

# NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 11, 2025

## 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

### Mother's Day Breakfast

Nazareth wants to wish all the Mothers and guardians a Happy Mother's Day, we appreciate everything you do! Whether you are a mother or not, we are delighted to invite all visitors to our community Mother's Day Breakfast this Sunday, May 11, hosted by 5th and 6th graders. The breakfast will be available from 10:00 to 10:45 am in Bethel Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend; we encourage you to bring your family and friends. Free will donations will be accepted. We can't wait for you to join us for great food and fellowship!

### Spring Belong Membership Class

Are you interested in learning more about our beliefs, Lutheran traditions, and church ministries? Nazareth's mission is to live together in God's amazing grace, inviting all people to know Christ, grow in Christ, and make Christ known. If you feel called to engage in our mission, we encourage you to register for our Belong Membership Class on Sunday, May 18, from noon to 3:00 pm in rooms 151/153. To register for this life-changing opportunity, please visit [naz.org/belong](http://naz.org/belong). We can't wait to meet you and have you join us and the work God is doing here at Naz!

### Register for Vacation Bible School 2025

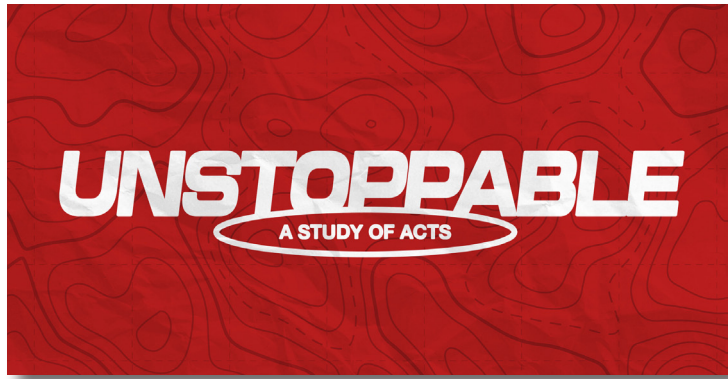
Registration for Nazareth's Vacation Bible School is now available! All children between the ages of 4 years old and 6th grade are invited to join us June 8-12 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm for this year's VBS "Road Trip," where we are on the go with God!

Each night will be packed with worship, songs, Bible skits, science experiments, crafts, and recreational games, to help us learn that God is with us; on the journey, when we go off course, when we are joyful, when we are lonely, and near and far.

To join Nazareth on our exciting Road Trip this summer, please register online by visiting our website, [naz.org](http://naz.org), or stop by the VBS Booth in Fellowship Hall any Sunday between now and when VBS starts! T-shirts and music are also available for purchase at the booth. If you have questions, please email our Children's Ministry team; [kim.albertsen@naz.org](mailto:kim.albertsen@naz.org) and [sam.wyckoff@naz.org](mailto:sam.wyckoff@naz.org).

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**TITLE | Onward With the Good News**  
**TEACHER | Pastor Tim Boettger**  
**TEXT | Acts 4:13-22 & Matthew 10:26-37**

### Synopsis

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Christ's church pushed forth in Jerusalem despite the continued resistance, as the power of God's miraculous hand changed the status quo.

### Digest The Word

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

- How did the sermon challenge/encourage you?
- Does this passage teach you about who God is?
- What are the personal implications for you?

### SERVICE PROGRAM

*Living Hope*

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Confessions and Forgiveness

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Lesson: Acts 4:13-22

Baptism (9:00 am) / Children's Sermon (10:45)

*The Prayer*

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-37

Sermon

*Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me | red 767*

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing | red 547*

Blessing and Benediction

### Flowers

The nave flowers are in loving memory of Lynn Izer from Gary & Linda Skiles, Troy & Shannon Frost, and family.

### Baptisms

Congratulations to Ellie Quinn Mork, daughter of Nathan and Ashley Mork, who is celebrating her baptism during the 9:00 am service this Sunday.

## MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

At Nazareth, we want vibrant singing to be an integral part of our Sunday mornings. Using Spotify, these "Music Spotlights" are designed to encourage and familiarize us with the music for the upcoming weekend so that we can wholeheartedly sing as we worship together.

This weekend, we will sing "For the Beauty of the Earth." A native of Bath, England, Folliott Sandford Pierpoint was an educator and poet who wrote this hymn in 1864 as he overlooked the English countryside and God's creation captured him. Originally, the hymn was written for use during communion and was initially titled "The Sacrifice of Praise," reflecting the theology of the Lord's Supper as a sharing in Christ's sacrifice. Over time, however, the hymn has been adapted and is most commonly used to highlight thankfulness for family, for time, for the earth, and – ultimately – for Christ. The melody most often used for this hymn is "Dix" – a tune written by Conrad Kocher and used for a Christmas carol titled "As With Gladness Men of Old." Interestingly, one melody can be used for many different hymn lyrics! The concrete images of this text make it ideal for young and old alike, and, as such, it endures as one of Christianity's most beloved hymns.

As we sing a "sacrifice of praise," we are reminded of Hebrews 13:15-16: "Through him, then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Each day, God gives us the ability to think thoughts and to speak words; we give away these words to Him as a sacrifice of praise to Christ, who sacrificed Himself for us on the cross. We invite you to check out "For the Beauty of the Earth" along with other music for the upcoming Sunday at this Spotify playlist:

[open.spotify.com/user/ovcn1ug98cq5vgzdb0668tcep](https://open.spotify.com/user/ovcn1ug98cq5vgzdb0668tcep)

### SCAN HERE TO LISTEN TO THE SPOTIFY PLAYLIST!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## New Aldaya Volunteers Needed

Nazareth's Local Missions Committee is looking for volunteers to help transport NewAldaya residents who need assistance to the Sunday Chapel Services throughout June. We need 2-4 volunteers each Sunday. The services at NewAldaya run from 10:30 until 11:30 so volunteers would need to be there shortly after 10:00 am until approximately 11:45 am to return the residents to their rooms or lunch room. To sign up as a volunteer, please visit our table in Fellowship Hall or email [local.missions@naz.org](mailto:local.missions@naz.org).

## May Donation Requests

During the month of May, we are accepting donations for our food pantry and partnered ministries. Nazareth is participating in Love Inc's Make-a-Difference Monthly donation campaign, which is accepting \$10-20 Fuel-Only Gas Cards.

Nazareth's food pantry is accepting donations of laundry detergent, soap, and cleaning supplies. To learn more, schedule an appointment, or find a complete list of acceptable donations, visit [naz.org/foodpantry](http://naz.org/foodpantry) or email [peg.merfeld@naz.org](mailto:peg.merfeld@naz.org). All donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or at the Receptionist's desk during the week's office hours.

## LSI Women's Luncheon

All women are invited to the Bremwood Auxiliary Luncheon on Friday, May 16, at 1:00 pm in the Hanson Spiritual Life Center in Waverly, to hear an update from Lutheran Services in Iowa. No registration is necessary. If you have questions or want more information, contact Donna Kirschenmann at 319-231-2251. We are looking forward to this time of fellowship.

## Summer Trap Shooting Ministry

Nazareth's trap shooting Ministry begins June 10 at the Cedar Falls Gun Club. Join leaders Eddy Coen and Larry Steffens on Tuesday Nights from 5:30-7:00 pm for our 6-week program. Each night includes Biblical devotions, prayer, and trap shooting. This program is open to children and adults to learn trap shooting and gun safety. Children must be at least 12 years old and accompanied by a guardian. To register, please sign up at the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall or go to [naz.org/nextsteps](http://naz.org/nextsteps).



## 60/60 Experiment

Are you looking to take another step in your faith, but are too busy for another group study? We get it! The 60/60 Experiment is an "on-the-go" opportunity that's easy to share with your family. Our Sunday morning series on Acts teaches us to focus on prayer. We see this in how Paul and other leaders committed to prayer during the early church's formation. We want to provide different opportunities for engagement at any stage you are in. It's all about our relationship with God. Spiritual life is simple but not easy. We can love God by trusting His spirit as He reminds us of Jesus's teachings. And we can learn to let God lead us moment by moment in an authentic relationship.

Join us and 60/60 Experiment leader, Kris Boettger, beginning Sunday, May 18, from 10:10-10:40 am in Room 156, as we begin our 60-day journey working to connect with God throughout the day by setting alarms or reminders every hour. No registration is needed to attend any of our meetings on May 25, June 8, June 22, and July 13. We invite you to join us and encourage the loved ones around you to remind you to pray at the sound of your alarm.

## Honoring High School Students

We are excited to celebrate all graduating high school students at Nazareth and bless them at our 9:00 am worship service on Sunday, May 25. Before the service, we will meet together in Bethel Hall at 8:30 am. To honor your graduate, we ask that you share two pictures with us for a presentation during the service. One senior/recent photo and one of them 5 years old or younger. If you drop photos off in person, please write the student's name on the back. Also, please share their confirmation Bible verse or a meaningful verse. You can share all these items with Meg Husted when you RSVP by emailing [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org) before the deadline, Friday, May 16 at noon. We are so excited for this memorable day!