

## Advent and Christmas

**Advent Soup Suppers** will be held Wednesdays (December 5, 12, and 19) from 5:00-5:45 p.m. followed by the Worship Services at 6:00.

**Christmas Carolers Needed:** Singers of all ages are needed to join the Shepherd's Staff ministry team as they go Christmas caroling to homes and to care facilities on Sunday, December 9, from 2:30-5:00 p.m., with a meal to follow. Sign up at Naz Next Steps.

**Christmas Extravaganza** is a night full of family fun hosted by the Naz Children's Ministry Team on Sunday, December 9, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per family. Please RSVP to [kidz@naz.org](mailto:kidz@naz.org).

**The Women's Advent Luncheon** on December 12th at 12:15 is an opportunity for women of Nazareth to enjoy a time of fellowship, good music, devotions, food and how Lutheran Social Services - Bremwood Campus, in Waverly, is caring for nearly 100 students who have experienced major difficulties in their lives. Pastor Dennis Bauer and several students will present the program, and there will be an opportunity for a free will offering to support the Spiritual Life Program at Bremwood. A special treat will be the return of the Union High School Carolers from La Porte City singing their selections dressed in full Victorian costume. This is a perfect way to kick off your Advent season! All women are welcome! Invite a friend, bring a salad and join us in Bethel Hall at 12:15.

**Making plans for Christmas?** Here is the Nazareth worship schedule for that special week:

- ◆ Sunday, December 23: Worship services will be at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m., and at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, December 24: Worship services will be at 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Questions? Please email [info@naz.org](mailto:info@naz.org) or call the church office at 319-266-7589.

**Greeters are needed** for the Christmas worship services so that all who attend will feel warmly welcomed! Please help us show hospitality to all who join us for these special worship services. To sign up, go to Naz Next Steps today!

## Announcements

**Perspectives Course:** Perspectives on the World Christian Movement is a class that will open the eyes of your heart with fresh knowledge and understanding of God's unchanging purposes and why they're relevant to your life. The 2019 class will be at Cedar Valley Church on Monday evenings, January 14 to April 29 (6:00-9:00 p.m.) Registration is \$250, with a \$100 scholarship available for all Nazareth members. Go to [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org) to sign up before Dec 15th to receive a \$25 Early Bird Discount. For more information, email [cfperspectives@gmail.com](mailto:cfperspectives@gmail.com).

**New Parking Ministry:** To join a new Parking Ministry Team that will help welcome people and direct traffic, please email [brian.king@naz.org](mailto:brian.king@naz.org).

**The ALL HANDS ON DECK** capital campaign is nearing completion, and we are grateful for your continued generosity. Less than \$145,000.<sup>00</sup> remains to fulfill our commitment to missions and to pay off our loan. Now is the time to help us FINISH STRONG! Donations may be made online at [www.naz.org](http://www.naz.org) or by check.

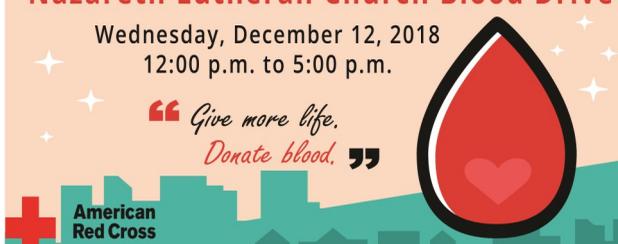
**Job Openings:** Naz is now hiring two part-time Facilities Team Members for evening and weekend hours. Apply online at [www.naz.org/careers.html](http://www.naz.org/careers.html) or email [angie.rath@naz.org](mailto:angie.rath@naz.org) with questions.

**Save the Date** for the *IF:Gathering* in 2019! This event will be hosted at Nazareth on February 8-9. Questions? Email [jenny.nelson@naz.org](mailto:jenny.nelson@naz.org).

**Blood Drive:** Nazareth is hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Wednesday, December 12, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. To get signed up, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-REDCROSS. With questions or to volunteer to be a greeter at the drive, please contact Duane at 319-230-2792.

**Nazareth Lutheran Church Blood Drive**  
Wednesday, December 12, 2018  
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

“ Give more life.  
Donate blood. ”



American Red Cross



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evangelical lutheran church

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**  
7401 University Avenue  
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613  
319.266.7589

**Sunday Worship Services**  
9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

**Pastor Brian King**  
Senior Pastor  
[brian.king@naz.org](mailto:brian.king@naz.org)

**Pastor Denny Hanson**  
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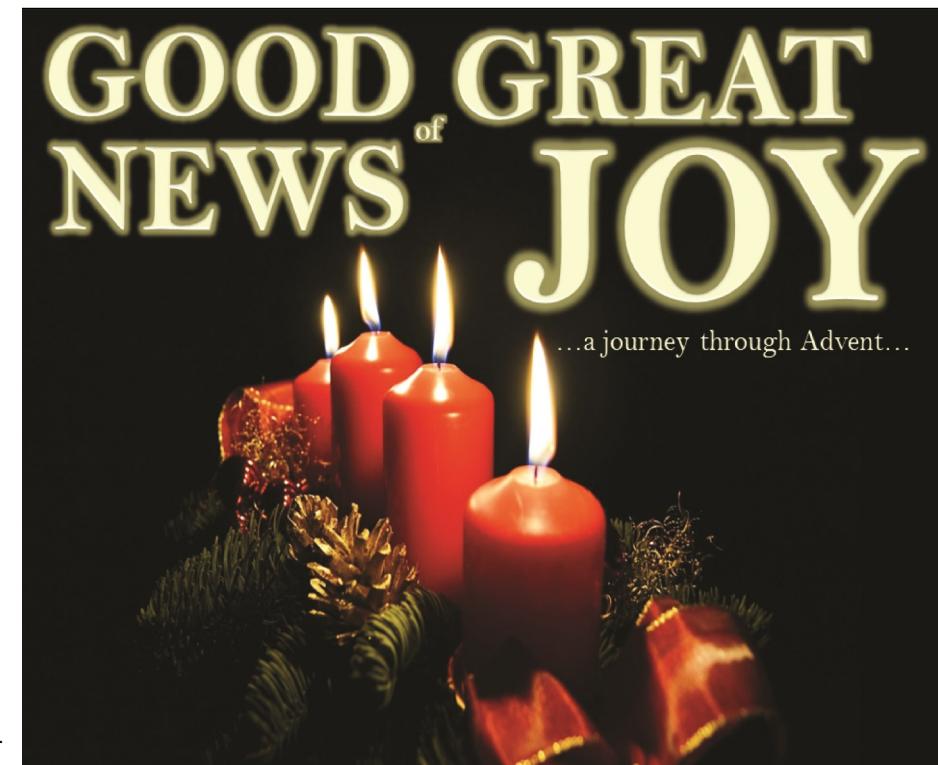
**Pastor Bob Ericson**  
Visitation/Teaching Pastor  
[bob.ericson@naz.org](mailto:bob.ericson@naz.org)

**Office Hours**  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to Noon  
Friday

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

**Connect with Nazareth!**  
[www.naz.org](http://www.naz.org)  
[facebook.com/MyNazareth](https://facebook.com/MyNazareth)  
[twitter.com/mynazchurch](https://twitter.com/mynazchurch)  
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**Be Invitational!**  
Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to worship with us at Nazareth.



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December 2, 2018

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Sermon - *In Good Times and Bad Times,  
There Is Always Good News of Great Joy!*

- Pastor Brian King

Today's Texts - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Luke 21:25-36

9:00 a.m.

Prelude - Hymn Requests

Gathering Hymn - *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* - #244 (red)

Advent Hymn - *Oh Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel* - #257 (red) (vs. 1)

Special Music - *Savior of the Nations, Come* (arr. Kramer)  
- Carillon Ringers

Children's Song - *O Little Town of Bethlehem* - #279 (vs. 1, 4)

Offering - *Come to Us, O Promised One* (Larson)  
- Nazareth Choir

Communion - *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
- *Wonderful Merciful Savior*  
- *Shine On Us*

Postlude - *Noël Suisse* (Daquin)

10:45 a.m.

Opening Worship - *Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

Offering/Advent Song - *Build My Life*

Communion - *Come As You Are*

Closing Worship - *I Belong to You*

Worship Assistants

Nathaniel Parrish, Director of Music and Worship Arts (9:00)

Nicki Toliver, Nazareth Choir Director (9:00)

Jim Buschkamp, Reader (9:00)

Jordan McDonald, Director of Music and Worship Arts (10:45)

Wendy Johnson, Reader (10:45)

Advent Candle Lighters

The Husted Family (9:00) and The Foster Family (10:45)

Prayer of the Day

*Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection, alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

While we recognize that people are moved to worship and respond to God in many and various ways ranging from silence to applause, hands folded, or arms outstretched, at Nazareth we understand that ALL our varied worship responses are intended to give glory and thanks to God alone as the focus of our worship and praise.

## Naz Notes

### New to Naz?

Whether you're joining us from across town, from out of state or beyond...we are so glad you are here! Please take a moment to stop by the Welcome Desk this morning to pick up an information packet and a special gift!

**You are welcome here!**

## Serve

**Advent Candle Lighters Needed:** Would your family like to light Advent Candles during a Sunday morning Worship Service in December? Please sign up to select your date and service time at Naz Next Steps today.

**Local Missions Christmas Outreach:** *Join us in leading beyond our walls this Christmas!*

- \* Provide Christmas gifts to Blessed Beginnings Classrooms and to those in need in our community through a Local Missions Giving Tree partnership with Exceptional Persons Incorporated (E.P.I.) and Angel Tree Prison Fellowship Ministry.
- \* Adopt a family from Highland Elementary School (our Partner in Education) and other local schools by purchasing new school uniforms, personal care and household items, and a family game.
- \* Pack and deliver Salvation Army Christmas food boxes and Angel Tree Gifts for our neighbors in need December 7-8.
- \* Be a Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army! Go to [redkettle.volunteerlocal.com](http://redkettle.volunteerlocal.com) to select a date, time and location to ring (at least 24 hours in advance to help with scheduling).

Please go to Naz Next Steps or learn more today. This is a great opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community this Advent season! We continue to thank you for your overwhelming generosity! With questions, email [info@naz.org](mailto:info@naz.org).

### NAZ LOCAL MISSIONS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH



## Today at Nazareth

**The flowers at the altar** are to remind us of the Hope of the Advent Season.

**Hospitalized** (as of November 27): Loren Heeren and Audrey Williams

**Our Deepest Sympathy** to Cindy Wilson and Melaine Miller as they mourn the death of their father.

**Baptism:** Karson Guetzlaff, son of Erik Guetzlaff and Tammy Guetzlaff was baptized in Larsen Chapel on Thursday evening.

**Sunday Morning V.I.P. Gatherings Begin TODAY!** Beginning THIS MORNING...at 8:30 and 10:15 a.m., we will begin hosting five-minute "V.I.P." (Vision, Information, Prayer) meetings for all ushers, greeters, and worship assistants in the Chapel.

**"Love Gifts"** to support the Kits and Quilts Ministry will be sold this morning and next Sunday, December 9, in Fellowship Hall.

**Join Bill and Suzie Zimmerman** as they lead a study based on the Advent Devotionals - Sundays, in Room 158 - December 2, 9, & 16 - from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

**The Christmas BASIC Worship Service** will be held at Nazareth TONIGHT at 7:00 p.m., with a congregational soup supper at 6:00 p.m. in Bethel and Fellowship Halls, and a Jazz Prelude at 6:45 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME to join our college-age community for an evening of worship, fellowship and teaching!

**Order Forms for Nazareth T-Shirts** are available today at the Welcome Desk. These make great gifts!

**Poinsettias:** To order a poinsettia plant for the Worship Center during our Christmas services, go to the Welcome Desk. Cost of each poinsettia is \$12.

**Wheelchair Pushers** are needed to help NewAldaya residents get to and from Sunday Chapel services. Nazareth has committed to providing volunteers to help with this all throughout the month of December. Please go to Naz Next Steps to learn more or sign up.

**Help for the Food Pantry and Blessed Beginnings:** For December, the Nazareth Food Pantry is seeking donations of canned soup; the Blessed Beginnings Learning Center is seeking donations of baby food (no mixed flavors) and baby cereal (rice or oatmeal). Please deliver donations to the Welcome Desk.