



The Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be held in the Nazareth Worship Center at 6:00 p.m. THIS WEDNESDAY, November 27, with annual Pie Social to follow. Half of the Thanksgiving Offering will go to the Naz Food Pantry and the other half to ELCA World Hunger.

Pies Needed: We are seeking donations of pies for the Boys and Girls Club and for our Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social. Please sign up Naz Next Steps today.

Local Missions Christmas Outreach: All are invited to lead beyond our walls this Christmas! Please go to the tables in Fellowship Hall today to learn more about:

***Packing and delivering Salvation Army Christmas Food Boxes for our neighbors in need. We are seeking volunteers to help pack food boxes from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6, and to deliver food boxes from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, December 7.

***Adopting a family from Highland Elementary School (our Partner in Education) by purchasing children's clothing (such as pajamas, sweatshirts and coats), personal care and household items, and a family game.

***Purchasing Angel Tree Gifts for children of incarcerated parents through Nazareth's Angel Tree partnership. We are seeking volunteers to wrap Angel Tree Gifts on Friday, December 6, at 5:00 p.m. and to help deliver these gifts from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, December 7.

***Providing Christmas Gifts to those in need in our community through a Giving Tree partnership with Exceptional Persons Incorporated (E.P.I.).

***Assembling Care Packages and providing donations for Military Personnel in the Nazareth family of faith (donations needed by December 1).

***Donating Classroom Gifts to the Blessed Beginnings Learning Center and Daycare by using the "BB Giving Tree" as a guide - this tree will be coming soon!

Do you have a family member who is serving in the military? Would you like Nazareth to send him or her a care package this Christmas? Please go to the Welcome Desk to provide their name and address no later than next Sunday, December 1. These care packages will be assembled by Confirmation students.

Ingathering: Thank you to all who participated in Ingathering Sunday. Please return your Pledge Cards and Serve Forms to the Nazareth office or place them into the offering plate soon. We are building the 2020 budget on your response. Serve Forms are due by Sunday, December 1, so we are able to create the 2020 volunteer lists for ministry leaders.

WOW, POWW and JUMP56 have concluded for the year and will resume again on January 22.

Due to Thanksgiving, there will be no Wednesday meal, Thursday Fellowship Lunch, CHAOS, BIGhouse or BASIC this week. Instead, please join us for the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service and Pie Social! There will also be NO KidzRock or Confirmation Classes next Sunday, December 1.

The 2020 Daily Texts will be arriving soon! Please place your order at the Welcome Desk. Payment of \$7 for each devotional book is due at the time of order.

The Nazareth Nominating Committee is seeking members who would like to serve on the Nazareth Church Council. Individuals should demonstrate a Christ-like fruit of the Spirit in their lives; a Biblical character and mature spiritual leadership; a commitment to embrace and live into the Nazareth Mission Statement; and a willingness to share unique personal gifts, competencies, passions, and experiences within the framework of a God-honoring group discernment process. If you are interested in becoming a nominee for Church Council or if you would like to nominate someone, please contact Pastor Brian King at 319-266-7589.

Perspectives Class: Join us and experience God's heart for all peoples, and encounter the momentum of the WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT. This class begins on Monday, January 20, 2020, and will be offered on Monday evenings for 15 weeks from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. here at Nazareth. Register online at www.perspectives.org. Please contact Maureen Hanson at (319) 988-4492 with questions.

Advent Soup Suppers will be from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on December 4, 11, and 18. Advent Worship Services will be from 6:00-6:45 p.m. on those dates as well.

Christmas Poinsettias: Sign up at the Welcome Desk today to purchase a poinsettia which will be displayed in the Worship Center for our Christmas services. Cost is \$12.

The Naz Family and Children's Ministry Team invites all families to enjoy a fun-filled evening of celebrating Christmas at the **Christmas Extravaganza** on Sunday, December 8. Please sign up by December 1 at www.naz.org/children.

Blood Drive: Nazareth is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 18, from noon to 5:00 p.m. Sign up to donate at www.redcross.org/give-blood.

A huge Nazareth THANK YOU to Jackie Moyer, who has served faithfully on the Nazareth Staff Team as Director of Blessed Beginnings. Jackie has been with Nazareth since 2001 and is now pursuing a new career opportunity. As Jackie follows God's calling to a new place on the journey He has set before her and her family, our heartfelt gratitude and our prayers go with her.

CHILDREN AND STUDENT MINISTRIES

Sunday Mornings

The Wiggle Room, in Room 151 just outside of the Worship Center, is available each Sunday for parents with little ones who would like to use it. In *The Wiggle Room*, there will be a live stream of the worship services, and toys and books for little ones to enjoy.

- ◆ Contact meg.husted@naz.org.

The Naz Nursery is also open at each worship service for infants to three-year-olds, and is located near the Family Life Center gym. A Nursing Room is also available. Stop at the Welcome Desk for details.

KidzRock (for Pre-K to 6th Graders) meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Children who go to KidzRock and are attending the 9:00 service with their families will be dismissed from the service following the Children's Sermon to meet their leaders in Fellowship Hall. Please use the check-in stations in Fellowship Hall or near Door #6 prior to the worship service. Parents should pick up their children in their classrooms at 10:30 a.m.

- ◆ Contact kim.albertsen@naz.org.

Confirmation (for 7th-9th Graders) meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.

- ◆ Contact Lori Haag at lori.haag@naz.org.

Mid-Week School-Year Ministries

WOW (K-4th graders) and **JUMP56** (Jesus Use Me Please for 5th and 6th graders) meet from 6:00-7:15 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Resumes on January 22, 2020.

- ◆ With questions about Children's Ministry programs here at Nazareth, please email kim.albertsen@naz.org.

POWW (Parents on Wednesdays Worship) meets from 6:00-7:15 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Please see the Discipleship U brochure for details about the POWW Bible Study! Resumes on January 22, 2020.

- ◆ Contact meg.husted@naz.org.

CHAOS (Christ Has All Our Solutions for 7th-9th graders) meets from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the FLC.

- ◆ Contact kristin.sauerbrei@naz.org.

BIGHouse (for 10th-12th graders) meets from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

- ◆ Contact kristina.mcburney@naz.org.

Find additional details and information about CHAOS and BIGHouse at www.cedarvalleystudents.org.

BASIC (college-age community) meets at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings in Lang Hall on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa.

- ◆ Contact sara.sladky@naz.org.

Find additional details at www.basicatlang.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY AND WORSHIP ARTS

Nazareth's worship team accepts new members on an ongoing basis. Whether you would like to join the Nazareth Choir, to be a part of a vocal or instrumental ensemble/special music, or you would like to help by greeting, ushering, serving communion, reading scripture or being on the technology team, there is a spot for you!

- ◆ Contact nathaniel.parrish@naz.org.

ADULT COMMUNITY GROUPS

Get connected with an Adult Bible Study and/or Fellowship Group by stopping at the Naz Next Steps counter in Fellowship Hall. Whether you are a young adult, a parent, a retiree or anything in between, there is an opportunity for you to find community here.

- ◆ Contact bob.ericson@naz.org.

MISSIONS

At Nazareth, we encourage you to lead beyond our walls through serving others in the name of Christ right here in the Cedar Valley and beyond all across the globe.

- ◆ Contact dennis.hanson@naz.org.

MEMBERSHIP

To learn more about becoming a Nazareth member...

- ◆ Contact lori.fegley@naz.org.

COMMUNION

Nazareth practices "Open Communion", meaning that Communion is offered to all baptized Christians who confess they are sinners in need of redemption and who believe the promise of forgiveness of sins and salvation through Jesus. To make a request to receive Communion in your home, please call the church at 319-266-7589. Communion is typically offered on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

- ◆ Contact brian.king@naz.org.

BAPTISM

Baptism is a gift from God offered to all as a "mark of faith" in Jesus Christ. Because of this, Nazareth provides infant baptisms, child baptisms, youth baptisms and adult baptisms. Public baptisms are typically held in our worship services on the second Sunday of each month. To learn more about Baptism at Nazareth, to express your interest in being baptized or to have your children baptized, please call the church at 319-266-7589.

- ◆ Contact lori.fegley@naz.org.

FOOD AND HOSPITALITY

The Naz Family Meal is served from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year. Cost is \$4 per meal or \$15 for a family of four or more.

- ◆ Contact barb.burbridge@naz.org.

Thursday Fellowship Luncheon is served from 12:00-1:00 p.m. on Thursdays for those age 55 and older. Cost is \$5 per meal.

- ◆ Contact barb.burbridge@naz.org.