Mark Your Calendar

Financial Peace University: All are welcome to join us for this renowned course Sunday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., beginning on Sunday, February 11. Register via the Discipleship U link at www.naz.org. With questions or to learn more, please email jan.glaspie@naz.org. The cost of this course is \$109.



Perspectives on the World Christian Movement is a class designed to help us examine God's Word, God's world, and God's work. The class will be held at Candeo Church on Mondays from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning January 15 and ending April 30. Register at www.perspectives.org today. Registration is \$250, with a \$100 scholarship available for all Nazareth members. For details, email cfperspectives@gmail.com.

The 2018 IF:Gathering will be held here at Nazareth on February 9-10, 2018. Ladies of all ages, join this community on a mission to gather, equip and unleash women to live out their calling for God's Kingdom. For more information, stop at the Naz Next Steps ara today, or email jenny.nelson@naz.org to learn more.

Riverside Marriage Retreat: God's Word is powerful, and we believe it affects lives and marriages! Throughout this weekend on March 2-4, couples will enjoy time together with rest, worship, creative skits, laughter, time with our speakers, lots of fun, great food and great fellowship. Arrival is Friday evening, and the retreat ends with a brunch on Sunday. Register online at www.riversidelbc.org/marriage-retreat or email jenny.nelson@naz.org with questions.

The "Work as Worship" Video Conference will be held at Nazareth on Friday, February 23. More details will be coming soon. Email Enrique Ochoa at q@naz.org with questions.

Serve

Help Houston Mission Trip: Would you like to help our neighbors in need in Houston as they continue to recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey? Please go to www.naz.org/helphouston.html to sign up for more information or contact Hank Wellnitz at 319-961-2288.

House of Hope Builders Needed: We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with a drywall and



insulation project with our Local Missions Partner, House of Hope, on January 4, January 11, and January 20. Please sign up at Naz Next Steps. With questions, email info@naz.org.

January Needs: Each month, we highlight a specific need for both our Nazareth Food and Essentials Pantry and our Blessed Beginnings Learning Center. We continue to thank you for your generous donations! Please deliver your items to the Welcome Desk.

- * For January, the Nazareth Food and Essentials Pantry is seeking donations of men's and women's deodorant.
- * For January, the Blessed Beginnings Learning Center is seeking donations of paper plates, dry erase markers, and construction paper.

Bibles are needed for our college ministry program to use for BASIC. Each week at BASIC, students are given Bibles to use to follow along with the teaching, and they are invited to keep the Bibles if they don't have one. Currently, there is a need to replenish the supply of Bibles for BASIC. Please bring your Bible donations to the Reception Desk or to the Welcome Desk. With questions, email sara.rockow@naz.org.

Job Openings

Nazareth is now hiring for the following part-time positions: Family Coordinator, Media Coordinator, and Audio Engineer. For complete job descriptions, go to www.naz.org/careers.html. Please contact Angie Rath at angie.rath@naz.org with guestions.



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Pastor Denny Hanson Associate Pastor dennis.hanson@naz.org

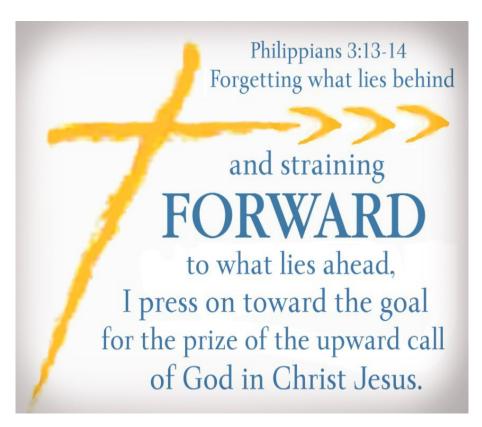
Pastor Bob Ericson Visitation/Teaching Pastor bob.ericson@naz.org

Office Hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to Noon Friday

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

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Be Invitational! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to worship with us at Nazareth.



Forgetting What is Behind, Running Toward What is Ahead

December 31, 2017

Sermon - Forgetting What is Behind, Running Toward What is Ahead - Andy Walser

Today's Texts - Philippians 3:7-14 and Psalm 40

9:00 a.m.

Prelude - Of the Father's Love Begotten (arr. Held)

Gathering Hymn - Angels, from the Realms of Glory - #50 (green)

Hymn of Praise - Good Christian Friends, Rejoice - #55 (green)

Children's Song - Infant Holy, Infant Lowly - #44 (green)

Sermon Hymn - Here I Am, Lord - #752 (blue)

Sending Hymn - Joy to the World - #39 (green)

Postlude - While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (in the setting of J.S.

Bach's Invention in Bb) (arr. Taylor)

10:45 a.m.

Opening Worship - Oh Come All Ye Faithful

Offering - Peace Has Come

Sermon Song - Here I Am, Lord

Closing Worship - Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Worship Assistants:

Nathaniel Parrish, Director of Music and Worship Arts (9:00)

Jordan McDonald, Director of Music and Worship Arts (10:45)

Paul Strike, Cantor, Reader, Liturgist (9:00)

Nancy Graen, Reader (10:45)

A note from Paul Strike, who is our Cantor, Reader and Liturgist today:

"Greetings Nazareth! I am a third-year student at Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut. I am originally from Cedar Falls and am a long-time attendee of Naz. Growing up in this church, I attend Sunday School, was confirmed, and helped with the KidzRock ministry. Today, I hope to become a pastor in the ELCA. Please know that I am grateful to the people of Nazareth for the role you have played in my faith formation and for your support as I head toward pastor-hood."

Naz Notes

Take a moment to write your reflections about today's texts and/or teaching below. Share these thoughts and ideas with your friends and family throughout the week!

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Alpha makes it easy for people explore life's biggest questions in a safe and respectful

- ♦ Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. from January 14 to March 4.
- ♦ Tuesdays from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. from January 20 to March 20.

For more information, stop at Naz Next Steps

conclusion of the Bible Project Daily Scripture Reading Plan next month, we encourage you to get started now with a new Daily Scripture Plan for 2018: the "Alpha Bible in One Year". You can subscribe to a daily email or download the app. Stop at Naz Next Steps for details or go to www.bibleinoneyear.org to sign up.

Announcements



Registration is NOW OPEN for Winter 2018 Discipleship U Classes and Small Groups! Go to Naz Next Steps to pick up a brochure today and/or to register. You can also register online at www.naz.org. With questions about Discipleship U, please contact Jenny Nelson, Nazareth's Director of Discipleship, at jenny.nelson@naz.org.



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Today at Nazareth

The flowers at the altar are in memory of Judy Magee from Daryl Magee; and in memory of Robert Knight from Mary Lou Knight and family.

Our Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of Bud Fosse as they grieve his death; to Alice Hansen as she mourns the death of her brother, Ernest Petersen; to Jen Reinhardt as she grieves the death of her brother; and to the family and friends of Steve Siegel-Slykhuis as they mourn his death.

Poinsettias: If you would like to take home one or more poinsettias, please feel free to pick them up TODAY after the worship services have concluded.

The 2018 Flower Calendar is ready. Call Lori Fegley at 266-7589 to choose a date to purchase flowers in honor of a loved one.

Announcements, cont.

Children, Student and College Ministry kickoff dates for 2018 are fast approaching:

- Sunday KidzROCK and Confirmation will resume on January 7.
- Wednesday KidzWOW, JUMP56, CHAOS and BIGhouse will resume on January 10.
- * Thursday BASIC will resume on January 11.

Caravan 2018 for high school students will be heading to Pensacola, Florida, from July 21-29. Online registration begins January 17. The cost to register is \$649, with a \$150 nonrefundable deposit. More info at www.cedarvalleystudents.org/caravan.



Kits and Quilts will have a workday on TUESDAY, January 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch if you plan to stay all day, and note that we are meeting on Tuesday rather than Monday.





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



