

# NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 23, 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)



*Confirmation Class*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Southern Asia Mission Trip

Nazareth is excited to share a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to join fellow Nazareth members on a ten-day mission trip in Southern Asia this November. Our long-time missions partners, Shannon and Lisa Sandquist, are leading the trip to a beautiful and diverse country that has over 1.3 billion unreached people, and have not heard the good news of the Gospel. The Sandquists work with Oaks International and Iowa State. They are inviting a small group of Nazareth members to join their team, to reach out to the people of Southern Asia through prayer, building relationships, and homestays.

If you are interested in joining or want to learn more about this mission trip opportunity, we encourage you to attend a meeting hosted by the Sandquists on Sunday, March 30, at 10:00 am in Bethel Hall, between worship services. If you are interested in learning more but are unable to attend the meeting, please reach out and email [us.worldmissions@naz.org](mailto:us.worldmissions@naz.org), and the committee can send you information and get you connected. We hope you consider and pray over this incredible life-changing opportunity.

### Thursday Evening Lenten Services

Please join Nazareth for our Thursday evening services throughout the Lenten season. These services will be every Thursday at 6:00 pm, starting March 13 through April 10. Worship with us as we anticipate and prepare for Jesus' death and resurrection. Each service will feature a community soup supper at 5:00 pm. This Thursday, March 27, we will serve Bacon Potato and Vegetable soup. We hope to see you there!

### Nazareth Nursery

Do you have a baby or child who loves to wiggle and be active during Sunday services? No need to worry, Nazareth's nursery is open on Sunday Mornings! We welcome children three years old and under. Stop by the nursery room and connect with our consistent and caring staff who can give parents and caregivers the break they need to focus on worship. We look forward to meeting you and your kids this Sunday!

## CONNECT WITH NAZARETH

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# BIBLE OVERVIEW

EXPLORING THE WORD AND WORLD OF GOD

**TITLE | A New Power at Pentecost**

**TEACHER | Pastor Tim Boettger**

**TEXT | Acts 2:1-13 & John 16:5-15**

## Synopsis

Pentecost marks the beginning of the New Testament Church and fulfills Jesus' promise to send His Holy Spirit into the world in a new way. Exploring Scripture to learn more about Pentecost can teach us that Jesus' work in us and the world is not yet finished.

## SERVICE PROGRAM

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Holy Spirit*

Confessions and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Lesson: Acts 2:1-13

Children's Sermon

Offering: *Spirit of the Living God*

Gospel: John 16:5-15

Sermon

Prayer

*Jesus at the Center*

Apostle's Creed

*The Church's One Foundation | red 654*

Blessing and Benediction

## Flowers

The chancel arrangement is in honor of Virginia Hocken's 97th birthday from her family.

The first nave arrangement is in loving memory of Jim Gates from Lavola and family.

The second nave arrangement is in loving memory of Talan J. Preisser from his family.

## Sympathies

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Larry Brown, grandfather to Terri Packard, who passed away last Monday, March 17.

## MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

At Nazareth, we want to lift up vibrant singing as an integral part of our time together on 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 coming weekend, we will sing "*Holy Spirit*," – a contemporary Christian piece written by two young worship pastors, Bryan and Katie Torwalt, and made popular by vocalist Francesca Battistelli; the piece is a memorable and powerful prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to be present in our worship. Those of us who are in Christ already have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us and can be filled with the Holy Spirit in increasing measure. This piece serves as an invitation for the Holy Spirit to invade every area and circumstance in our lives. As 2 Corinthians 3:17 reminds us, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" – freedom from all fear, shame, and bondage to sin. Listen to "*Holy Spirit*" along with the music for Sunday on Spotify:

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



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

## NAZARETH IS HIRING

Nazareth is now hiring for our administrator position. We are looking for a candidate with strong leadership and organizational skills. The Administrator is responsible for overseeing and ensuring that the Church's daily operations and ministry areas are efficient, compliant, and aligned with Nazareth's beliefs and policies.

We are also looking for a Food Outreach Ministry Coordinator who is organized, self-motivated, and has a heart for missions. They will be responsible for Nazareth's Food Pantry and helping with outreach food ministry opportunities. This position is flexible, part-time, 10-20 hours per week.

To explore either job description, please visit [naz.org/careers](https://naz.org/careers). If you are interested in applying, please email a cover letter, resume, and application to [kristin.swenson@naz.org](mailto:kristin.swenson@naz.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...

### First Communion Class

We invite you and your fifth grader to participate in this year's First Communion Instruction on Sundays, March 30 and April 13, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. Through interactive activities and discussion, we will learn about the meaning of Holy Communion and how it is celebrated here at Nazareth. Our first night will include a traditional Seder Meal and making their own ceramic chalice that students are encouraged to use for their First Holy Communion. The date for First Communion is Maundy Thursday, April 17, at the 6:00 pm service.

Please RSVP (yes or no) by Thursday, March 27, so we can plan accordingly. Please email your response to Meg Husted, Director of Family and Discipleship Ministry, at [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org).

### Baby Bottle Ministry Donations

Nazareth is participating in Alternatives Pregnancy Center's "Baby Bottle Campaign" during Lent. Alternatives is a first stop for people facing unplanned pregnancies, address at-risk sexual behavior, and build healthy families. They have offered quality, free, and confidential services to the Cedar Valley since 1991.

If you want to donate, please stop by the table in Fellowship Hall on March 30 or April 6, and pick up a baby bottle. Take the bottle home and fill it with loose change or bills. Please return your bottle with your donation to Nazareth by Easter Sunday. You can also scan the QR code below to make your donation online. Any donation is appreciated and can help change a life.



**SCAN HERE TO DONATE  
TO ALTERNATIVES'  
BABY BOTTLE DRIVE!**

### Parents Night Out

Are you looking for time to yourself as a parent, time with another adult, or a chance to meet other parents? If so, Nazareth's Parents' Night Out is perfect for you! Join us on Friday nights: March 28, and April 11 – for an enjoyable night while Nazareth staff and volunteers spend time with the kids! We ask for a few dollars per child to help cover dinner.

If you are interested in joining any of our Parents' Night Out dates, please register online at our website – [naz.org/programs](http://naz.org/programs). If you have any questions or concerns, please email Jennifer Brost at [jbrost4@gmail.com](mailto:jbrost4@gmail.com).

### Relational Trauma Survivors Group

We warmly invite you to our Relational Trauma Survivors Group's next meeting on April 14 at 6:00 pm, facilitated by Sarah Wherry and Alex Luecking. This group is for anyone looking to improve their relationships with themselves, God, and others after experiencing trauma and/or hardship in their personal relationships. Join us as we discover how God redeems our hurts as we relearn to trust God. Navigating relational trauma can feel isolating, but here, you'll find a compassionate space filled with understanding and shared experiences. We look forward to meeting you and offering and receiving support together. Please RSVP online at [naz.org/hextsteps](http://naz.org/hextsteps).

### God of Covenant - Women's Study Group

Our Women's Study Group, God of Covenant facilitated by Tammy Bakken, starts April 8 and meets every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. alongside the fathers of our faith— Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph—to discern Jesus in the stories of his people. Over 10 sessions, discover how God orchestrates everything for his glory and the good of His people, and see how the God of creation and covenant is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Sign up is available online at [naz.org/hextsteps](http://naz.org/hextsteps). And email [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org) with any questions.

### March Donation Requests

Nazareth is participating in Love Inc's Make-a-Difference Monthly donation campaign, who is accepting Cleaning Products such as brooms, mops, sponges, and buckets.

Nazareth's food pantry is accepting donations of personal hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. 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. Thank you for your generosity, your donations make a difference!

### Share in the Newsletter

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