

# NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 16, 2025

## WORSHIP WITH NAZ

### SUNDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5 | 8:30 am  
In-Person Worship at Nazareth | 9 & 10:45 am

### WEDNESDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5  
4:30 pm Wednesday

### ONLINE OPTIONS

Recordings of sermons available on  
[Vimeo.com/mynazareth](https://www.vimeo.com/mynazareth)  
Livestreams Broadcast on our website  
[www.naz.org/onlinechurch](http://www.naz.org/onlinechurch)



*Gather and Grow 2025*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Baby Bottle Ministry Donations

Nazareth is participating in Alternatives Pregnancy Center's "Baby Bottle Campaign" during Lent this year. Alternatives has offered high-quality, free, and confidential services to the Cedar Valley since 1991. Nazareth has partnered with Alternatives to help them be a first stop for people facing unplanned pregnancies, address at-risk sexual behavior, and build healthy families.

If you want to donate, please stop by the table in Fellowship Hall on March 9, March 30, or April 6 and pick up a baby bottle. Take the bottle home and fill it with loose change or bills. You can return the bottle to Nazareth on Sunday Mornings or during office hours during the week.

You can also scan the QR code below to make your donation online. Any donation is appreciated and can help change the lives of those in need. Thank you for your generosity!



**SCAN HERE TO DONATE  
TO ALTERNATIVES'  
BABY BOTTLE DRIVE!**

### Thursday Evening Lenten Services

Please join Nazareth for our Thursday evening services throughout the Lenten season. These services will be every Thursday at 6:00 pm, starting March 13 through April 10. Worship with us as we anticipate and prepare for Jesus' death and resurrection. Each service will feature a community soup supper at 5:00 pm. This Thursday, we will serve Sausage Bean and Tomato Basil soup. We hope to see you there!

### BASIC Jamaica Mission Trip

BASIC, Young Adult and College Ministry students are traveling to the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf (CCCD) in Jamaica to collaborate on projects with friends there, learn from their experiences, and build meaningful relationships with the school's students and staff. Please pray for safe travels, open hearts, and the continued success of the projects as they work to make a positive impact.

## CONNECT WITH NAZARETH

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# BIBLE OVERVIEW

EXPLORING THE WORD AND WORLD OF GOD

**TITLE | Witnessing and Witnessing**

**TEACHER | Pastor Mike Brost**

**TEXT | Acts 1:1-11 & Mark 16:9-20**

## Synopsis

This week in our Bible overview we are looking specifically at what Jesus did and taught us to do in the forty days between the resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit. How are Jesus' words and actions instructive for us and our lives today?

## Digest The Word

Read the scripture passages from the Service and reflect on the sermon and on these questions to help you live out God's Word in your everyday life.

- How did the sermon challenge/encourage you?
- Does this passage teach you about who God is?
- What are the personal implications for you?
- What does this mean for the Church as a whole?

## SERVICE PROGRAM

*Who You Say I Am*

*I Stand Amazed*

Confessions and Forgiveness

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

Children's Sermon

Offering: *Jesus Paid it All*

Gospel: Mark 16:9-20

Sermon

Prayer

*Thy Word*

Apostle's Creed

*On Our Way Rejoicing | red 537*

Blessing and Benediction

## Flowers

The chancel arrangement is in the loving memory of Glennis Formwalt from her family.

## MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

At Nazareth, we want to lift up vibrant singing as an integral part of our time together on Sunday mornings. Using Spotify, these "Music Spotlights" are designed to encourage and familiarize us with the music for the upcoming weekend so that we can wholeheartedly sing as we worship together.

This coming weekend, we will sing "*I Stand Amazed*," – a Gospel hymn written by Charles Gabriel (1856-1932), who grew up on a farm in Wilton, Iowa. Six years after the Civil War ended, lingering war melodies inspired this 15-year-old Iowa boy to tell his parents that he planned to become a songwriter – aspirations his parents encouraged. A musician self-taught on a reed organ in his childhood home, Gabriel became one of the most prolific writers of Gospel music of his day. Despite frequently using numerous pseudonyms (making it difficult to know the precise number of songs he wrote), he is credited with between 7,000 and 8,000 songs, thirty-five gospel song collections, Sunday school songbooks, collections for men's and women's choirs, numerous cantatas (including 41 Christmas cantatas), and music education texts. Gabriel is also credited with writing the beloved hymn, "*His Eye is On the Sparrow*."

"*I Stand Amazed*" is a hymn of gratitude and praise for the atoning death of Jesus. Throughout history, the hymn has ranged from three to five verses, but it has a singular focus: the pure amazement at the incredible sacrifice of Christ! To this day, Gabriel's hymn continues to be reworked in several contemporary Christian music circles. Listen to "*I Stand Amazed*," along with the music for Sunday on Spotify:

[open.spotify.com/user/ovcn1ug98cq5vgzdb0668tcep](https://open.spotify.com/user/ovcn1ug98cq5vgzdb0668tcep)



**SCAN HERE TO  
LISTEN TO THE  
SPOTIFY PLAYLIST!**

## Share in the Newsletter

Do you have a story to share, event to promote, or an announcement for the Nazareth congregation? Please share any proposed entries with Nazareth's Communications Director, Sam Madson via email at [sam.madson@naz.org](mailto:sam.madson@naz.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *CONTINUED...*

### No Student Ministries During Spring Break

Nazareth wants to remind all families that KidzRock will be closed on Sundays, March 16 and 23, during spring break. POW (Parents on Wednesday), CHAOS, and BIGhouse will resume on Wednesday, March 26. Have a wonderful and relaxing spring break!

### First Communion Class

We invite you and your fifth grader to participate in this year's First Communion Instruction on Sundays, March 30 and April 13, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. Through interactive activities and discussion, we will learn about the meaning of Holy Communion and how it is celebrated here at Nazareth. Our first night will include a traditional Seder Meal and making their own ceramic chalice that students are encouraged to use for their First Holy Communion. The date for First Communion is Maundy Thursday, April 17, at the 6:00 pm service.

Please RSVP (yes or no) by Thursday, March 27, so we can plan accordingly. Please email your response to Meg Husted, Director of Family and Discipleship Ministry, at [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org).

### Parents Night Out

Are you looking for time to yourself as a parent, time with another adult, or a chance to meet other parents? If so, Nazareth's Parents' Night Out is perfect for you! Join us on Friday nights: March 21, 28, and April 11 – for an enjoyable night while Nazareth staff and volunteers spend time with the kids! We ask for a few dollars per child to help cover dinner.

If you are interested in joining any of our Parents' Night Out dates, please register online at our website – [naz.org/programs](http://naz.org/programs). If you have any questions or concerns, please email Jennifer Brost at [jbrost4@gmail.com](mailto:jbrost4@gmail.com). We are so excited to offer you this opportunity!

### Route 66: The Life of Christ

Over the last year, Andy Walser has led the Route 66 Bible Study through all 66 books of the Bible. Starting January 8 and 9, Route 66 is back with a new study focused on The Life of Christ. The Life of Christ study group will meet weekly on Wednesdays from noon - 1:00 pm and Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am to explore the chronological life and ministry of Jesus, comparing and contrasting the accounts found in each of the Gospels. Both time slots will cover the same information, and new participants are welcome to participate anytime. Please join us on Wednesdays and Thursdays as we continue to learn from God's word and Jesus' example.

### Nazareth Nursery

Do you have a baby or child who loves to wiggle and be active during Sunday services? No need to worry, Nazareth's nursery is open on Sunday Mornings! We welcome children three years old and under. Stop by the nursery room and connect with our consistent and caring staff who can give parents and caregivers the break they need to focus on worship.

### March Donation Requests

Nazareth is participating in Love Inc's Make-a-Difference Monthly donation campaign, who is accepting Cleaning Products such as brooms, mops, sponges, and buckets.

Nazareth's food pantry is accepting donations of personal hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. To learn more, schedule an appointment, or find a complete list of acceptable donations, visit [naz.org/foodpantry](http://naz.org/foodpantry) or email [peg.merfeld@naz.org](mailto:peg.merfeld@naz.org). All donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or at the Receptionist's desk during the week's office hours.



### Food Outreach Ministry Coordinator

Are you organized, self-motivated, and have a heart for missions? Nazareth is looking for a Food Outreach Ministry Coordinator to join our staff. They will be responsible for Nazareth's Food Pantry and helping with outreach food ministry opportunities. This position is flexible, part-time, 10-20 hours per week. To explore the job description, please visit [naz.org/careers](http://naz.org/careers).

If you are interested in applying please send a cover letter, resume, and application via email to [kristin.swenson@naz.org](mailto:kristin.swenson@naz.org) or mail to Kristin Swenson at Nazareth Lutheran Church at 7401 University Ave, Cedar Falls, IA, 50613. We look forward to hearing from you!