

Mark Your Calendar

NAZ Photo Directory: Please call the church office to schedule your photo. All who have their portrait taken will receive a complimentary directory and a free 8X10 of their directory photo. If you have already taken your photo, please check at the Welcome Center today to see if Lifetouch has delivered it to Nazareth for you to pick up. Appointments are still available for October 4-8.

Body Moves (formerly Body Recall): The Body Moves exercise class (formerly known as "Body Recall") will begin on Monday, October 10, in the Family Life Center gym. The cost is \$30 for 30 sessions, and classes meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 a.m. Please call Linnea Graen at 319-266-6195 for details.

IF Community Night: All women are invited to attend a community night at Nazareth on Thursday, November 17, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The mission of this group is to "gather, equip and unleash women to live out their calling." Please email jenny.nelson@naz.org for more information.

Moonlight and Roses: The NewAldaya Auxiliary invites you to enjoy an evening of family, festivities and friends on Thursday, November 3, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at NewAldaya. The cost of each table is \$150. Call 268-0401 to RSVP.

Celebrations

Shepherd's Staff: Since 1991, more than 80 people have served on Nazareth's Shepherd's Staff visitation team. This team visits people in their homes, care centers and hospital rooms; and offers comforting prayers and conversations. Please call the church office for more details.

Baby Care Kits: This past week, 175 Baby Care Kits were packed for Lutheran World Relief. Each kit included two blankets, two cloth diapers, two gowns, two shirts, two pairs of socks, one jacket, two bars of gentle soap and one hand towel.

Thanks be to God for the work he is doing in and through His people!



Opportunities to Serve



Cedar Valley CROP HUNGER WALK: Join us in walking to end local and worldwide hunger on Sunday, October 9, at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Registration begins at 1:30, and the walk starts at 2:00. Bags are available for collecting loose change, and checks should be payable to "Church World Service." In addition to financial gifts, donations of toothpaste, bar soap and shampoo for the Nazareth Essentials Pantry are also appreciated. Email Pastor Denny at dennis.hanson@naz.org with questions.

Sunday Morning Help Needed: We have an immediate need for volunteers to serve as greeters, ushers, Scripture readers and Communion servers at all three of our Sunday morning services. Can you help? To sign up or for more information, please email Nathaniel Parrish at nathaniel.parrish@naz.org.

Thank You

Thank you to Andy Walser and Pastors Brian, Denny and Bob for their visits/prayer support during my hospitalization in August. The ongoing prayer support of Mid-Kids, the Wednesday A.M. Men's Bible Study and the congregation is greatly appreciated as I continue to recover to full health.

~Your brother in Christ, Leonard Upham

Job Openings

Worship and Technology Coordinator: Nazareth is currently accepting applications for a Worship and Technology Coordinator. This position is part-time (20 hours/week). A complete job description can be found at www.naz.org. Send cover letter and resume to Angie Rath at angie.rath@naz.org.

Receptionist: Nazareth is currently accepting applications for a Receptionist. This position is part-time. A complete job description can be found at www.naz.org. Send cover letter and resume to Angie Rath at angie.rath@naz.org.



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Living together in God's amazing grace, we invite all people to know Christ, grow in Christ, and make Christ known.

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Sunday Worship Services
8:30, 9:50 & 11:10 a.m.

Pastor Brian King
Senior Pastor
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Pastor Denny Hanson
Associate Pastor
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Pastor Bob Ericson
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Office Hours
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Prayer Chain
Call the church office to have your concern placed on the Prayer Chain.

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Be Invitational!
We encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you in worship here at Nazareth.



Is Jesus God?

September 25, 2016

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Sermon - *Is Jesus God?* (Pastor Dennis Hanson)
Today's Texts - Philippians 2:1-11 and Matthew 16:13-20

8:30 a.m.

Prelude - Variation on *Jesus Shall Reign* (arr. Cherwien)
Gathering Hymn - **Holy, Holy, Holy** - #165 (green)
Hymn of the Day - **Son of God, Eternal Savior** - #364 (green)
Offering - Variation on *Jesus Shall Reign* (arr. Cherwien)
Sending Hymn - **O Savior, Precious Savior** - #514 (green)
Choral Blessing - *Go Now in Peace* (Besig)
- Nazareth Choir
Postlude - Variation on *Jesus Shall Reign* (arr. Cherwien)

9:50 a.m.

Gathering Song - **Holy, Holy, Holy**
Call to Worship - *Praise His Holy Name* (Hampton)
- Nazareth Choir
Offering - **Wonderful, Merciful Savior**
Communion Distribution - *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*
- Larry Johansen, solo
Sending Song - **Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** - #559 (green)

11:10 a.m.

Opening Worship - **Our Great God**
- **Great Are You Lord**
Offering - **Center**
Reflection - **This I Believe (The Creed)**
Closing Worship - **Jesus Messiah**
Postlude - **The Way**

Worship Assistants

Nathaniel Parrish - Director of Music (8:30/9:50)
Nicki Toliver - Choir Director (8:30/9:50)
Travis Toliver - Cantor (8:30)
Juanita Kimpston - Reader (8:30)
Denny Haugen - Reader (9:50)
Connie Hansen - Reader (11:10)
Jordan McDonald - Worship Leader (11:10)

Welcome to Our Visitors! Whether you're visiting from across town or out of state, we are so glad you are here! Please stop by the Welcome Desk for an information packet and special gift.

As we live in response to God's amazing grace and love, the people of Nazareth value



NAZ Notes

Read It! Use these Bible Passages for devotions the next seven days as you ponder the wonder that Jesus is God in our midst and the eternal hope these assertions provide for us:

- *I AM the bread of life (John 6: 25-40)
- *I AM the light of the world (John 8: 1-12)
- *I AM the gate (John 10: 1-10)
- *I AM the good shepherd (John 10: 11-30)
- *I AM the resurrection and the life (John 11: 1-27)
- *I AM the way and the truth and the life (John 14: 1-7)
- *I AM the vine, you are the branches (John 15: 1-11)

Watch It! Watch the movie *Ben Hur*, which is showing at the Palace Theater in Waverly this week. This movie is based on Lew Wallace's novel (1880) *Ben Hur - The Tale of the Christ*. The movie is a remake of the 1959 movie (with Charlton Heston). Even though there are scenes of violence (including a chariot race and the crucifixion of Jesus), the transforming power of Jesus is evident.

Live It! Reflect on how the revelation that Jesus is 'true man' and 'true God' brings you hope and peace. Share through a letter, text or phone call your witness to another what the eternal hope of Jesus as your Lord and God means to you.

Join the adventure

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NAZ ALPHA/NEW MEMBERS COMBO CLASS

WEDNESDAYS, 5:30-7:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 28-DECEMBER 7

Begin with a meal together.
Listen to an "Alpha Talk".
Have open conversations in small groups.

REGISTER AT THE WELCOME DESK OR ONLINE AT WWW.NAZ.ORG.

Announcements

The ALPHA/New Members Combo Class kicks off from 5:30-7:00 p.m. THIS Wednesday, September 28. Enjoy a great meal together, listen to an "Alpha Talk" and build relationships as you have open conversations in a small group setting. Please email jenny.nelson@naz.org with questions or to get signed up today.

Wednesday Eat and Greet Menu: Served from 5:00-5:45 p.m. will be breaded chicken sandwiches, tater stars, corn, fruit and dessert.

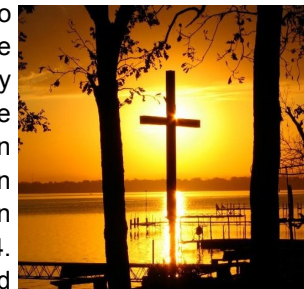
Thursday Fellowship Luncheon Menu: Served at noon are crispy chicken sandwiches, french fries, coleslaw, peaches and apple crisp.

Kelsey Buchheit, whose has cheerfully represented Nazareth at our reception and welcome desks for the past several years, will be moving on to a full-time nursing career. Please take a moment to thank Kelsey for her good and faithful service!

God Talk @ Mulligans: Packets regarding the ELCA's message on terrorism are available today at the Welcome Desk. These were distributed at last week's God Talk Discipleship U group. This week, the "God Talk" topic of discussion is "Race, Ethnicity and Culture." All are welcome to attend at noon on Monday.

Senior Ministry Event

Thank you to all who participated in the Senior Elders' Fall Retreat at the Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp in Northwest Iowa on September 12-14. The group enjoyed devotions, singing, nature walks, crafts, pontoon rides and a trip to the Clay County Fair in Spencer, Iowa. Pastor Steve Kramer, from Christian Crusaders, was the highlighted speaker. It was a wonderful few days filled with worship, relaxation, fellowship and fun!



Today at Nazareth

The flowers at the altar are in loving memory of Grant Wheeler from his family.

Known to be Hospitalized (as of September 21)

Shirley Harris

Our Deepest Sympathy to Janet and Bill Kahler and family at the death of Janet's mother, Elna Mae Nordstrom.

U.S. and World Missions

Steven and Bethany Friberg, our mission partners in Tanzania who are currently continuing their work here in the United States, have the following prayer requests:

- Pray that the Lord will bless the relationships we have with our family and friends.
- Pray that the Lord would cause a spiritual awakening within our congregations here in the United States and also in Tanzania.
- Pray for protection on the medical work and clinics that Steven oversees and that things will go well in his absence.
- Pray for blessings on Bethany's work among the Maasai Bead Ladies in Ketumbeine, Tanzania.
- Pray a prayer of thanks and praise for all that God has done and for those He has brought to faith through the work He has set before us.

Renovations Update

The Congregational Celebration, which was originally scheduled for Sunday, October 30, will be postponed to a later date. The primary reason for this postponement is to ensure that all final inspections of the renovations are complete at the time of the celebration so that tours of ALL facilities can take place. We continue to appreciate your prayers, support and patience as this project nears the finish line.

Thanks be to God for the work done so far! A photo album documenting the renovations can be found on the Nazareth website at www.naz.org.

