

Lutheran Day on the Hill is Tuesday, February 25! This day is essential for giving voice to those who are not heard, for seeking social justice, and for empowering people to exercise their right and responsibility to be part of the legislative process. All are welcome...and teenagers and young adults are particularly encouraged to attend! Lutheran Day on the Hill is an opportunity to join our voices together to amplify the needs of people who have been marginalized by our society. Learn more or **get registered no later than February 18** on their website at www.siowa.org/l dh/.

Spring Break Service Opportunities: During Spring Break, there are two great local servant opportunities organized by the Nazareth Local Missions Committee where individuals and families will use our hands and feet to serve the Lord through caring for folk in the Cedar Valley:

- ⇒ One choice is to serve noon meals at the Waterloo Salvation Army (89 Franklin Street) on March 16, 18, and 20. Each shift requires eleven volunteers who will commit themselves to serving and clean up from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- ⇒ A second choice is to volunteer at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in Waterloo (1605 Lafayette Street) on the evenings of March 16, 17 and 19. There is a need for 25 -30 volunteers each evening who will serve from 5:00-6:45 p.m. Our task will be to pack student weekend food backpacks or to prepare boxes of groceries for food insecure senior citizens.

To register, sign up on the sheets provided at the Naz Next Steps desk or email info@naz.org.

High School Spring Break Mission Trip: All 10th-12th graders are invited to the God's Mountain Mission Trip in Rushville, Missouri to partner with God's Mountain Ministries Summer Camp - March 14-20. We will stay at the camp the whole week as we help with various work projects around the camp to help improve, update, and maintain as they get ready for another summer of campers. The God's Mountain Mission Trip is a fun and relaxing trip with time to connect, explore and get our hands dirty in the name of Christ. To get registered, go to www.cedarvalleystudents.org/bighouse/events. Cost of this trip is \$275 per student. With questions, please email Kristina McBurney at kristina.mcburney@naz.org.



Kits and Quilts will meet on Monday, February 17, from 9:00 a.m. to noon and on Tuesday, February 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. On Tuesday, please bring a salad to share for lunch.

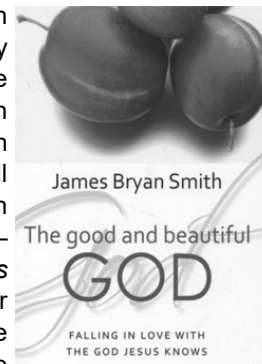
The Wednesday Evening Meal is served at 5:00 p.m. this Wednesday, February 19 and includes walking tacos, corn, fruit and dessert.

Thursday Fellowship Meal is served at noon each week. The menu for February 20 is chicken/rice casserole, steamed broccoli, applesauce and dessert.

Blessed Beginnings is seeking to hire part time associates for mornings and/or afternoons. Go to www.naz.org/careers or email 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!

Join a Lent Small Group TODAY! Our 2020 Lenten series will offer opportunities to participate in spiritual formation small groups, and everyone is invited! The material we are using will identify true images of God in contrast to false images that many people live with and that inhibit the joy that God wants us to discover in our relationship with him. This can literally be life changing! The focus will be on the James Bryan Smith book, *The Good and Beautiful God – Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows*. Books are now available for purchase at the Welcome Desk. Signups are at the Welcome Desk today with a variety of groups still available at different times and locations throughout the week. Weekly group meetings will begin the week of March 1st and will last for 9 weeks.



2020 Vision Update: On Tuesday, February 11, the Nazareth Church Council received a report outlining final recommendations from the 2020 Vision Team. This report is the result of work that has been done over the last ten months by nearly 100 congregation members who have been serving on seven different 2020 Vision Task Force Groups - Communication, Facilities, Finance, Governance, Prayer, Programs/Ministries, and Staffing/Volunteerism. The 2020 Vision Team began meeting last April, and information was gathered through a Congregational Survey, a Ministry Site Profile, Staff Input Meetings and more. What are the next steps moving forward? Church Council members will spend the next few months reviewing the 2020 Vision Report and will then bring the goals and priorities to the congregation later this spring. Additionally, the Council will begin working on the development of an Implementation Team. We continue to seek engagement and participation of everyone in the Nazareth family of faith as we strive to move forward in the direction God is calling us. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brian King at brian.king@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.

- ◆ 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.

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.