

Discipleship

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. For more information, email cfperspectives@gmail.com.

Financial Peace University, facilitated by Aaron Sannes, will be held Sundays, January 13 to March 10 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 151. What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. Join us for this life-transforming class! Cost of registration is \$99. Register at <https://fpu.com/1078717>.



WORK AS WORSHIP RETREAT

YOU ARE INVITED!

What:

RightNow Media's *Work as Worship Retreat*

Where:

Bethel Hall

When:

Friday, February 22, 2019 - 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

To Register:

<https://events.rightnowmedia.org/attendee/site/283>.

Cost:

\$30 per registration

Breakfast, snacks and lunch will be served!

Announcements

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)

The **ALL HANDS ON DECK** capital campaign is nearing completion, and we are grateful for your continued generosity. **Less than \$98,000.00** 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.

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.

Thank you to all who participated in the Blood Drive at Nazareth on December 12! Your donations truly made a difference and will save many lives! Merry Christmas to all!

~Duane Rippe and The American Red Cross Team

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>.



nazareth

evangelical lutheran church

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
twitter.com/mynazchurch
instagram.com/mynazchurch

Be Invitational!
Invite your family, friends,
and neighbors to worship
with us at Nazareth.



Mary's Song: Surrender and Celebrate

December 23, 2018

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Sermon - **Mary's Song: Surrender and Celebrate**

- Laura Sohl-Cryer

Today's Texts - Jeremiah 29:11-13 and Luke 1:26-38; 46-55

9:00 a.m.

Prelude - Christmas Carol Requests

Gathering Hymn - **Joy to the World** - #267 (red)

Lighting of the Advent Candle - **Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel**
#257 (red) (vs. 1, 3-4, 6-7)

Children's Song - **Emmanuel** - #134 (brown)

Offering - *O Holy Night* (arr. Robertson)

- Betty Winther, saxophone

Communion - **The First Noel** - #300 (red)

- **What Child is This?** - #296 (red)

- **Angels We Have Heard on High** - #289 (red)

Postlude - *Joy to the World* (arr. Setchell)

10:45 a.m.

Opening Worship - **Joy to the World**

Offering/Advent Song - **Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel**

Communion - **The First Noel**

- **What Child Is This**

Closing Worship - **O Come All Ye Faithful**

Worship Assistants

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

Peg Wiebenga, Reader (9:00)

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

Advent Candle Lighters

The Myhr Family (9:00) and The Reinhardt Family (10:45)

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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!

Upcoming Worship Services

Join us in worship as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

TONIGHT, Sunday, December 23:

◆ Christmas Eve "Eve" Service at 7:00 p.m.

TOMORROW, Monday, December 24:

◆ Christmas Eve Worship Services will be at 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.



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

Register online at www.naz.org or go to Naz Next Steps to learn more today.

Today at Nazareth

The flowers at the altar are in honor of Barry and Kaye Haskin's 50th wedding anniversary on December 22nd.

Hospitalized This Week: Gaylon Halverson, Ken Budke, and Kathy Mueler

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 .

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.

Connect With Us: Please call the church office or email info@naz.org to let us know about deaths, illnesses, and/or hospitalizations so that our visitation team can pray for you and/or visit you.

Mark Your Calendar

The Nazareth Church Offices will be closed on December 24, 25, and 26, and January 1.

KidzRock and Confirmation Classes will not meet today or next Sunday, December 30. These classes will resume again on January 6.

Thursday Fellowship Lunch will not meet this week. Please join us again on Thursday, January 3.

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, January 8. Congregational input is welcome at 7:00 p.m.

WOW, JUMP56, CHAOS and BIGHouse have concluded programming for the year. They will kick off again on Wednesday, January 16.

BASIC will kick off 2019 on Thursday, January 17.

The Celebration of Mission and Ministry (formerly known as the Congregational Meeting) will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 27, in the Worship Center. A soup luncheon will be served in Bethel Hall following the conclusion of the 10:45 worship service (prior to the meeting).

IF: Gathering is February 8-9.

CHAOS Ski and Shop is February 9-10.

Work as Worship Retreat is February 22.

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.