

Christmas Eve Services - New This Year!

Wednesday, December 23:

7 p.m. - Contemporary with Communion

Thursday, December 24:

3 p.m. - Family Service

4:30 & 6 p.m. - Traditional Services

10 p.m. - Candlelight Service with Communion

Order Your Christmas Poinsettia TODAY!

Order your poinsettia at the Welcome Desk or stop by the Reception Desk during the week.

Cost: \$12. All poinsettias are given to the honor and glory of God.

Thank You for Your Pledge

Thank you to all who have participated in the Fall Fellowship Ingathering. We will build our 2016 budget on your response.

If you have not had the opportunity to return your pledge card and *Naz Next Steps* sheet, you may still do so in one of the following ways:

- Bring them to a worship service and place in offering plate
- Mail them to Nazareth:

7401 University Ave, Cedar Falls IA 50613

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

Please Help Decorate Trees TODAY at Nazareth Sunday, November 29 • 12:30 p.m.
Decorate Christmas trees throughout the building!

Light the Advent Candles

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

Christmas Eve Ushers & Greeters needed at all services. Please sign up in Usher's Room or the Welcome Desk.

Christmas Caroling • Sunday, December 6

Shepherd Staff is organizing groups to sing carols to people in their homes and Care Facilities in the Cedar Valley. If you want to join, please contact Pastor Denny Hanson at 266-7589, ext. 129.

Assist New Aldaya in helping residents on Sundays to and from their room or apartment to the Chapel for the month of December. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk.



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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

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Pastor Denny Hanson

Associate Pastor
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Pastor Bob Ericson

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Office Hours

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

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In the midst of the hustle and bustle of daily life and worldly concerns, God has shown His great love for us in the Incarnation and birth of Christ among us. God is not distant or absent, but immanent, close and fully present with us in every moment. God promises that He will be found by all who seek Him. Advent is a time when we endeavor to "tune in" and "turn" our hearts to His presence among us, with us, and in us.

November 29, 2015

Sermon - "Finding God in Your Christmas" - Pastor Brian King
Today's Texts - Jeremiah 29:4-14, Matthew 7:7-12

8:30 a.m.

Prelude - *Prelude on Veni, Emmanuel* (arr. Bonington)
Gathering Song - *Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn* - #663 (blue)
Advent Hymn - *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (vs. 1 only) - #34 (green)
Nazareth Choir - *Come to Us, O Promised One* (McGuire/Larson)
Hymn of the Day - *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* - #23 (green)
Offering - *Video* (Danny and Nel Schaefer)
Sending Song - *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* - #25 (green)
Postlude - *Postlude on Veni, Emmanuel* (arr. Powell)

9:50 a.m.

Prelude
Gathering Song - *Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn* - #663 (blue)
Advent Song - *Adore*
Offering - *Video* (Danny and Nel Schaefer)
Distribution - *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* (arr. Davis)
Sending Song - *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* - #25 (green)

11:10 a.m. *Let God Arise; Lord I Need You; O Come, O Emmanuel (instrumental); Joyful (You Are the One Who Saves)*

Worship Assistants

Nathaniel Parrish - Director of Music (8:30/9:50)
Nicki Toliver - Choir Director (8:30)
Enrique Ochoa - Worship Leader (11:10)
Cindy Peters - Reader (8:30)
Maureen Hanson - Reader (9:50)

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. 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.

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

Read It!

Read through the first three chapters of the Gospel of Luke, which sets the stage for the coming of Christ, His birth, and His early years leading up to the beginning of His public ministry. Go to www.luthersem.edu/advent/ and download Luther Seminary's 2015 Advent devotional and large-print devotional, "Creator of the Stars of Night."

Watch It!

Watch the 2006 movie "The Nativity Story" for a good cinematic treatment of the familiar Christmas story. "The Christmas Experience," a small group study on RightNow Media by Kyle Idleman - is great for a mature family devotion.

Live It!

Be part of sharing the blessings of God with others by participating in the service opportunities listed on the opposite page of this bulletin, such as Angel Tree, Adopt-A-Family, or distributing Christmas food baskets. For more Advent/Christmas service ideas, go online and check out the blog of this Christian leader and mom: <http://adrielbooker.com/family-advent-activities-christmas-countdown-fun/>

Service Opportunities • Sign Up Today!

♣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.

♣Give a Meaningful Gift - the next Blood Drive at Nazareth will be Tuesday, December 1 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Sign up at the Welcome Desk today! Blood Drive Volunteers also needed!

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

An Open House in honor of John Peters' 90th Birthday will take place Sunday, December 6 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. • Bethel Hall • All Nazareth families are invited to attend.

Job Vacancies at Nazareth

Please send applications via email to angie.rath@naz.org or mail to 7401 University Ave. Cedar Falls, IA 50613 Attn: Angie Rath
● **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.

Flowers in the Worship Center are in memory of Harold Slawson, John Slawson, and Dee Peterson from Flo Slawson; flowers at the pulpit are from Walt & Dee Senchina; and the roses are in honor of Don & Louise McGinnis' 60th wedding anniversary from their children and grandchildren.

Thank You to Pastor Denny and the many Nazareth friends who prayed for Donna Kirschenmann during her recent hospitalization. The cards, calls, hugs, and emails meant so much and she feels blessed to part of this caring congregation.

Women's Christmas Salad Luncheon

Wednesday, December 9 • 12:15 p.m. • Bethel Hall
All Nazareth women are invited to attend a special Christmas Luncheon. Enjoy good food, good fellowship, and a Bible study, "Imagine... You're Mary", led by Pastor Denny Hanson. Please bring a salad for the luncheon and a donation for our Nazareth food baskets. (cereal, canned goods, meat)

Prayer Shawl Meeting • Tuesday, December 1 at 9 a.m. in Room 158.

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 or if you would like to nominate someone for Church Council, please contact Pastor Brian King at 266-7589, ext. 130.

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.

