

NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 7, 2024

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://vimeo.com/mynazareth)
Livestreams Broadcast on our website
www.naz.org/onlinechurch



Last Night of CHAOS 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Supply Donations

Nazareth's Kits and Quilts Ministry is collecting the following school supplies for their Marathon Monday event to pack 700 school kits on Monday, August 5th. If you'd like to contribute but rather not shop, feel free to donate any amount towards the purchase of items in bulk. Please identify such a donation on the outside of an envelope or in the memo line of a check. Please drop off your donations at the table behind the Welcome Desk or to the Receptionist's desk. The deadline to donate is Sunday, July 28th. Printed lists are available at the Welcome Desk. Every country values education. We thank you for your support of this project to help those in need around the world!

Supply List:

- 70 Page Notebooks (wide or college-ruled)
- 12" Rulers (with cm markings as well)
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Blunt-tip Scissors
- #2 Pencils (unsharpened)
- Black or Blue Ink Pens (no gel ink)
- 16 or 24 Count Crayons
- 2 ½ Inch Erasers (no pencil-tip erasers)

Trap Shooting Ministry

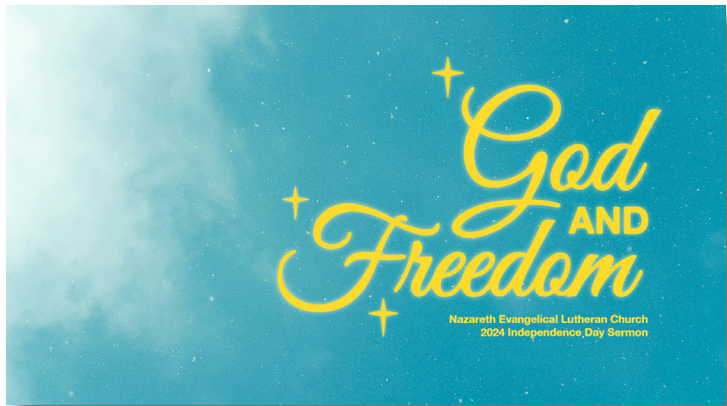
Dennis Bigelow and Larry Steffens are leading a Trap Shooting Ministry at the Cedar Falls Gun Club. The program is designed to teach Trap shooting, gun safety, and share scripture. Youth should be accompanied by an adult. Men and women at any level of experience are welcome to attend. Join us on Thursdays, July 18th, August 1st, 8th, and 15th, at 5:30 pm at the Cedar Falls Guns Club. A sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested in participating. If you have any questions, please call Dennis at 319-504-2247 or Larry at 319-415-7635.

Community Blood Drive

American Red Cross is hosting a Community Blood Drive at Nazareth, on July 16th from noon to 5:00 pm. If you are interested in donating blood, please visit redcrossblood.org for more information or to schedule your donation time.

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SERMON | God and Freedom

TEACHER | Pastor Tim Boettger

TEXT | Luke 4:18-21 & John 8:31-36

Synopsis

As we celebrate our nation's Independence Day, let us explore the nuanced topic of freedom. God mentions freedom many times and in various ways throughout the Scriptures. What does the word freedom bring to mind for you? How important do you think freedom is to God? Consider these questions as we discover the truths God has revealed in his word about freedom.

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 does this mean for the Church as a whole?*

READ, RUMINATE, AND REMEMBER

Luke 4:18-19

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Jesus is reciting from the prophet Isaiah, explaining how the "Anointed One" is to come bringing good news, healing, and liberation. Jesus declares that these aspects of the prophecy are being fulfilled as a part of the Messiah's earthly ministry. This is a celebratory announcement that the time of God's salvation has arrived. This week as we celebrate our Independence Day, let us remember and celebrate God's salvation!

SERVICE PROGRAM

As tradition at Nazareth - both worship services this Sunday, July 7, will feature Nancy Graen and Nathaniel Parrish sharing patriotic piano and organ duets. Join us as we worship, hear God's Word, and enjoy festive music!

9:00 am

How Firm a Foundation | red 796

Confession and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church

Lesson: Luke 4:18-21

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Sermon

Eternal Father, Strong to Save | brown 575

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

Communion

Let Us Break Bread Together | red 471

O Living Bread from Heaven | red 542

Jesus, Remember Me | red 616

Blessing and Benediction

10:45 am

Good Grace

Living Hope

Announcements

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Offering

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Congregational Greeting

Offering

Lesson: Luke 4:18-21

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Sermon

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Communion

The Air I Breathe

Blessing and Benediction

Flowers

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Penny Maurer from her family.

The Stage Flowers are in celebration of Renee and Larry Elliott's wedding anniversary.

Dedicate flowers via jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org.

Upcoming Sundays

July 28th: Only one service time at 9:00 am

August 18th: Kindergarten Rite of Passage

August 24th: Celebrating Preschool Orientation

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued...*

CHAOS Decorah Summer Day Trip

Junior High Students are invited to join CHAOS on their summer day trip to Decorah on July 17th! They will visit the Big Falls, explore the hiking trails, see the ice and caves, and enjoy delicious pizza! The van will be leaving from Nazareth at 9 am, and returning at 5:30 pm. MAKE SURE TO SIGN UP ONLINE, scan the QR code to fill out the form! We hope you are able to spend the day with us!



SCAN HERE TO
JOIN THE FUN!



Confirmation Registration Is Now Open

Nazareth's Confirmation program aims to provide quality education for students to learn about their faith and beliefs. At the end of three years, they should feel ready and confident to publicly confess their belief in Jesus and give their lives to the authority of Jesus Christ and his Word. Confirmation is just the beginning of a lifelong journey of growth and sanctification. This year, 7th and 8th graders will meet in the Choir Room and 3rd Floor small group rooms on Sundays from 6:30-7:45 pm, from September 8th - April 13th.

Register for Confirmation at naz.org/milestones today! A parent-student meeting will be held on August 25th at 6:30 pm. Please put this date in your calendar and plan to attend. The registration deadline is August 18th.

July Donation Requests

Nazareth is accepting *Peanut Butter* donations for our food pantry. Naz also contributes to Love Inc's Monthly donations campaign, asking for *School Supplies*. Love Inc's school supply store for neighbors in the Cedar Valley event is at Trinity Bible Church on Friday, August 2nd, and Saturday, August 3rd, at Candeo Church. Please scan the code below to find their school supply wish-list. Please drop your donations off at the Welcome Desk on Sundays or at the Receptionist's desk during the week.



SCAN HERE FOR THE SCHOOL
SUPPLY WISH-LIST



2023-2024 Highland School Year Recap

The final Partners in Education (PIE) activity with Highland School was held in May when Partners' volunteers hosted an appreciation lunch, courtesy of Nazareth and catered from Nazareth's kitchen for the entire (100 professional and non-professional) Highland staff. We all enjoyed great food and camaraderie that day. Staff, again, expressed their sincere gratitude for the meal and for Nazareth's involvement with Highland School throughout the years.

Thank you to all who saved HyVee receipts from Cedar Falls, Waterloo, and Waverly stores this past year. We do not yet know how much cash will be returned to Highland from the HyVee receipts. We do know we will learn at our first monthly meeting with Partners in August if they will continue with Cash 4 Students. For your information, the program was initiated by HyVee in 2013 and through the 2021-2022 school year, had given nearly \$1,000,000 back to 89 participating schools in the state, averaging \$775 per school. Start saving and hold your HyVee receipts now (beginning with June 1, 2024), if you wish, to be ahead of the late summer announcement regarding participation.

Nazareth has supported Partners with a financial gift each year from the Local Mission Committee budget, plus other gifts given to Highland by faithful individuals. Gratefulness for all of them. Expect to see a Nazareth News update in August regarding the new school year. Wish to know more about Highland's PIE? Volunteers are eagerly welcomed. Adults and youth of confirmation age and older can be vital, contributing members with PIE. Feel free to leave your name and contact information with Jordan at the Nazareth Reception Desk and you will be reached out to.

North India Ethnoventure Trip

A Nazareth-supported worker has invited congregation members to join him in a partnership with Go Deeper Travel to bring the light of Christ to North India. Join a close group of Christ-followers on this life-changing adventure into the depths of Indian life, culture, history, and most importantly, its people! The North India Ethnoventure mission trip goes from November 1-10th, 2024. Prayer, story-telling, and relationship-building are the primary ways travelers can contribute to the mission. Nazareth encourages our members to consider and pray over this opportunity to help spread God's message. Email us.worldmissions@naz.org for more information or with any questions or concerns you have.



GOOD NEWS UPDATE

FROM WORLD MISSIONS COMMITTEE

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

- Ephesians 6:18

Missionaries share that they can feel our prayers for them. God answers prayers! Please continue to pray for people serving in the mission field. Mark and Maki are God's workers who serve in Japan, and ask for prayer.

- Please pray for our school as we finish up for the summer on July 12. The general reception of the Gospel by the majority of our students has been exciting to watch this year! Already, five former students who became Christians work alongside us.
- Pray for our kids to continue growing in their faith and influence for good among their peers. For this summer as our kids attend a missionary kids' camp.
- Pray for us as Maki and I will lead more at church. Our lead pastor will be gone for three weeks, and I will mainly be in charge of the lead role and preaching until he returns.
- Praise God that Maki's outreach is going so well. She is connecting with many ladies and discipling a few of them. She continues to flourish as a youth director also. Please pray for energy and timely rest also!
- Please pray for funding to visit Iowa for Christmas for the first time in over 20 years! This should be a great time to be with you all again and spend time with our family, especially Mark's mom.

NAZARETH IS HIRING *LEARN MORE AT NAZ.ORG/CAREERS*

Are you looking for a career that will make a difference? Nazareth is seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to join our team! We have exciting job opportunities available, including:

Food Ministry Coordinator

Junior High Student Ministry Coordinator

Director of Outreach Ministry

If you feel called to make a meaningful impact, we encourage you to visit naz.org/careers and explore the job descriptions. To apply, please email your cover letter, resume, and application to kaylene.hoskins@naz.org or mail them to 7401 University Avenue, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. We can't wait to work with you!