

WELCOME

Thank you for being here today! Whether you're joining us from across town, from out of state or beyond...we are so glad you are here! There are no perfect people here. We are a people and place of grace. Whether you're single, married, divorced, with or without children, a student or retiree – no matter where you've been or what you've done – we invite you to experience the transforming power, presence, and peace of God here.

New to Naz?

We want to connect with you! Please fill out the **YELLOW CONNECTION CARD** found in the pew and drop it into the offering plate or bring it to the Welcome Desk - where you can pick up a visitor's packet and a special gift. It is a blessing to have you here!

Who is Nazareth?

Our Mission Statement

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

Our Vision

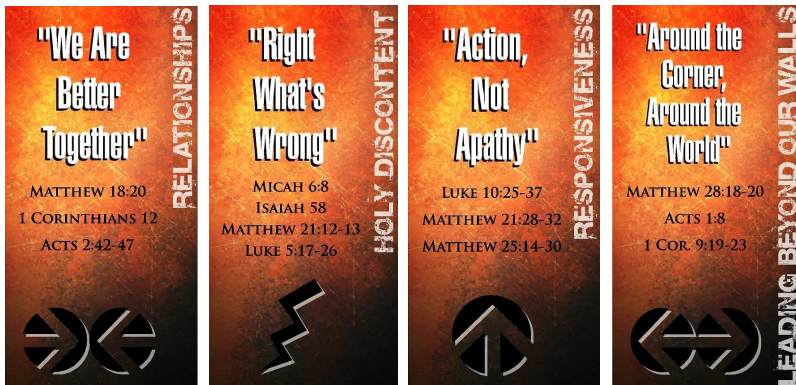
Getting our hands dirty for the cause of Christ.

Our Values

Holy Discontent - Righting What's Wrong
Responsiveness - Action, Not Apathy
Relationships - We Are Better Together
Leading Beyond Our Walls - Around the Corner, Around the World

Our Congregational Intention

To prepare every person to become a fully committed follower of Christ.
To make the love of God real for people.
To excel in our stewardship of God's gifts and resources.



TODAY AT NAZARETH *September 15, 2019*

The flowers at the altar are in honor of Dwayne and Kathy Mueller's 65th wedding anniversary.

The flowers at the pulpit are in celebration of the wedding of Chelsea Miller and Garrett Schmitz who were married at Nazareth on Saturday.

Baptized in Larsen Chapel:

~~Beau Matthew Hasenkamp, son of Jordan and Olivia Hasenkamp

Anniversary Open House: You are invited to celebrate the 65th wedding anniversary of Dwayne and Kathy Mueller TODAY - Sunday, September 15, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Bethel Hall.

Hospitalized: JoAnn Beurer

All Parents of K-6th Graders are invited to a KidzRock Orientation Meeting in the Coffee Shop near Door #6 TODAY from 10:00 to 10:30!

2020 Vision Congregational Surveys: All throughout September, the 2020 Vision Team invites ALL Nazareth community members to complete a congregational survey. See the announcements page for more details. **Paper copies are available at the 2020 Vision Table in Fellowship Hall, and the link to the online survey can be found at www.naz.org. Please place completed paper surveys into the receptacle at the Welcome Desk.**

Please contact the church office at 319-266-7589 to let us know about illnesses, hospitalizations, births or deaths. Because of privacy policies, most hospitals no longer notify us when members are hospitalized even though you may have given them permission to contact the church. We would love to see you and pray with you! But, unless you or your family notifies the church, we may not know to visit.

Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church
7401 University Avenue
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613
319.266.7589

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

Sunday Worship Services
9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Brian King
Senior Pastor
brian.king@naz.org

Pastor Denny Hanson
Associate Pastor
dennis.hanson@naz.org

Pastor Bob Ericson
Visitation/Teaching Pastor
bob.ericson@naz.org

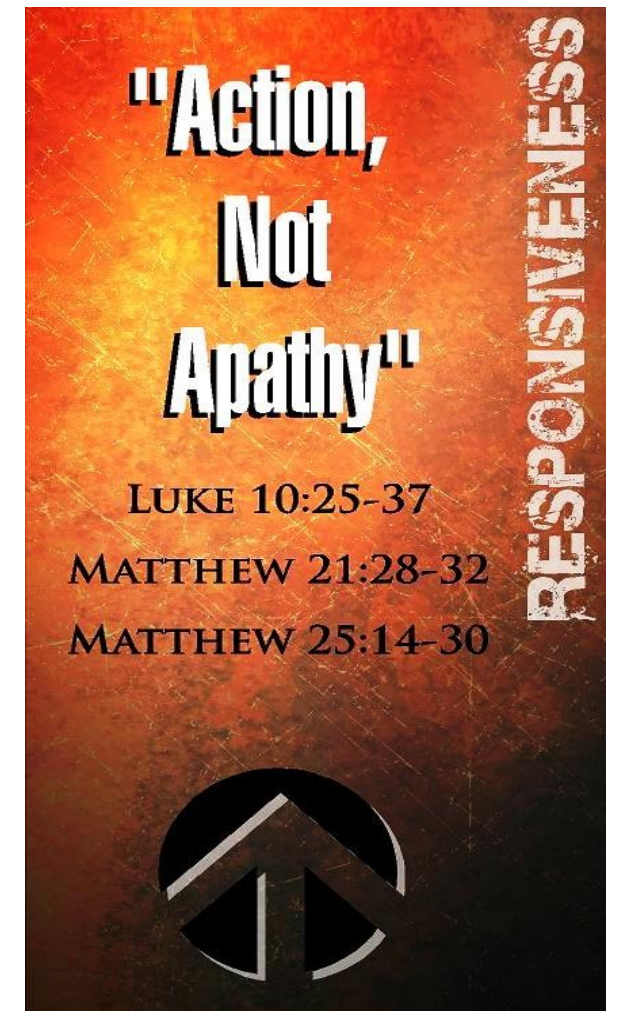
Prayer Chain
Call the church office to have your concern placed on the Prayer Chain.

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.



VALUABLES



September 15, 2019

WORSHIP

September 15, 2019

SERMON NOTES

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Sermon - *VALUABLES: RESPONSIVENESS*

- *Action, Not Apathy*

- Pastor Brian King

Today's Texts - James 2:14-26 and Matthew 21:28-32

9:00 a.m.

Prelude - *Nocturne in Bb Major* (Field)

Gathering Hymn - *Lift High the Cross* - #660 (red)

Children's Song - *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

Sermon Hymn - *Here I Am, Lord*

Offering - *Come Share the Lord* (Leech/Tabell)

- Nazareth Choir

Communion Distribution - *What a Beautiful Name*

Postlude - *Hornpipe* (Handel)

10:45 a.m.

Opening Worship - *Open Up the Heavens*

- *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Offering - *What a Beautiful Name*

Communion Distribution - Nathaniel Parrish, piano

Prayer of the Day

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Nathaniel Parrish, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Nicki Toliver, Nazareth Choir Director (9:00)

Anne Mershon, Reader (9:00)

Hannah Hilgenkamp, Worship Technology Coordinator (9:00 and 10:45)

Brad Britzman, Reader (10:45)

Thank you to all Nazareth volunteers for your faithful service!

VALUABLES: RESPONSIVENESS

Action, Not Apathy

James 2:14-26 and Matthew 21:28-32

READ IT

Take time this week to read the Book of James in its entirety. Reflect on James' call to action and how that call to action in light of God's grace speaks to and challenges you to live out your faith in daily life truly responsive to the needs of others around you.

WATCH IT

Login or create a free account through Nazareth with RightNow Media and watch the Book of James video series by Francis Chan. Lean in as Francis Chan unpacks the book of James as it speaks to the realities of a living faith in Jesus—the kind of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty discipleship that is borne out of an authentic relationship with the risen Lord.

LIVE IT

If you are not already actively serving in ministry outreach of Nazareth or one of our local ministry partners, go to the Naz Next Steps desk in Fellowship Hall to get connected to one of many current or upcoming service ministries/events at Nazareth. Consider how you can use your God-given blessings and gifts to actively serve and care for area neighbors in need as a loving and thankful response to the gift of God's grace already present in your life.

VALUABLES: RESPONSIVENESS

Action, Not Apathy

James 2:14-26 and Matthew 21:28-32

Explore the texts for this week and reflect on/discuss these questions:

If we are “saved by grace through faith” according to Ephesians 2:8, then what does James mean when he says that “faith without works is dead?” Might this be James' way of stating the truth of Ephesians 2:10 which says: “For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.”?

What does it mean that we are not saved “by” good works, but “for” good works?

What are some of the factors that prevent followers of Jesus from being truly responsive to the needs of others, and how does one overcome those factors?

How does today's Gospel lesson from Matthew 21 challenge you in living out your faith in daily life?

Find “Making Christ Known” resources at Naz Next Steps!