

Honor the Lord your God by bringing him a freewill offering
in proportion to the blessing God has given you.
Deuteronomy 16:10

Ask, Seek, Knock: A Faith Reflection by Chris Hansen

My faith is my lighthouse for my journey through the storms of life. My faith gives me a strong sense of peace and calm as I face the challenges of everyday life.

Our church is like an extension of my family. I am fortunate to have been raised in the Church and to feel a sense of community within the local church. Many years ago, a member whom I deeply respect told me, “We have been watching and praying for you as you have grown up in the church.” I feel a strong sense of responsibility to help grow our local church and to see God work through our church to reach the greater community. Giving of one's resources is truly a blessing; sharing with others the talents and resources with which God has already blessed our family.

Giving of monies is never very hard, as I truly believe it is all God's money anyway. I often remind myself, *You don't get to take it with you. God has given you what you need. Share with others what God has already shared with you.* I feel fortunate to be able to give to the church and share in God's greater mission and purpose.

God whispers to all of us. We just need to slow down and listen to what he wants us to do and what he wants for us. I am humbled to be able to serve others and share my talents. God made each of us unique and different for his purposes. With this reminder, I try to be the best “me” that God has already gifted and purposed with my abilities.

Finally, I believe we will live an Acts model of Church when we get to heaven. We are one large family who will spend eternity together. The opportunity to give is today, the need to serve is today. If not us, who? The local church is truly the hope of the world!

Jesus told us to ask, seek, and knock. He invites us to come to him in prayer, to ask questions, and to seek His guidance. We will have many opportunities to come to Christ in prayer during this appeal. In fact, prayer is the foundation of the *All Hands On Deck!* Campaign. Begin now to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to respond to this campaign. Let us pray about how scripture encourages us to give: cheerfully and sacrificially. Let us pray about the future of our church. Even as we celebrate our current ministry, let us pray about moving forward in faith.

Things to Do During the *All Hands on Deck!* Campaign

- Pray for God's guidance and provision.
- Memorize our theme: *All Hands On Deck!* Consider how you are an important part of this campaign and the future of this church.
- Participate in the campaign by helping to communicate the importance of this effort for the life of our congregation.
- Attend special appeal activities.
- Share your excitement and support for Nazareth with your family and friends.
- Continue to support the ongoing ministry of Nazareth with your time, talent, and treasure.
- Pray for God's guidance and support as you make your commitment to the *All Hands On Deck!* Campaign.



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to know Christ, grow in Christ, and make Christ known

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Welcome to Nazareth

We are blessed to have you
worship with us this morning

Sunday Worship Services

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

Sunday Nursery Provided

Infants & toddlers thru 3 years

Pastor Brian King

Senior Pastor
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Pastor Denny Hanson

Associate Pastor
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Pastor Dennis Dickman

Visitation & Education Pastor
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Church Office Hours

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Mon - Fri

The Art of Neighboring



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RIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR**



May 10, 2015

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Teaching - *Loving Our Neighbors Across the Yard or Around the World*
William Withers

Today's Texts - Exodus 3:7-10; Galatians 5:22-25; Luke 5:27-31

8:30 a.m.

Prelude - *Andante Cantabile* from SYMPHONY IV (Widor)

Gathering Hymn - *We Are Called*

Carillon Ringers with Women's Ensemble

Here I Am, Lord (arr. Ingram)

Hymn of the Day - *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word!* - #379 (green)

Offering - *Jesus, Still Lead On* (arr. Manz)

Sending Song - *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* - #221 (green)

Postlude - *Fanfare* (Matthias)

9:50 a.m.

Gathering Song - *We Are Called* (ensemble)

Hymn - *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word!* - #379 (green)

Offering - *Here I Am, Lord* (ensemble)

Sending Song - *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (ensemble)

11:10 a.m.

Songs - *Lay Me Down; Always; My Hope*

Worship Assistants

Nathaniel Parrish - Director of Music (8:30 & 9:50)

Cantor: Erik Schmidt (8:30)

Worship Leaders: Mike Jensen (9:50); Enrique Ochoa (11:10)

Readers: Kevin Kamienski (8:30); Kevin Yoder (9:50)

Baptized Today

9:50: Benjamin William Bannon, son of Reed Bannon & Melissa Ober

11:10: Georgia Avery Boeke, daughter of Paul & Melissa Boeke

All Hands on Deck for a Special Celebration!

Capital Campaign Commitment Sunday

One Worship Service

Sunday, June 14 • 10:00 a.m. • Worship Center



Next Sunday's Worship • May 17

8:30, 9:50 & 11:10 - Pastor Brian King

Recognition of graduating high school seniors at the 9:50 service.

Hospitalized (*as of May 6*)

Phyllis VerPloeg; Nadine Lilliskov; Sylvia Graves

Sympathy

The Nazareth congregation offers condolences to Dave Welter and family on the death of his father; Brenda Neff and family on the death of her mother.

Support Kits & Quilts with a Purchase of Love Gifts

Today • Fellowship Hall

Help Plant the Nazareth Garden

Wednesday, May 13 • 6:00 p.m.

Donate Plants & Seeds

Tuesday, May 12

Sign Up in Fellowship Hall **TODAY**

Vacation Bible School

June 7-11 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Register in Fellowship Hall **TODAY**

Donate Cookies to NewAldaya

Four people are needed every Sunday in June to donate 3 dozen cookies each to the NewAldaya Sunday afternoon Coffee Fellowships. **Please sign up today at the Welcome Desk.**

Bulletin Deadline

Every Tuesday • 8:00 a.m.

nancy.woodford@naz.org

Welcome to Nazareth

We are blessed by your presence at worship this morning. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Fellowship Hall between services.

A Special Welcome to Our Visitors

Whether you're visiting from across town or out of state, your presence is a blessing to us. Be sure to ask for an information packet and a special gift at the Welcome Desk this morning.

ELCA Responds to Earthquake in Nepal

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is responding to the earthquake that devastated parts of Nepal, killing more than 7,500 people and leaving entire towns in ruins. Additional deaths have been reported in parts of India and Bangladesh. In total, more than 8 million people have been affected by the disaster.

Your help is needed to bring immediate relief and ongoing support to earthquake survivors. Financial gifts designated "Nepal Area Earthquake" will be used in full to help survivors clean up, rebuild, and recover. Checks can be sent to **Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield VA 22116-8009.**

Checks may also be written to Nazareth with "Nepal Area Earthquake" noted in the memo line. All donations will be forwarded to the LDR office.

Pray for Our Missionaries

Paul and Jay Mikaelson serve in Caranavi, Bolivia, where they work for a Christian radio and television station. They request the following prayers:

- Pray for Paul and Jay as they manage Radio Television Caranavi (RTC). The inflated economy in Bolivia makes it a challenge to make ends meet.
- Pray for their worker, Lidio Roberto Mamani, who has taken a leave of absence from RTC for the next 5 years to be Mayor of Caranavi. Pray that God will help and guide him in the work and responsibilities that lie ahead of him.
- Pray for the Lutheran church in Caranavi as it begins rebuilding. The original church collapsed after heavy rains a year ago. Pray for this small congregation as they give their time and resources to make the new church a reality.
- Pray for Coquito as he moves forward with new activities for the children's program.

The flowers at the altar are in memory of Lynn Izer from Gary and Linda Skiles and Troy and Shannon Frost and family. Pulpit flowers are from Jacques and Kathy Dubois in honor of their mothers, Gloria and Janine; in memory of Paul Braun; in celebration of the 35th wedding anniversary of Dennis and Vicky Emery.

New Bible Study for Women Starts June 1

First Place 4 Health is the most complete Christ-centered healthy living program available. This series of Bible studies has helped thousands of participants create balance in the four core areas of their lives: emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical.

Join us for a new study in the *First Place 4 Health* series, "Walking in Grace," starting **June 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 156.** All women and their friends are invited to attend.

The book for the class is \$18. To order, please call Lana Hochreiter at 319-231-8168 or Pat Dove at 319-230-7455.

Job Vacancies at Nazareth

Website & Social Media Coordinator

Manage all social media networks and maintain the Nazareth website. Use the website and social media to encourage, inspire, and promote Nazareth's mission and vision. Part-time: 15 hours/week.

Worship & Technology Coordinator

Coordinate all audiovisual services required for Nazareth events and ministries, primarily the worship services, as well as forums, meetings, funerals, weddings, and other special events. Recruit and train volunteers to set up and run all AV equipment. Part-time: 25 hours/week.

Kitchen Supervisor

Prepare food and supervise food production for Nazareth events. Temporary part-time position.

An application and complete job descriptions for these positions can be found online at www.naz.org. Send application, cover letter, and resume to angie.rath@naz.org or Nazareth, 7401 University Ave, Cedar Falls IA 50613 ATTN: Angie Rath.

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