

NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ————— JANUARY 12, 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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nazareth Annual Meeting

Nazareth is hosting its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26, at 12:30 pm. All Nazareth members are invited and encouraged to attend. The Annual Meeting will include a budget review and ministry updates from the previous year, as well as the election of new Church Council members. Only congregation members will be allowed to participate in the Church Council vote. Childcare will be available during the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Nazareth's Church office at 319-266-7589. We look forward to hosting and seeing you at this year's meeting!

Belong Membership Class

Nazareth's mission is to live together in God's amazing grace, inviting all people to know Christ, grow in Christ, and make Christ known. If you feel called to join this mission, we encourage you to become a member through our Belong class. This class will provide you the opportunity to learn more about our beliefs, mission, roots, Lutheran traditions, campus, ministries, and membership covenant. Sign up for our Belong class, on Sunday February 2, at noon, online at naz.org/belong. Email meg.husted@naz.org for more information.

Register For Our Baptism Class

The holy sacrament of baptism is a sign of God's love and will that we be reborn in the image of Christ our Savior. At Naz, we practice baptism at any age, and for those seeking an infant baptism, we have a special class that is part of this first Milestone we celebrate. This class provides an opportunity for parents to learn the theology behind this sacrament, our role as parents, and the logistics of a baptism on Sunday mornings. An overview of the milestone project and family and children's ministry programming will also be provided. Child care and a light lunch will be provided.

Nazareth's winter Baptism Class is Sunday, February 2, from noon to 1:30 pm. You can sign up online at naz.org/milestones. If you have questions, please contact Meg Husted, Director of Family and Discipleship Ministry, at meg.husted@naz.org. We look forward to getting to know you and your family at Nazareth's Baptism Class!

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BIBLE OVERVIEW

EXPLORING THE WORD AND WORLD OF GOD

TITLE | Points to Ponder from the Prophets

TEACHER | Pastor Tim Boettger

TEXT | Hebrews 1:1-4, Matthew 23:37-38, Luke 11:47-51

Synopsis

As we continue our Bible overview series into the second half of the Old Testament, we find ourselves amongst the books of the Prophets. There are four major and twelve minor prophets, but over 133 are listed by name in the Bible, and many more are referred to. Who are these people, and what can their lives teach us about God and ourselves?

SERVICE PROGRAM

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Christus Victor

Confessions and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4

Children's Sermon

Gospel: Mathew 23:37-38 & Luke 11:47-51

Sermon

Trust in God

Apostles' Creed

Offering: *The Lord is My Shepherd*

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee | red 836

Blessing and Benediction

Flowers

The chancel flowers are dedicated in memory of Renee and Missy and to the Glory of God from Larry Elliott.

If you are interested in dedicating service flowers please email Jordan at jordan.kv@naz.org.

Sympathies

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Curt Hochreiter passed away Sunday, January 5 at the age of 90 years old.

MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

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

"Christus Victor" is Latin for "Christ the Victor" – a text that is sung at the end of the third verse and highlights the overarching theme of Christ's victory over sin and death. Drawing on Revelation 15:3, a verse that talks about singing "the Song of Moses, the servant of God, and the Song of the Lamb," it's a song that spans the arc of the Bible and conveys great singing about all that the Lord has done. Specifically, the first recorded song of the Bible is the Song of Moses (Exodus 15) where the people of Israel sing a victory song after God leads them safely through the Red Sea – we tell this in verse 1 of "Christus Victor." At the center of the Bible's story is the Song of the Lamb – Jesus – who takes away the sins of the world at the cross; He rose again and conquered death, and we tell this in verse 2 of "Christus Victor." Finally, in verse 3, we sing the whole story of the Old Testament that points towards Christ's coming and the New Testament that includes his birth, life, death, resurrection, and the promise of a second coming.

In the middle of "Christus Victor," we incorporate "a threefold Amen." Singing "Amen" three times in this manner is a tradition by which people respond to all that is said and sung by responding with "Yes, we agree, and may it be so!" Our prayer is that we can celebrate the battle that Christ has won, give Him all blessing, honor, and, glory, and that our hearts will be filled with confidence and joy as we sing of all He has done. In the name of Christ the Victor, Amen, Amen, and Amen!

Check out "Christus Victor" along with other music for the upcoming Sunday at this Spotify playlist:

open.spotify.com/playlist/2JyRxcTfyDvcfWTPRgYMLv



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS *CONTINUED...*

Navigating Family Conflict

Join our 6-week study facilitated by Meg Husted on Mondays at 7:00 pm. This Bible study stems from a series that is provided by Lifeway Publishing called Bible Studies for Life. This sticky topic is something all of us experience. What better way to understand how to navigate these issues than digging into scripture. The group meets January 13 through March 3. There is a \$5 fee for materials.

The Gospel Project: Genesis to Revelation

Meeting on Sundays after the first service, this study unites the big story and big truths of Scripture for everyone as we trace the good news of our Redeemer from Genesis to Revelation. This winter and spring the curriculum will cover: Law and Life (Exodus-Deuteronomy) starting January 5. There is a \$5 cost for materials per semester. The nursery is open for children 0-3 years old.



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MORE ABOUT NAZARETH
SMALL GROUPS**

www.naz.org/nextsteps

January Donation Requests

Nazareth's food pantry is accepting donations of Boxed Macaroni and Cheese. We are also participating in Love Inc's Make-a-Difference Monthly donation campaign, who is accepting Non-Perishable Food Items. Please drop your donations off at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings, or at the Receptionist's desk during the week's office hours. Thank you for your generosity!

Visitation Updates

If you or a loved one have been hospitalized or are unable to attend church please email and update Andy Walser, Nazareth's Lead Care and Missional Pastor, via andy.walser@naz.org, to schedule a hospital visit or home communion. We understand the importance and want to visit and share time with you, whatever situation you are in.

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, Nazareth's Communication's Director, via email at sam.madson@naz.org.

Register for Birds & Bees 2025

Join us February 1, 2025, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm at Naz for a special event that will equip, encourage, and empower you to talk to your kids about sex. Come learn from Mary Flo and Megan from Birds and Bees are in a video-based format. Content is directed at parents of kids ages 1-10 years old, but information can be used by grandparents or any adult engaging with kids. Don't miss out on having some great conversations with the young people in your life about God's design for sex! Registration is required, and the cost is \$15 per family. Childcare is provided. Sign up online at naz.org or email meg.husted@naz.org for more info!

CHAOS - Ski & Shop Trip

Calling all junior high students! Junior high students are invited to join us for an exciting overnight trip to Minneapolis on February 22 & 23. Students will be able to go skiing, snowboarding, and tubing at Wild Mountain or enjoy bowling and an arcade. An evening worship service and overnight stay will be at New Life Church and Academy in Woodbury, Minnesota. And we'll cap the trip off with shopping at Mall of America on Sunday. For more info about available scholarships or to register, please visit cedarvalleystudents.org

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 anytime. Please join us on Wednesdays and Thursdays as we continue to learn from God's word and Jesus' example.

Hiring 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 the position, please send a cover letter and resume to Interim Administrator Kristin Swenson at kristin.swenson@naz.org. Feel free to reach out to Kristin for more information.