

## Opportunities to Serve

**Local Missions Service Opportunities:** Sort food items, pack backpacks for elementary children and/or bags of groceries for elderly people in need at the **Northeast Iowa Food Bank**. Or, work on a **Habitat for Humanity** house (age 18 and over) by priming, painting, and cleaning homes as they are prepared to be dedicated. Sign up today in Fellowship Hall to serve during **SPRING BREAK**, the week of March 14-19, or contact Pastor Denny at [dennis.hanson@naz.org](mailto:dennis.hanson@naz.org).



All men, women and young adults (6th grade and older) are invited to join the Nazareth Choir on Easter Sunday morning, March 27th. Our choir will sing at the 8:30 and 10:00 services, and you may join us for some or all of the morning. Minimal preparation is required: just come to ONE of the rehearsals in the Worship Center on either Wednesday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday, March 27, at 7:45 a.m. All abilities are welcome. For more details or to sign up, please contact Nathaniel Parrish at [nathaniel.parrish@naz.org](mailto:nathaniel.parrish@naz.org).

## Job Openings

**Blessed Beginnings** is seeking a full-time lead teacher for three-year-olds. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please email Jackie Moyer, Director of Blessed Beginnings, at [jackie.moyer@naz.org](mailto:jackie.moyer@naz.org) or call her at 319-266-2503 for more information.

**Custodians:** Nazareth is currently seeking one full-time and one part-time custodian for evenings. Go to [www.naz.org/careers.html](http://www.naz.org/careers.html) for a complete job description or contact Angie Rath for more information by emailing [angie.rath@naz.org](mailto:angie.rath@naz.org) or calling 319-266-7589, ext. 128.

## Announcements

**Spring Flowers Needed:** Contribute \$10 in honor of a loved one to help fill the Worship Center with the beauty of spring flowers on Easter morning. Sign up at the Welcome Desk this morning or call the Reception Desk during the week at 319-266-7589.

**Thank you** from the Kits and Quilts Team to all who donated towels and soap in February for the Personal Care Kits they will be packing with JUMP56 students on April 6.

**RightNow Media:** Get free online access to thousands of Christian video resources by completing a RightNow Media card today. Turn it into the Welcome Desk in order to sign up. If you have questions, contact Enrique Ochoa at [q@naz.org](mailto:q@naz.org).

**Alzheimers Support Group** meets on the second Monday of the month from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Room 156. For more information, please contact Cindy Mason at 319-610-3549. The next meeting is on April 11.

## Pray for Our Missionaries

Matt Reisetter, our missionary who currently serves as the U.S. Director of *The Life Project* and *The Digital Doorway* (initiatives of *Power to Change*, the Canadian arm of *Campus Crusade for Christ*) has these prayer requests:

~that more churches will want to utilize *The Digital Doorway* as a way to reach people.

~that more mentors will step forward to be trained and active with *The Life Project* and that they will grow in their relationships with Christ.

~that the mentees who reach out to make connections and find support will be personally encouraged and challenged to follow Christ.

~that the online content they produce would have increased reach and impact.



# 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  
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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**  
Associate Pastor  
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**Pastor Bob Ericson**  
Visitation/Teaching Pastor  
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**Office Hours**  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Monday - Friday

**Connect with Nazareth**  
[www.naz.org](http://www.naz.org)  
[twitter.com/mynazchurch](https://twitter.com/mynazchurch)  
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[instagram.com/mynazchurch](https://instagram.com/mynazchurch)

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



## Giving Up Our Lives

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"*

~John 11:25-26~

March 13, 2016

## March 13, 2016 - Giving Up Our Lives

Sermon - *Giving Up Our Lives* (Pastor Brian King)  
Today's Texts - Ezekiel 37:1-14 and John 11:1-45

### 8:30 a.m.

Prelude - *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* (arr. Jordan)  
Gathering Hymn - ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*** - #482 (green)  
Hymn of the Day - ***Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*** - #486 (green)  
Offering - *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (arr. Osterland)  
Sending Hymn - ***Faith of Our Fathers*** - #500 (green)  
Postlude - *How Firm a Foundation* (arr. Hobby)

### 9:50 a.m.

Gathering Song - ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*** - #482 (green)  
Song of the Day - ***Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*** - #486 (green)  
Offering - *Even Unto Death* (Assad)  
- Sarah Bey and Larry Johansen, duet  
Sending Song - ***Lay Me Down*** (ensemble)

### 11:10 a.m.

Opening Worship - ***Relentless***  
- ***Great are You Lord***  
- ***Our God***

Offering - ***Holy Spirit***  
Closing Worship - ***Lay Me Down***

### Worship Assistants

Nathaniel Parrish - Director of Music (8:30/9:50)  
Nicki Toliver - Nazareth Choir Director (8:30)  
Heather Williamson - Cantor (8:30)  
David Spake - Reader (8:30)  
Leonard Upham - Reader (9:50)  
Jordan McDonald - Worship Leader (11:10)  
Sarah Bey - Reader (11:10)

### A Special 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 special gift. Today's worship services are our gifts of praise and thanksgiving to God, and we welcome you here as our guests.

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

## NAZ Notes

### Read It:

The Gospel of John, Chapter 11

*Crazy Love* (Francis Chan): It is crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe—the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor—loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. Grasped by this amazing grace and sacrificial love, we discover life's true purpose as we willingly lay our lives down and take up a new life in Christ.

### Watch It:

*Pay it Forward*: A middle school boy sacrifices his life to live the ideals of service and sacrifice he has as part of a school project.

### Live It:

In response to God's amazing grace, and in the name of Jesus, go out of your way to serve, bless or otherwise care for someone who is in need, hurting or struggling. Share the Gospel in word and deed.

## Lent at Nazareth

### Lenten Wednesday Night Worship Services

B.L.E.S.S. Sermon Series at 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays, February 17 to March 16

Pastor Brian King will be speaking on March 16, addressing the topic of "Story".

### Lenten Soup Suppers

5:00 to 5:45 p.m.  
Wednesdays, February 17 to March 23  
Fellowship Hall and Rooms 151/153  
Freewill donations accepted.

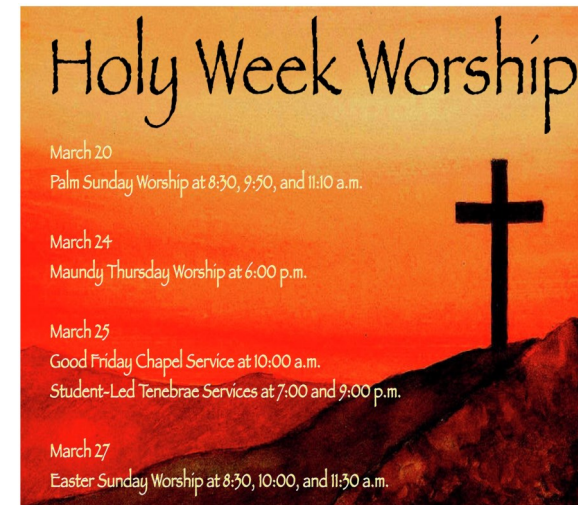
~Menu for Wednesday, March 16~  
Chicken Alfredo Soup and Sausage Tortellini Soup

### Senior Fellowship Luncheons

Noon to 1:00 p.m.  
Thursdays, February 18 to March 24  
Speaker for March 17: Pastor Denny Hanson  
Message: *I am the Resurrection and the Life*

Please RSVP by calling the reception desk at 266-7589. Cost of the meal is \$5.

~Menu for Thursday, March 17~  
Irish Stew, Pot of Gold Jello, Dinner Roll, Dessert



## Today at Nazareth

**The flowers at the altar today** are to the honor and glory of God, from Del and Kay Carpenter.

**The flowers at the pulpit today** are in honor of grandson Casey Jack Sherard's baptism, from Duane and Jackie Wulf; and in loving memory of Arden Davis, from his family.

**Known To Be Hospitalized** (as of March 9)  
Gordy Nieman and Marilyn Schaefer

### Baptisms:

~Casey Jack Sherard~  
son of Jeff and Wendy Sherard (Saturday, March 12)  
~Cruz Ryan Begalske~  
son of Ryan and Ashley Begalske (9:50 service today)

**Prime Time Sunday School Class** begins today at 9:50 in Room 151.

**KidzRock and Confirmation Classes** will not be held today or on Sunday, March 20, due to spring break. Additionally, KidzRock and Confirmation Classes will not be held on Easter Sunday so that all children and program volunteers have the opportunity to have a special time of worship together with their families. Classes will reconvene on Sunday, April 3.

## Worship Survey Results

In January, Nazareth congregation members were invited to complete a survey regarding worship practices at Nazareth. The complete results of this survey are now available for congregational viewing by going to our website at [www.naz.org](http://www.naz.org) (click on the Worship Survey box). If you would like a paper copy of the survey, please stop at the Welcome Desk today or the Reception Desk during the week. We encourage you to read these responses prayerfully and with open hearts and to engage in God-honoring conversations as we reflect upon the practices of worshiping our Heavenly Father at Nazareth.