

NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 24, 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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Holiday Services

All are invited to celebrate with us this holiday season at Nazareth's Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve worship services! Nazareth is the perfect place to share rich, vibrant worship and hear hope-filled Biblical messages. We can't wait to celebrate these meaningful and memorable occasions with you and your family! Please join us throughout the holiday season!

Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social

Date: Wednesday, November 27

Time: 6:00 pm

Join us as we gather to express our gratitude through uplifting worship to honor God and his many blessings. After the service, stick around to enjoy delicious pies and share in fellowship.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Date: Tuesday, December 24

Time: 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 10:00 pm

Experience the miracle of Christ's birth with joyful music, inspiring messages, and the warmth of our community. Come share in the celebration of love, hope, and joy with Nazareth! Our 3:00 and 5:00 pm services feature children's nativity story plays.

Advent Devotional Study Group

Nazareth invites you to join our new Advent Devotional study group this December. We will be using YouVersion Bible's "The Adventures of Christmas: A 25-Day Devotional." Author Dan Stanford describes "the true intention behind Advent was a way of preparing one's heart for Christmas. This devotional is designed to help us do that." This is a wonderful opportunity for families to study God's word together. To join the devotional group, please email meg.husted@naz.org or visit naz.org/nextsteps and fill out the sign up form.

Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social

Join Nazareth for our special Thanksgiving Eve worship service and Pie Social on Wednesday, November 27, at 6:00 pm. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the blessings he brings during this incredible night of worship and fellowship. We hope to see you there!

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BIBLE OVERVIEW

EXPLORING THE WORD AND WORLD OF GOD

TITLE | The House To Be Built For a King

TEACHER | Pastor Mike Brost

TEXT | 2 Samuel 7:4-17 & Luke 1:26-33

Synopsis

Jesus says, "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" Today, we see the prophet Nathan instruct King David to build a house for the Lord. Although David never built the house, his son, King Solomon, does. God's covenant with David is the foundation for the house we are invited to through Jesus.

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.

SERVICE PROGRAM

Jesus Shall Reign

For the Beauty of the Earth

Confessions and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:4-17

Children's Sermon

Gospel: Luke 1:26-33

Sermon

Offering: *Christus Victor*

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Blessing and Benediction

Sympathies

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Naz member, Lisa Bennett, who passed on Tuesday.

Flowers

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

Please email jordan.kv@naz.org to dedicate service flowers to family and friends as a touching gesture for honoring anniversaries, birthdays, or in memory of passed loved ones.

MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

At Naz, we want to lift up vibrant, congregational singing as an integral part of our time together on Sunday mornings. "Music Spotlights" are designed to encourage and help familiarize us with the music for the upcoming weekend so we can sing in full voice as we worship together.

This coming weekend, we will sing "Jesus Shall Reign" as we mark the culmination of the church year with "Christ the King Sunday." For those with a liturgical bent and/or a Catholic or traditional Lutheran background, this Sunday is recognized by celebrating Christ's reign and majesty as the Lord of all (before we begin the church year again with the Advent season next weekend).

Written by prolific English hymnwriter, Isaac Watts, "Jesus Shall Reign" was written as part of a massive project: Watts' aim to adapt all of the Psalms for Christian worship by paraphrasing them, injecting them with New Testament truth, and putting them in a sing-able form. Penned at a time (1719) when the British empire would have grown and felt confident in its strength, "Jesus Shall Reign" used the ideas of Psalm 72 to write a hymn that serves as a wonderful reminder that the Lord Jesus will reign over the whole earth and all people from every nation, tribe, and tongue will be gathered to praise and honor Him. Empires rise and fall but the rule of the Lord will be forever.

Often called the "Father of Hymnody," Isaac Watts wrote over 750 hymns during his lifetime (1674-1748). Watts was committed to singing the Psalms as a means to convey Christian truth and encourage Christians who love and follow Jesus. Watts was a poet in his own right and he inspired many poets after him to write hymns; he is said to have influenced the writings of Lewis Carol and Charles Dickens. Today, "Jesus Shall Reign" remains as a hymn sung in churches around the world and we hope you are blessed by our arrangement that includes an added refrain.

Check out "Jesus Shall Reign" along with other music for this Sunday at this Spotify playlist:



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

A SEASON OF GIVING:

Christmas Food Box Delivery Volunteers

Nazareth is looking for volunteers to help deliver our Christmas Food Boxes to community members. We will deliver the boxes on Saturday, December 14, at 9:00 am. If you are interested in being a blessing and giving joy this season, please email kim.albertsen@naz.org.

Adopt a Senior at New Aldaya

Nazareth has partnered with New Aldaya to bless a few residents this Christmas season. Visit the table in Fellowship Hall or email Meg at meg.husted@naz.org to adopt a senior and receive instructions. Seniors can be adopted until December 8 or as available.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Nazareth is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, December 9 from noon to 5:00 pm in Bethel Hall. To schedule an appointment visit redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code: NazarethCF or call the church at 319-266-7589.

November Donation Requests

Naz's food pantry is accepting donations of Canned Fruits and Vegetables. We are also participating in Love Inc's annual Christmas Store. Love Inc is collecting Christmas gifts for children ages 2 to 17, with retail prices from \$10 to \$40. Gift cards are welcome. Scan the QR code for an Amazon list of gift ideas. Please drop donations off at the Welcome Desk. Thank you!



**SCAN HERE TO CHECK
OUT LOVE INC'S
CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST!**

CHURCH CALENDAR

ALL NAZ'S UPCOMING DATES

Nov 27 - 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov 27 - 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Pie Social
Dec 1 - No Time Devotional Study Begins
Dec 8 - 4:00 - 7:00 pm Christmas Extravaganza
Dec 9 - 12:00 - 5:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
Dec 14 - 9:00 am Food Box Delivery
Dec 24 - 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
Dec 24 - 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
Dec 24 - 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
Dec 29 - 10:00 am One Sun. Service Time

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued...*

Cozy Carol Sing

Nathaniel and Ali Parrish invite you to a "Cozy Carol Sing" this December. Come to the Parrish home on December 8th or 15th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm to gather around the piano and sing your favorite Christmas carols. Light refreshments will be served. We can accommodate up to 20 people each evening, so please sign up in advance by emailing Nathaniel at nathaniel.parrish@naz.org. Details will be provided upon signing up - we are excited to see you there!

Christmas Extravaganza

Nazareth invites you to our Family Ministry Christmas Extravaganza on Sunday, December 8 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm! This faith-filled night is for families (kids and guardians) to connect, make memories, remember the reason for the season, and share some laughs. The cost is \$20 per family unit and covers activities and meal. To sign up, please email kim.albertsen@naz.org and let her know how many will be attending.

BASIC Update

BASIC, our college and young adult ministry, is going on a mission trip from March 14 - 22 to Knockpatrick, Jamaica. Students will be staying and working with our friends at the Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf. The group will be doing a variety of ministries throughout the week including: construction and labor projects for the schools and building relationships with the students and staff at CCCD. They will have time together to sing, experience small groups, and share young adult stories each night as well. College students enter this trip as learners as they seek to learn about what God is already doing in this place! The focus of this trip is RELATIONSHIPS -- which is why it is often called a "RELATIONtrip" instead of a "MISSION trip." Students and leaders will focus on our relationship with God, each other and the community they will be immersed in.

This trip is currently at capacity with 18 students signed up. Please pray with us as they continue to prepare and organize in the next few months. Keep a look out for more updates as they become available. If you have questions about BASIC or want to know more ways to support this ministry, please email meg.husted@naz.org.

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 Sam Madson via email at sam.madson@naz.org.