

## Advent and Christmas

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

**The Women's Advent Luncheon** on December 12 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 to share and join us in Bethel Hall

**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.

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for CHRISTMAS EVE "EVE" and CHRISTMAS EVE.

Sign up at Naz Next Steps today!

## Announcements

### Nazareth Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 12, 2018  
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

“Give more life.  
Donate blood.”



**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.

**The Prayer Shawl Team** will meet on Thursday, December 13, at 11:00 for a Christmas party and will be going out to eat lunch afterwards. All members are invited. Email [dixienederhoff@gmail.com](mailto:dixienederhoff@gmail.com) for details.

**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.



# 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.

**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**  
Associate Pastor  
[dennis.hanson@naz.org](mailto:dennis.hanson@naz.org)

**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)  
[instagram.com/mynazchurch](https://instagram.com/mynazchurch)

**Be Invitational!**  
Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to worship with us at Nazareth.



## A People Prepared

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Sermon - ***A People Prepared***

- Nikki Britzman

Today's Texts - Psalm 100, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Luke 1:5-25;39-45, 57-66

### 9:00 a.m.

Prelude - *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645* (J. S. Bach)

Gathering Hymn - ***Prepare the Royal Highway*** - #264 (red)

Special Music - *The Thrill of Hope* (Wesley/Knockles)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Special Music - *Come, Blessed Promised One* (Schubert/Fettke)

- Nazareth Choir

Children's Song - ***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*** - #276 (red)

Special Music - *Even So, Come* (Tomlin)

- Wayne Jacobson, solo

Offering - ***Holy Child within the Manger***

Sending Hymn - ***Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*** - #242 (red)

Postlude - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (arr. Young)

### 10:45 a.m.

Opening Worship - ***Oh Come All Ye Faithful***

Offering/Advent Song - *Even So Come*

Closing Worship - ***The Lion and The Lamb***

### Worship Assistants

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

Nicki Toliver, Nazareth Choir Director (9:00)

Juanita Kimpston, Reader (9:00)

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

### Advent Candle Lighters

The Smith Family (9:00) and The Olson Family (10:45)

### Prayer of the Day

*Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming, give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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

**Local Missions Christmas Outreach:** THANK YOU to all who provided Angel Tree and E.P.I. Christmas gifts, to all who "adopted-a-family" from Highland Elementary and to all who helped pack and deliver Salvation Army Food Boxes this past weekend! There are still several ways to serve locally this Advent Season:

- \* **Provide Christmas gifts to Blessed Beginnings** Classrooms through their Giving Tree. Pick up an ornament from the tree in Fellowship Hall this morning and return the gift listed on the ornament to the Welcome Desk.
- \* **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).
- \* **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 today. This is a great opportunity to shine for Jesus in our community this Advent season!

## Connect

**Information Updates:** Have there been changes to your phone number, email address, and/or mailing address? Or, are you heading south for the winter? If so, please contact Lori Fegley at 319-266-7589 to provide an update.

**The 2019 Flower Book** is ready. To donate flowers in honor of a special anniversary or in memory of someone, etc. please contact Lori Fegley in the church office at 319-266-7589.

**Sundays with Student Ministry** is TODAY in Fellowship Hall from 10:00-10:45. Students are invited to stop by the Student Ministry table near the Welcome Desk for donuts and coffee.

## Today at Nazareth

**The flowers at the altar** are in celebration of John and Donna Tucker's 58th anniversary.

**The flowers at the pulpit** are in loving memory of Dean Primrose from Beth Primrose and Brad, Polly, Sawyer and Conner Jacobson.

**The flowers at the piano** are in honor of David and Carolyn Haugebak's 50th anniversary.

**Hospitalized** (as of December 4): Loren Heeren, James Jacobson and Kelly Wolf

**Baptized Today** at the 10:45 service is William Ross Walsworth, son of Joel and Katie Walsworth.

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

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

**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 TODAY from 2:30-5:00 p.m., with a meal to follow. Sign up at Naz Next Steps.

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

**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.

December Donations	
<i>Nazareth Food and Essentials Pantry</i>	<i>The Blessed Beginnings Learning Center</i>
 Donation Needs for the Month: - Soup	Donation Needs for the Month: - Baby food (no mixed foods) - Baby cereal (oatmeal or rice)