

NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 25, 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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Register for Vacation Bible School 2025

Don't forget to register for Nazareth's "Road Trip" Vacation Bible School from June 8 to 12 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm! Registration is now available for children between the ages of 4 years old and 6th grade, and for volunteers. Each night will be packed with worship, songs, Bible skits, science experiments, crafts, and recreational games, to help us learn that God is with us; on the journey, when we go off course, when we are joyful, when we are lonely, and near and far. Register by visiting naz.org, or stop by the VBS Booth in Fellowship Hall any Sunday between now and when VBS starts! T-shirts and music are also available for purchase at the booth. If you have questions, please email kim.albertsen@naz.org and sam.wyckoff@naz.org.

Acts Study Books

As we go through our Unstoppable: Study of Acts teaching series we encourage you to follow along. If you are interested in getting an Acts study book, please contact Joyce at TJ's Christian bookstore in Cedar Falls, she has made a specific order of books. Availability is subject to change. Books are also available online at Amazon. Contact the church if you have any questions.

Congratulations Graduates

We are happy to congratulate all of our high school and college graduates. This Sunday, we are excited to honor your achievements! For high school graduates, we are acknowledging your hard work in school and celebrating the completion of your final milestone in Nazareth's family ministry program. We've been honored to walk alongside these dedicated students throughout their journey. Join us in congratulating these wonderful Christ followers, and praying for them as they continue in a life of faith!

Emmy Andersen

Owen Brinker

Cameryn Davis

Austin Dean

John Ferguson

Rolyn Gardner

Brayden Laabs

Colton Lauritsen

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Drew Tjaden

Landon Wertz

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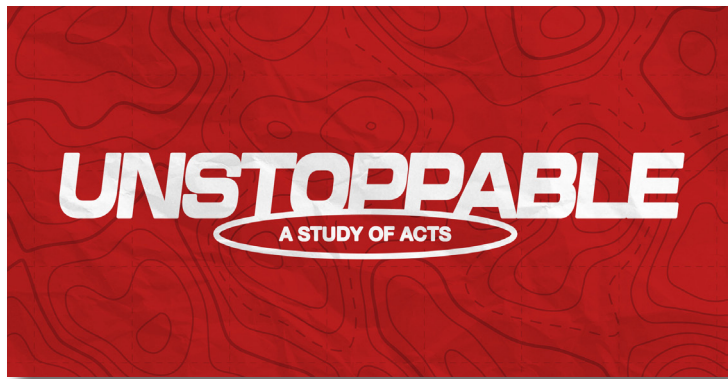
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TITLE | Why Stay Close to Jesus?

TEACHER | Pastor Tim Boettger

TEXT | Joshua 1:1-9 & John 10:1-11

Synopsis

When Joshua was handed the baton to a new chapter in his life, God gave him some specific instructions for his next journey. These instructions are valuable for us all as we navigate through our lives. As we explore Joshua 1:9, take some time to identify the number of instructions God gave and what they are specifically.

Digest The Word

Read the scripture passages and reflect on these questions to help you live out God's Word in your 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

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Trust in God

Confessions and Forgiveness

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Lesson: Joshua 1:1-9

Children's Sermon

Be Thou My Vision

Gospel: John 10:1-11

Sermon

Prayer and Apostles' Creed

Graduate Recognition

Now Thank We All Our God | red 840

Flowers

The chancel arrangement is in honor of those who gave their lives in service to our country.

Congregation members can dedicate 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.

MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

At Nazareth, we want vibrant singing to be an integral part of our 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 "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" – a relatively new song by contemporary Christian artist Matt Redman, and one that was requested by our high school graduates in honor of Graduation Sunday. Drawing heavily on Psalm 103, this song is a call to bless – or praise – God's holy name with our entire being. Further, the entirety of Psalm 103 gives these amazing reasons to praise God, including: He forgives our sins, heals our diseases, redeems our lives from the pit, crowns us with love and compassion, satisfies our desires, and gives righteousness and justice.

"10,000 Reasons" reflects the words of Psalm 103, along with other reasons to praise God. And, the point behind the song, as writer Matt Redman says, is this: "We live beneath an unceasing flow of goodness, kindness, greatness, and holiness, and every day we're given reason after reason why Jesus is so completely and utterly worthy of our highest and best devotion." There are always reasons to glorify God – even when we are feeling discouraged or unsettled—because it's a very honest and very true reminder of where to set our thoughts and our hopes throughout all of our days and in every circumstance.

Check out "10,000 Reasons" with other music for the upcoming Sunday at this Spotify playlist:

open.spotify.com/user/ovcn1ug98cq5vgzdb0668tcep



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

Share in the Newsletter

Do you have 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

60/60 Experiment

Are you looking to take another step in your faith, but are too busy for another group study? We get it! The 60/60 Experiment is an "on-the-go" opportunity that's easy to share with your family. Our Sunday morning series on Acts teaches us to focus on prayer. We see this in how Paul and other leaders committed to prayer during the early church's formation. We encourage you to set regular reminders to pray throughout your day. It's all about our relationship with God. Spiritual life is simple but not easy. We can love God by trusting His spirit as He reminds us of Jesus's teachings. And we can learn to let God lead us moment by moment in an authentic relationship.

Join us on our 60-day journey of working to connect with God throughout the day by setting alarms or leaving reminders. Kris Boettger will lead a 60/60 Experiment discussion meeting in Room 156 on Sunday, May 25, from 10:10 to 10:40 am. This meeting is a great place to discuss your experiences. Registration is not required for our meetings on June 8, June 22, and July 13. We invite you to join us and encourage the loved ones around you to pray at the sound of your alarm.

May Donation Requests

During the month of May, we are accepting donations for our food pantry and partnered ministries. Nazareth is participating in Love Inc's Make-a-Difference Monthly donation campaign, which is accepting \$10-20 Fuel-Only Gas Cards. Nazareth's food pantry is accepting donations of laundry detergent, soap, and cleaning supplies. 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!

Summer Trap Shooting Ministry

Nazareth's trap shooting Ministry begins June 10 at the Cedar Falls Gun Club. Join leaders Eddy Coen and Larry Steffens on Tuesday Nights from 5:30-7:00 pm for 6 weeks. Each night includes Biblical devotions, prayer, and trap shooting. This program is open to children and adults to learn trap shooting and gun safety. Children must be at least 12 years old and accompanied by a guardian. To register, please sign up at the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall or go to naz.org/nextsteps.

Women's Ministries at Nazareth

Women at Nazareth, do you want to know what opportunities are available for you? We invite you to join and get connected with our various women's ministries!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry serves by knitting and crocheting, and praying over prayer shawls which are gifted to people all over! Contact Dixie Nederhoff at dixienederhoff@gmail.com or Rena Raecker at rhraecker@gmail.com for more information on how you can connect and serve in this way.

Naz's Kits & Quilts ministry is a vibrant, longstanding ministry led by women (men are welcome too). Volunteers create quilts, school kits, personal care kits, baby care kits, and sewing kits for those in need around the world. K&Q meets the 1st and 3rd Monday and Tuesday of each month, from 9:00 am to noon.

There are women's specific study groups such as the Gather Group, Study of Genesis, Acts Study, and MamaBear Apologetics. Visit naz.org/nextsteps for all offerings. Seasonal fellowship event opportunities are open to all women interested in connecting—be on the lookout for information in August! Email Meg at meg.husted@naz.org to talk about how God might be leading women at Naz.



Hiring a Student Ministry Director

Nazareth is looking to bring a Student Ministry Director to join our team. They will be responsible for leading and developing a comprehensive ministry for students, focusing on spiritual growth, discipleship, and engagement within Nazareth. The Student Ministry Director is responsible for building relationships with students and families, planning and implementing events, recruiting and training volunteers, and overseeing the overall vision and strategy for students 7th-12th grade including confirmation, CHAOS, High School Graduation Celebration, and various events for the junior high and high school student population.

If you are interested in applying for the Student Ministry Director position, please email a cover letter, resume, and application to kristina.mcburney@naz.org.