trap Shooting Ministry: Those in 6th Grade and above are welcome to join the Nazareth Trap Shooting Ministry group. Training will be provided. Learn more at the Naz Next Steps area or call Dennis Bigelow at 266-9249.

Caravan: The registration deadline for the Rocky Mountain High Caravan trip (July 21-30) for high school students is TOMORROW, May 1st. Go to www.cedarvalleystudents.org/caravan to sign up.

Making All Things New

Nazareth Worship Task Force Update: After over a year of diligently collecting information from the congregation and prayerfully working together to reflect on worship, the Nazareth Worship Task Force recently presented to the Church Council and Staff a unanimously approved plan, which includes new worship service times, in response to God's calling for us to:

- ◆ Intentionally cultivate a culture change that encourages people to better live out our mission to "invite all people to know Christ, grow in Christ and make Christ known".
- ◆ Deliberately gather people of all ages together for faithful, God-focused worship that is invitational and engaging.
- ◆ Carefully steward our resources while building a relationally renewed culture of unity, community and discipleship.
- ◆ Purposefully create opportunities for families to worship together.

Next Sunday, May 7, members of the Worship Task Force look forward to sharing the vision for this new plan during each worship service. There will also be an opportunity to have conversations in Bethel Hall with members of the Worship Task Force and the Church Council following each service next Sunday morning. The new worship service times will begin on Sunday, June 11.

Serve

Naz House: There are still many opportunities to get your hands dirty for the cause of Christ by helping to build the Naz House! Stop at the Naz House display in Fellowship Hall today to sign up to help build this home on Tuesdays and/or Saturdays (if you are age 16 and over) or to bring lunch to the builders on Saturdays. You can also purchase a Naz House t-shirt or hat!



Love Gifts: Are you looking for a meaningful gift for Mother's Day, graduation, birthdays or more so that you can honor a friend or co-worker? Make a "Love Gift" donation in that person's name. Love Gifts funds are used to purchase supplies for the Kits and Quilts made for Lutheran World Relief. "Love Gifts", which are available in increments of \$5 and include a description card, will be for sale between services in Fellowship Hall May 7 and May 14.

Mother's Day Baskets for House of Hope: In order to bless and encourage single mothers at the House of Hope (one of Nazareth's Local Mission Partners), we are seeking donations of items for Mother's Day Baskets. Please stop by the Naz Next Steps area today to view the list of the items that are needed. Donations need to be dropped off at the Reception Desk no later than Wednesday, May 10. For more information, please email Molly Depping at deppsia@gmail.com. Learn more about House of Hope online at www.houseofhopeccd.org/.



Job Openings

Would you like to join the Nazareth staff team? We are currently hiring for the following positions:

- ◆ Part-Time Facilities Team Members
- ◆ Part-Time Nursery Assistants

Go to www.naz.org/careers.html for details or to apply. Email angie.rath@naz.org with questions.

Blessed Beginnings is now hiring for summer childcare positions for Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information or to apply, please email kate.brunsn@naz.org.



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Living together in God's amazing grace, we invite all people to know Christ, grow in Christ, and make Christ known.

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Sunday Worship Services
8:30, 9:50 & 11:10 a.m.

Pastor Brian King
Senior Pastor
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Pastor Denny Hanson
Associate Pastor
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Pastor Bob Ericson
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Office Hours
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Prayer Chain
Call the church office to have your concern placed on the Prayer Chain.

Connect with Nazareth!
www.naz.org
facebook.com/MyNazareth
twitter.com/mynazchurch
instagram.com/mynazchurch

Be Invitational!
We encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you in worship



But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord."

Jeremiah 1:7-8

8:30 and 11:10 a.m. Worship Services

April 30, 2017

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Sermon - *Understanding the Future: Prophets of God* (Pastor Brian King)

Today's Texts - Jeremiah 1:1-8 and Luke 4:14-21

8:30 a.m.

Prelude - *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (arr. McCluskey)

Gathering Hymn - **When Morning Gilds the Skies** - #546 (green)

Hymn of the Day - **O Christ the Same** - #778 (blue)

Offering - *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (arr. Schrader)

- Nazareth Choir

Sending Hymn - **O God, Our Help in Ages Past** - #320 (green)

Postlude - *Fanfare* (Lemmens)

11:10 a.m.

Opening Worship - *Lion and The Lamb*

Offering - *Good Good Father*

Closing Worship - *My Lighthouse*

Worship Assistants:

Nathaniel Parrish, Director of Music (8:30/9:50)

Nicki Toliver, Choir Director (8:30)

Jordan McDonald, Director of Next Generation Worship (11:10)

Peg Wiebenga, Reader (8:30)

Sarah Bey, Reader (11:10)

Welcome to Our Visitors!

Whether you're visiting from across town or out of state, we are so glad you are here! Please take a moment to stop by the Welcome Desk for an information packet and a special gift.

As we live in response to God's amazing grace and love, the people of Nazareth value



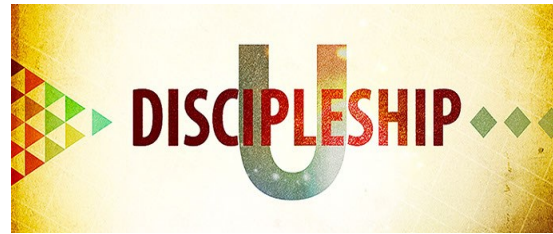
Naz Notes

Read It! Pick up a Daily Scripture Plan from the Naz Next Steps Area and begin or continue the daily Bible readings for this week.

Watch It! Utilizing your *RightNow Media* Account (if you don't have one, sign up for free today at the Naz Next Steps Area), watch *Jesus the Messiah: Unlocking Old Testament Prophecy* by Mart De Haan.

Live It! Make the intentional choice to make connections with others in the name of Christ this week and in the future. There are multiple opportunities to grow new relationships and strengthen old ones by attending the free community meal, joining a Discipleship U class, cheering on the Naz softball team, writing a note of encouragement to a Confirmation student and more.

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Spring Discipleship U: Learning more about God's plan in the Bible and coming together in Christian community are integral parts of growing as a disciple of Christ and a disciple-maker for Christ. Register today at the Naz Next Steps area for one (or more) of the many Spring Discipleship U classes and/or fellowship groups. Classes are offered at multiple times throughout the week to accommodate all schedules! You can learn more about all of these exciting Discipleship opportunities by taking a look at the brochure at the Naz Next Steps area in Fellowship Hall. Sign up today or email jenny.nelson@naz.org with questions.

CHAOS and BIGhouse will have their final meetings for the 2016/2017 school year on Wednesday, May 3. For more details, go to www.cedarvalleystudents.org.

KidzRock and Confirmation Classes will have their final meetings for the 2016/2017 school year on Sunday, May 21.

Naz Softball Team: Come cheer on your Nazareth Softball Team at Field #3 in Birdsall Park tomorrow evening, Monday, May 1st, at 6:00 p.m. Want to cheer on the team for the whole season? Pick up a schedule at the Welcome Desk today.

Free Community Meal: All are welcome to enjoy a free community meal every Tuesday of the month from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church at 718 Clay Street in Cedar Falls. On the first Tuesday, Nazareth serves the meal. Want to help out on May 2nd? Email barb.burbridge@naz.org.



Today at Nazareth

The flowers at the altar are in memory of loved ones from Carlyn Juhl.

Known to be Hospitalized

Jerry Hammer, Wes Woodman and Claudia Meyer

Our Deepest Sympathy to Lee and Marlene Engen and their family and friends as they mourn the loss of their son, Scott; and to Diane and Jim Jeffrey and to Deb and Ted Whitesell and their families as they mourn the January 12th passing of their father, Bob Shaffer. All Nazareth friends are invited to a memorial gathering in honor of Bob Shaffer at the Pheasant Ridge Golf Course Clubhouse today from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The service will begin at 2:00 p.m.

In Celebration of their 55th anniversary, Norman and Kay Lemmon have provided the treats in Fellowship Hall today.

Confirmation Sunday is TODAY in the Nazareth Worship Center, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Please take the time to congratulate our Ninth Grade Confirmands on this special day!

Thank You

Confirmation Prayer Shawls: Thank you to each person who shared their time and gifts in creating the beautiful prayer shawls for our Confirmation students to take home with them today!

Thank You, Nazareth Congregation! Nazareth receives numerous messages of gratitude each week. Here are just a few that have been received recently, each as a result of your faithful generosity:

- ◆ "Thank you so much to Naz and the U.S. and World Missions Committee for another year of partnership with *The Life Project!* The Lord is doing great things through us together."
- ◆ "Thank you for your generous donations to *Lutheran Services in Iowa*. Because of you, Iowa's most vulnerable kids and families are finding the strength they need to thrive!"
- ◆ "Thank you for enabling us at *Christian Crusaders* to proclaim the Good News of Jesus! What a joy it is to partner in ministry with you!"