

WELCOME

The Jesus of the Gospels is the real Jesus. Conform your life to Him. Don't conform Him to your life. Trust the biblical Jesus in all that He says about himself and about us – both inspiring and convicting - and you will be able to separate the truth about God in Jesus and not follow after a Jesus made in your own limited and narrow image.

Be well! Be loving! Be courageous! Be the Church!
In Christ,
Pastor Brian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Information for the November 28 Newsletter should be submitted by 3 p.m. on Monday, November 22.
- For more information and ways to get connected, please visit Naz Next Steps in Fellowship Hall!

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!

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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CHRISTMAS BASIC -- COMMUNITY SERVICE! - DECEMBER 2!

This is the perfect way to kick off the Christmas season! All are welcome (congregation members, families, kids, grandparents, etc) are invited to join us for our young adult-led Christmas service! 5 young adults will be sharing their stories centered around words we find in the Christmas story (Love, Hope, Peace, Light, and Joy) alongside powerful musical worship! This event is put on by BASIC (our college & young adult worship community in partnership with Orchard Hill Church).
www.basicworship.org

December 2nd in the Worship Center at Nazareth

- 6 p.m. | Free meal for everyone!
- 7 p.m. | Christmas Service

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

We anticipate everyone should have their photo directory individual shots back to them, their free 8x10 and any other purchased photos by or before December 1. If not, you can call 419-464-7789 to ask the status of your photos. You will need the church code: IA123 and your sitting number found on your receipt.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR MAKING FOUNDER'S DAY WEEKEND A HUGE SUCCESS!

A special thank you from the Nazareth Church Council to the 150th Anniversary Committee and the Endowment Committee for making Founder's Day weekend at Nazareth such a successful and fun event! From the wonderful meal, desserts, and music program Saturday evening to the awesome Sunday morning services at 9 and 10:45 a.m., the entire celebration will go down in Naz history! Also, a very special mention to Pastor Denny Hanson for his leadership throughout the entire 150th Celebration for Nazareth Lutheran Church this year! We couldn't have done it without him! Thank you, thank you!

With God's Blessings from the Nazareth Church Council: Kyle Brown, George Nederhoff, Maureen Hanson, Danielle Terrell, Sam Barrett, Bob Saathoff, Craig Blanchard, Mike Christianson, Janelle Kimpston, Pastor Brian King

150th Committee: Lynn & Doris Lovell, Larry & Karen Steffens, Donna Kirschenmann, Dave Prail, Pastor Bob & Barb Ericson, Pastor Denny Hanson

Endowment Committee: Cheryl Peck, Rick Morris, Tammy Bakken, Russ Curtis, Paul Creeden, Arlen Parrish, Bob Saathoff, Pastor Brian King



LECTIONARIES

SERMON | A Different Kind of Offering for a Different Kind of King

TEACHER | Pastor Brian

TEXTS | Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-38

ALTAR | The flowers at the altar are in memory of Marv and Mike from the Haugebak Family.



FINALS STUDY NIGHT FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: FOOD NEEDED

Do you have a special treat that you like to make? Or have a “wanted to try that new appetizer”? On Thursday, December 9th from 6 p.m.- 10 p.m., BASIC (our college & young adult ministry) will be hosting a “Finals Study Night” at Nazareth for any college student who needs a place to study OR a place to hang out, have fun, and eat good food during a stressful week!

We'd love for Naz congregation members (aka: YOU) to help bless these young adults with your homemade treats or yummy goodness! If you are interested in making or bringing food for this event

-- please email Kristin Sauerbrei at kristin.sauerbrei@naz.org.

LOOKING FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR A CHILD?

It's OK to Be Me! and The Square Wreath are children's books by Christian author, Sherry Kubalsky. The books help children understand that each person is unique and that there is value in our diversity. The books are appropriate for children ages 2-11. All profits the author receives from the books are donated to Globe Serve Ministries, a nonprofit that provides wells in Ghana, where children are developing worms or even dying from drinking contaminated water. The author is a member of Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines, and her daughter, Stephanie Rottinghouse is a member of Naz. The books are available at TJ's Christian Bookstore in Cedar Falls, or online from Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Target, or WalMart.

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 Ragamuffin Gospel: Good News for the Bedraggled, Beat-Up, and Burnt Out. In Christ we stand before a throne of grace, not the judgment seat of a wrathful king. Most of us believe in God's grace—in theory. But somehow we can't seem to apply it in our daily lives. We continue to see God as a small-minded bookkeeper, tallying our failures and successes on a score sheet. Yet God gives us His grace, willingly, no matter what we've done. We come to Him as ragamuffins—dirty, bedraggled, and beat-up. And when we sit at His feet, He smiles upon us, the chosen objects of His “furious love.”

WATCH IT | The Visual Bible: Matthew is a 1993 film portraying the life of Jesus as it is found in the Gospel of Matthew. The complete Gospel is presented word-for-word based on the New International Version of the Bible.

LIVE IT | We follow a “Servant King” who does not consider his divinity something to be exploited, but pours himself out in loving service to others; who washed his disciples feet; whose blessings extend to the poor, the outcast, the sick and suffering ones. Pastor Brian invites you to commit or re-commit to his “Pastor's Challenge.” In response to all God has first given us through His mercy, love and grace, we are invited/challenged to commit to a minimum of one hour each week spent in public worship alongside other Christ followers; a minimum of one hour each in Bible Study and prayer; and a minimum of one hour each week in dedicated Christian service for our neighbors in need. God gives us 168 hours each week to live out our lives, surely we can return at least three of those in praise to God, as a means of growing in our faith, and as a way of blessing and serving others.

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 (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

- 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!

FOUNDERS DAY

What a wonderful Founder's Day celebration we had the weekend of November 13-14 at Nazareth. Many stories and music from years past were shared with members and our special guests! Thank you to all who were part of this celebration and for making it possible! (You can watch Saturday's musical program by going to naz.org/sermons)

