

NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 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://www.vimeo.com/mynazareth)
Livestreams Broadcast on our website
www.naz.org/onlinechurch



Our
TIME TO
Vote

Nazareth Affiliation Vote

The Church Council is hosting a congregational meeting in the Worship Center on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024, at 6:30 pm. Check-in will open at 5:45 pm. During this meeting, Nazareth members will have the opportunity to vote on Nazareth's affiliation. The Church Council, with full support from the pastoral staff, has recommended to the congregation that you vote YES to disaffiliate with the ELCA and also vote YES to affiliate with the NALC. The ELCA constitution states that to be an eligible voter, you must be a current member of Nazareth, you must have attended communion at Nazareth at least once during 2023 or 2024, and you must have given a gift of record of at least \$1 to Nazareth during 2023 or 2024. In order to disaffiliate from the ELCA, the vote must be passed by 66.7% on April 17. Learn more at naz.org/council.

Soap Sunday Donations

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: in 2020, 2.3 billion people lacked essential hygiene services (hand-washing facilities with soap and water), and 1.6 billion people had access to hand-washing facilities without water or soap.

The Kits & Quilts team is dedicated to helping those in need. They are asking Nazareth to help provide bars of soap for their Baby Care Kits and Personal Care Kits. For the Baby Care Kits, we need 3-4 oz bars of Ivory soap, and for the Personal Care Kits, we can use any bath soap such as Dial, Palmolive, etc. All bars must be in their original wrappers. Please do not donate small or hotel-sized bars.

Soap will be collected on Sunday, April 21st. Tubs will be provided behind the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall, or you can drop them off at the Receptionist's Desk throughout the week during office hours.

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SERMON | Would You Rather...

TEACHER | Pastor Mike Brost

TEXT | Romans 5:6-11 & Matthew 18:1-14, 19:16-30

Synopsis

The Psalmist declares in Psalm 119:14, "In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches." In today's Gospel reading we encounter a man who at first seems to have delighted in God's testimonies as much as the psalmist but then is confronted by the truth that in fact he loved riches more.

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?*

READ, RUMINATE, AND REMEMBER

Psalm 119:14

In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

Revisit the story of Jesus' confrontation with the rich young man in Matthew 19:16-30, with the context of Psalm 119:14. The psalm expresses the value of God's word, saying that there is nothing greater in the entire world than the Word of God. The use of riches only pertains to this life, but the LORD transcends this life, giving His people eternal life in the knowledge of Himself. And in his presence, there is fullness of joy. For all their appeal, riches delight for a moment, whereas God is the soul's eternal delight. Do you delight more in the Truth Jesus offers or the supposed riches and pleasures of this world?

SERVICE PROGRAM

9:00 & 10:45 am Service

Call to Worship
House of the Lord
Who You Say I Am
'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus
Confession and Forgiveness
We're Gonna Shine Our Light
Children's Sermon
Jesus Loves Me
Lesson: Matthew 18:1-14
Gospel: Matthew 19:16-30
Sermon
Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer
Offering
I Need Thee Every Hour
Announcements
Wrap Up

Flowers

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Jerry Ortman from Brian & Lori Fegley.

Dedicate flowers via jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org.

NAZ CHAT

Naz's Prayer Chain is a great resource for connecting and supporting each other as a community. We encourage members to share their prayers and requests with the chain by emailing jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org. Our prayer chain is a safe place, but feel free to request to be left anonymous. If no prayer requests are received for a week, a general prayer or scripture will be sent out.

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 Nazareth's Communications Director, Sam Madson via email at sam.madson@naz.org

Online Financial Giving

Nazareth offers a simple way for you to act on a profound choice. Click "GIVE", on naz.org, to explore stewardship options. If you have questions, please email susan.dean@naz.org.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued...*

April Donation Requests

Nazareth is accepting *Spaghetti Noodles and Spaghetti Sauce* donations for the food pantry. Naz is contributing to Love Inc's Monthly donations campaign, asking for *Household Essentials*. Essentials include paper towels, toilet paper, and garbage bags. You can drop off donations at the Welcome Desk on Sundays or at the Receptionist's desk during the week. Thank you for your generosity.

Deadline For HyVee Receipts

The deadline for HyVee Receipts Collection for Highland School is Sunday, April 21st, 2024. Please remember that the participating stores are only in Cedar Falls, Waterloo, and Waverly. Please do not staple, clip, or roll the receipts together. Thank you for your fantastic support.

Preschool Wrap-Around Program

Blessed Beginnings is excited to announce its Public Preschool Wrap-Around Program. This program offers before- and after-school care Monday through Friday for children enrolled in Aldrich, Southdale, or Orchard Hill Elementary.

To enroll in the Wrap-Around program, please fill out and submit the wait list form, which can be found online at naz.org/blessed-beginnings. The link is at the bottom of the web page. If you have questions, please email Blessed Beginners Director Phil Plourde at phil.plourde@naz.org.

EPIC Scholarships Available

If you or a family member are attending college next year, you might qualify for Nazareth's EPIC Scholarship. Education Partners in Covenant (EPIC) is a partnership between Nazareth Lutheran Church and any participating ELCA College in Iowa - including Wartburg, Luther, and Grand View. Students attending one of these colleges will receive a minimum of \$100 award per school year from Nazareth. Matching funds may be available from participating colleges. To access and complete the application, visit our website, naz.org, and click on "Scholarships" at the bottom of the home page underneath "Quick Links." The deadline to apply for the 24/25 school year is April 30th. We look forward to receiving your application.



Mama Bear Apologetics

Calling all Mama Bears! Join Nazareth's newest study group this summer as they embark on an interactive journey through "*Mama Bear Apologetics*" by Hillary Morgan Ferrer. This book is not just a guide but a conversation starter that equips you to teach your kids how to form their own biblical beliefs about what is true and what is false. With its transparent life stories and practical applications, Mama Bear Apologetics offers you the tools to educate yourself and empower your kids. Join Mama Bears and raise your voice to protect your kids by teaching them how to think through and address the issues head-on.

Nazareth's group will meet Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 10:45 am, beginning June 6th, at Gateway Park under the large pavilion. Childcare is available if needed. Please register online at naz.org/nextsteps. For more information, please email Meg Husted at meg.husted@naz.org.

Spring 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, April 28th, from noon to 1:30 pm. You can sign up online at naz.org/milestones. If you have questions, please contact Meg Husted, at meg.husted@naz.org.