

# NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 18, 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)



*Kits & Quilts Marathon Monday*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Congregational Vote for Affiliation Vote

Nazareth is hosting a Congregational Meeting for the second of two affiliation votes on August 28th, 2024, at 6:30 pm. Check-in will begin at 5:45 pm in Fellowship Hall. During this meeting Nazareth members have the opportunity to vote on the church's affiliation. The Church Council, with full Pastoral support, has recommended to the congregation that Nazareth disaffiliate with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) and affiliate with the North American Lutheran Church (NALC.)

In order to participate in the vote, you must be a current Nazareth member, have taken communion, and have donated a minimum of \$1 at Nazareth at least once during 2023 or 2024 (a gift of record is required.) The vote must pass by 66% or more. If the threshold is not met, Nazareth will remain affiliated with the ELCA.

For more information about the vote, please refer to the letter we mailed to the congregation. You can also visit [naz.org/council](http://naz.org/council) to explore vote-related resources, including a Frequently Asked Questions document.

### Confirmation Registration Closes Sunday

Don't miss the opportunity to register 7th-8th graders for Confirmation before sign-ups close on Sunday, August 18th. Naz's Confirmation program aims to provide quality education for students to learn about their faith so they can confidently confess their belief and give their lives to the authority of Jesus Christ and his Word. Students will meet Sundays from 6:30-7:45 pm, from September 8th - April 13th. Register at [naz.org/milestones](http://naz.org/milestones) today! A parent/student meeting will be held on August 25th at 6:30 pm.

### KidzRock Sunday School Registration

KidzRock is our Sunday school for kids ages 3 to 6th grade from 9:30-10:30 am. During this time, kids worship together and learn about important Bible truths through storytelling, teachings, and videos. Registration for KidzRock is available at [naz.org/programs](http://naz.org/programs). Please email [kim.albertsen@naz.org](mailto:kim.albertsen@naz.org) for more information.

## CONNECT WITH NAZARETH

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 MyNazareth

 [mynazchurch](https://www.instagram.com/mynazchurch)



## SERVICE PROGRAM

### 9:00 am

*O Zion, Haste* | red 668

Confession and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

Children's Sermon

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon

*O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go* | brown 374

Offering

*I Love to Tell the Story* | red 667

Blessing and Benediction

### 10:45 am

*Lay Me Down*

*Holy Water*

Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Offering

*Lord, I Need You*

Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

Children's Sermon

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon

*Glorious Day*

Blessing and Benediction

### Flowers

The Altar Arrangement is in loving memory of Mary Lea, daughter of Lee and Ashley Geisinger. The first Stage Arrangement is in loving memory of Bob Christensen from Kris Christensen and family. The second Stage Arrangement is in celebration of Carolyn and John Christmans' wedding anniversary.

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

### QUICK UPDATES

Due to Labor Day, communion at New Aldaya has moved from September 2nd to September 9th at 1:00 pm. Enjoy your holiday!

We all love the Sunday morning coffee and treats served in Fellowship Hall. We are looking for volunteers to help serve and oversee the treat counter. If you are interested in helping, please email Jordan at [jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org](mailto:jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org).

Do you have an announcement for Nazareth's congregation? Please email any proposed entries to Sam Madson at [sam.madson@naz.org](mailto:sam.madson@naz.org).

**SERMON | Bound Only To The Debt of Love**

**TEACHER | Andy Walser**

**TEXT | Romans 13:8-14 & Matthew 22:34-40**

### Synopsis

Paul directs all Christ's followers, "Let no debt remain outstanding except the debt to love one another." As we put on Christ as our identity, value, and motivation, he will lead us in love to serve disciplined lives directed and protected by the love, courage, grace, and faith of Christ.

### 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

#### Romans 13:9-10

*And any other commandment, are summed up in this word: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*

Consistent with Jesus' teaching, Paul writes in his letter to the Romans that the commandments of the Law can be summarized into one simple command - to love your neighbor as yourself. Whoever truly loves can fulfill what the Law, as the revelation of God's will, always intended. Paul states that it is impossible to live this way on their own, but because of Jesus' death and resurrection, the Holy Spirit has poured God's love into the hearts of believers, empowering them to live out of this same love. After analyzing this passage, consider the ways you have or haven't been sharing God's love. What does loving your neighbor look like to you?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued...*

### Get Involved with Student Ministries

CHAOS | Junior High Ministry:

A welcoming community that helps create space for Jesus to transform the lives of Jr. High students. CHAOS meets on Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at Naz for games, worship, teachings, and small groups. Register at [cedarvalleystudents.org](http://cedarvalleystudents.org)

- CHAOS 101 - Aug. 21 | 7:00 - 8:00 pm | @ Naz  
A night for all 7th grade students and parents to come and check out what CHAOS is all about.
- CHAOS Kick Off - Sept. 4 | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | @ Naz  
Our first worship night, all students wear white and bring towels for our colored powder games!

BIGhouse | High School Ministry

Engaging high school students as they build independent faith to launch them into a lifetime pursuit of Christ. BIGhouse meets Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm at Orchard Hill Church for worship, teaching, and small groups.

- BIGhouse Bash - Aug. 28 | TBH pm | @ Orchard  
On our first worship night, all students come wearing white for our colored powder games!

BASIC | College & Young Adult Ministry

A worship community that exists to unite people in the name of Jesus and invite them to join in the work He is already doing to bless a broken world. Join BASIC Thursdays at 7:30 pm at Orchard Hill Church for worship, teaching, and more!

- BASIC Kickoff - Aug. 29 | 7:30 pm | @ Orchard  
Our first worship night, everyone is welcome! Enjoy Try Pie and an inflatable obstacle course!

### Register for GriefShare Support Group

A GriefShare support group is a safe place where people understand the complex emotions of grief. The curriculum is structured to guide those who are grieving through what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability, and gain solid support each step of the way. Registration for Griefshare is available now on [naz.org/nextsteps](http://naz.org/nextsteps). Meetings begin September 9th and continue weekly on Mondays at 4:00 pm in room 160. There is a \$20 fee for materials. Please email [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org) for more information.



### 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 our 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!

We are looking for donations of seedless watermelons and desserts for our cake walk. If you would like to donate items OR volunteer to help serve food please sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact the church. Desserts must be store-bought and nut-free. Thank you!

### LSI Refugee Program Donations

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) has a long legacy of supporting refugee families by providing essential household items, English classes, work readiness training, mental health care, financial literacy classes, and support in preparing for U.S. citizenship exams. LSI is asking for donations of basic essential items that would be found in most homes. A list of "kits" is available at the welcome desk, which can be used as a donation guide. We encourage individuals, families, and small groups to select one or more kits and purchase the specified items. If you prefer not to go shopping, a monetary gift is appreciated and would be used to buy kit items. (You can give online at [www.LSIowa.org/donate](http://www.LSIowa.org/donate)). Nazareth will collect and store donated items until August 22nd, in Room 145 by the Family Life Center.

### August Donation Requests

Naz's food pantry is accepting Canned Fruit donations. We're also contributing to Love Inc's campaign, who are accepting donations of Linens, including towels, wash clothes, and bedding. Please drop donations off at the Welcome Desk on Sunday, or at the Receptionist's Desk throughout the week. Thank you for your generosity!

### Changing Emails?

Are you switching to a new email? Please share your new address with Nazareth so that we can continue to communicate news, announcements, and more!



## CHURCH CALENDAR

ALL NAZ'S UPCOMING DATES

- August 18 - 9:00 and 10:45 am** .....Kindergarten Rite of Passage  
**August 21 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm** .....CHAOS 101  
**August 22 - No Specified Time** .....Last Day to Donate to LSI Refugee Program  
**August 25 - 10:00 - 10:40 am** .....Preschool Orientation  
**August 25 - 10:00 - 10:40 am** .....Small Group Sign Ups  
**August 25 - 6:30 pm** .....Confirmation Parent Meeting  
**August 28 - 5:45 - 6:30 pm** .....Small Group Sign Ups  
**August 28 - 6:30 pm** .....Congregational Meeting for Affiliation Vote  
**August 28 - 7:00 pm** .....BIGhouse Bash  
**August 29 - 7:30 pm** .....BASIC Kickoff  
**September 1 - 10:00 - 10:40 am** .....Small Group Sign Ups  
**September 4 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm** .....CHAOS Kickoff  
**September 8 - 10:00 am** .....Fall Kickoff and Picnic  
**September 8 - 11:00 - 11:30 am** .....Small Group Sign Ups  
**September 9 - 4:00 pm** .....Griefshare Support Group starts  
**September 9 - 1:00 pm** .....New Aldaya Communion  
**September 15 - 10:15 am** .....The Gospel Project starts  
**September 15 - 12:00 - 3:00 pm** .....Belong Membership Class  
**September 15 - No Specified Time** .....Bible Recap Small Group starts  
**September 18 - 6:00 pm** .....POW (Parents on Wednesdays) Starts