

Nazareth Nominating Committee

The Nazareth Nominating Committee is seeking members who would like to serve on the Nazareth Church Council. Individuals should demonstrate a Christ-like fruit of the Spirit in their lives; a biblical character and mature spiritual leadership; a commitment to embrace and live into the Nazareth mission statement; and a willingness to share unique personal gifts, competencies, passions, and experience within the framework of a God-honoring group discernment process. If you are interested in becoming a nominee for Church Council or if you would like to nominate someone, please contact Pastor Brian King at 266-7589, ext. 130.

Job Vacancies at Nazareth

Communication Coordinator • Part-Time

Bachelor's degree in journalism/graphic design preferred with a minimum of five years experience. Responsible for writing and designing the worship bulletin, brochures, printed materials, annual reports, etc.

Custodian • Part-Time - Will be responsible for general cleaning duties, set-ups for events, and working independently. Please send applications via email to angie.rath@naz.org or mail to 7401 University Ave. Cedar Falls, IA 50613 Attn: Angie Rath.

Thank You For Your Pledge

There's Still Time to Turn in Your Pledge

Thank you to all who have participated in the Fall Fellowship Ingathering. We will build our 2016 budget on your response.

If you haven't had a chance to turn in your stewardship materials, you can return them to Nazareth in one of the following ways:

- Bring them to worship next Sunday
- Drop them off at the church office during the week
- Mail them to Nazareth

Naz Next Steps

To get plugged in where you are being called, complete the Naz Next Steps form on www.naz.org or stop by Naz Next Steps table in Fellowship Hall

Pray for Our Missionaries

Pray for Cara as discussion is happening regarding being a part of resettling Syrian refugees in Pennsylvania.

Pray for Maren Nielsen, a Nazareth supported missionary in Wichita, Kansas. Prayers for the growth of Christ the Victor Church where people feel comfortable sharing their lives and feel accepted by others. Pray for the broken people in the neighborhood around Christ the Victor Church; pray that they will find the church and experience a place where they will learn to put their trust and hope in the Lord.

Perspectives Class for Adults

Perspectives is an adult education course designed to help change your vision of the world! See the world like Jesus does. Dive into God's word and the story of His work on earth. Learn to live your life with eternal significance and purpose.

Perspectives information:

- Class meets Sundays • January 10 - April 24
- 6 to 8:45 p.m. • First United Methodist - CF
- Cost: \$250 per person
- Register by Dec 15 to receive a \$25 discount
- Childcare provided
- \$100 scholarship for Nazareth members
- Register at perspectives.org

The Next December Finance Meeting is today, December 6 at 12:30 p.m.

The Next Church Council Meeting is Tuesday, December 8 with congregational input at 7 p.m. in Room 160.

The 2016 Nazareth Directories will be printed in January. If you have disconnected your land line or changed phone numbers, please contact Deb Rhoades at 266-7589 or at deb.rhoades@naz.org

Assist New Aldaya in helping residents on Sundays to and from their room/apartment to the Chapel for the month of December. Sign up at Welcome Desk or contact Ed Bailey at 830-3228.



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evangelical lutheran church

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

Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship Services

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

Pastor Brian King

Senior Pastor
brian.king@naz.org

Pastor Denny Hanson

Associate Pastor
dennis.hanson@naz.org

Pastor Bob Ericson

Visitation/Teaching Pastor
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Office Hours

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Connect with Nazareth

www.naz.org
twitter.com/mynazchurch
facebook.com/MyNazareth
instagram.com/mynazchurch

Prayer Chain

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



In our Gospel lesson from Luke, John the Baptist cries out into the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." But what clears the way for the Lords' coming? What straightens our path to Him? What fills the valleys of our emotional lows, lowers our mountainous to-do lists, straightens the crooked motivations in our hearts, and smooths the rough places of our souls so that we can welcome Him into our lives?

December 6, 2015

December 6, 2015 • Finding God in Unexpected Places

Sermon - *Finding God In Your Wilderness* - Pastor Brian King
Today's Texts - Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 1:5-25, Luke 3:1-6

8:30 a.m.

Gathering Hymn - *Prepare the Royal Highway* - #26 (green)
Advent Hymn - *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (vs.1&2) - #34 (green)
Lighting of the Advent Candles - Lang Family
Offering - *Prepare the Way of the Lord* (Harlan) - Nazareth Choir
Distribution Hymns - #31 (green); #29 (green); #701 (blue)
Postlude - *"Prepare the Royal Highway"* (arr. Manz)

9:50 a.m.

Gathering Song - *Prepare the Royal Highway* - #26 (green)
Advent Song - *Adore* (ensemble)
Lighting of the Advent Candles - Lehman Family
Offering - *Light of the World* (ensemble)
Distribution - *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* (ensemble)
Emmanuel (ensemble)

11:10 a.m.

Songs - *Hope Has Come; Wonderful, Merciful Savior; Emmanuel*
Advent Song - *Adore*; Offering Song - *Light of the World*
Lighting of the Advent Candles - Tjaden Family

Worship Assistants

Nathaniel Parrish - Director of Music (8:30/9:50)
Nicki Toliver - Choir Director (8:30)
Ali Parrish - Worship Leader (11:10)
Peg Wiebenga - Reader (8:30)
Leonard Upham - Reader (9:50)
Nancy Graen - Reader (11:10)

A Special Welcome to Our Visitors

Whether you're visiting from across town or out of state, we're glad you are here! Please stop by the Welcome Desk for an informational packet and special gift. If you are a guest today, please feel no obligation to give. Today's worship services are our gifts of praise and thanksgiving to God, and we welcome you here as our guest. If you already know the love and grace of God in your life, we invite you to respond generously and joyfully as you give.

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

HOLY
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RESPONSIVENESS

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LEADING BEYOND
OUR WALLS

Naz Notes

Read It

Read through the first 3 chapters of the Gospel of Luke, which sets the stage for the coming of Christ, His birth, His early years. Go to www.luthersem.edu/advent/ and download Luther Seminary's 2015 Advent devotional and large-print devotional, "Creator of the Stars of Night."

See It

Watch the 2006 movie, "The Nativity Story" for a good cinematic treatment of the familiar Christmas story.

Live It

Be part of sharing the blessings of God with others by participating in the service opportunities at Naz, such as joining us for Caroling at 5:30 tonight or helping with Angel Tree gifts and deliveries. For more Advent and Christmas service ideas, go to <http://adrielbooker.com/family-advent-activities-Christmas-countdown-fun/>

Daily Texts 2016 Have Arrived

If you ordered a copy,
you can pick it up
at the Welcome Desk today!

Coming Events

The Ultimate Christmas Extravaganza

A Special Event for Families • Sunday, December 13
4 p.m. • Bethel Hall
The Children's Ministry team invites you to get in the Christmas spirit by attending this great event! For more information, contact Children's Ministry Director, Kim Hansen at 266-7589.

Women's Christmas Salad Luncheon

Wednesday, December 9 • 12:15 p.m. • Bethel Hall
All Nazareth women are invited to attend a special Christmas Luncheon. Enjoy good food, good fellowship, and a Bible Study, "Imagine...You're Mary", led by Pastor Denny Hanson. Please bring a salad for the luncheon and a donation for our Nazareth food baskets. (cereal, canned goods, meat)

"Letters from War" artist Mark Schultz is coming to Naz on Monday, December 14 at 7 p.m. "A Different Kind of Christmas" concert tickets can be purchased for \$15 online at tickets.com or at the Welcome Desk today!

An Open House in honor of John Peters' 90th Birthday will take place today, Sunday, December 6 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. • Bethel Hall • All Nazareth families are invited to attend.

Christmas With Wartburg - TODAY • December 6

Tickets are still available for performances today! Performances are in Wartburg College's Neumann Auditorium; tickets are \$16.50. Concert and meal tickets can be purchased online at www.wartburg.edu/christmas or call 319-352-8691.

Lampost Christmas Play • "Befana"

A Magical Musical • Dec. 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20
Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased only through Lampost at <http://www.lampost.com/tickets/index.php>

Servant Leadership Training at Nazareth

Capstone Curriculum Module 2 • Kingdom of God
To be held on four Wednesdays beginning January 6 • 7 to 10 p.m.. For more information, please see brochure at Naz Next Steps table or contact Ron Martin at US.WorldMissions@Naz.org

Today at Nazareth

The flowers at the altar are in honor of John & Pamela Woods's 50th wedding anniversary.

Known To Be Hospitalized (*as of Dec 2*)
Bernie Huss; Kathy Mueller

Nazareth Congregation Offers Condolences to the family and friends of Jo Pries and Joan Tange, as well as to Terry Ketter and her family at the death of her mother, Anna; and to Bernie Dreesman and his family at the death of his father, William.

Angel Tree - This ministry provides Christmas gifts to the children of prisoners in the Cedar Valley. *A few names might still be available this morning.* Check the Local Missions tables in Fellowship Hall. **Gift packers** and **delivery people** are still needed.

Christian Crusaders Invites You To Stop By our new office this morning! With the gracious support of Pastor King, Nazareth staff, and the "Willing Workers", we have moved our location to the area once serving as the church library. Thank you for making this move possible. We are blessed to serve Jesus alongside you and to proclaim Jesus as Savior to the world!

Christmas Eve Services at Nazareth

Wednesday, December 23

7 p.m. • Contemporary with Communion

Thursday, December 24:

3 p.m. • Family Service
4:30 & 6 p.m. • Traditional Nazareth Services
10 p.m. • Candlelight Service with Communion

Order Your Christmas Poinsettia Today!

Order your poinsettia at the Welcome Desk. Cost: is \$12. *All poinsettias are given to the honor and glory of God.*

Christmas Caroling Today • If you want to join the Shepherd Staff group of Carolers, come to Door #6 at 5:30 p.m. today! Help spread Christmas joy!