

NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ————— OCTOBER 27, 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



Stewardship and Ingathering Sundays

God has blessed us all in so many ways. The greatest gift from God is the gift of His grace. It is because of His amazing grace that God sent Jesus to redeem us from our sin and to assure all who trust in Him of our salvation.

Stewardship is responding to God's grace by giving back to Him, out of love, our time, talent, and financial resources to advance His Kingdom. It is our love gift to Christ for what He has done for us. As our faith in Christ grows, so will our stewardship.

Our first Stewardship Sunday will be this Sunday, October 20 with a preaching emphasis on Biblical stewardship. This will be repeated on Sunday, October 27. Our ingathering worship service on November 3 will be a day of celebration for our congregation as we give back to Christ in response to His blessings for us. Please give prayerful consideration of your stewardship response to our Savior and Lord in the coming days.

If you are unable to attend our Ingathering to place your offerings on the altar, you may place your pledge card and Time & Talent sheet into the offering plate the following Sunday, November 10th, drop them off at the church office, or mail them to Nazareth. Please try to get them back to the church no later than November 10.

Pick Up Your Offering Envelopes

Nazareth's offering envelopes for the 2025 calendar year are now available to pick up in Fellowship Hall. All members have a box of envelopes labeled with their name. If you are a Vanco or IRA contributor and you would like to request Festival Envelopes (for the Holidays), please email susan.dean@naz.org.

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Nazareth is looking for volunteers on Sunday at 9:45 and 11:00 am to help serve food and coffee at the Coffee Shop (next to the Family Life Center Gym). If you are interested in volunteering please stop by the kitchen and talk to Randy Husted, Nazareth's Food Ministry Director, or email randy.husted@naz.org.



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BIBLE OVERVIEW

EXPLORING THE WORD AND WORLD OF GOD

TITLE | Stewardship Lessons from the Wilderness

TEACHER | Pastor Tim Boettger

TEXT | Psalm 90:12-17 & Matthew 6:28-34

Synopsis

Our service to God is affected by the measure of our love, confidence, and faith in Him. When we study the actions of the Israelites in the desert in the book of Exodus, we can see ourselves in its pages and learn about the frailty of our human nature. Let us lean into the instructions given as we consider how we are stewarding our lives and the time, talents, and resources God has entrusted to each of us.

Digest The Word

Read the scripture passages from the Service and reflect on the sermon 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?

SERVICE PROGRAM

As for Me and My House

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Confession and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Lesson: Psalm 90:12-17

Children's Sermon

Gospel: Matthew 6:28-34

Sermon

Surrender All

Offering: *Good*

A Mighty Fortress is Our God | red 504

Blessing and Benediction

Flowers

The piano flower arrangement is in celebration of Joanne Latta Reeves' 90th birthday, from her family.

To dedicate flowers please email jordan.kv@naz.org.



MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

At Naz, we want to lift up vibrant, congregational singing as an integral part of our time together on Sunday mornings. Using Spotify, these "Music Spotlights" are designed to encourage us and help familiarize us with the music selections for the weekend ahead so that we can wholeheartedly sing in full voice as we worship together.

In honor of Reformation, we will sing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," a hymn, with both text and music, written by Martin Luther. Understandably, many think of Luther primarily as a theologian, or preacher, but he was also a focused and prolific hymn-writer, who reinvigorated singing in what became known as the Protestant church.

How the congregation sang was a key question for Luther; he believed that a truly Biblical church would be one where every believer was actively participating in every part of the service, including the singing, celebrating this incredible Gospel together. Luther writes, "Let God speak directly to His people through the Scriptures, and let His people respond with grateful songs of praise."

Luther's Reformation was centered around five basic tenets, known by the Latin word, "Sola." Sola Scriptura (Scripture alone), Sola Gratia (Grace alone), Sola Fide (Faith alone), Solus Christus (Christ alone), and Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God alone). The five Solas tell us that Scripture alone is our highest authority and that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, for God's glory alone.

As the earliest published Lutheran hymnals date to 1524, Luther's "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" was likely included in them; we invite you to check out this hymn along with other music for the upcoming Sunday at this Spotify playlist:



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SPOTIFY PLAYLIST!**

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, Sam Madson via email at sam.madson@naz.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued...*

Thank you Caleb Schreiber

Nazareth would like to offer our appreciation and best wishes to Caleb Schreiber, Nazareth's Office and High School Ministry Director, who is parting ways with Nazareth's staff after two and a half years. His last day was on Friday, October 18th. Caleb's contributions to Nazareth and our high school student ministry, BIGhouse, have been unmeasurable and we have been blessed to have had such a dedicated and passionate employee. Please join us in praying for Caleb and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

Highland School Update

Highland has been gratefully receiving your HyVee receipts donations from this summer and fall. Your faithful efforts have made a significant impact, and we look forward to your continued support until the final collection date in April 2025.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held later this year on November 14 to accommodate a request made by Waterloo teachers for more meaningful conference information. Along with the Partners from Nazareth, we will be planning and serving a catered meal from Nazareth for staff holding conferences that evening. Dedicated volunteers have made this possible, and it is very popular with the Highland staff every year.

A final 2024 event our congregation supports is the Adopt-A-Family Christmas gift program, which is directed by the Mission Committee. Your participation is welcomed and can be fulfilled in many different ways. Please watch for more info regarding that activity in the weeks ahead.

Nazareth has supported Partners in Education with Waterloo's Highland School, which has rewarded those involved for many years. Before that time, Partners was active in the former McKinstry Elementary School, which was repurposed and closed in December 2009. Highland School, built in a nearby location, was opened in January 2010 for those students. We would love to have new members join the volunteers to keep it alive and vital. Your involvement is rewarded by the variety of experiences available when you become a partner. Give it prayerful consideration in this time of stewardship planning for 2025. Please call the church office if you're interested in getting involved.

Nazareth Lutheran Church Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain is a way for Nazareth members to lift up one another in prayer and stay connected throughout the week. Over 100 congregation members are subscribed, offering prayers of praise and petitions for God's guidance. Our Administrative Assistant, Jordan Keating-Venghaus, writes and shares these prayers via email from Monday through Friday. Whether it's for celebrating blessings or supporting one another in times of need, the Prayer Chain helps us strengthen our faith community. If you'd like to receive these emails, please email Jordan at jordan.kv@naz.org to be added to the prayer chain email list.

October Donation Requests

Naz's food pantry is accepting Personal Hygiene product donations, such as shampoo, soap, disposable razors, feminine products, and laundry detergent, but NO oral care products are needed at this time. We're also contributing to Love Inc's campaign, who are accepting donations of Gift-Wrapping Items, including wrapping paper, gift bags, bows, and tape. Please drop donations off at the Welcome Desk on Sunday or at the Receptionist's Desk throughout the week.



GOOD NEWS UPDATE

FROM WORLD MISSIONS COMMITTEE

"The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble."

- Nahum 1:7

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

- Matthew 11:28-30

From Nahum in the Old Testament to Matthew in the New Testament, God is faithful in His love and care for us. Several of our missionary families, Helene and Milton, were affected by the recent hurricanes. Please pray specifically for Dean and Ruth and their family in Florida and Tennessee, where their faith-centered and art-inspired outreach, Bright Commission Media, is located. Their son had to evacuate his family to Tennessee, and they are still grappling with damage to their rental home and car. Their training and media outreach have been postponed until November, but I pray that both will be fruitful for God's kingdom and His glory.