

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT NAZARETH FOLKS ARE THANKFUL FOR?

- ◆ Church community, worship choices
- ◆ Staff at Naz and Holy Spirit moving us
- ◆ Pastors who inspire us all to get our hands dirty
- ◆ The outreach by Naz members sharing the love of Christ
- ◆ Congregation that is always loving and willing to serve
- ◆ Staff abilities and passion
- ◆ Opportunities to be in small groups and get to know people
- ◆ Energy, enthusiasm and vision of Pastor King
- ◆ Being the hands and feet of Christ
- ◆ Ministries for entire family. Kids programs & Bible studies
- ◆ Casual Sunday Service. Staff who go the extra mile.
- ◆ Community Outreach
- ◆ Staff and loyal volunteers
- ◆ Community
- ◆ Music and Worship
- ◆ Having a place to come and renew my spirit with Christ
- ◆ Pastors Brian and Dennis for bringing life back to NAZ
- ◆ Church family and support it provides
- ◆ Friends who make moving to a new place feel like home
- ◆ God's grace and peace in my life
- ◆ Many learning opportunities to grow closer to Christ
- ◆ Music ministry, fantastic worship. Chaos, Big House
- ◆ Having divorce care in the past
- ◆ VBS
- ◆ Community
- ◆ Staff, programing and staff, welcoming place to praise our Lord
- ◆ Preaching the Gospel. Bible studies to grow in Christ
- ◆ Staff (everyone)
- ◆ Faith, family and friends
- ◆ Evangelism explosion--lives changed
- ◆ New kitchen and facilities which are paid in full
- ◆ Caring pastors and congregation.
- ◆ Opportunities to study God's Word in Sunday morning classes
- ◆ Music ministry
- ◆ Pastors faithful to Bible and lead us to be doers and listeners.
- ◆ Strong programs for young people. Hymn sings before service time
- ◆ NAZ's mission focus locally and worldwide
- ◆ Salvation through Jesus Christ
- ◆ Pastors Brian, Denny, Bob and Andy and all those on prayer team
- ◆ Great teaching church
- ◆ Hearing strong word of God every Sunday and Christian friends
- ◆ Children's ministry and their helpful attitude
- ◆ VBS, scripture filled services, partnership with Job Foundation
- ◆ Evangelical emphasis, community involvement, no debt
- ◆ Sense of community NAZ provides
- ◆ Contemporary worship at 10:45
- ◆ Small groups and NAZ's persistent support of them
- ◆ Pastors' leadership - always good sermons, beautiful facility, classes
- ◆ Music, Work in local and world missions
- ◆ Christ centered teaching, food and children's ministry
- ◆ Pastors & staff that pursue God & love our church family
- ◆ Caring community
- ◆ Family at NAZ
- ◆ All staff & members at NAZ
- ◆ Friendliness of people.
- ◆ Pastors and leaders
- ◆ VBS
- ◆ Opportunities to grow in faith through Bible studies
- ◆ Music ministry--fills my heart
- ◆ Music that touches my soul. Gifted people that give message every Sunday
- ◆ Teaching/wisdom
- ◆ Love & vibrancy of congregation (I am a new member)

Thankful



*Oh give
thanks to
the LORD,
for He is
good,
for His
steadfast
love
endures
forever!*

Psalm 107:1

WHAT ARE NAZ KIDS THANKFUL FOR?

- * Songs
- * Life and family
- * VBS
- * Family
- * Mommy and Daddy
- * Jesus, VBS
- * VBS
- * Love us
- * Family
- * Church
- * Land and sea creatures
- * Beautiful Rock Mountains
- * Provide food

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- ◆ Strong leadership, service opportunities, fiscal responsibility
- ◆ Volunteers and God's grace and mercy and forgiveness
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- ◆ Wonderful volunteers
- ◆ People I've met, greeters and ushers at 10:45 service
- ◆ A great place to worship. All the things to do
- ◆ Faithful preaching & music. Support of Love INC and Job Foundation
- ◆ Highland School
- ◆ Services with great messages & music. LWR projects, small groups
- ◆ Naz's ministry over 70 years
- ◆ Messages every Sunday of outreach & grace & forgiveness
- ◆ Staff and volunteers who give so much of themselves seen and unseen
- ◆ Nancy Graen
- ◆ 2 great pastors to lead us
- ◆ Pastors for leadership and their love of people especially our members
- ◆ Pastor Brian and others being such powerful & moving speakers
- ◆ God's grace & love in my life through the preaching and sacraments
- ◆ Being here
- ◆ Meaningful, inspirational sermons; beautiful music
- ◆ All of our Christian leaders
- ◆ Brian King; all music; children's sermons; Kidz Rock
- ◆ Sermons, fellowship, Bible studies and church family
- ◆ NAZ putting Bible #1, offering variety of services/programming
- ◆ Faithful staff & members & volunteers/great music/beautiful building
- ◆ Children's & youth ministry leaders, local and world missions
- ◆ Praying congregation. Shepards staff for their visits, prayer chain
- ◆ Pastors preaching & teaching, good servants of Lord & eager to serve
- ◆ Congregation. Janitors keeping church clean and preparing for events.
- ◆ Volunteers to serve in variety of areas
- ◆ God centered community of believers. Young families we've met through NAZ VBS
- ◆ Reading guide plan & discussion guides used this summer
- ◆ Caring congregation who does a lot. Many Bible studies offered,
- ◆ Great prayer chain
- ◆ NAZ helped my kids who are now adults know Christ
- ◆ God's faithfulness over nearly 150 years.
- ◆ Servant-hearted people who love God and others.
- ◆ Strong Christian families; speaking staff with gift of communication;
- ◆ Strong senior group; exciting childrens ministry; VBS rocks; beautiful building
- ◆ Nathaniel's gift of music; pastors that love our church
- ◆ Blessed Beginnings; welcoming & loving environment; pastors
- ◆ Pastor Brian, Denny, Bob and Andy! It just doesn't get any better than this.
- ◆ Pastors and caring staff. The church is always there for all.
- ◆ This is a church of missions.
- ◆ Pastors and staff to help lead us in God's word
- ◆ Support received from NAZ and members. All the prayers.
- ◆ Being able to see God's Blessing and help in my life
- ◆ Binding us together thru bad times and good times
- ◆ Wonderful worship services--music and messages
- ◆ Community and people NAZ brings together.
- ◆ Meeting & staying in touch with people of faith.
- ◆ Youth and other age appropriate ministries
- ◆ Being able to gather with fellow believers & worship freely
- ◆ God, faith, family, NAZ congregation & staff, community
- ◆ NAZ family and the outreach that goes on
- ◆ Good worship facilities. Outreach to others in our community, nation & around the world.
- ◆ My Bible study friends in Christ
- ◆ Mission opportunities and community
- ◆ Small group classes/Alpha
- ◆ The wonderful music ministry--heard about it before moving here
- ◆ Emphasis on a personal relationship with Christ
- ◆ Music and worship at NAZ and Alpha, children's ministry, small groups
- ◆ Music and fellowship.

Philippians 1:3-4

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT NAZARETH FOLKS ARE HOPEFUL FOR?

Hopeful

- ◆ Saturday evening worship service
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity Iowa Group
- ◆ Young people inspired to live lives of kindness, hope & service
- ◆ People of Naz rise up to honor all people through stopping violence
- ◆ Individual engagement reach out to others and share Christ
- ◆ Listening ears that there is a need for financial support
- ◆ Nazareth to be the church that God wants it to be
- ◆ Unity through differences. Young people carrying on mission to God's word.
- ◆ Ability to make changes without compromising on those things that should remain unchanged
- ◆ More elements of the discontinued middle service into the 10:45 service
- ◆ Those with depression & anxiety to find love and peace in Jesus and our church community
- ◆ Continued support and prayer for childless by choice to feel welcome and part of the Nazareth community
- ◆ More people joining us and more diversity
- ◆ Clear vision and direction for Naz--lots of disconnect at present
- ◆ Return to options in receiving communion, stronger affiliation with ELCA and their mission
- ◆ Better effort for singles especially over 50 to combat loneliness
- ◆ Continued community with other believers
- ◆ Growth-especially young families. Mission to bring back young adults that lost their faith
- ◆ Growth at NAZ and for myself
- ◆ Future at NAZ where everyone feels known, loved and spurred on in faith
- ◆ God's direction for NAZ mission and congregational engagement
- ◆ Many more to discover those learning opportunities
- ◆ Members to actively attend, seek others, greet and welcome everyone
- ◆ Peace for our country
- ◆ Peace, tolerance
- ◆ Growing with others in God's word
- ◆ Blessed Beginnings
- ◆ More people will be saved
- ◆ Jesus return or revival while we wait
- ◆ Minister to speak on Sundays
- ◆ Start again for rebirth of congregation
- ◆ Growth for our congregation
- ◆ Reach more people (especially young people) to teach blessings God has for them
- ◆ More people to commit to this ministry
- ◆ More hymn sings. Strong stand for unborn. Speak up.
- ◆ Outreach Bible study with locally incarcerated women
- ◆ Outreach to Waterloo Women Center for Change
- ◆ Continue to proclaim the Gospel
- ◆ Continued prayers
- ◆ Sermon on Revelations.
- ◆ Young people of our church to continue to be part of church
- ◆ Peace in world
- ◆ More people to know Christ, grow in Christ and make Christ known
- ◆ Continue Christ first, continue asking Holy Spirit's guidance
- ◆ Singles ministry for middle age people, remodel children's facilities
- ◆ Music--want to hear & sing what's on radio 101.9
- ◆ More small groups for younger men and women. Involvement
- ◆ Reaching more people especially those struggling to find Jesus
- ◆ Women staff to join our Gather Bible Study Thurs PM
- ◆ More connections with Christ communities in Cedar Valley.
- ◆ More work outside of NAZ building. Evangelism and service
- ◆ Wisdom, peace & discernment with the financial budget
- ◆ Dedication to Cedar Valley
- ◆ Bringing a younger generation to NAZ
- ◆ All people will be treated equally. We are all God's children.
- ◆ More faith opportunities
- ◆ Building more relationships with people at NAZ
- ◆ Continuance of this great ministry
- ◆ All people to know and love Jesus
- ◆ Continued leadership by Pastors Brian & Denny as well as lay leaders
- ◆ Continued offering variety of spiritual opportunities/classes
- ◆ Christ's truth and God's grace will be confirmed in heart of humans everywhere
- ◆ More work with diverse neighborhoods.
- ◆ People to say hello with kindness and empathy



Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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- ◆ Healing for those who suffer
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity
- ◆ Continuing spiritual growth of all members
- ◆ New faces to fill vacant positions that bring vision & enthusiasm
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity
- ◆ People less fortunate for food and shelter, growth in faith for all
- ◆ Congregation become more accepting of all people and lead our community in understanding and caring for all people
- ◆ Parent involvement
- ◆ More small group opportunities for people to connect and feel a place to belong
- ◆ Unshakable urgency to live in God's word; messages that cut to the heart in truth, strong unwavering beliefs
- ◆ Ministry to asylum seekers
- ◆ Support for all women's ministries.
- ◆ Offering great programs for children and families.
- ◆ Outreach for more diversity & partnerships with local missions
- ◆ More involvement of people who are not participating; growth of college ministry;
- ◆ Continued outreach in community
- ◆ Structure congregational life in ay to support & encourage one's ministry in daily life & life of discipleship
- ◆ More people coming to Christ
- ◆ Increased support of Quakerdale.
- ◆ 2 great pastors share more fantastic sermons
- ◆ Peace among all nations; bring God's word to more people and bring more people to NAZ
- ◆ Many more loving and moving sermons
- ◆ Continued proclamation of the Holy Word and Sacrament
- ◆ Having people here to worship the Lord
- ◆ Peace for all who come to NAZ; New people to NAZ feel hope
- ◆ Continued strong youth programs. Many more years of Brian King
- ◆ Our spreading hope and love to a hurting world
- ◆ Outreach tried again for parents of young ones. Continue all else!
- ◆ Better, more current relevant teaching--it seems quite dry & predictable
- ◆ Less griping & complaining--needs to be address from the pulpit.
- ◆ Whiners need to be called out. We have lost too many good people.
- ◆ No longer losing members to other churches.
- ◆ More Christian concerts at NAZ
- ◆ Sunday morning worship schedule which allows people to attend desired type of worship service and be able to participate in activities on Sunday morning (teach or attend Sunday school, etc.)
- ◆ Membership of NAZ will grow, bringing more to His kingdom
- ◆ Continued God centered worship.
- ◆ I pray NAZ will be more vocal and decisive about hard, biblical truths
- ◆ Continue to live out our mission statement
- ◆ More reading plans & discussion. Guides to unite us in study for weekly sermons
- ◆ More couple things to do
- ◆ Fill the pews so more people know God's love and forgiveness.
- ◆ To make many disciples who disciple others who make disciples.
- ◆ More Sunday teachings by pastors
- ◆ Continued emphasis on the Gospel message
- ◆ More younger people & families to be brought to know God.
- ◆ Direction where God leads us to grow his kingdom.
- ◆ Continued willingness of NAZ community to go, show and tell
- ◆ More people in Cedar Valley experience Jesus love and grace & follow Him
- ◆ Congregation filled with the Holy Spirit and moved to serve others
- ◆ We can reach out to many people that need God's love & they feel welcome to come to NAZ
- ◆ People to find the confidence & courage to come to NAZ & experience the family.
- ◆ To not be afraid of rejection or alienation.
- ◆ Unity, Blessings on multi-generational ministry
- ◆ Safety and peace for our country & all our citizens
- ◆ Grow in Christ. Encourage others to know Him. Grow our congregation.
- ◆ Lead others to Christ. Support our missionaries all around world.
- ◆ Continued growth of NAZ as the gospel is shared with others
- ◆ This to continue and grow that we may reach others for Christ
- ◆ Fair treatment for all--sex, race, sexual orientation, socio-economic status
- ◆ Continue to grow the youth ministry programs

*Let us hold
fast the
confession of
our hope
without
wavering,
for he who
promised is
faithful.*

Hebrews 10:23

WHAT ARE NAZ KIDS HOPEFUL FOR?

- * A NAZ soccer team
- * A Good life
- * That kids make more friends
- * Million bucks
- * A horse
- * Good future
- * More VBS
- * New songs
- * Jesus coming back alive
- * Lunch
- * World peace
- * The whole world to see beauty like butterflies