

WELCOME

The purpose of the revelation of Jesus as "the Son of God" on the Mount of Transfiguration was completely misunderstood by Peter. He "missed the point." This mountaintop experience was not meant to be memorialized but rather to point Peter and us to the cross of Jesus. The cross is the place where we not only behold Jesus' glory but also experience his glory as we claim by faith what Jesus accomplished for us there.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Information for the March 6 Newsletter should be submitted by 3 p.m. on Monday, February 28.
- For more information and ways to get connected, please visit Naz Next Steps in Fellowship Hall!



JOB OPENINGS

Applications and resumes are being accepted for the Communications Director position at Nazareth. Please see naz.org for a complete job description. Send resume, cover letter, and application to Angie Rath, Administrator, at angie.rath@naz.org or mail to 7401 University Ave. Cedar Falls, IA 50613., attn. Angie.

Blessed Beginnings is looking to hire a lead teacher for one of our 3-4 year old classrooms. We are looking for a called Christian to help lead our little ones to Jesus. Experience in Early Childhood required. Please contact Kim Young-Kent if you are interested in applying for this position email Kim.Youngkent@naz.org

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

Lent is a season of repentance. We take stock of our lives, note where things are amiss, and ask for God's forgiveness. Through this process God's Spirit empowers us to live a life characterized by faithfulness, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and love. These characteristics that God produces in us are demonstrated in the life of Jesus and fully revealed at His cross.

Ash Wednesday, March 2 | 6 p.m.

Turning toward God's Abundance

Thursday, March 10	Faithfulness	Luke 4:1-13 - Temptation of Jesus
Thursday, March 17	Mercy	Luke 13:31-35 - Lament over Jerusalem
Thursday, March 24	Compassion	Luke 13:1-9 - The Barren Fig Tree
Thursday, March 31	Forgiveness	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 - The Prodigal Son
Thursday, April 7	Love	John 12:1-8 - Mary Anoints Jesus

These mid-week services are at 6 p.m. in the Worship Center. We will use Holden Evening Prayer. A soup and sandwich supper (free will offering) is available prior to the worship service from 5 to 5:45 p.m. in Bethel Hall. In addition to coming to these worship services yourself, use them as an opportunity to invite others to prepare their hearts in this way for the good news of Easter.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday Services: 9 a.m. | traditional, 10:45 a.m. | contemporary

Maundy Thursday: 6 p.m. (communion offered)

Good Friday: 10 a.m. | traditional, 7&9 p.m. | student-led

EASTER SERVICES

In-Person Services:

Traditional Easter service at 8:30 a.m.

Traditional Easter service at 10:00 a.m.

Contemporary Easter service at 11:30 a.m.

Televised services:

CFU Channels 18 and 95.5

8:30 a.m. Sun. 4:30 p.m. Wed. 5:30 p.m. Sat.

KWWL Channel 7 - 5:30 a.m. Sunday

LECTIONARIES

SERMON | Don't Miss the Point!

TEACHER | Pastor Bob Ericson

TEXTS | 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36

ALTAR FLOWERS | Thank you to our congregation for their continuous support of Nazareth Ministries and Staff, from the Nazareth Staff.



UPCOMING BLESS SERIES

Starting March 6, we will begin our new series, BLESS. We want to invite you to attend church in person or online and dig deep into what God has planned for you!

NAZ NEWS UPDATE

We are in the process of interviewing for the Communications Director position at Nazareth, and until someone is hired, we will discontinue sending out the weekly Naz News and only update our Naz website weekly regarding upcoming sermons, and other pertinent information. The last Naz News will be sent out March 6. We will send out a special Naz News issue with information regarding Easter services.

Thank you for your patience and grace during this time of transition. Thank you for your patience and grace during this time of transition. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Rath at angie.rath@naz.org or call 319.266.7589.

FLOWER REQUESTS

Starting March 2022, Kay Carpenter is managing the flower calendar. Any requests for flowers at the altar, piano, or pulpit should contact Kay Carpenter at kaycarpenter@cfu.net. Thank you to Kay for stepping up to fill this need!

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 | "Working Preacher" is a website sponsored by Luther Seminary. It offers brief, one-page commentaries on each of the lectionary texts throughout the year. There are a number of entries for the Transfiguration of Jesus. One I found clear and helpful can be found by searching for: workingpreacher.org Luke 9:28-36 (37-43) February 10, 2013. If you just type in the first part of the search and omit the date, you will find a number of other commentaries on the Transfiguration too.

WATCH IT | A short 3-minute video that can be searched for on Google is: "BeTheBee #42." The presenter gives a unique view of Jesus' Transfiguration. He asks, "Who was changed at the Transfiguration, Christ or his disciples?" His answer will give you something to think about!

LIVE IT | The Transfiguration of Jesus pointed his disciples and points us to the cross. It is there we behold Jesus' glory as we are reconciled to God through his obedience to the Father's will for our salvation. May we have a glimpse into Jesus' glory as we let him transform our lives this week by following the process suggested in Sunday's sermon:

- +Take inventory of where you need to be changed
- +Own up to your sin
- +Claim God's forgiveness
- +Continue to yield control of your life to God

Writes the Apostle Paul, "We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, ARE BEING CHANGED into HIS likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit" 2 Cor. 3:18)

NAZARETH IS LOOKING FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE 2022 NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Nazareth is looking for two congregation members and one young adult member (age 18 and over) to attend the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly at Wartburg in Waverly June 10-11. The voting delegates would join Pastor Brian King, along with council members - Troy Olsen, Lisa, Arenholz, and Juanita Kimpston.

The Assembly will meet this year in person with the theme "Better Together," based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-13. Plans are for the assembly to start Friday evening with worship, orientation and social time for those who want to partake. Saturday will include synod business, workshops and closing worship.

The synod staff will lead a "Getting to Know You" presentation. The Rev. Robin Brown, director of Congregational Generosity for the ELCA, will attend as the churchwide representative.

If you are interested in attending as a representative for Nazareth, please contact Pastor Brian at brian.king@naz.org or call 319.266.7589.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been creating beautiful shawls for many years at Nazareth. We provide Prayer Shawls for people for ANY occasion. Examples of this are people who are experiencing a medical emergency, an emotional trauma, death of a loved one or loneliness; or they could be rejoicing in a blessed event. We also provide a mantle of "baby feet" to all the newly baptized babies. We are becoming known in the Cedar Valley as we also provide shawls to many organizations. We have provided shawls to over 300 individuals last year alone. While our crocheters and knitters are doing a wonderful job, we are always looking for new members to help with the demand. If you would like to help us crochet/knit these beautiful shawls, please contact Rena Raecker (319-266-3140) or Dixie Nederhoff (319-269-2776).

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

A full-ride scholarship to Iowa State University (4-year - \$80,000) is open to all Iowa High School Seniors. The scholarship has been set up in honor and memory of Kim Nelson who was a member of Nazareth who passed away June 2nd of 2021 at the age of 55 after a 6 year battle with Early Onset Alzheimer's Disease. The Kim Nelson Memorial Scholarship is set up for the study of Commercial Interior Design.

For more information about the scholarship, please contact Tom Nelson email at Tom.nelson@centurylink.net

MEMBERSHIP PHONE BOOK

Printed copies of the 2022 Membership Phone Books are available for Nazareth members to pick up on Sunday and during the week at the receptionist desk! Due to paper costs, we are printing a limited number and will continue to print on an as-needed basis. Thank you for your patience as we make these available to all who are needing them!

HELP LOCATING MISSING CONFIRMATION PICTURES

Nazareth has an album that contains Confirmation pictures and names of confirmands. We are missing Confirmation group photos from the years of 2006, 2007 and 2008. If you have a group picture and can help provide names to the faces of the confirmands, please contact Lori Haag so she can make a copy of the picture and get the photo and names in the album. We have the Confirmation photo from 2009, but need someone to help us with names. Thanks for your help! We would love to get the album complete soon! Lori's contact information is lori.haag@naz.org or you can call her at 319.266.7589 ext. 105.



CHAOS SKI AND SHOP

On February 19 CHAOS took 187 students and leaders to Minnesota for the annual weekend trip. They started off early Saturday driving to the snowy slopes of Wild Mountain where kids could go skiing, snowboarding, or tubing. Another group headed to the Fun Lab Arcade and met up with the rest of the group afterwards. Memories were continually made at New Life Academy, a school where they stayed that night to do an evening program where Nikki Pauli talked about our identity in Jesus! While sleep may not have been very long, they woke up to go to Hosanna Church for worship, and finished the day at Mall of America. So many God stories and relationship building happened on this trip, that they plan to go again next year! Thank you to our wonderful leaders and volunteers who helped chaperone the Junior High group!