

Naz Next Steps: SERVE

Baby Bottle Drive: Support the Alternatives Pregnancy Center by picking up a baby bottle at the Naz Next Steps area today. Over the next month, place in your change, dollars and checks and return the filled bottles to the Naz Reception Desk during the week or to the Naz Next Steps area on Sunday mornings. All bottles must be turned in no later than Sunday, February 5. To learn about mission of the Alternatives Pregnancy Center, go to www.alternativescenter.org.

BASIC (college-age ministry) is seeking new and/or used iPads or iPhones to utilize for their ministry and ministry partners. Donations may be left at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or the Reception Desk during the week. With questions, email sara.rockow@naz.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: All are welcome to help create prayer shawls at NewAldaya on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:00-10:00 a.m. The next meeting will be THIS Tuesday, January 17. Don't know how to knit? We would love to teach you. Call Karolyn Haugebak at 277-2294 to RSVP or for more information.

Kits and Quilts: Join us at the Kits and Quilts workdays this Monday, January 16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon and/or this Tuesday, January 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, please email sandra.heller@cfu.net.

Announcements

Our deepest sympathy to Vernetta Bennett and her family and friends as they mourn the loss of Wendell Bennett; and to the family and friends of Neoma Petersen as they grieve her death.

CHAOS Ski and Shop: All 7th, 8th and 9th graders are invited to join us for Ski & Shop February 11-12. Details about the trip can be found on the CHAOS Events link at www.cedarvalleystudents.org. With questions, please email logan.mundt@naz.org.

Announcements, cont.

U.S. and World Missions Partner Visit: Kent and Shelly, our Nazareth Mission Partners serving both in southeast Asia and the U.S., will be at Nazareth to talk about their work next Sunday, January 22. Along with speaking briefly at each of the three worship services, they will be giving a presentation and answering questions regarding their ministry beginning at 9:55 a.m. in Bethel Hall. Join us!

Celebration of Mission and Ministry: Please make plans to attend our annual Celebration of Mission and Ministry (formerly known as the "Annual Meeting") on Sunday, January 29, in the Worship Center at 9:50 a.m. We will celebrate all that God has done in and through the people of Nazareth this past year. It is a blessing and an honor to partner with each of you, and we truly hope you are able to attend.

The Word of God...Making All Things New

The Word of God...Making All Things New: We invite and challenge all of our congregation members and guests to commit anew to reading the Bible on a daily basis and to opening your life to its transformational power in 2017!

The Bible Project: We encourage each person here to go to the Naz Next Steps area today to learn about *The Bible Project* daily devotion plan/online video resource/app, to find other Bible Study resources, and/or to connect with a Bible Study or Discipleship U group to help you as you discover and rediscover the Word of God. We are planning to kick off a congregation-wide *Bible Project* and *Read Scripture* Challenge, beginning on Sunday, February 5.

Local Missions Highlight

NewAldaya: For more than half a century, NewAldaya has been enhancing lives through a commitment to individualized care in a retirement community empowered by God's love. To discover more about the mission of NewAldaya or to learn about partnership or giving opportunities, go to their website at www.newaldaya.org or call 319-268-0401.



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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.

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Sunday Worship Services
8:30, 9:50 & 11:10 a.m.

Pastor Brian King
Senior Pastor
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Pastor Denny Hanson
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Pastor Bob Ericson
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Office Hours
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

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

Connect with Nazareth!
www.naz.org
twitter.com/mynazchurch
facebook.com/MyNazareth
instagram.com/mynazchurch

Be Invitational!
We encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you in worship here at Nazareth.



What is the "Word of God"?

SKI & SHOP

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Sermon - *What is the Word of God?* (Laura Sohl-Cryer)
Today's Texts - 2 Timothy 3:14-17 and John 1:1-5, 14

8:30 a.m.

Prelude - *Variations on Ein Feste Burg* (arr. Clarke)
Gathering Hymn - **O Word of God Incarnate** - #231 (green) (alt. tune)
Nazareth Choir - *Thy Word* (arr. McGuire)
Offering - *Variations on Ein Feste Burg* (arr. Clarke)
Sending Hymn - **God's Word is Our Great Heritage** - #239 (green)
Postlude - *Variations on Ein Feste Burg* (arr. Clarke)

9:50 a.m.

Gathering Song - **My Lighthouse**
Offering - **Speak, O Lord**
Communion - *Thy Word*
- *Jesus, Draw Me Close*

11:10 a.m.

Opening Worship - **This is Amazing Grace**
Offering - **Come As You Are**
Closing Worship - **Word of God Speak**
- **My Lighthouse**

Worship Assistants

Nathaniel Parrish - Director of Music (8:30/9:50)
Nicki Toliver - Choir Director (8:30)
Erik Schmidt - Cantor (8:30)
Terry Wiebenga - Reader (8:30)
Kathy Oakland - Reader (9:50)
Jordan McDonald - Worship Leader (11:10)
Connie Hansen - Reader (11:10)

NAZ Notes

Read It! Take the time to read all 176 verses of Psalm 119. As you read, highlight at least five verses that specifically speak to you in your life right now. Write those verses out. Speak them aloud. Memorize them.

Watch It! If you have not already signed up for a *RightNow Media* account, do so today. Then, find a video series to watch that will help you to study the Bible and grow in your relationship with Jesus. There are thousands of excellent resources to choose from. If you're not sure where to start, begin with viewing some of the videos from www.thebibleproject.com and by getting connected with the daily Bible reading plan. Sign up and get access to these resources and more at the Naz Next Steps area.

Live It! Make the intentional choice to read The Word of God on a daily basis. Utilize a devotional such as the book *52 Weeks Through the Bible* by James Merritt. Journal about what you are reading. Talk about what you are reading and learning with your family and friends. Open your heart to the transformational power of The Word of God—defined as both the Holy Scriptures and as Jesus Christ, your Savior.

Church Council Nominees

Name: Matt Reisetter

Family: Married to Jen, with four children: Mason, Jillian, Jentry and Judah

Occupation: U.S. Director for The Life Project

Contact: 319-230-2271 or mattreisetter@yahoo.com

Church Activities: I serve on the Discipleship Team, lead a 7th Grade Boys Confirmation Small Group, and regularly attend the Wednesday noon Men's Bible Study as well as Sunday worship.

How has God prepared you for serving on the Church Council? Growing up with parents who are authentic Christ followers and in a Gospel-centered, Bible-based church (Naz); being challenged and growing spiritually through college, at seminary, on staff here at Naz, and then with great non-profit Christian organizations over the years; and being married to Jen and trying to raise our kids has given me a passion for the Truth of God's Word and a desire to help Naz become a church where everyone (including myself) is increasingly on a path of "anytime, anywhere, at any cost, to do anything" discipleship in Christ, like what Jesus describes in Luke 14:25-33.

Name: Bill Zimmerman

Family: Married to Susie, with three children: Blake, Sami, and Skylar

Occupation: Team Lead for Kruger Seeds and Fontanelle Hybrids (Customer Service Manager)

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Church Activities: I greet and usher for 11:10 service, facilitate Marriage Mentors, Volunteer for CHAOS as a Sign Language Interpreter, have served as a Confirmation Guide for 3 years, and have worked with the Prayer Chain for past couple of years.

How has God prepared you for serving on the Church Council? I feel like God has prepared me by giving me experiences within different areas of our ministry to help me understand some of the many ways that Nazareth serves people. It has been an interesting path that started with our family volunteering to greet and usher that grew into an opportunity to do some sign language interpreting for Promise Keepers then to Confirmation Guide then to Marriage Mentoring. It has been a growth journey within the church and my faith in God – I have appreciated these opportunities that Nazareth has given to me.

Name: David R. Welter

Family: Married to Patricia, with three adult children: John, Robert and Sarah, and two granddaughters

Occupation: Recently Retired Teacher, Coach and School Administrator (Cedar Falls Schools)

Contact Information: 319-404-5022 or david.welter14@gmail.com

Church Activities: Member of Nazareth since 1979, Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsor 1980-1990, Nazareth Young Couples Club 1986-87, Nazareth Youth Council 1986-90, 8th Grade Sunday School Instructor 1986-88, Nazareth Church Council 1989-1991, Chairperson of Evangelism Committee 1989-91, Nazareth Mission Trip to Mexico 2008, Nazareth Call Committee 2009

How has God prepared me for serving on Church Council? Over the years, I have learned that life is about adjustments. Being a cancer survivor has helped me learn that setting apart quiet time to be in God's presence is an important part of each day. Being near Him has helped me get through some difficult times while strengthening my faith and filling me with peace. My life journey has certainly been an adventure, painful at times, but richly rewarding as well. Using His word as a guiding lamp when faced with some "dark moments" has developed a trusting dependence that has been so helpful for me. Doing my best to live each day as a servant leader, while depending on God's unfailing love and guidance has helped prepare me for this opportunity to serve.

Welcome to Our Visitors!

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

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

