

NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 4, 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



BIGhouse Caravan Trip 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Visit – Carmen LaBerge

Carmen LaBerge from Faith Radio will speak at 2:00 pm in Bethel Hall on Sunday, August 4th. Carmen is an author, speaker, and host of the Christian talk radio show Mornings with Carmen LaBerge. On her show, she brings a Biblical perspective to the day's headline news, equipping and encouraging listeners to apply their faith and actively engage in the cultural conversations of the day in ways that honor Jesus. For over 70 years, Faith Radio has been a beacon of Christ's teachings, offering clear Bible teaching and compelling conversations that help connect faith to daily life. Along with Faith Radio, Carmen has served with The Common Ground Christian Network, the National Association of Evangelicals, the Christian Leadership Alliance, the Ethics and Religious Commission, the Philos Project, and the American Values Coalition.

We encourage you to attend Carmen LaBerge's presentation on August 4th at 2:00 pm in Bethel Hall. Everyone is welcome to join. Please email Rosemary at rabrausen@unwsp.edu to RSVP.

Marathon Monday

Nazareth's Kits & Quilts ministry is grateful for the congregation's generous support and donations for the school kit project for Lutheran World Relief. Kits & Quilts has invited you to volunteer with them on Marathon Monday, August 5th, at 9 am in the Underground to help pack school supplies into 700 school kits. These kits will be donated to children across the globe. Every culture values education and is grateful for God's-inspired work. All generations are welcome to join this event! It's a perfect opportunity for children; kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Cookies and lemonade will be available to volunteers afterward! We hope you can join us for this incredible event!

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others." (1 Peter 4:10)

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SERVICE PROGRAM

9:00 am

Guide Me, Ever, Great Redeemer | red 618

Confession and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church

Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

Children's Sermon

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-20, 48

Sermon

Prayer and Apostles' Creed

Offering

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

Communion

O Jesus, I Have Promised | red 810

O Master, Let Me Walk with You | red 818

Have No Fear, Little Flock | red 764

Blessing and Benediction

10:45 am

Your Grace is Enough

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Good, Good, Father

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Flowers

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.

Dedicate flowers via jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org.

Upcoming Sermons

August 11: Pastor Tim Boettger

August 18: Andy Walser

August 25: Pastor Mike Brost

Membership Updates

If you have had a permanent or temporary address change, family changes, or other life updates, Nazareth would love to be informed so our records can be updated. Please share your relevant information with our Administrative Assistant, Jordan Keating-Venghaus, by calling 319-266-7589 or by sending an email to jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org.

SERMON | Raising the Bar Past Overwhelming

TEACHER | Pastor Mike Brost

TEXT | Romans 12:9-21, 13:10 & Matthew 5:17-20, 48

Synopsis

Throughout the 13 verses in Romans, we examine today, there are over 20 instructions for Christ's followers. Rather than being overwhelmed by these commands, we can embrace and live in the one who fulfilled them all.

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?*

READ, RUMINATE, AND REMEMBER

Matthew 5:48

You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

During his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tasks his followers with a seemingly impossible instruction. To be as perfect as God. As humans, we are all sinners and have fallen short of God's standard. Consider how we can be faithful and abide by this command. Visit John 15:5 if you need a hint on where to start! Jesus is the only One who has lived a perfect life, and it is through Him that we meet God's standard. Rather than earning righteousness, we are declared righteous because of Christ. Because we are made perfect through Christ, we should live accordingly. In obeying the command to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect, we cannot lean on our own righteousness, which falls far short. We must rely on Christ and the working of the Holy Spirit within us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued...*

August Friendship Brunch

Attention women of Nazareth! The annual August Friendship brunch will be held on Thursday, August 15th, at 9:30 am in Bethel Hall. Anne Carlson will lead our Bible study based on Compassion. This event is open to all women of Nazareth. Reservations are not necessary. Join us as we learn more about the Refugee Resettlement program in Waterloo and how we as compassionate Christians can welcome new neighbors to our community. We're excited to meet you for brunch!

LSI Refugee Program Donations

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) has a long legacy of welcoming refugees, beginning in 1947. A refugee is someone who is forced to flee their homeland and seek protection elsewhere. When refugees arrive in the U.S., they are connected to support services like LSI, which walk alongside the families by providing essential items for a household, English classes, work readiness training, mental health care, financial literacy classes, and support in preparing for the U.S. citizenship exam. The immediate needs are basic essential items that would be found in most homes. LSI is asking for help and donations.

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). Nazareth will collect and store donated items until August 22nd, 2024. Items may be brought to Room 145 by the Family Life Center.

Nazareth is Hiring

Are you looking for a career that will make a difference? Nazareth is seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to join our team! We have exciting job opportunities available, including:

Junior High Student Ministry Coordinator
Wedding Coordinator

If you feel called to make a meaningful impact, please visit naz.org/careers to explore the job descriptions. To apply, email your cover letter, resume, and application to kaylene.hoskins@naz.org or mail them to 7401 University Avenue, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. We can't wait to work with you!

Register for GriefShare Support Group

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the complex emotions of grief. The group's 14-week curriculum is structured to guide those who are grieving the loss of a loved one 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. The group is facilitated by Marilee Tarkett, who has been a GriefShare leader for several years. Registration for Griefshare is available now on 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. No childcare is provided at this time. Please sign up if you're ready to join a group and start your journey towards healing!



Fall Kickoff Sunday and Picnic

You are invited to join Nazareth for our 2024 Fall Kickoff on Sunday, Septeer 8th. It all starts at 10:00 am with a unique 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 for all ages! We can't wait to see you there!

August Donation Requests

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