

Local Missions

Local Missions Christmas Outreach: There are still several ways to serve locally this Advent Season:

- ◆ **Provide Christmas gifts to Blessed Beginnings** Classrooms through their Giving Tree. Pick up an ornament from the tree in Fellowship Hall this morning and return the gift listed on the ornament to the Welcome Desk.
- ◆ **Be a Bell Ringer** for the Salvation Army! Go to redkettle.volunteerlocal.com to select a date, time and location to ring (at least 24 hours in advance to help with scheduling).
- ◆ **Wheelchair Pushers** are needed to help NewAldaya residents get to and from Sunday Chapel services. Nazareth has committed to providing volunteers to help with this all throughout the month of December. Go to Naz Next Steps to learn more today.

Winter 2019 Discipleship U

Registration is NOW OPEN for Discipleship U classes that will begin meeting in January! Opportunities include:

- ◆ Bible Study: Galatians
- ◆ Biblical Literacy: The Exodus
- ◆ Alpha Prayer Course
- ◆ Bible Study: Romans
- ◆ MidKids
- ◆ Financial Peace University
- ◆ Centering Prayer
- ◆ Perspectives
- ◆ Young Adults
- ◆ Men's Prayer Breakfast/Bible Study
- ◆ Mom's Bible Study
- ◆ Men's Promise Keeper's Bible Study
- ◆ Parenting Bible Study (POW)
- ◆ Women's Bible Study Fellowship
- ◆ A History of Nazareth Lutheran
- ◆ Search Bible Study AND MORE

With classes and groups meeting at various times all throughout each week, there is something for everyone! Register online at www.naz.org or go to Naz Next Steps to learn more today.

Announcements

Thursday Fellowship Lunch will be Christmas Dinner! Served at noon will be ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert.

Poinsettias: To order a poinsettia plant for the Worship Center during our Christmas services, go to the Welcome Desk. Cost of each poinsettia is \$12.

Order Forms for Nazareth T-Shirts are available today at the Welcome Desk. These make great gifts!

Perspectives Course: Perspectives on the World Christian Movement is a class that will open the eyes of your heart with fresh knowledge and understanding of God's unchanging purposes and why they're relevant to your life. The 2019 class will be at Cedar Valley Church on Monday evenings, January 14 to April 29 (6:00-9:00 p.m.) Registration is \$250, with a \$100 scholarship available for all Nazareth members. Go to www.perspectives.org to sign up before Dec 15th to receive a \$25 Early Bird Discount. For more information, email cfperspectives@gmail.com.

The ALL HANDS ON DECK capital campaign is nearing completion, and we are grateful for your continued generosity. Less than \$120,000.⁰⁰ remains to fulfill our commitment to missions and to pay off our loan. Now is the time to help us FINISH STRONG! Donations may be made online at www.naz.org or by check.

Job Openings: Naz is now hiring two part-time Facilities Team Members for evening and weekend hours. Apply online at www.naz.org/careers.html or email angie.rath@naz.org with questions.

Save the Date for the *IF:Gathering* in 2019! This event will be hosted at Nazareth on February 8-9. Registration is NOW OPEN. To get signed up, go to <https://cedarvalleyiowa.iflocal.com/if-cedar-valley>.

December Donations

Nazareth Food and Essentials Pantry



Donation Needs for the Month:

- Soup

The Blessed Beginnings Learning Center

Donation Needs for the Month:

- Baby food (no mixed foods)
- Baby cereal (oatmeal or rice)



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Living together in God's amazing grace, we invite all people to know Christ, grow in Christ, and make Christ known.

Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday Worship Services
9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Brian King
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Office Hours
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. to Noon
Friday

Prayer Chain
Call the church office to have your concern placed on the Prayer Chain.

Connect with Nazareth!
www.naz.org
facebook.com/MyNazareth
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Be Invitational!
Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to worship with us at Nazareth.



The Voice

December 16, 2018

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Sermon - **The Voice**

- Pastor Dennis Hanson

Today's Texts - Malachi 3:1-4 and Luke 3:1-18

9:00 a.m.

Prelude - *Shepherd's Dance* (Elliott)

Gathering Hymn - **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry** - #249 (red)

Special Music - *Be Born in Me* (Battistelli)

- Ali Parrish, solo

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Special Music - *Morning Star* (Larson)

- Nazareth Choir

Children's Song - **Go, Tell It on the Mountain** - #290 (red)

Offering - *Prepare the Royal Highway*

- Men's Prayer Breakfast/Bible Study Group

Sending Hymn - **Soon and Very Soon** - #439 (red)

Postlude - *Soon and Very Soon*

10:45 a.m.

Opening Worship - **Great Things**

- **Lord, I Need You**

Offering/Advent Song - **Adore**

Closing Worship - **Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)**

Worship Assistants

Nathaniel Parrish, Director of Music and Worship Arts (9:00)

Nicki Toliver, Nazareth Choir Director (9:00)

Dixie Nederhoff, Reader (9:00)

Jordan McDonald, Director of Music and Worship Arts (10:45)

Colby Cryer, Reader (10:45)

Advent Candle Lighters

The Jensen Family (9:00) and The Venem Family (10:45)

Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

While we recognize that people are moved to worship and respond to God in many and various ways ranging from silence to applause, hands folded, or arms outstretched, at Nazareth we understand that ALL our varied worship responses are intended to give glory and thanks to God alone as the focus of our worship and praise.

Naz Notes

New to Naz?

Whether you're joining us from across town, from out of state or beyond...we are so glad you are here! Please take a moment to stop by the Welcome Desk this morning to pick up an information packet and a special gift!

You are welcome here!

Serve



Greeters are needed for the Christmas worship services so that all who attend will feel warmly welcomed! Please help us show hospitality to all who join us for these special worship services. To sign up, go to Naz Next Steps today.

KidzRock and Confirmation Classes WILL NOT MEET on the following two Sundays: December 23 and December 30. Classes will resume again on January 6.



Making plans for Christmas? Here is the upcoming Nazareth worship schedule:

- ◆ Sunday, December 23: Worship services will be at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m., and at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, December 24: Worship services will be at 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.

This is a GREAT time to be invitational. You can find postcard invitations at the Welcome Desk and Naz Next Steps. Take as many as you need! Questions? Email info@naz.org or call the church office at 319-266-7589.

Today at Nazareth

The flowers at the altar are in memory of Jerry and Jane Slykhuis and Steven Siegel-Slykhuis with love from their friends.

Hospitalized (as of December 11): Loren Heeren

Baptized in the Chapel: Brooks Steven Meinert, son of Joshua and Allison Meinert.

Our Deepest Sympathy to Jim Vaux as he mourns the death of his mother.

Information Updates: Have there been changes to your phone number, email address, and/or mailing address? Or, are you heading south for the winter? If so, please contact Lori Fegley at 319-266-7589 to provide an update.

The 2019 Flower Book is ready. To donate flowers in honor of a special anniversary or in memory of someone, etc. please contact Lori Fegley in the church office at 319-266-7589.

Men's Bible Study: The men who are singing at the 9:00 service this morning are members of the Naz Men's Prayer Breakfast/Bible Study Group. They meet in the Cedar Falls Hy-Vee Club Room from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday morning; and new members are always welcome. Join us! With questions, email info@naz.org.

This Week at Nazareth

An Advent Worship Service of Comfort and Hope will be held in the Larsen Chapel THIS WEDNESDAY, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. Prior to the worship service, all are welcome to join us for the final Advent soup supper of this season at 5:00 in Fellowship Hall.

