

# NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2, 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)



BASIC College and Young Adult Ministry

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Parents Night Out

Are you looking for time to yourself as a parent, time with another adult, or even time alone? Are you looking to meet other parents and have your kids make friends, too? Are you looking for some tips on parenting from a Christ-centered perspective? If so, Nazareth's Parents' Night Out is perfect for you! Join us on Friday nights: February 28, March 7, 21, 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, which may be as simple as pizza and fruit. If you are not able to cover this, please let us know and we will find a way to cover it for you. Nazareth's staff and volunteers will be in charge of watching and taking care of the kids while the parents are away.

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). We so are excited to offer this opportunity to you and your children, and we hope to see you in the upcoming months!

### Bible Camps Visiting Nazareth

Are you interested in learning more about Nazareth's partnered Bible Camps from across the state of Iowa? If so, visit the table in Fellowship Hall between and after the services this Sunday, February 2, and talk to the representatives from Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp from Milford and Riverside Bible Camp from Story City. These faithful Bible camps are proud to serve children and families with summer camp and family event opportunities year round and for all ages!

### Meals For New Moms

Do you know a family that is expecting a baby or just had a baby? We would love to bless them with a meal, prayer, and parenting resource! Let's face it, parenting is hard and God did not create us to navigate it alone. Make a referral for yourself or someone else by emailing Meg at [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org). We can't wait to connect and support your family!

## CONNECT WITH NAZARETH

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# BIBLE OVERVIEW

EXPLORING THE WORD AND WORLD OF GOD

**TITLE | The God Who Initiates**

**TEACHER | Pastor Tim Boettger**

**TEXT | Isaiah 9:6-7 & Luke 1:26-38**

## Synopsis

Continuing our overview of the Bible, we jump from the end of the Old Testament into the New Testament to learn about the birth of Jesus. Throughout all of human history, God is always reaching out to us and initiating, and as humans, we can respond. We see this very clearly in the way God sent His Son into the world in a very unique and specifically planned way. Let's reflect on how we respond to God.

## SERVICE PROGRAM

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Confessions and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church

Lesson: Isaiah 9:6-7

Children's Sermon

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

Offering: *There's Just Something About that Name*

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

Communion: *Jesus at the Center*

Blessing and Benediction

## Flowers

The chancel flower arrangement is dedicated to praising the Lord for Nazareth and its leaders as we watch it prosper and grow.

## Sympathies

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of June Green, wife of Elton, who passed on Saturday, January 25.

Prayer and condolences to the family and friends of Norm Lemmon, husband of Kay, who passed away on Tuesday, January 28.



## MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

At Nazareth, we want vibrant, congregational singing to be an integral part of our Sunday mornings. Using Spotify, these "Music Spotlights" are designed to encourage us and help familiarize us with 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 feature "There's Something About that Name," a refrain written by popular Gospel artists Bill and Gloria Gaither. Touring steadily by the end of the 1960s, the Bill Gaither Trio (Bill, Gloria, and Bill's brother, Danny) and Gaither Vocal Band are credited with writing nearly 700 sacred and secular pieces.

"There's Something About that Name" expresses how there's something special, although that word is not used, about the name of Jesus. In 1970, they watched as their grandparents neared the end of their lives and passed away. At the same time, they were embracing parenthood and the joys of having children. During this time, it resonated with them how the young embraced the name of Jesus. At the same time, those nearing the end of their lives called on the name of Jesus. Their lyrics and melody reflect the peace and comfort that washes over us when we call on the name of Jesus, regardless of what stage of life we are in or whether we are facing a mountaintop or valley.

Check out "There's Something About that Name" along with the music for Sunday on Spotify:

[open.spotify.com/playlist/2JyRxc1fyDvcfWtpRgYMLv](https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2JyRxc1fyDvcfWtpRgYMLv)



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

## Food Outreach Ministry Coordinator

Nazareth is looking for a Food Outreach Ministry Coordinator to join our staff. 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 the job description, please visit [naz.org/careers](http://naz.org/careers). If you have any questions please email [kristin.swenson@naz.org](mailto:kristin.swenson@naz.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...

### Highland School Outreach Highlights

Highland School is always active with events and opportunities, and they appreciate Nazareth and the volunteers who have offered their time and effort. The following is a summary of Highland's spring semester plans:

- 1) One early morning in January, donuts were purchased and delivered to Highland for the entire staff (before the children arrived) to show appreciation for the dedicated ways in which they serve the children.
- 2) Naz will continue to support the Student of the Month program (good citizenship) and Paws, which acknowledges one professionally certified staff member and one support staff member for exceptional service nominated by their peers.
- 3) On the evening of February 13, Highland will celebrate Black History Heritage with fun activity stations and a meal. Naz volunteers to assist with feeding the guests.
- 4) On February 27, during Parent-Teacher Conferences Naz volunteers will again serve the staff a Naz-catered meal of their choice - Peg's lasagna.
- 5) In April, we will provide \$500 to assist in purchasing incentive bicycles and/or scooters for a boy and a girl from each grade who demonstrated using well-focused standardized test-taking skills.
- 6) In May, there will be a Naz-catered lunch for all the staff during the noon hour periods to share our gratitude for their exceptional skills and caring for the students and the Highland community.

Thank you to the Local Mission Committee for including the Highland School Outreach in their budget, and to the faithful Nazareth volunteers who support this outreach with their time and talent, and to all of our additional Nazareth friends who have given their gifts and prayers to enhance and extend the partnership with Highland. We would love to have extra volunteers join us, as well as young people in our confirmation classes and older. Feel free to contact the church office for more details by calling 319-266-7589. Your time and your prayers are always appreciated, we are all partners in Christ.

### February Donation Requests

Nazareth is participating in Love Inc's Make-a-Difference Monthly donation campaign, who is accepting Baby Essential Items such as wash clothes, lotion, wipes, bottles, cups, and bibs.

Nazareth's food pantry is accepting donations of Canned Fruit and Hot Chocolate. For more information about scheduling an appointment or to find a full 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 donating!



## GOOD NEWS UPDATE

FROM WORLD MISSIONS COMMITTEE

*"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing, some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." – Hebrews 13:2*

Ava Deitrich is the Student Services Coordinator for the Office of International Engagement at UNI. This office arranges various volunteer opportunities to help international students connect and engage with the larger community.

One of those programs is their Family Friendship Program. This program allows students to learn American culture and conversation skills in the community while cultivating meaningful connections with a local family or individual in the area. Unlike host family programs, the students do not live with local families but are simply asked to meet at least once per month with them to engage in a meal, activity, or event. Interactions and the amount of time committed to this connection are entirely dependent on the student and the family.

If you are interested in connecting with an international student, please use Ava's contact information below:

#### Ava Deitrich

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*Office of International Engagement*

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