

## Advent and Christmas

**Nazareth Advent Devotionals** are available for purchase at Naz Next Steps today and throughout the month of November (or until they are sold out). These devotionals focus on the topic of joy and have been written by those in our Nazareth community. The cost of each devotional is \$5.00. **Join Bill and Suzie Zimmerman** as they lead a study based on the devotionals - Sundays in Room 158 - December 2, 9, & 16 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

**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.

**The Christmas BASIC Worship Service** will be held at Nazareth on **Sunday, December 2\***, at 7:00 p.m., with a congregational soup supper at 6:00 p.m. in Bethel and Fellowship Halls. Please join our college-age community for an evening of worship and teaching! (\*Note date change.)

**Drama Team Members** are needed to perform an Advent skit on Sunday, December 9, during both worship services. Adults and students (2nd grade and above) are welcome to join us! With questions or to sign up, email [jenny.nelson@naz.org](mailto:jenny.nelson@naz.org).

**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).

**Volunteers Needed:** Would you be interested in helping plan the Christmas Salad Luncheon for all women of Nazareth? The luncheon will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12, in Bethel Hall. Sign up at Naz Next Steps.

**Poinsettias:** To order a poinsettia plant to be placed in the Worship Center during our Christmas worship services, go to the Welcome Desk today. The cost of each poinsettia is \$12. All poinsettias will be given to the honor and glory of God.

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

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

**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. Email [angie.rath@naz.org](mailto:angie.rath@naz.org) with questions or learn more and apply online at [www.naz.org/careers.html](http://www.naz.org/careers.html).

**Footsteps of Paul Trip:** A "Footsteps of Paul" trip to Greece and the Greek Isles will be hosted by Pastor Brian King and his wife, Jen, on March 12-22, 2019. With questions, please email Pastor Brian King at [brian.king@naz.org](mailto:brian.king@naz.org) or pick up a brochure for the trip at the Welcome Desk today.

**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.

**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).



# 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.

if Jesus were  
**inCHARGE**  
of your  
**Calendar**

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

November 25, 2018

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Sermon - *If Jesus Were In Charge Of Your Calendar*

- Andy Walser

Today's Texts - Matthew 25:1-13

9:00 a.m.

Prelude - *Variation on "Jesus Shall Reign"* (arr. Cherwien)

Gathering Hymn - **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

Children's Song - **Go, My Children, With My Blessing**

Offering - *King Forevermore* (Keyes)

- Larry Johansen and Nancy Graen, duet

Communion - *Let Us Break Bread Together* (arr. Raney)

- **Come As You Are**

- **Jesus, Remember Me** - #616 (red)

Postlude - *Variation on "Jesus Shall Reign"* (arr. Cherwien)

10:45 a.m.

Prelude - *Grateful*

Opening Worship - **Glorious Day**

Offering - **Lord I Need You**

Communion - **Great Are You Lord**

Closing Worship - **This is Amazing Grace**

Worship Assistants

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

Ann Mershon, Reader (9:00)

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

Colby Cryer, Reader (10:45)

Prayer of the Day

*Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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

**God's Work, Our Hands:** The Local Missions Committee has prayerfully chosen to strongly encourage ALL Nazareth community members to ring bells for the Salvation Army this Advent Season in order to raise funds for their outreach programs.

The Salvation Army is on a mission to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. This is a great opportunity for families, friends and ministry groups to serve together! To be a Bell Ringer, please 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 pick up a **God's Work, Our Hands** sticker from the Welcome Desk to wear when you are ringing and add "Nazareth" to your name when you sign up! Questions? Email [info@naz.org](mailto:info@naz.org).



### 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!**

## Announcements

**Deck the Halls:** Would you like to help decorate the Nazareth Christmas trees and more **THIS Wednesday**, November 28? Join us! There will be a soup supper from 5:00-5:45. Then, at 6:00, there will be a hymn sing. After that, all are welcome to help "trim the trees" and then to stay for cookies and cocoa.

**A "New Members"** information page is at the Welcome Desk today. Mentors are also needed for our new members. With questions about membership at Nazareth, please contact Lori Fegley at [lori.fegley@naz.org](mailto:lori.fegley@naz.org).

**Sunday Morning V.I.P. Gatherings Coming Soon!** Beginning NEXT Sunday, December 2, 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. With questions, please email Pastor Brian King at [brian.king@naz.org](mailto:brian.king@naz.org).

**2019 Daily Texts** are here! Please pick them up at the Welcome Desk. Cost is \$7 each.

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

**"Love Gifts"** to support the Kits and Quilts Ministry will be sold on Sundays, December 2 and 9, in Fellowship Hall.

**The Winter 2018 Quarterly Naz Messenger Newsletter** was delivered via email to over 2,000 people this week. To be added to the email list, sign up today at the Welcome Desk. Paper copies are available there as well.

**Wheelchair Pushers** are needed to help NewAldaya folks get to Sunday Chapel services. Go to Naz Next Steps to learn more.

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

## Today at Nazareth

**The flowers at the altar** are given by Walt and Dee Senchina to the honor and glory of God.

**Hospitalized** (as of November 19): Dee Anderson

**Our Deepest Sympathy** to Moses Joe as he grieves the death of a son in Africa; and to Curt Petersen and his family as they mourn the death of his mother, Doris.

**KidzRock and Confirmation** classes will not meet this morning, due to Thanksgiving weekend.

**Paul and Jay Mikaelson** are Nazareth-sponsored mission partners serving with Radio Television Caranavi (RTC) to share the gospel with Bolivia. They have these prayer requests. Please pray...

~that the children and adults who hear the Gospel through ABC Kids and RTC may trust Jesus.

~for renewed spiritual strength for all RTC workers.

~for financial needs to be met each month.

~for Jay as she heals from knee replacement surgery.

~for Paul as he balances working in Bolivia with helping Jay recover in the United States.

### 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.

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! Thank you for your overwhelming generosity! With questions, email [info@naz.org](mailto:info@naz.org).