

The Naz Family and Children's Ministry Team invites all families to enjoy a fun-filled evening of celebrating Christmas at the **Christmas Extravaganza** TONIGHT - Sunday, December 8, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will be a meal, an Advent craft to make and take home, and a whole lot of celebrating Christmas! Cost is \$25 per family. Please stop by the Children's Ministry Desk near Door #6 with questions or contact Kim Albertsen at kim.albertsen@naz.org.

Women's Advent Luncheon: All women of Nazareth are invited to an Advent Salad Luncheon on this Wednesday, December 11, at noon in Bethel Hall. Pastor Brian King will lead us in a Bible study and there will be special music provided. A free-will offering will be collected to purchase uniforms and other needed supplies for Highland Elementary School, Nazareth's Partner in Education.

The Prayer Shawl Team will meet at 11:00 a.m. this Thursday, December 12, near Door #1 to carpool to Dixie's house for the December meeting and Christmas party. With questions, please call Dixie at 319-269-2776.

Thursday Fellowship Meal is served at noon each week. The menu for December 12 is chicken rice casserole, peas, applesauce, biscuit and dessert.

Christmas BASIC: All are welcome to enjoy a congregational soup supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by a worship service presented in the Naz Worship Center by BASIC, our college-age ministry, at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday, December 12. For more information, go to basicatlang.org or email sara.sladky@naz.org.

Christmas Carolers are needed to go to homes and care facilities on Sunday, December 15, from 2:45 to 5:00 p.m., with a meal to follow. This is a great opportunity for families and friends to serve together! Sign up at Naz Next Steps or contact Pastor Denny at 319-266-7589 with questions.

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.

Nazareth is seeking a part-time Worship Leader. Please go to www.naz.org/careers for more information and a complete job description of this position. With questions, please contact Angie Rath at angie.rath@naz.org.

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. There is a \$100 scholarship for Nazareth members, and an "early bird" discount of \$25 off the fee expires on December 15. Now is the time to register online at www.perspectives.org! Please contact Maureen Hanson at (319) 988-4492 with questions.

Thank You! I am grateful for the many calls, cards, emails and expressions of concern during my recovery from knee surgery. The many prayers provide comfort and a reminder of God's healing powers. Thank you for being such a caring congregation!
~Donna Kirschenmann



ADVENT

SOUP SUPPERS

5:00 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICES

6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

December 4, 11, 18*

**This is a service of Comfort, Hope and Healing.*

Advent Soup Suppers will be from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on December 11 and 18. Advent Worship Services will be from 6:00-6:45 p.m. on those dates as well. The December 18 Service of Comfort and Hope will be held in the chapel.

Advent Candle Lighters are needed for December 15 and December 22. If your family would like to light the candles at either the 9:00 or 10:45 Sunday morning worship services on any of these dates, please go to Naz Next Steps to sign up.

The Naz Christmas Eve "Eve" Worship Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 23.

The Naz Christmas Eve Worship Services will be held at 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24.

Coming Home With Jesus

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES
December 23 - 7:00 p.m.
December 24 - 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Nazareth Volunteers are needed to help folks at NewAldaya get to and from Sunday chapel services during the month of December and to get to and from the NewAldaya Christmas Eve chapel service. Go to Naz Next Steps to sign up.

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 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.

Discipleship U Winter 2020 registration is NOW OPEN, and we encourage every Nazareth member to get connected by engaging in one or more of these opportunities to know Christ and grow in Christ. Please stop by Naz Next Steps to pick up a brochure and/or to register. Or, sign up online at www.naz.org/discipleship-u. If you have questions, please email info@naz.org.

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.