

**Annual Congregational Meeting Set
Sunday, January 31 - 9:45 a.m.**

Nazareth will hold their Annual Meeting & Celebration on Sunday, January 31 at 9:45 a.m. in the Worship Center. Please mark your calendar for this important meeting. Services for Sunday, January 31 will be at 8:30 a.m. and 11:10 a.m.

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.

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
 - Childcare provided
 - \$100 scholarship for Nazareth members
 - Register at perspectives.org

2016 Nazareth Directories

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

**Local Missions Spotlight for January
New Aldaya Lifescapes**

New Aldaya Lifescapes is Nazareth's neighbor and a premiere retirement and lifestyle center in the community. It was founded by seven Lutheran churches and is a leader in non-profit senior services. Nazareth has a long-standing ministry with New Aldaya. Many of our members are residents there as well. Volunteers are sought to help with the many activities that they offer. Whether you can volunteer once or on a regular basis, please visit the Local Missions bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or call Spencer, at 268-0401 for more information.

Cookies for New Aldaya needed for January

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to bring three dozen cookies for January 10, 17, 24, 31. Your help is appreciated!

Monthly Bible Study for Women of Nazareth

A new four-session study (January - April) will begin January 13 and January 14 on the Book of Philippians. Choose a time that fits your schedule and join us!

Wednesday, January 13 - 9:15 a.m. - Rm. 156
Thursday, January 14 - 7 a.m. - Rm. 156
Thursday, January 14 - 9:15 a.m. - Rm. 156/158
Thursday, January 14 - 7 p.m. - Glen Meadows

Help Needed for College-Age Meals

We are in need of people to help prepare, serve and clean up a free supper offered to the College-Age community each Thursday night this spring at Nazareth. We are looking for teams of 3-4 people! Dinners start on January 14th! If you are interested, please contact Sara Rockow at sara.rockow@naz.org or 515-227-6291.

**Giving Voice for Iowa Children & Families
Lutheran Day on the Hill**

Please join Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA for Lutheran Day on the Hill, an annual day of advocacy in Des Moines to uplift the needs of our neighbors! The event will be held Wednesday, February 17. Visit www.LSIowa.org/advocacy beginning January 6 for event details.



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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
brian.king@naz.org

Pastor Denny Hanson

Associate Pastor
dennis.hanson@naz.org

Pastor Bob Ericson

Visitation/Teaching Pastor
bob.ericson@naz.org

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 on the Prayer Chain.



"For He chose us in Him (Christ) before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons and daughters through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will - to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves".

Ephesians 1: 4 - 6

January 3, 2016

Sermon - "Orphan Train" - Pastor Dennis Hanson

Today's Texts - Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:10-18

8:30 a.m.

Prelude - Video

Gathering Song - *As with Gladness Men of Old* - #82 (green)

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

Distribution Hymns - #474 (green); #476 (green); #75 (green)

Postlude - *As With Gladness Men of Old* (arr. Wold)

9:50 a.m.

Prelude - Video

Gathering Song - *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship* (ensemble)

Offering - *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Distribution - *Medley of Christmas Carols*

Sending Song - *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* (ensemble)

11:10 a.m.

Come Now Is the Time to Worship

Indescribable

Offering - *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Distribution - *Medley of Christmas Carols*

Sending Song - *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Worship Assistants

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

Enrique Ochoa - Worship Leader (11:10)

Readers:

Sue O'Brien (8:30)

Maureen Hanson (9:50)

Joel Ochoa (11:10)

A Special Welcome to Our Visitors

We are glad you are here! Please stop by the Welcome Desk for a special gift. If you are a guest today, please feel no obligation to give. If you already know the love and grace of God in your life, we invite you to respond generously and joyfully as you give!

Naz Notes

Read It

Ephesians 1: 1-23

John 15: 1-17

Watch It

"Orphan Train" - PBS Special

Live It

How does the wonder that God chose in His grace to adopt us (not leaving us orphaned) impact our daily lives?

Who are the "orphaned" among us this week who need to experience the good news that Jesus has come to restore hope and purpose?

Pray for Bremwood and Beloit Children's Homes (Lutheran Services of Iowa), as they work to provide shelter, counseling, as well as emotional and spiritual love to children of Iowa.



Coming Events

Interested in Becoming a Member of Nazareth?

The next BELONG Class for membership at Nazareth will be April 13, 20, 27, and May 4. Please email Deb Rhoades at deb.rhoades@naz.org or call her at 266-7589, ext. 101 for more information.

ALPHA Evangelism Course Begins in January

A new Alpha Class starts January 10 - March 6 at 9:45 a.m in Bethel Hall. No cost to attend. For more information, contact Jenny Nelson at jenny.nelson@naz.org or sign up at Naz Next Steps table in Fellowship Hall.

Servant Leadership Training at Nazareth

Capstone Curriculum Module 2 • Kingdom of God To be held 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

Winter Discipleship U Classes Begin in January

for Adult Learners of all ages! Register for classes today at Naz Next Steps table in Fellowship Hall or online at www.naz.org

Student Activities - Resume in January

CHAOS, KidzWow and JUMP56 will start back up at Nazareth on Wednesday, January 13 and BigHouse will begin at 7 p.m. at Orchard Hill Church. BASIC will begin January 14 with Thursday night dinner at Nazareth Lutheran Church. KidzRock and Confirmation will start back on Sunday, January 10.

Eat & Greet Resumes January 13 at 5 p.m.

Dinner will be in Fellowship Hall. \$4/person - \$15 max/family. Kids under 3 eat free.

Sign Up for Ski & Shop - Junior High Students

(CHAOS) and leaders will go on their Annual Ski & Shop February 20-21 to Afton Alps. Please sign up today in Fellowship Hall or contact Logan Mundt at logan.mundt@naz.org for more information! Registration deadline is February 12.

CARAVAN 2016 will be heading to New York City

July 30 - August 7. For more information visit the Welcome Desk or go on line at cedarvalleystudents.org - Registration is now open!

Nazareth News

Flowers at the Altar are in memory of Robert L. Peters, from Dave & Cindy Peters and Esther Peters. Flowers at the Pulpit are in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Dick & Judy VandeKieft.

Flowers last Sunday, December 27, were in memory of Judy Magee from Daryl Magee and Robert Knight from Mary Lou Knight.

Known to be Hospitalized as of December 30 Steven T. Shafer.

Nazareth extends condolences to the families and friends of Marilyn Gordon (Dec. 17); Elsie Ehlert (Dec. 21); Virginia Adams (Dec. 22); and Sylvia Llewellyn (Dec. 23).

Thank You from Bill Graves "for the flowers received for my 90th birthday - one of the many blessings from God expressed through acts of Christian caring by Nazareth congregation, pastors, and staff."

The IF Gathering for Women - February 5-6

This event will take place at Nazareth Lutheran Church, and will gather, equip, and unleash this generation of women to live out God's calling in their lives! Please contact Jenny Nelson at jenny.nelson@naz.org for more information.

Thursday Fellowship Meals will start back up on January 7. Cost is \$5; and reservations are appreciated. Please call the Church Office at 266-7589 by Wednesdays at noon.

Menu for January 7th

Chicken Rice Casserole

Garden Salad

Peas

Dessert



The Next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 11 - Congregational input - 7 p.m. The Finance Committee meets Monday, January 10 at 6 p.m.

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

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