

# NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ————— SEPTEMBER 15, 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)



Fall Kickoff Picnic Party

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome Randy and Charity

Nazareth is delighted to welcome two new staff members: Randy Husted, Director of Food Ministry, and Charity Lovan, Director of Outreach Ministry. They are excited to help support the church and community by using food and hospitality as a platform to grow relationships.

Randy grew up in North Liberty, IA, and attended Culinary School in Pasadena, CA. He has been with Naz since 2013. He has volunteered for many Naz ministries and serves on the World Missions and Stewardship Committee. Randy works full-time as the Chef at Oak Park Estates. In his free time, he stays busy playing with food & having fun with his family, Meg, Emma (12), and David (9).

Charity was raised as a Mennonite in a small town in southeast Iowa. Her husband and she are high school sweethearts and have been married for 29 years. In their spare time, they enjoy hunting, fishing, long walks, and traveling. They have two sons, aged 21 and 25, and a Bernese Mountain Dog named Gracie. Please join us in giving Charity and Randy a warm welcome to the Nazareth community and staff!

### HyVee Receipts for Highland

Nazareth is collecting HyVee Receipts from the Cedar Falls, Waterloo, and Waverly stores until April 2025. You can drop off your receipts at the Welcome Desk in the clear bucket labeled "HyVee Receipts" tub. Turning in your receipts directly supports Nazareth's education partner, Highland Elementary School. Please DO NOT do any of the following things to the receipts:

- Roll
- Rubber band
- Fold
- Paper clip
- Staple

Please remember that only receipts for groceries, prescriptions, and gas are accepted; no receipts for alcohol, lottery tickets, or stamps. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity; Nazareth and Highland greatly appreciate your contributions!

## CONNECT WITH NAZARETH

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# BIBLE OVERVIEW

EXPLORING THE WORD AND WORLD OF GOD

**TITLE | The Alpha, The Omega and the Cliffhanger in the Middle**

**TEACHER | Pastor Mike Brost**

**TEXT | Genesis 1:1, John 1:1, & Revelation 22:6-13**

## Synopsis

Jesus said "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." As we explore the epic narrative of the entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, we can ask ourselves a short but serious question – "Where am I at with Jesus?"

## 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

### Revelation 22:12-13

*Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.*

While exploring Revelation, take some time in prayer and reflection to think about your life experiences and consider the points where it was overwhelmingly obvious that Jesus was at work in you. How do you reflect on these times, and what do they mean to you? Consider praying this week and asking Jesus what He would like you to be aware of and/or do before He returns.

## Upcoming Sermons

September 22: Pastor Tim Boettger

September 29: Pastor Mike Brost

## SERVICE PROGRAM

*Open Up the Heavens*

*Speak, O Lord*

Confession and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Lesson: Genesis 1:1, Revelation 22:6-13

Children's Sermon

Gospel: John 1:1

Sermon

*God's Word Is Our Great Heritage | red 509*

Apostles' Creed

Offering

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

*Be Thou My Vision*

Blessing and Benediction

## Sympathies

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Dennis Bigelow, who passed away Sept. 12.

Prayers and condolences to the family of Nancy Peters, who passed away Sept. 9. Her funeral will be Monday, Sept. 16 at 10:30 am, visitation at 9:30 am.

## Flowers

The Chancel Flowers are to the glory of God.

*Nazareth's congregation members can dedicate the service flowers to family, friends, or whomever they would like. This touching gesture is perfect for anniversaries, birthdays, or honoring individuals no longer with us. If you are interested, email [jordan.kv@naz.org](mailto:jordan.kv@naz.org).*

## NAZ CHAT

### Membership Information Updates

Nazareth wants to remind you to update us on your contact information, addresses, family, life, or membership changes. We use this information to better communicate with and serve you through our ministries. We would love to be informed so that we can keep our records up to date! Please share any relevant information with Jordan by calling 319-266-7589 or emailing [jordan.kv@naz.org](mailto:jordan.kv@naz.org).

### Thank You For Attending Kickoff Sunday

Nazareth would like to thank everyone who attended the Fall Kickoff on Sunday last week. We had a great time worshiping and enjoying the community. A special thank you goes out to all volunteers who offered their time and resources. We appreciate your willingness to contribute and help make this event possible.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued...*

### September Donation Requests

Naz's food pantry is accepting Paper Product donations, such as paper towels, toilet paper, and tissues. We're also contributing to Love Inc's campaign, who are accepting donations of Personal Hygiene Items, including deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Please drop donations off at the Welcome Desk on Sunday, or at the Receptionist's Desk throughout the week. Thank you for your generosity!

### Bible Studies For Life - Small Group

Meg Husted, Nazareth's Discipleship Coordinator, is starting a new small group called Bible Studies for Life! This group will meet on Mondays at 7:00 pm beginning September 15th and will be going through two 6-week studies exploring purpose and family conflicts. Sign up at [naz.org/nextsteps](http://naz.org/nextsteps), but hurry because spots are limited!



## GOOD NEWS UPDATE

FROM WORLD MISSIONS COMMITTEE

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" - Isaiah 6:8*

Good News Updates is excited to share some ideas about how to be GOOD SENDERS! Our first share is from Within Reach Global, written by a person out in mission:

All missionaries experience God's love and call to spread the Gospel to the nations. It's a call that grows so strong within us that we can't think of anything but getting out to the nations. The world is dying without Jesus, and every day we stay, the realization of souls dying without having access to the Gospel breaks our hearts. We need the church to believe that the call and power of God within us is enough to stake money, time, and prayers on. It's risky for us to go, and it's dangerous for you to support. On both sides, we battle doubts and lies from the enemy. We need you to believe that God can do impossible and amazing things through us and that you can be part of it. We need you to believe in the dreams the Holy Spirit spoke to our hearts and encourage us in those dreams.

## MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

Often, we think of Martin Luther primarily as a theologian, but he was also a focused and prolific hymnwriter who reinvigorated singing in what became known as the Protestant church. Luther believed that a truly Biblical church would be one where every believer participated in every part of the service, including the singing, as we – together – celebrate who God is and what He's done for us.

Likewise, at Nazareth, 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 most or all of the music selections for the upcoming weekend so that we can wholeheartedly sing in full voice as we worship together.

This coming weekend, we will sing, "Speak, O Lord" written by modern-day hymn-writers, Keith and Kristyn Getty. The Gettys write, "One of Christianity's distinctives is that we worship a God who has spoken - who is not silent. From God the Father, speaking the world into creation, to speaking through His Living word in Christ, to speaking by His Spirit through the written word. Throughout history, the Word of God has transformed the proudest leaders and the most hopeless victims, the greatest civilizations and the remotest of villages, in every age to every corner of the world - so incredible is its power. It is our prayer that through the power of the Spirit, this hymn will prepare people to humbly listen to the Bible being taught and respond to the effect it has on their lives."

We invite you to check out "Speak, O Lord" along with other worship music at this Spotify playlist:



SCAN HERE FOR TO LISTEN TO THE 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 Nazareth's Communications Director, Sam Madson, via email at [sam.madson@naz.org](mailto:sam.madson@naz.org) or call the church office at 319-266-7589. Thank you!