

## Opportunities to Serve and Grow

**Blood Drive:** Give the gift of life this Christmas by donating blood! Nazareth will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Monday, December 12, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sign up today at the Naz Next Steps area or contact Deb Rhoades at 319-266-7589 or [deb.rhoades@naz.org](mailto:deb.rhoades@naz.org).



American Red Cross

*Give something,  
that means something.*

*DONATE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE!*

**NewAldaya Chapel Helpers:** Volunteers of all ages are needed on all Sundays during the month of December to help NewAldaya residents get to and from their Chapel services. Families are encouraged to serve together! Please meet at the New Aldaya entrance at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays to help out. Email Ed Bailey at [emb3@cfu.net](mailto:emb3@cfu.net) with questions.

**Advent Candle Lighters:** Would you and your family like to light an Advent candle at one of the Advent worship services? We are seeking individuals and families to serve in this way for the 8:30, 9:50 and 11:10 Advent services. Sign up at the Naz Next Steps area or call the church office at 319-266-7589 to choose a date and time.

**Christmas Eve Service Poinsettias:** Place your order at the Welcome Desk today for a poinsettia to be displayed at our Christmas worship services. The cost of each poinsettia is \$12. All poinsettias will be given to the honor and glory of God.

**Mission Tanzania:** Our U.S. and World Missions team invites you to consider joining them on a trip to Tanzania June 11-July 5, 2017. The approximate cost is \$4,000. Application deadline is December 15, 2016. Please email Connie and Burton Adrian at [cehrhard@cfu.net](mailto:cehrhard@cfu.net) for more information.

**Germany Trip:** Celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with Pastor Brian King and his wife, Jen, during an 11-Day "Steps of Martin Luther" tour in Germany on May 29-June 8, 2017. For more information, email [brian.king@naz.org](mailto:brian.king@naz.org).

## Announcements

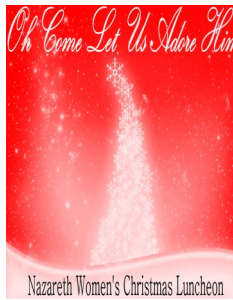
**Sunday Morning KidzRock and Confirmation** will meet from 9:50-10:50 a.m. this morning. However, they will not meet on Sundays, December 25 and January 1.

**CHAOS AND BIGhouse** will meet on two final Wednesdays for 2016: December 7 and December 14. After that, they will resume programming on January 11, 2017.

**KidzWOW and JUMP56** have concluded for 2016. Families are encouraged to attend the Advent Worship services together! KidzWOW and JUMP56 resume on January 11, 2017.

### Nazareth Women's Christmas Luncheon

**Luncheon:** WELCA invites all women to a Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 14, at 12:15 p.m. for food, fellowship, singing and a Bible study. Donations for the food pantry will be accepted. Invite a friend and take along a salad to share!



## Christmas at Nazareth

**Postcards** with an invitation to worship with us at Nazareth this Christmas are available at the Welcome Desk. Give an invitation to your friends, family and neighbors! Take time to spread the love of Jesus this Christmas!

**WORSHIP THE KING**

**SERVICE TIMES**

December 23 at 7:00 p.m.  
December 24 at 3:00, 4:30, 6:00 and 10:00 p.m.  
December 25 at 10:00 a.m.



# nazareth

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**  
7401 University Avenue  
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613  
319.266.7589

**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**  
Visitation/Teaching Pastor  
[bob.ericson@naz.org](mailto:bob.ericson@naz.org)

**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](http://www.naz.org)  
[twitter.com/mynazchurch](https://twitter.com/mynazchurch)  
[facebook.com/MyNazareth](https://facebook.com/MyNazareth)  
[instagram.com/mynazchurch](https://instagram.com/mynazchurch)

**Be Invitational!**  
We encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you in worship here at Nazareth.



## Unexpected Gifts

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Sermon - *Unexpected Gifts* - Nikki Britzman

Today's Texts - Isaiah 11:1-10 and Luke 1:5-25 and 39-45

### 8:30 a.m.

Prelude - *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* (arr. Manz)

Gathering Hymn - **Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers** - #25 (green)

Advent Hymn - **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** - #34 (green) (vs. 1 and 2)

Offering - *Come to Us, O Promised One* (Larson) - Nazareth Choir

Communion Distribution - *Be Born in Me* (Battistelli) - Nikki Britzman, solo

Postlude - *While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks* (arr. Taylor)

### 9:50 a.m.

Gathering Song - **Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**

Advent Song - **Adore**

Offering - *Be Born in Me* (Battistelli) - Nikki Britzman, solo

Distribution - *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

- *What Feast of Love*

### 11:10 a.m.

Opening Worship - **The Lion and the Lamb**

Advent Candle Lighting and Offering - **A King Like This**

Communion - **Be Born in Me**

Closing Worship - **Peace Has Come**

### Worship Assistants

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

Nicki Toliver - Nazareth Choir Director (8:30)

Adrian Talbot - Reader (8:30)

The Lang Family - Advent Candle Lighters (8:30)

Steve Hartman - Reader (9:50)

Bruce and Kristi Niebuhr - Advent Candle Lighters (9:50)

Jordan McDonald - Worship Leader (11:10)

Connie Hansen - Reader (11:10)

The Boeding Family - Advent Candle Lighters (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 stop by the Welcome Desk for an information packet and special gift.

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



## NAZ Notes

**Read it!** Take the Luke Challenge by reading one chapter of Luke per day each day of December, finishing up just after Christmas. Choose a Bible reading plan and get started! Perhaps read through the New Testament or the entire Bible. Check out an Advent devotional like *Jotham's Journey* by Arnold Ytreeide or *Unwrapping the Gift* by Ann Voscamp.

**Watch it!** Watch the 2006 film *The Nativity Story* or the 2016 film *Miracles from Heaven*. Take time to process through these movies with your family or friends.

**Live it!** Choose one regular item in your schedule (such as a television show or video game or something similar) to eliminate in order to make more time to spend with God. Look for a way to volunteer to help encourage others who may feel like their situation is hopeless. Perhaps volunteer at Alternatives or the Salvation Army. Institute a "no Bible/no breakfast" policy in your home - where you refuse to have breakfast until you've had time in God's Word or you spend your breakfast time having devotions.

## This Week at Nazareth

**Monday, December 5: Selah Concert** in the Nazareth Worship Center at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or



\$25 at the door. VIP tickets are available for \$40. Purchase tickets at the Welcome Desk today or online at [iowachristmas.org](http://iowachristmas.org).

**Wednesday, December 7: Advent Worship Service** from 6:00-6:40 p.m. featuring the Holden Evening Prayer. A meal will be served prior to the service from 5:00-5:45. Cost of the meal is \$4 per person.

**Thursday, December 8:** All congregation members and guests are invited for a college student-led **Christmas BASIC** service in the Nazareth Worship Center at 7:00 p.m. A free soup supper will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The Naz Nursery, for children ages 3 and under, will be available for families who wish to use it.

**Friday, December 9:** Join the Local Missions team as they pack Salvation Army Christmas Food Boxes in Bethel Hall, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, December 10:** Gather for a prayer at 8:30 a.m. and then help to deliver Salvation Army Christmas Food Boxes to our neighbors in need.

**Sunday, December 11:** All families are invited to attend the Children's Ministry **Christmas Extravaganza** from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a festive evening of food, fun and surprises. RSVP to [kim.hansen@naz.org](mailto:kim.hansen@naz.org).

**Sunday, December 11:** Join the Shepherd's Staff team for **Christmas Caroling** at care centers and homes in our community. Gather in Rooms 151/153 at 5:30 p.m. for instructions.

**Love Gifts:** *Love Gifts*, financial donations that support the purchase of supplies for the Kits and Quilts ministry, are on sale today in Fellowship Hall and will also be on sale next Sunday, December 11. These make great gifts for that "hard to buy for" person on your Christmas list!

## Today at Nazareth

**The flowers at the pulpit** have been given by Walt and Deon Senchina.

**Our Deepest Sympathy** to Hollie Kahler as she grieves the loss of her step-father, and to the family and friends of Jackie Conrad as they mourn her death.

## Welcome

**Welcome** to each of our new members as they officially join our community of faith this morning during each service. You can find a list of the new members at the Welcome Desk. For more information on becoming a member here at Nazareth, contact Deb Rhoades at [deb.rhoades@naz.org](mailto:deb.rhoades@naz.org).

**Welcome** to Kent Davis and James Rathe from the NE Iowa Synod Men's Ministry Network. Please see them in Fellowship Hall this morning to learn more about men's ministry Bible study and service opportunities. All Nazareth men are invited to register online now at [www.lutheranmen.org](http://www.lutheranmen.org) for the Men's "One Year to Live" Retreat at the EWALU Bible Camp in Strawberry Point on February 10-12, 2017.

**Welcome** to Sweep, the service dog Nazareth purchased using the Mission Funds, who will be put to use at the Bremwood Children's Home in Waverly. Information on this program and on Bremwood is available in Fellowship Hall today.

## Church Council Nominations

**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 319-266-7589, ext. 130.