

About Nathaniel...

I have always been very involved in various aspects of Nazareth's music ministry. I started as a volunteer accompanist and pianist in 6th grade. Today, I continue my involvement today as the Director of Music and Worship Arts, a position I've held since February, 2015.

I work directly with our Worship Planning Team (including our pastoral, technological, and music staff and volunteers) to plan and produce our weekly worship services and special services (e.g., Lenten services, Thanksgiving Eve, etc.), including weddings and funerals. I am a pianist and organist and - as such - work closely with our Nazareth Choir; Carillon Ringers Bell Choir; and various worship teams, vocalists, and instrumentalists. I also work closely with our non-music worship volunteers, including our ushers, greeters, communion servers, Scripture readers, and Altar Guild.

My music interests include composing and arranging music, particularly around traditional hymns that can be creatively re-imagined through alternative harmonizations; I enjoy finding ways that jazz traditions can inform church music. My non-music interests include spending time with my family, playing games, fishing in/near the Boundary Waters, traveling, following Minnesota sports teams (Twins & Vikings), attending UNI Volleyball games, watching UNI and Iowa Hawkeye football and basketball, attending summer art/music festivals and GBPAC/WCF SO performances, reading (fiction & non-fiction), and volunteering with Habitat for Humanity.

One of my favorite verses is...Can a woman forget her nursing child. Or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget. Yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. --Isaiah 49:15-16