

Dear Students and Friends,

I want to make you aware of a unique learning and advocacy opportunity coming up on Tuesday, February 25. Each year, Lutheran Services in Iowa, one of the state's largest social service providers, sponsors **"Lutheran Day on The Hill"** at the Iowa State Capitol. This event brings together



hundreds of Lutherans from across the state to meet with the Governor and state legislators and to advocate on behalf of Iowa's most vulnerable neighbors, including at-risk children, those with special needs, and refugees. This year's event features a special program for students. The event is free. Food and transportation

and t-shirts are provided. We leave and return from the Naz parking lot on a charter bus. Students (along with a parent if they are under 18) will have an opportunity to experience the work of the larger church, meet other students from all over Iowa, make a difference for marginalized neighbors, and meet with state legislators, including the Governor. This is truly a great and unique opportunity! Here are some more details:

**L.Y.F.T. Every Voice: Lutheran Youth for Transformation**

Youth have a unique and powerful role in faith-centered advocacy work. As engaged citizens, they can help shape the future for Iowa's public policy and priorities. The L.Y.F.T. initiative is designed to integrate high school and college students into Lutheran Day on the Hill and provide exclusive opportunities to meet with legislators and social justice advocates.

**What L.Y.F.T. participants can expect:**

- ⇒ Two optional webinar/conference calls prior to Lutheran Day on the Hill to learn more about Lutheran Services in Iowa and the people we serve, and to get a deeper dive into the four advocacy priorities we will highlight on February 25.
- ⇒ Access to youth-focused meetings with legislators and advocates during Lutheran Day on the Hill.
- ⇒ A certificate of leadership for participating in L.Y.F.T.
- ⇒ To participate, please make sure you complete the L.Y.F.T. portions of the online Lutheran Day on the Hill registration. If you are under 18 years old, you must be accompanied by an adult from your congregation and have a permission form signed. (this form can be downloaded from their site).

I have personally attended this event for over 10 years, and two of my own children have participated in the past. This is a non-partisan event, and I highly recommend attendance for any young adult or adult who wants to learn more about advocacy and the legislative process. Registration is open through Tuesday, February 18. And, **ALL ARE INVITED** to find additional details and/or to register on their website at [www.lsiowa.org/ldh/](http://www.lsiowa.org/ldh/) Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at [brian.king@naz.org](mailto:brian.king@naz.org).

In Christ,  
Pastor Brian

**Kits & Quilts** will meet on Monday, February 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please bring your sack lunch and stay the day! All are welcome!

**The Wednesday Evening Meal** is served at 5:00 p.m. this Wednesday, February 5, and includes pulled pork, coleslaw, corn, pears, and dessert.

**Thursday Fellowship Meal** is served at noon each week. The menu for February 6 is ham balls, rice, corn, roll and dessert.

**Ski and Shop** for Junior High Students is coming February 15-16, and registration is now open on the CHAOS website at [www.cedarvalleystudents.org/chaos/events](http://www.cedarvalleystudents.org/chaos/events). Do you have questions? Email [kristin.sauerbrei@naz.org](mailto:kristin.sauerbrei@naz.org).



**Blessed Beginnings** is seeking to hire part time associates for mornings and/or afternoons. Go to [www.naz.org/careers](http://www.naz.org/careers) or email [kate.demartino@naz.org](mailto:kate.demartino@naz.org) to apply or for more details.

**February Donation Requests:** The Blessed Beginnings Learning Center is seeking donations of hand sanitizer of any size. The Nazareth Food and Essentials Pantry is seeking donations of women's deodorant. Please place donations on the table behind the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall, and **THANK YOU** for your continued generosity!

**Need a date night idea?** Instead of an expensive dinner, register for a seat for the livestream of Financial Peace University's special Valentine's Day Edition of Marriage and Money on Friday, February 14, from 5:45 to 9:30 p.m.. Speakers Rachel Cruze and Dr. Les Parrott will cover how to rearrange goals in your relationship and with your money. The seats in Nashville are sold out for this event, but the seats for the Live Stream event at Nazareth are now open! Registration is \$15 per couple and includes dinner. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Danielle Terrell at [daniijoglaspie@cfu.net](mailto:daniijoglaspie@cfu.net) or Jan Glaspie at [jan.glaspie@naz.org](mailto:jan.glaspie@naz.org) with questions or to register.

**Thank You!** We celebrate your great efforts in fundraising for the irrigation projects in Jamaica! Wow! Praise be to God! We are so glad, and we are very sure that the rest of our team will share in this happiness. We are so proud of you, dear family. Please thank your congregation for us, on behalf of the farming families, whose lives shall be uplifted. May the Lord look on you and your families with favor in every way. As always, we shall be good stewards to the benefit of the precious Jamaica farmers involved in our projects.

~Joseph and Alice Mulaa, Partner Missionaries from Kenya, serving together with you in Jamaica

**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.

◆ 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!

◆ 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](http://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](http://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.