

WELCOME

We live in a world where people want to play it safe, retreat when things get tough, and slip into predictable and familiar patterns. But Christians who are all in, take risks, charge forward even when it is tough, and are willing to try new things if there is a chance it will advance and extend the Kingdom of God.

Be well! Be loving! Be courageous! Be the Church!

In Christ,
Pastor Brian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Information for the November 21 Newsletter should be submitted by 3 p.m. on Monday, November 15.
- For more information and ways to get connected, please visit Naz Next Steps in Fellowship Hall!

BLOOD DRIVE DECEMBER 6!

Join us December 6 (Monday) from 12 noon to 5 p.m. in Bethel Hall for our blood drive! Register at American Red Cross website!

LUNCH AND LEARN - THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Join us Thursday, November 18 at noon in Bethel Hall. This week's Lunch & Learn features a Thanksgiving Celebration! To attend, please sign up at naz.org! This week's menu includes Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Turkey Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Roll and Pumpkin Dessert.

OFFICES CLOSED

The Nazareth offices and building will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday!

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THIS WEEK IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!!

The church building is in and of itself a mission, but the reason for the church building is what happens inside. What happens inside the building is funded through our Annual Stewardship financial support. Our expenses are 100% mission - for our congregation, our community, our denomination, and our world - and must be the first priority for giving. Historically, Nazareth has always invited its members to give out of love for Christ in the area of your faith and we continue to trust the movement of the Holy Spirit in leading your giving decisions.

You should have already received your Stewardship Packets the week of October 25. Please consider making a one-year pledge to our general fund, capital improvement fund, and/or mission fund. Your pledge is used to help build our 2022 budget to accomplish our mission and values. You are invited to bring your completed Commitment Forms to worship this Sunday, November 14. Over and above your stewardship commitment, you are also invited to make a three-year stretch gift to our Welcome Home Appeal!

WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING WITH THE WELCOME HOME APPEAL

- Complete needed parking lot repairs, curbing and asphalt
- Worship Center updates and renovations including new windows, shades, new sound and lighting systems, refinishing/reupholstering pews, and painting/ flooring where needed
- New signage
- Themed updates in our Education Hallway and Children's Ministry area including the Underground and a remodeled Coffee Shop/Bookstore area (by door #6)

To learn more, visit naz.org/welcomehomeappeal

JOIN US FOR FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday, November 14 the Grandview University Choir joins us at the 9 a.m. service with cake in Fellowship Hall to follow. Please accept our invitation for "All In and Pressing On -- Continuing the Journey" in the name of Jesus! We look forward to seeing you!

CONNECT WITH US

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SERMON | All In and Pressing On -- Continuing the Journey

TEACHER | Pastor Brian

TEXTS | Philippians 3:4b-14, Luke 9: 23 – 26

ALTAR | The flowers at the altar are in memory of Ronald Lompe from Bette Lompe.

- The flowers at the altar on November 7 were in memory of our son, Scott from Steve and Teresa Sterrett.

PULPIT | The flowers at the pulpit are in celebration of Founders Weekend and God's faithfulness to Naz for 150 years and in the future as we continue to serve Him.

BAPTISMS

- John Lewis Lyons, son of Jamie and Sarah Lyons
- Maxwell James Hoefing, son of Cameron and Alicia Hoefing
- Hailey Caitlin Nielsen, daughter of Matthew and Nicole Nielsen
- Kate Elizabeth Schipper, daughter of Scott and Allison Schipper
- Natalie Grace Young, daughter of Steven and Kristin Young, baptized on November 7th.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send any prayer requests for the Naz Prayer Chain to Julia Voss - julia.voss@naz.org or call 319-266-7589 ext. 131

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

There will be a prayer shawl meeting on November 18 at 11 a.m. in Larsen Chapel.

GOING SOUTH? LET US KNOW!

For those that will be going South this winter, please contact Lori Fegley (lori.fegley@naz.org) to update your address!

PRAY FOR THE WELCOME HOME APPEAL

For 150 years, Lord you have provided our Nazareth congregation spaces in which to worship. We pray for your guidance as we plan and seek financing for needed renovations and upgrades that will keep our present facility a place where future generations can meet to know Christ, grow in Christ, and make Christ known. Thank you for all of your blessings. Amen.

GO BEYOND THE SERMON

Use the "Read It", "Watch It" and "Live It" recommendations to apply this Sunday's sermon to your everyday happenings, and/or, gather with a small group to discuss the sermon and do life together! Not connected with a group yet? Email mallory.jensen@naz.org to learn more or join a group.

DIGEST THE WORD

Read the scripture passages from the week's Sunday's Worship Service and reflect on the sermon and on these questions to help you live out God's Word in your everyday life. Or, use these questions in your Naz Small Group to discuss and apply each week's scripture and sermon!

- How did this passage/sermon challenge or encourage you?
- What questions do you have about this topic?
- What does this passage teach you about who God is?
- What are the personal implications (for you)?
- What does this mean for the Church as a whole?

READ IT | *The Cost of Discipleship*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. What can the call to discipleship, and adherence to the word of Jesus, mean today to the business leader, the soldier, the laborer, or the politician? What did Jesus mean to say to us? What is his will for us today? Drawing on the Sermon on the Mount, Dietrich Bonhoeffer answers these timeless questions by providing a seminal reading of the dichotomy between "cheap grace" and "costly grace."

WATCH IT | *The Mission* (1986) (MATURE AUDIENCE ONLY) This poignant, provocative and sweeping movie illustrates the "all in" calling that has emboldened countless missionaries to take risks for the sake of the Gospel in order to bring unreached people into a relationship with Jesus. Jesuit priest, Father Gabriel (Jeremy Irons), enters the Guarani lands in South America with the purpose of converting the natives to Christianity. He soon builds a mission, where he is joined by Rodrigo Mendoza (Robert De Niro), a reformed slave trader seeking redemption. When a treaty transfers the land from Spain to Portugal, the Portuguese government wants to capture the natives for slave labor. Mendoza and Gabriel resolve to defend the mission, but disagree on how to accomplish the task.

LIVE IT | Take time this week to prayerfully seek God's guidance and direction, identifying what current barriers may be preventing you from being "all in" when it comes to living out your faith in daily life. Stop by the Naz Next Steps area after the service or go to our website at naz.org/nextsteps. Here, you will discover a variety of approaches and tools to help you better respond to the love, grace and mercy God has already shown you as you begin to take new steps enabling to better serve and love God and others.

2022 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2022 Flower Calendar is ready! If you would like to donate flowers for the Worship Center, please contact Lori Fegley (lori.fegley@naz.org) to schedule a Sunday!

LOCAL MISSION CHRISTMAS OUTREACH SIGN-UPS

Sign ups begin on Sunday, November 14 for the Local Mission Christmas Outreach projects in December. Tables are located near the Naz Next Steps desk.

Angel Tree: Take a tag off the tree to purchase gifts for over sixty children who have a parent that is incarcerated.

Adopt-A-Family for Highland Elementary School in Waterloo: Purchase Christmas gifts for fifteen in need families. Items include clothes,toys, games, and personal care items or give a \$125 gift and volunteers will purchase and wrap the gifts for you.

Salvation Army Christmas Food Boxes (for 120 families): Sign up sheets for volunteers to pack (December 10) and to deliver to homes (December 11)

HOLIDAY SERVICES

- Thanksgiving Eve - Wednesday, November 24, 6 p.m. in Worship Center
 - Service of Comfort and Hope - Thursday, December 16, 6 p.m. in Larsen Chapel
 - Christmas Eve Eve (contemporary service) - Thursday, December 23, 7 p.m. in Worship Center
 - Christmas Eve (contemporary service) - Friday, December 24, 3 p.m. in Worship Center
 - Christmas Eve (traditional service) - Friday, December 24, 5 p.m. in Worship Center
 - Christmas Eve (traditional service) - Friday, December 24, 7 p.m. in Worship Center
 - Christmas Eve (candlelight service) - Friday, December 24, 10 p.m. in Worship Center
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JOIN US FOR TWO CHRISTMAS EVENTS DECEMBER 5!

Sign Up TODAY for the "Julefest" Craft Event

"Julefest" is the "Danish Festival of Christmas". We're continuing to celebrate Nazareth's 150th anniversary by gathering together for a fun afternoon / evening. Come join the festivities by signing up in the Fellowship Hall between 10:00 - 10:45 today to make an Advent Wreath, Advent Log, Wooden Cross, Rope Door Hanging, or Christmas Cards. A \$5 cost to help cover expenses is requested at registration. Classes are limited to 8 participants. If unable to sign up in the Fellowship Hall for crafts or the meal please call the church before Nov. 21st to get registered. If you're not making a craft, please join us for caroling, a delicious meal, fellowship, and any of the activities that follow. Everyone is invited! The cross necklaces (\$55) and Danish windsocks (\$25) will also be on display and available for purchase.

The Julefest Schedule for Sunday, December 5th

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| 4:00-4:45 p.m. | Session I Adult Craft in Bethel Hall |
| 4:45-5:30 p.m. | Session II Adult Craft in Bethel Hall |
| 4:45-5:30 pm | Join Dick & Helene Bond in "Strolling Naz Halls with Christmas Carols" (meet in Larsen Chapel) |
| 5:30-6:15 p.m. | Meal in Fellowship Hall (with Christmas Extravaganza families eating first) |
| 6:00-6:15 p.m. | Decorate the Christmas tree in Bethel Hall |
| 6:15-6:30 pm | Dance around the Christmas tree singing carols |
| 6:30-7:00 pm | Christmas Extravaganza families will return to the gym for their final activities |
| 6:30-7:00 pm | Optional Activities: Adults observe or help Children's Ministry or perhaps sing Christmas Carols in Bethel Hall |

Christmas Extravaganza - December 5 - 4 to 7 p.m.

All families are welcome to join us for: games, family photo booth, nativity skit, craft, dancing around the Christmas tree (Danish tradition) and of course DINNER!

This night is sure to be a fun-filled family evening with lots of laughs while we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Cost is \$10/family

Sign up at naz.org/christmas!