

NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 2, 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://vimeo.com/mynazareth)
Livestreams Broadcast on our website
www.naz.org/onlinechurch



CHAOS Ski & Shop Trip

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services

Nazareth's Ash Wednesday Service is March 5 at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center. We encourage you and your family to join us early at 5:00 pm for a community soup supper served by our food ministry. Free-will donations will be accepted.

As Lutherans, there are three reasons we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. First, the ashes remind people of their sinfulness. Second, the ashes remind people of their mortality. Third, the ashes remind people that they have been redeemed. Nazareth encourages you to attend our Ash Wednesday Service and let the Lord cleanse you of sin, create a clean heart and new life in Him.

Additionally, all are invited to our Lenten evening services throughout the season. These services will be every Thursday at 6:00 pm from March 13 to April 10 as we anticipate and prepare for Jesus' death and resurrection. Each service will feature a community soup supper at 5:00 pm. We hope to see you at our upcoming services:

- April 17: Maundy Thursday | 6 pm
- April 18: Good Friday | 10 am, 7 & 9 pm
- April 20: Easter Sunday | 9 & 10:45 am

Gather and Grow - Spring 2025

Join us for an incredible opportunity available for individuals to learn and grow in their capacity as small group leaders. During our first session, we will focus on Part One of Bill Search's book "Simple Small Groups: A User-Friendly Guide for Small Group Leaders." Nazareth invites anyone, especially those who are:

- Interested in growing in a leadership role
- Interested in taking a next step in leading a group but looking to be equipped first
- Excited to be on a mission and make disciples!
- Looking for support and fellowship from others in leadership roles

Join us at Gather and Grow on March 8 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in Room 151/153. RSVP is required by emailing Meg at meg.husted@naz.org. Brunch and snacks will be provided to attendees. Our second Gather and Grow opportunity (Part 2) will be on June 7.

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BIBLE OVERVIEW

EXPLORING THE WORD AND WORLD OF GOD

TITLE | Jesus' Crucifixion

TEACHER | Pastor Tim Boettger

TEXT | Isaiah 53:1-6 & John 19:28-37

Synopsis

As we continue the "Life of Jesus" chapter of our Bible Overview Series, we face the accounts of Jesus' crucifixion. Nowadays, the cross is the most widely recognized and celebrated religious motif in the world. The Bible explains why the symbol of this cruel punishment that Jesus endured some 2000 years ago is still so widely adored. Let's explore the significance and power of Jesus' crucifixion.

SERVICE PROGRAM

House of the Lord

Rejoice

Confessions and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church

Lesson: Isaiah 53:1-6

Children's Sermon

Offering: *Lift High the Cross* | red 660

Gospel: John 19:28-37

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

Communion

Just As I Am, Without One Plea | red 592

Children of the Heavenly Father | red 781

Jesus, Remember Me | red 616

Wrap Up

Blessing and Benediction

Flowers

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.

Sympathies

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Sharon Lance, who passed away Thursday February 20. Sharon was Nazareth's Finance Manager for 30 years.

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 "Jesus, Remember Me" – a hymn written in 1978 that has been utilized during communion at Nazareth for decades. It's a simple tune written by French musician, Jacque Berthier (1923-1994). Berthier was the son of musical parents; as an organist, he composed numerous compositions for organ, voice, and instruments. However, he is most recognized as one of the primary composers associated with the Taizé Community.

The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic community in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. It is composed of about one hundred brothers, from Catholic and Protestant traditions, who originate from about thirty countries around the world. Taizé music emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated and sometimes also sung in canon. Oftentimes, Taizé music uses a variety of instrumentation that weave in and out of the texture as the phrases are repeated. Emblematic of the Taizé tradition, "Jesus, Remember Me" consists of just two phrases and lends itself well to singing in harmony; it can be repeated as often as desired at the discretion of the leaders. In the past two decades, Taizé repertoire has become widely used in North American church music in both Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions. Listen to "Jesus Remember Me" along with the music for Sunday on Spotify:

open.spotify.com/playlist/0jO75nNb7eVxWWN3Atm8Gt



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

Share in the Newsletter

Do you have an announcement for the Nazareth congregation? Please share any proposed entries with sam.madson@naz.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...



Gospel of John - Young Adult Bible Study

Our new Gospel of John study group is open to new members and aimed at young adults aged 16-22. This nine-week study group starts February 23 and will meet at Nazareth on Sundays from 2:00-3:30 pm in Room 301 to study scripture verse by verse and answer questions through meaningful discussion. Owen Brinker will facilitate this group using the People's Bible. There is no registration cost; if you don't have your own Bible, we can provide one! Register today at naz.org/nextsteps; please email meg.husted@naz.org with any questions.

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 or email 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.

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 7, 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. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Jennifer Brost at jbrost4@gmail.com. We are so excited to offer this opportunity to you and your children!

Visiting Worship Team – Hope Overflow

Wartburg College's Hope Overflow will be leading the worship music at Nazareth on Sunday, March 9. Hope Overflow is a student organization that spreads the hope and love of Christ through service and contemporary music. They are traveling during spring break to Minneapolis, and Cedar Rapids to worship with and serve alongside homeless shelters, assisted living, food pantries, and churches. They volunteer at these places in multiple capacities and share their gift of music to create a unique worship experience for those they serve with. Hope Overflow is culminating this year's tour at Nazareth, continuing a 15+ year tradition!



Administrator

Do you have the gift of leadership? Are you organized and understand the importance of the process? Nazareth is looking for a new Administrator. The Administrator is responsible for overseeing and ensuring that the Church's daily operations and all of its ministry areas are efficient, compliant, and aligned with Nazareth's beliefs and policies. To learn more about the Administrator position, please visit naz.org/careers.

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.

If you are interested in applying for either position, please send a cover letter, resume, and application via email to 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!