

First, We Give of Ourselves: Giving in Gratitude

Today is one of joy and gratitude! We give thanks for the mission that God has given us and the gifts to use in this important work we have in sharing God's love in Jesus Christ. We also celebrate our joy and gratitude for the opportunity to share and grow our gifts for ministry, whether they be those of time, talent, or financial resources.

During Worship today, we have the opportunity to give in gratitude, as we indicate how we plan to share our gifts for ministry this coming year. Please bring your commitment card forward and place it in the offering plate.

Thank you God for your abundant blessings in our lives, especially your Son, Jesus Christ. Open our hearts in gratitude and delight as we receive your gifts and use them for ministry in our congregation, family, and community.



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.

Stewardship News

Ingathering Sunday is TODAY!

If you are unable to turn in your commitment card today, you can still return your stewardship materials in one of the following ways:

- Bring them to worship on Sunday, November 22
- Bring them to Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday, November 25
- Mail them to Nazareth at 7401 University Ave., Cedar Falls, IA 50613

We will build the 2016 budget upon your response. Thank you for serving God's Kingdom through Nazareth Lutheran Church and for **"giving out of love for Christ in the area of your faith."**

Automated Payments Make Giving Simple

"Simply Giving" is a convenient, safe, and simple way for individuals to make automatic payments to Nazareth through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from checking or savings accounts. To learn more, visit www.naz.org

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 in Fellowship Hall today!

Service Opportunities

Pies for Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social

We need 40 pies of all kinds
Deliver to Nazareth by 6:00 p.m. • November 25
Please sign up at the Welcome Desk today.

Pies Needed for Boys & Girls Club

We need 40 pies delivered to Nazareth by Monday, November 23 to be delivered to the Boys & Girls Club on November 24. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk today.

Light the Advent Candles

Volunteers are needed to light the advent candles at all three worship services on November 29, December 6, 13 & 20. Sign up today at the Welcome Desk to light the candles at the service of your choice.

Donate Cookies to NewAldaya Christmas Party

Festive Christmas cookies are needed for NewAldaya's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 6. If you would like to donate 3 dozen cookies to our friends at NewAldaya, please sign up at the Welcome Desk today!

Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church

7401 University Avenue
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613
319.266.7589 • www.naz.org

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



"...their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part."

2 Corinthians 8:2

November 15, 2015

Ingathering Sunday

Sermon - "Giving in Gratitude" - Pastor Brian King
Today's Texts - 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; Mark 12:41-44

8:30 a.m.

Prelude - *O God Beyond All Praising* (Holst/Farlee)
Gathering Song - *Come, Thou Almighty King* - #522 (green)
Hymn of the Day - *For the Fruit of All Creation* #563 (green)
Offering/In Gathering - *I Surrender All*;
I Give Myself Away (Larry Johannsen - solo)
Sending Song - *Now Thank We All Our God* - #534 (green)

9:50 a.m.

Prelude
Gathering Song - *Come, Thou Almighty King* - #522 (green)
Offering/In Gathering - *I Surrender All* (instrumental)
I Give Myself Away (ensemble)
Distribution - *How Great is the Love* (ensemble)
Sending Song - *For the Fruit of All Creation* (ensemble)

11:10 a.m. *Your Love Never Fails; This is Amazing Grace; Great Are You Lord; Here is Our King*

Worship Assistants

Nathaniel Parrish - Director of Music (8:30/9:50)
Enrique Ochoa - Worship Leader (11:10)
Heather Williamson - Cantor (8:30)
Readers - Adrian Talbot (8:30); Marcia Haugen (9:50) Nancy Graen (11:10)
Kids of the Kingdom Directors - Denny & Marcia Haugen (11:10)

A Special Welcome to Our Visitors

Whether you're visiting from across town or out of state, we're glad you're here! Please stop by the Welcome Desk for an information packet and special gift.

Wondering about giving an offering? If you're 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.

Read It!

Take a deeper look at the Gospel of Mark and 2 Corinthians.

Read them in their entirety this week with any eye toward what these scriptures express in terms of the gifts in our lives and how it is that we are invited to share these gifts with others.

Watch It!

Mr. Holland's Opus - a frustrated composer finds fulfillment as a high school music teacher. The lesson of gratitude and sacrifice comes when he sacrifices his own career to help the kids.

Live It!

Consider what it means to you to give in gratitude. Think about a gift you received in your past and the difference it made to you; then look for an opportunity this week to share a similar gift with someone else in order to bless them.

Service Opportunities Local Missions Christmas Outreach Projects Sign Up Today • Fellowship Hall

✳

Angel Tree

This ministry provides Christmas gifts to the children of prisoners in the Cedar Valley.

✳

Adopt-A-Family

Brighten the holidays for families from Highland Elementary School in Waterloo, our Partner in Education. Purchase a new school uniform, hygiene and housecleaning essentials, and a family game.

✳

Deliver Christmas Food Baskets

Christmas food baskets for our neighbors in need will be delivered on Saturday, December 12. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall on delivery day for homemade bagels and muffins.

"**Letters from War**" artist **Mark Schultz** is coming to Naz on Monday, December 14, 7 p.m. "A Different Kind of Christmas" concert tickets can be purchased for \$15 online at itickets.com or at the Welcome Desk starting November 22.

Job Vacancy 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, and bulk mailings, and for scheduling ministry meetings and events. Complete job description can be found at www.naz.org. Send cover letter, resume, and application to angie.rath@naz.org or mail to Nazareth Lutheran Church, 7401 University Avenue, Cedar Falls IA 50613 - ATTN: Angie Rath.

Sign Up for Daily Texts 2016 - TODAY

Orders for *Daily Texts 2016* will be taken today at the Welcome Desk. Copies are \$6.00 each and payment is required when ordering.

Known to Be Hospitalized (as of Nov 10)

Joanne Helland; Joan Tange,

Nazareth Extends Condolences To

Markeata Schuler and family at the death of her son, Kelly Schuler. (Nov. 8)

Thank You

From Robert L. Hedlund and family to Pastor Denny Hanson for his message at the funeral of his loving wife, Fran, and for all the visits from Andy Walser and to all their friends who sent cards and flowers.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 25
6 p.m. • Worship Center
Pastor Bob Ericson will present the message
A pie social follows in Bethel Hall

The Ultimate Christmas Extravaganza

A Special Event for Families
Sunday, December 13 • 4:00 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 319-266-7589 or kim.hansen@naz.org

Give a Meaningful Gift this Holiday Season

The next Blood Drive at Nazareth will be Tuesday, December 1 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Please sign up at Welcome Desk today or schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org. Or call Deb Rhoades at 266-7589, ext. 101.

Eat & Greet Wednesday Meals

Wednesday, November 18 Menu:
Turkey & Mashed Potatoes
5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. • Fellowship Hall

Thursday Fellowship Luncheon

November 19 Menu: Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes
12 noon • Fellowship Hall. All Nazareth offices will be closed November 26-27 for Thanksgiving holiday.

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

HOLY
DISCONTENT

RESPONSIVENESS

RELATIONSHIPS

LEADING BEYOND
OUR WALLS

