

Events

5th Grade Communion Class: Fifth graders and their parents are invited to attend Communion Class on Sunday, March 6, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Fifth graders will receive their First Communion during the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 17. Email Kim at kim.hansen@naz.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: *Ocean Commotion* VBS 2016 is coming to NAZ June 12th-16th!



More details, including sign-ups for volunteers and kids, coming in May!

Caravan—Early Registration Still Open: 9th-12th Graders are invited to join Caravan 2016 to New York City on July 30-August 7. Register online at cedarvalleystudents.org/caravan by Feb. 29 to receive the “early bird” price of \$899.

Contact Kristina at kristina.mcburney@naz.org with questions.

Interesting in Becoming a Member?

The next Belong Class for membership at NAZ will be April 14, 21, 28 and May 5.

Please email Deb Rhoades at deb.rhoades@naz.org or call her at 266-7589, ext. 101, for more information.

Announcements

Body Recall Class: MWF from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center Gym. Class begins on March 7 and meets until mid-May. Questions? Contact Linnea Graen at rlgraen@cfu.net.

Shepherd Staff will meet on Monday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 160.

Room Reservations: Especially with Bethel Hall renovations underway, it is important that reservations are made when rooms are needed at NAZ. Please contact Julia at julia.voss@naz.org or 319-266-7589, ext. 131 to reserve a room for your meeting, event or activity.

H2 Jamaica: Please continue to pray for the Medical Mission Team in Jamaica as they continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in bringing Hope and Health to the people there.



“The Mustard Seed Construction Project”

(photo by Pastor Bob Ericson, February 16, 2016)

Job Opening

Blessed Beginnings is seeking a full-time lead teacher for three-year-olds. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please email Jackie Moyer, Director of Blessed Beginnings, at jackie.moyer@naz.org or call her at 319-266-2503 for more information.



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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

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



**GIVING UP
MORE THAN JUST
Chocolate**

Giving Up Expectations

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and lean not on your own understanding.*

(Proverbs 3:5)

February 21, 2016

February 21, 2016 — Giving Up Expectations

Sermon - *Giving Up Expectations* (Laura Sohl-Cryer)
Today's Texts - Genesis 12:1-4a and John 3:1-17

8:30 a.m.

Prelude - *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* (J.S. Bach)
Gathering Hymn - **Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove** - #475 (green)
Hymn of the Day - **When Peace, like a River** - #346 (green)
Offering - *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* (Parrish)
Sending Hymn - **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound** - #448 (green)
Postlude - *Prelude in Classic Style* (Young)

9:50 a.m.

Prelude
Gathering Song - **Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove** - #475 (green)
Offering - **When Peace, like a River** - #346 (green)
Distribution - *It is Well* (ensemble)
Sending Song - **Blessed Be Your Name**

11:10 a.m.

Opening Worship - **This is Amazing Grace**
Offering - **Good Good Father**
Closing Worship - **It is Well**
- **Blessed Be Your Name**

Worship Assistants

Nathaniel Parrish - Director of Music (8:30)
Nicki Toliver - Cantor and Nazareth Choir Director (8:30)
Juanita Kimpston - Reader (8:30)
Janelle Kimpston - Soloist (8:30)
Brennan Davis - Reader (9:50)
Jordan McDonald - Worship Leader (11:10)
Sarah Bey - Reader (11:10)

A Special 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. 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.

Naz Notes

Read It:
Proverbs 3

Watch It:
"In the Meantime" video series by Andy Stanley: What do you do when there's nothing you can do? What do you do when you have a problem that seems to have no solution? Your job, your marriage, or your life is stuck. You're miles from ideal with no good options. What do you do? This six-part video series digs for Biblical answers to these difficult questions. Find it online at:

northpoint.org/messages/in-the-meantime

Live It:
Pray: Begin each day this week by thanking God for the many blessings He has placed into your life, especially for the gift of grace through Jesus Christ.

Decide: Make a conscious decision to daily replace the expectations you have for your own life with a deepening trust for God's good and perfect will.

Forgive: Intentionally offer both compassion and forgiveness to people around you who do not live up to your expectations.

Lent at Nazareth

Lenten Wednesday Night Worship Services
B.L.E.S.S. Sermon Series at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, February 17 to March 16



Pastor Denny Hanson will be speaking on February 24, addressing the topic of "Listen".

Food and Fellowship

Lenten Soup Suppers
5:00 to 5:45 p.m.
Wednesdays, February 17 to March 23
Fellowship Hall and Rooms 151/153
Freewill donations accepted.

~Menu for Wednesday, February 24~
Soups: Ham & Bean and Cream of Potato
Also served each week:
Cheese sandwiches Crackers
Carrots Hot Dogs
Lemonade and Coffee Cookies

Senior Fellowship Luncheons
Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Thursdays, February 18 to March 24
Speaker for February 25: Andy Walser
Message: *I am the Bread of Life*

Please RSVP to Barb Burbridge by calling her at 266-7589, ext. 111 or by emailing her at barb.burbridge@naz.org. Cost of the meal is \$5.

~Menu for Thursday, February 25~
Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Dinner Roll, Cherry Fluff, Dessert

Today at Nazareth

The flowers at the altar today are in loving memory of Clayton and Geri Hanson, from their family.

Known To Be Hospitalized (as of February 16)
Leon Tollefson, Bess Christman & Phyllis Ver Ploeg

Our Deepest Sympathy to Andrei and Kelly Valiev and their family as they grieve the loss of their premature infant daughter, Baile Atha.

Membership Directories: Pick up your 2016 Nazareth Membership Directory TODAY at the Welcome Desk.

Did you know? In some Lutheran congregations, it is customary to change liturgies during particular church seasons, such as Lent and Advent. This morning, at our 8:30 service, we will introduce a new Lenten Kyrie and use it as we move towards Easter. Additionally, as we continue our Lenten journey, we will omit our Hymn of Praise that typically follows the Kyrie. Please follow the direction of our cantors and the music on our screen to participate!

Local Spring Break Service Opportunities

~Sort food items at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank

~Serve noon meals at the Salvation Army

~Work a day on a Habitat for Humanity House

Sign up today in Fellowship Hall to serve during the week of March 14-19. Contact Pastor Denny with for more information at dennis.hanson@naz.org.

Cookies and Carrots are needed for the Lenten Soup Suppers. If you would like to donate either of these tasty treats, please sign up at the Welcome Desk today.

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

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