

NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ————— OCTOBER 20, 2024

WORSHIP WITH NAZ

SUNDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5 | 8:30 am
In-Person Worship at Nazareth | 9 & 10:45 am

WEDNESDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5
4:30 pm Wednesday

ONLINE OPTIONS

Recordings of sermons available on
[Vimeo.com/mynazareth](https://vimeo.com/mynazareth)
Livestreams Broadcast on our website
www.naz.org/onlinechurch



Stewardship and Ingathering Sundays

God has blessed us all in so many ways. The greatest gift from God is the gift of His grace. It is because of His amazing grace that God sent Jesus to redeem us from our sin and to assure all who trust in Him of our salvation.

Stewardship is responding to God's grace by giving back to Him, out of love, our time, talent, and financial resources to advance His Kingdom. It is our love gift to Christ for what He has done for us. As our faith in Christ grows, so will our stewardship.

Our first Stewardship Sunday will be this Sunday, October 20 with a preaching emphasis on Biblical stewardship. This will be repeated on Sunday, October 27. Our ingathering worship service on November 3 will be a day of celebration for our congregation as we give back to Christ in response to His blessings for us. Please give prayerful consideration of your stewardship response to our Savior and Lord in the coming days.

If you are unable to attend our Ingathering to place your offerings on the altar, you may place your pledge card and Time & Talent sheet into the offering plate the following Sunday, November 10th, drop them off at the church office, or mail them to Nazareth. Please try to get them back to the church no later than November 10.

Fall Baptism Class

Baptism is a holy sacrament and a sign of God's love and will that we be reborn in the image of Christ our Savior. At Naz, we practice baptism at any age, and for those seeking an infant baptism, we have a special class that is part of this first Milestone we celebrate. This class allows parents to learn the theology behind this sacrament, our role as parents, the logistics of a baptism on Sunday mornings, and an overview of the milestone project and family and children's ministry programming.

Join our Baptism class on Sunday, October 27th, from noon to 1:30 pm. Sign up online at naz.org/milestones. If you have questions or want more info, please contact Meg Husted via meg.husted@naz.org. A light lunch will be provided, and childcare is available.

New Digital Display Sign

Nazareth is grateful to have received a generous donation for the purpose of installing a new digital display sign on the corner of University and Main Street. Make sure to keep an eye out for our new sign!

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BIBLE OVERVIEW

EXPLORING THE WORD AND WORLD OF GOD

The Philippians Four & the Purpose of the Plagues

TEACHER | Pastor Mike Brost

TEXT | Exodus 4:1-17 & Luke 12:22-34

Synopsis

For our first Stewardship Sunday this fall, we are exploring what it means to be a steward by learning some of the principles of Biblical stewardship from four verses in the book of Philippians and from the plagues from Exodus chapter four.

Digest The Word

Read the scripture passages from the Service and reflect on the sermon and on these questions to help you live out God's Word in your everyday life.

- *How did the sermon challenge/encourage you?*
- *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?*

Flowers

The Chancel Flowers are dedicated in loving memory of Russell and Louise Rosenberg, and Stuart Stilling from Janelle Rosenberg.

Naz members can dedicate the service flowers to family, friends, or whomever they would like. This touching gesture is perfect for anniversaries, birthdays, or honoring individuals no longer with us. If you are interested, email jordan.kv@naz.org.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Amelia Rose Oberheu and Olivia June Oberheu, daughters of Farideh and Bradley Oberheu, who are celebrating their baptism this Sunday.

Sympathies

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Sylvester Van Hove, who passed Saturday, October 12.

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Marilyn Hasbrouck, who passed Saturday, October 12.

SERVICE PROGRAM

As for Me and My House

Trust in God

Confession and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Lesson: Exodus 4:1-17

Children's Sermon

Gospel: Luke 12:22-34

Sermon

O Master, Let Me Walk with You | red 818

Offering: *Good*

Lead On, O King Eternal | red 805

Blessing and Benediction



MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

At Nazareth, we want to lift up vibrant, congregational singing as an integral part of our time together on Sunday mornings. Using Spotify, these "Music Spotlights" are designed to encourage us and help familiarize us with most or all of the music selections for the upcoming weekend so that we can wholeheartedly sing in full voice as we worship together.

This coming weekend, our closing hymn will be "Lead On, O King Eternal." Written by Ernest W. Shurtleff, this text was a prayer for his – and his fellow seminarians – graduation from Andover Theological Seminary asking for God's guidance for the rest of their lives. A pastor of churches around the world, Shurtleff's text was paired with a tune ("Lancashire") written by Henry Smart when Smart was only 22 years old. Smart originally hoped to study law, but had an enduring love of music – eventually becoming a self-taught organist and composer. Smart eventually lost his eyesight, but continued composing by dictating pieces to his daughter and playing the organ by memory until his death. Smart is also credited with writing over 250 secular works and several religious compositions, including the melody to "Angels from the Realms of Glory."

Check out "Lead On, O King Eternal" along with other music from Sunday at this Spotify playlist:



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ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued...*

Highland School Update

Highland has been gratefully receiving your HyVee receipts donations from this summer and fall. Your faithful efforts have made a significant impact, and we look forward to your continued support until the final collection date in April 2025.

The Highland Hispanic Heritage Night on October 8 was a resounding success, with a large turnout and a wonderful atmosphere of cultural exchange. The delicious Hispanic meal and engaging activities fostered meaningful interactions among families and friends. We are proud of this achievement and grateful for the volunteers and Partners who made it possible.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held later this year on November 14 to accommodate a request made by Waterloo teachers for more meaningful conference information. Along with the Partners from Nazareth, we will be planning and serving a catered meal from Nazareth for staff holding conferences that evening. Dedicated volunteers have made this possible, and it is very popular with the Highland staff every year.

A final 2024 event our congregation supports is the Adopt-A-Family Christmas gift program, which is directed by the Mission Committee. Your participation is welcomed and can be fulfilled in many different ways. Please watch for more info regarding that activity in the weeks ahead.

Nazareth has supported Partners in Education with Waterloo's Highland School, which has rewarded those involved for as many years as Highland has existed. Before that time, Partners was active in the former McKinstry Elementary School, which was repurposed and closed in December 2009. Highland School, built in a nearby location, was opened in January 2010 for those students. We would love to have new members join the volunteers to keep it alive and vital. Your involvement is rewarded by the variety of experiences available when you become a partner. Give it prayerful consideration in this time of stewardship planning for 2025.

Share in the Newsletter

Do you have a story to share, event to promote, or an announcement for the Nazareth congregation? Please share any proposed entries with, Sam Madson via email at sam.madson@naz.org.

Prayer Shawls Available This Sunday

Do you know someone who could use the warmth and comfort of God's love? Consider gifting them a Prayer Shawl, made by Nazareth's Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our faithful Prayer Shawl Ministry will have prayer shawls available at the Prayer Shawl table in Fellowship Hall after each service this Sunday, October 20. We encourage you to take one home or give one as a gift. Prayer Shawls make the perfect gift for a loved one, to let them know you're thinking of them. We invite you to stop by the table in Fellowship Hall today!

Nazareth Lutheran Church Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain is a way for Nazareth members to lift up one another in prayer and stay connected throughout the week. Congregation members submit prayer requests for themselves, their loved ones, or friends, and our Administrative Assistant, Jordan Keating-Venghaus, writes and shares these prayers via email from Monday through Friday. Whether it's for offering praise or seeking the Lord's guidance, the Prayer Chain helps us support each other as a community of faith. If you'd like to receive these emails, please email Jordan at jordan.kv@naz.org to be added to the list.

October Donation Requests

Naz's food pantry is accepting Personal Hygiene product donations, such as shampoo, soap, disposable razors, feminine products, and laundry detergent, but NO oral care products are needed at this time. We're also contributing to Love Inc's campaign, who are accepting donations of Gift-Wrapping Items, including wrapping paper, gift bags, bows, and tape. Please drop donations off at the Welcome Desk on Sunday or at the Receptionist's Desk throughout the week.

Disaster Response Donations

At Nazareth we understand and emphasize the importance of helping those in need, and we strongly encourage you to donate to this cause through the North American Lutheran Church's Disaster Response page on their website. Donations can be made electronically through Vanco. Please scan the QR code below or visit the following URL:

thenalc.org/halc-disaster-response/



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