

WELCOME

In a favorite old hymn we sing, "The Churches one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord"
Today we explore the beginnings of the church, asking the questions - Where did the church come from? And what is the Church?

Be Well - Be Loving - Be Courageous - Be the Church

WORSHIP WITH NAZ

SUNDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5 | 8:30 am
In-Person Worship at Nazareth | 9 & 10:45 am

WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5
4:30p.m. Wednesday | 5:30 pm Saturday

ONLINE OPTIONS

Recordings of sermons available on
[Vimeo.com/mynazareth](https://vimeo.com/mynazareth)
Livestreams Broadcast on our website
www.naz.org/onlinechurch



BASIC Kickoff Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nazareth Fall Kickoff Sunday

You are invited to join us in celebrating a new season at Nazareth! Our Fall Kickoff is Sunday, September 10th, starting with a special service at 10:00 am followed by a picnic lunch and various games. Free-will donations will be accepted for the meal. Come and enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon, ice cream, and more tasty treats! You could even go home with a treat by participating in the cake walk! Or try your hand in bags, nine-square, gaga ball, and other games. Mark September 10th on your calendars so you don't miss all the fun.

If you're interested in contributing food or your time as a volunteer, please visit the Naz Next Steps Desk to sign up. Seedless watermelons can be dropped off at the church Wednesday - Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Sex, Conflict, And The Bible - Small Group

Come explore what the Bible has to say about two very important topics of our day: Sex and Conflict. This small group will study what the Bible has to say about these issues as well as explore ways to navigate our personal lives and minister to the world around us as caring followers of Jesus. Join the small group and leaders Pastor Mike and Jennifer Brost on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in Bethel Hall.

CONNECTIONS

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Website: www.naz.org

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Instagram: www.instagram.com/mynazchurch

THE POWER IN OUR NAME

SERMON | Being the Church

TEACHER | Pastor Mike Brost

TEXT | Deuteronomy 7:6-11, Matthew 16:13-20

Digest The Word

Read the scripture passages from this week's Sunday Worship 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 or 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

Matthew 16:18-19

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

The rock on which God establishes His church is in the confession Peter made: that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God". The church, the collection of all people who come to faith in Christ as Savior, exists only because of the central truth that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. That is the power that keeps the gates of hell from overcoming those who are in Christ, His people, the church. Peter plays a vital role for a time, but eventually disappears even from the story of the church's beginnings after Acts 16. Just as was promised, the foundation of God's new covenant is not centered around any fallible person or place, but in the hearts and minds of each individual person.

Flowers

The Altar Flowers are in honor of the 87th anniversary of Christian Crusaders Radio Ministry. The Stage Flowers are in celebration of Elton and June Green's 69th wedding anniversary from their daughters.

To dedicate flowers, contact kaycarpenter@cfu.net.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Noah Richard Harper, son of Brandon and Lindsey Harper, celebrating his Baptism this Sunday, September 3rd.

Sympathies

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Sheila Koepke, mourning the loss of her husband Craig Koepke.

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Joan Pepin, mourning the loss of her husband Donald Pepin.

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends mourning the loss of Donna Thompson.

Music

9:00 a.m.

Gather Hymn: All are Welcome | *red 641*

Baptismal Hymn: Children of the Heavenly Father | *red 781*

Communion: In Christ There Is No East or West | *brown 285*

Communion: Blest Be the Tie That Binds | *brown 286*

Communion: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord | *brown 280*

10:45 a.m.

Gathering Song: Beautiful One

Gathering Song: Better Is One Day

Offering Song: Goodness of God

Communion Song: Graves Into Gardens

Closing Song: How Can I Keep from Singing

Sunday Volunteers Needed

Do you feel called to contribute your talents on Sundays? Nazareth is actively seeking second service vocalists and instrumentalists, Nazareth Choir, Carillon Ringers, and Worship Teams. We have openings in our tech booth, and on our usher, communion, and Scripture reading teams. For more info, email nathaniel.parrish@naz.org.

Nazareth Closed

Nazareth offices and Blessed Beginnings Child Care Center will be closed Monday, September 4th, for Labor Day. Our staff will return on Tuesday after the holiday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued...*

September Donation Requests

This September, Nazareth is accepting donations of Canned Chicken Noodle and Tomato Soup. Nazareth is also supporting Love INC's Make a Difference Monthly program, who is requesting personal hygiene items such as deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and feminine hygiene pads. Donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk on Sundays, or at the Receptionist desk week days.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes prepare our Junior High students' hearts and minds before proclaiming their belief in Christ. We encourage all 7th and 8th graders to attend our upcoming weekly Confirmation Class, starting September 13th from 5:45 - 6:45 pm in Bethel Hall. Please email mike.brost@naz.org for more information.

Lunch and Learn Fall 2023

Lunch and Learn is back! Don't miss the chance to have a meal and learn how God is working in our community. Sign up by scanning the QR code below, or visiting our website, naz.org.

September 14th - World Missions

September 21st - Cedar Valley Hospice

September 28th - Renae Zanella Painting

October 5th - QPR Training

October 12th - Mike and Jennifer Brost

October 19th - Blessed Beginnings

October 26th - Care Initiatives



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LUNCH AND LEARN
SCAN HERE**



Inspired Life Men's Retreat

On September 16th, men will be gathering in Cedar Falls at the Riverview Conference Center. This is a great opportunity for men ages 16 and older to gather to be inspired by God. Tim Boettger and other speakers will be speaking at this event so you won't want to miss it. Register yourself or encourage the men in your life to attend. More information can be found by visiting at the following URL:

inspiredlife.kindful.com/e/inspired-mens-morning-91623

YOUTH & STUDENT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT NAZ

• KidzRock | Sunday School

Sundays 9:30 am @ Nazareth

KidzRock is our age appropriate, Bible based, faith building Sunday school for kids ages 3 to 6th grade. Children worship together, learn Bible truths and build relationships through storytelling, teachings, and group discussion and activities with their leaders.

• CHAOS | Junior High Ministry

Wednesdays 6:45 pm @ Nazareth

CHAOS is a welcoming community that helps create space for Jesus to transform the lives of Junior High students in 7th, 8th, and 9th grade. On Wednesday nights, CHAOS enjoys games, worship, teachings and small groups.

BIGhouse | High School Ministry

• *Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ Orchard Hill*

BIGhouse is dedicated to engaging high school students as they build independent faith to launch them into a lifetime pursuit of Christ, through worship, teachings, and relational small groups.

BASIC | College & Young Adult Ministry

• *Thursdays 7:30 pm @ Orchard Hill*

BASIC exists to unite people in the name of Jesus and invite them to join in the work he is doing to bless a broken world. BASIC gathers for worship on Thursday nights and offers Life Groups that meet weekly to study the Bible and grow in relationship with others.

Nurturing Silence

You are invited to *Nurturing Silence*, September 23rd at 8 am - noon at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Waterloo. The day will include sessions for Centering Prayer, sacred reading of Scripture, and a Prayer seminar. If you plan on attending please email CONElowa@gmail.com, with your name and phone by Monday, September 18th.

Community Meals At Nazareth

A free meal will be served the first Tuesday of every month from 4:30 - 6:00 pm at Nazareth. All are invited to meet friends and enjoy community. Join us this Tuesday, September 5th!