

# NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 14, 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](http://www.naz.org/onlinechurch)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### School Supply Donations

Nazareth's Kits and Quilts Ministry is collecting the following school supplies for their Marathon Monday event to pack 700 school kits on Monday, August 5th. If you'd like to contribute but rather not shop, feel free to donate any amount towards the purchase of items in bulk. Please identify such a donation on the outside of an envelope or in the memo line of a check. Please drop off your donations at the table behind the Welcome Desk or to the Receptionist's desk. The deadline to donate is Sunday, July 28th. Printed lists are available at the Welcome Desk. Every country values education. We thank you for your support of this project to help those in need around the world!

#### Supply List:

- 70 Page Notebooks (wide or college-ruled)
- 12" Rulers (with cm markings as well)
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Blunt-tip Scissors
- #2 Pencils (unsharpened)
- Black or Blue Ink Pens (no gel ink)
- 16 or 24 Count Crayons
- 2 ½ Inch Erasers (no pencil-tip erasers)

### Summer Baptism Class

Baptism is a holy sacrament. It is a sign of God's love and will that we be reborn in the image of Christ our Savior. It is a deed by God that enables us to live according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. 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, and the logistics of a baptism on Sunday mornings. Nazareth's staff will provide an overview of the milestone project and family and children's ministry programming.

Our next Baptism class is Sunday, August 4th, from noon to 1:30 pm. You can sign up online at [naz.org/milestones](http://naz.org/milestones). If you have questions, please contact Meg Husted, at [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org).

## CONNECT WITH NAZARETH

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**Holding Out Hope That All May Be Grafted In!**

**TEACHER | Pastor Mike Brost**

**TEXT | Romans 11:11-24 & 11:25-36, & John 15:1-6**

## Synopsis

In John 15, Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in Him bears much fruit, for apart from me, you can do nothing." The apostle Paul elaborates on this truth in his letter to the Romans to explain why many of God's chosen people, the Israelites, are not abiding and have not yet been grafted into God's family tree.

## 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 does this mean for the Church as a whole?*

## READ, RUMINATE, AND REMEMBER

### John 15:5-6

*I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.*

Jesus clearly explains that abundant fruit (good works) is promised to those who are constant in their faith and love in Christ. It's important to understand as followers of Jesus, our primary responsibility is not to bear fruit – Jesus will bear fruit through us if we abide in him. If you do not have faith, then good God cannot work through you. As you reflect on this passage ask yourself, what fruit am I seeing God produce in me as I abide in Christ?

## SERVICE PROGRAM

### 9:00 am

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | red 807*

Confession and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Lesson: Romans 11:11-24

Children's Sermon

Lesson: Romans 11:25-36

Sermon

*O God, Our Help in Agnes Past | red 632*

Apostles' Creed

Offering | *Day by Day*

*Lead On, O King Eternal | red 805*

Blessing and Benediction

### 10:45 am

*Your Grace is Enough*

*Goodness of God*

Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Offering | *Day by Day*

Lesson: Romans 11:11-24

Baptism: Rylee Mae Heidemann

Lesson: Romans 11:25-36

Sermon

*King of My Heart*

Blessing and Benediction

## Flowers

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Dennis Gaede from his family.

The Piano Flowers are in memory of Linda Smith from her husband.

*Dedicate flowers via [jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org](mailto:jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org).*

## Sympathies

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Lois Wishmeyer, who passed away Tuesday. The funeral is at Nazareth, Monday July 15 at 10:30 am.

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Suz Smolikhagen, who passed away Monday.

## Baptisms

Congratulations to Rylee Mae Heidemann, daughter of Jesse and Kalie Heidemann, who is celebrating the milestone at our 10:45 am service.

## Share in the Newsletter

Do you have an event or announcement to share for the Nazareth congregation? Please email any proposed entries with [sam.madson@naz.org](mailto:sam.madson@naz.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued...*

### Cedar Falls Bible Conference

Nazareth has one service time on Sunday, July 28 at 9:00 am. We encourage members to attend the Cedar Falls Bible Conference after the service. Pastor Tim Boettger is sharing the opening message at 10:30 am. The Bible conference is held at Riverview Conference Center in Cedar Falls, from July 27 to August 3. No cost or registration required.

### Community Blood Drive

American Red Cross is hosting a Community Blood Drive at Nazareth, on July 16th from noon to 5:00 pm. If you are interested in donating blood, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for more information or to schedule your donation time.

### Confirmation Registration Is Now Open

Nazareth's Confirmation program aims to provide quality education for students to learn about their faith and beliefs. At the end of three years, they will feel ready and confident to publicly confess their belief in Jesus and give their lives to the authority of Jesus Christ and his Word. This year, 7th and 8th graders will meet in the Choir Room and 3rd Floor small group rooms on Sundays from 6:30-7:45 pm, from September 8th - April 13th.

Register for Confirmation at [naz.org/milestones](http://naz.org/milestones) today! A parent-student meeting will be held on August 25th at 6:30 pm. Please put this date in your calendar and plan to attend. The registration deadline is August 18th.

### July Donation Requests

Nazareth is accepting *Peanut Butter* donations for our food pantry. Naz also contributes to Love Inc's Monthly donations campaign, asking for *School Supplies*. Love Inc's school supply store for neighbors in the Cedar Valley event is at Trinity Bible Church on Friday, August 2nd, and Saturday, August 3rd, at Candeo Church. Please scan the code below to find their school supply wish-list. Please drop your donations off at the Welcome Desk on Sundays or at the Receptionist's desk during the week.



**SCAN HERE FOR THE  
SCHOOL SUPPLY  
WISH-LIST**



### Fall Kickoff Sunday and Picnic

You are invited to join Nazareth for our 2024 Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 8th. It all starts at 10:00 am with a unique worship service full of scripture, inspiring messages, and vibrant music. But don't forget lunch; everyone is invited to a community picnic following the service. Enjoy a delicious meal, explore small group and ministry opportunities, and participate in family fun activities for all ages! We can't wait to see you there!

### Trap Shooting Ministry

Dennis Bigelow and Larry Steffens are leading a Trap Shooting Ministry at the Cedar Falls Gun Club. The program is designed to teach Trap shooting, gun safety, and share scripture. Youth should be accompanied by an adult. Join us on Thursdays, July 25th, August 1st, 8th, and 15th, at 5:30 pm at the Cedar Falls Guns Club. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested in participating. Please call Dennis at 319-504-2247 or Larry at 319-415-7635 with questions.

### North India Ethnoventure Trip

A Nazareth-supported worker has invited congregation members to join him in a partnership with Go Deeper Travel to bring the light of Christ to North India. Join a close group of Christ-followers on this life-changing adventure into the depths of Indian life, culture, history, and most importantly, its people! The North India Ethnoventure mission trip goes from November 1-10th, 2024. Prayer, story-telling, and relationship-building are the primary ways travelers can contribute to the mission. Nazareth encourages our members to consider and pray over this opportunity to help spread God's message. Email [us.worldmissions@naz.org](mailto:us.worldmissions@naz.org) for more information or with any questions or concerns you have.

### Nazareth is Hiring

Are you looking for a career that will make a difference? Nazareth is seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to join our team! We have exciting job opportunities available, including:

***Food Ministry Coordinator***

***Junior High Student Ministry Coordinator***

***Director of Outreach Ministry***

If you feel called to make a meaningful impact, we encourage you to visit [naz.org/careers](http://naz.org/careers) and explore the job descriptions. To apply, please email your cover letter, resume, and application to [kaylene.hoskins@naz.org](mailto:kaylene.hoskins@naz.org) or mail them to 7401 University Avenue, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. We can't wait to work with you!