

NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ————— JANUARY 5, 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 Representatives. Only 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 310-266-7589. We look forward to hosting and seeing you at this year's meeting!

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

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!

CONNECT WITH NAZARETH

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-  [mynazchurch](https://www.instagram.com/mynazchurch)

BIBLE OVERVIEW

EXPLORING THE WORD AND WORLD OF GOD

TITLE | Modern Wisdom From an Ancient King

TEACHER | Pastor Tim Boettger

TEXT | Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 & Matthew 6:19-24

Synopsis

As a new year begins, it's in our nature to reflect on the past year and set plans for the future. As God has blessed us with this time, let us consider the wisdom of His word throughout the books of the Bible. If we can learn from those who have gone before us, it can save us a lot of unnecessary heartache in our life's journey.

SERVICE PROGRAM

Open Up the Heavens

How Great Thou Art

Confessions and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church

Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

Children's Sermon

Gospel: Matthew 6:19-24

Sermon

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer | red 618

Apostles' Creed

Offering: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

Communion

Blessing and Benediction

Flowers

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the fellowship and faith of our congregation and its leaders.

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 Charles Wolf, who passed away Sunday, December 28. Pastor Mike Brost is officiating the memorial service on Monday, January 6 at 11:00 am at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof.

MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

At Nazareth, 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 us and help familiarize us with most or all of the music selections for the upcoming weekend so that we can wholeheartedly sing in full voice as we worship together.

This coming weekend, we will sing "How Great Thou Art," – a hymn that has a modest beginning but has gained worldwide fame. It started as a poem written by Carl Boberg, a 26-year-old Swedish minister, in 1885; the text for the hymn was published and "forgotten" – or so Boberg thought – until he heard it being sung to the tune of an old Swedish melody. Eventually, the hymn spread to Russia, where English missionary, Stuart Hine, heard it; Hine was so moved that he modified and expanded the text into the arrangement we know today. Sometime later, Dr. J. Edwin Orr, an Irish-American Baptist minister, heard it being sung by the Naga Tribespeople of India. When Orr introduced it at a conference, it came to the attention of a music publisher who contacted Stuart Hine to have the hymn copyrighted, published, and recorded. Finally, during a Billy Graham Crusade in Toronto, the hymn was presented to famed gospel singer, George Beverly Shea; although Shea initially ignored the suggestion and the hymn didn't initially gain much traction, eventually it was popularized to the delight of Crusade attendees – who purportedly sang it 99 times – during a Crusade in New York City in 1957.

Check out "How Great Thou Art" along with other music from this Sunday at this Spotify playlist:

open.spotify.com/playlist/2JyRxcIfyDvcfWtpRgYMLv



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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

NEW SMALL GROUPS

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.

Parents on Wednesdays (POW)

POW meets on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:15 pm from January 15 through April 30. This is a group of parents of kids of all ages meeting to learn, relate, and discuss from the study ways to parent from a Biblical worldview. This semester, we will be studying the book of 2 Timothy taught by Joby Martin via RightNow Media. We plan to have a couple of FAMILY service opportunities during each semester. Childcare and programming is provided.



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MORE ABOUT NAZARETH
SMALL GROUPS**

www.naz.org/nextsteps

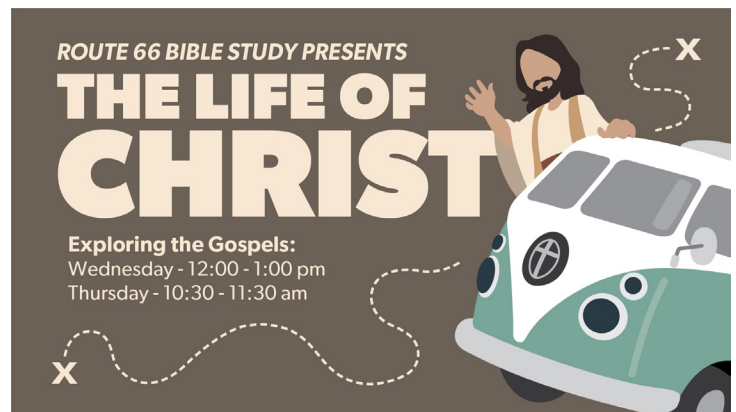
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Visitation Updates

If you or a loved one have been hospitalized or are unable to attend church. Please email Andy Walser, Nazareth's Director of Visitation, via andy.walser@naz.org, if you're interested in scheduling a hospital visit or home communion.

Membership Updates

If you have had address change, family changes, or other life updates, we would love to be informed to keep our records updated. Please share your information with Jordan by calling 319-266-7589 or by emailing jordan.kv@naz.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.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY AT NAZARETH

Your generosity is instrumental in furthering the mission of our church, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support. Thank you for giving back and help us continue the powerful work of God in our ministries. Visit naz.org/give for more information.

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Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church Attn: Finance
7401 University Ave. Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Give In Person

Drop off your Offering Envelope with an enclosed check or cash during one of our Sunday worship services, in the Basket or an Offering Box.