

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

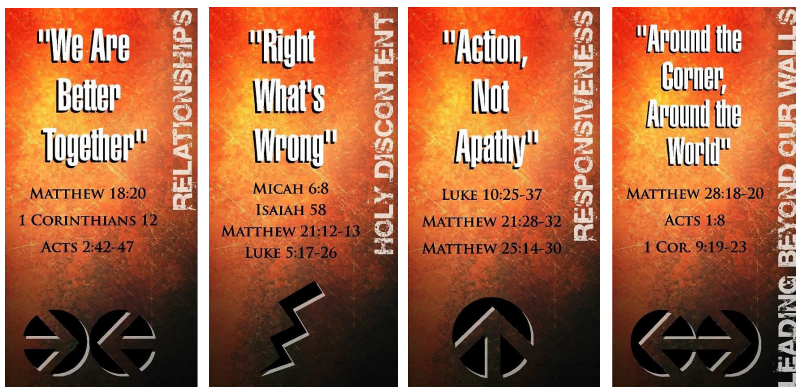
Getting our hands dirty for the cause of Christ.

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 22, 2019*

The flowers at the altar are in memory of Kris Jensen Rhoades and Todd Rhoades and Rod Jensen from their families.

The flowers at the pulpit are in loving memory of Grant Wheeler.

Our Deepest Sympathy to Irene Gusta and her family and friends as they mourn the death of her husband, Kenneth "Gus" Gusta.

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.**

Nazareth's BELONG Membership Class begins TONIGHT and will be held on Sunday evenings, September 22 & 29 and October 6 & 13. Stop at the BELONG table in Fellowship Hall to learn more.

Finance Report: If you have any questions about the Finance Report that was presented during each worship service this morning, please stop by the table in Fellowship Hall today or contact Jan Glaspie, Nazareth's Finance Manager, at jan.glaspie@naz.org or 319-266-7589. We are grateful to God for your continued partnership in mission!

Making Christ Known

Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church
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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.

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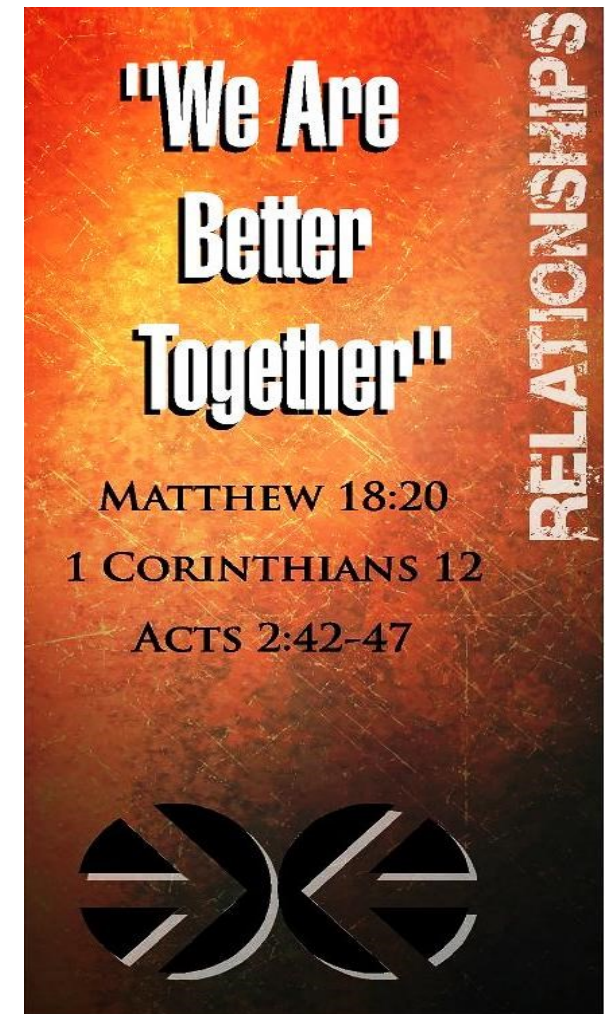
Prayer Chain
Call the church office to have your concern placed on the Prayer Chain.

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.



VALUABLES



September 22, 2019

WORSHIP

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SERMON NOTES

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Sermon - *VALUABLES: RELATIONSHIPS*
- *We Are Better Together*
- Pastor Brian King

Today's Texts - Luke 10:1-2 and Acts 2:42-47

9:00 a.m.

Prelude - *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (arr. Raney)
- Nancy Graen and Nathaniel Parrish, piano duet
Gathering Hymn - ***Built on a Rock*** - #652 (red)
Special Music - *In the Garden* (arr. Larson)
- Nazareth Choir
Children's Song - *Children of the Heavenly Father* (arr. Forrest)
- Nancy Graen and Nathaniel Parrish, piano duet
Offering - *Jesus Loves Me* (arr. Raney)
- Nancy Graen and Nathaniel Parrish, piano duet
Sending Hymn - ***We All Are One in Mission*** - #576 (red)
Postlude - *Rondeau* (Mouret)

10:45 a.m.

Opening Worship - ***Come As You Are***
- ***No Longer Slaves***
Offering - *Jesus Loves Me* (arr. Raney)
- Nancy Graen and Nathaniel Parrish, piano duet
Closing Worship - ***Who You Say I Am***

Prayer of the Day

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed 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)
Eloise Nelson, Reader (9:00)
Hannah Hilgenkamp, Worship Technology Coordinator (9:00 and 10:45)
Colby Cryer, Reader (10:45)

Thank you to all Nazareth volunteers for your faithful service!

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READ IT:

Spend some time in Bible study this week focusing on Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12. Reflect upon what these passages say about being part of the Body of Christ and how it is that we are called and gifted to be followers of Christ together. Read Dietrich Bonhoeffer's classic *Life Together* and come to see that Christian community is not an ideal but rather a divine reality. Bonhoeffer can therefore say: "Christian brotherhood is not an ideal which we must realize; it is rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate."

WATCH IT:

Access your Right Now Media account (or create one today at the Welcome Desk) to access numerous videos on family and community. We especially encourage you to watch the Andy Stanley series, *Community - Starting Well*. You cannot grow spiritually unless you're connected relationally. Why is community so important to your spiritual life? God designed us that way. He wants to use other people to grow us and he wants to use us to grow other people...

LIVE IT:

Go to the Naz Next Steps desk in the fellowship hall today after worship and check out some of the numerous opportunities you have to be part of a small group Bible study, fellowship, or service group at Nazareth so that you might experience firsthand what it means when we say that: "We Are Better Together!"

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

According to our texts and today's sermon, what are the blessings and challenges of the relationships we share with God and others?

Reflect upon a time when you reached your limits and were blessed by the contributions of others in reaching a particular goal or succeeding in a particular task.

Acts 2:42-47 describes the culture of community in the early church. What was attractive and good about their way of living out their faith in daily life? What do you think outsiders would think of our Nazareth family - what would attract or repel them?

People are wired for relationship and yet many people today struggle to find and experience healthy, life-giving relationships with others. What can we as a congregation do to better encourage a sense of family, community and belonging through the ministries of Nazareth?

Find "Making Christ Known" resources at Naz Next Steps!