

# NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 8, 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)



*BIGhouse Bash*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Nazareth Garden Harvest

Throughout July and August, the Naz Gardens produced an abundance of tomatoes, cucumbers, green and yellow beans, sweet peppers, summer squash, zucchini, and onions. These were harvested and distributed to LOVE INC's food ministry and were available for Naz members to take home from the fresh produce cart. Nazareth also distributed Additional produce at NewAldaya and gave it to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Thanks to Thrivent Financial for providing a grant of \$250 for garden supplies, two anonymous donors who rented the garden plots, and the Black Hawk County Extension Service for donating packets of seeds. A debt of gratitude is owed to Nazareth garden volunteers who constructed the fences, carefully put the seeds and plants into the ground, and gathered together for several 'hoe-downs' to manage the weeds! The Naz Gardens is a mission of the Nazareth Local Missions Committee, whose purpose is to glorify God by sharing the Lord's bounty with many in our church and community! Although the fruits and vegetables have been harvested, feel free to visit the gardens to admire the flowers still in bloom.

### Fall Belong Membership Class

Nazareth's mission is to live together in God's amazing grace, inviting all people to know Christ, grow in Christ, and make Christ known. If you feel called to engage in our mission, we encourage you to become a member. Membership is the best way to stay connected to all the exciting ministries and events happening at Nazareth. The Belong Membership class will provide you the opportunity to learn more about:

- Our beliefs and mission
- Our roots and Lutheran traditions
- Our campus/facilities and ministries
- Our membership covenant

Please visit [naz.org/belong](http://naz.org/belong) to Register for our Fall Belong Class on September 15th, from 12:00 - 3:00 pm in rooms 151/153. Lunch and childcare are provided. For more info, please email Meg Husted at [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org).

## CONNECT WITH NAZARETH

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# BIBLE OVERVIEW

EXPLORING THE WORD AND WORLD OF GOD

**TITLE | The Journey Begins**

**TEACHER | Pastor Tim Boettger**

**TEXT | Romans 15:1-7 & Luke 4:14-21**

## Synopsis

The Bible can be intimidating for many people, but it doesn't need to be. It is a unique collection of divinely inspired historical writings and revelations given to us by God Himself. When a person takes a little time to understand its history and how it was assembled, they can see it as a 'one of a kind' book that can do something for us no other book can do. It can help us get to know the one true God, the Creator of us all. That is why He gave it to us.

## 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

### Luke 4:18 & 21

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor...Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.*

Jesus reads the scripture for the people in the synagogue and finishes by proclaiming the prophecy has been fulfilled, that he is the Messiah. As you read this passage, reflect on the purpose, power, and truth of the Bible.

## SERVICE PROGRAM

### 10:00 am

*House of the Lord*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Confession and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Lesson: Romans 15:1-7

Children's Sermon

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

*Word of God, Speak*

Apostles' Creed

Offering: *Jesus Loves Me/Clair de Lune*

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Blessing and Benediction

### Flowers

The Chancel Flowers are to the glory of God.

*Dedicate flowers via [jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org](mailto:jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org).*

### Sympathies

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Pamela Fruchtenicht, who is grieving the loss of her husband Jeffrey Fruchtenicht.

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Susan Edginton, who is grieving the loss of her husband Dr. Christopher Edginton.

## MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

This weekend, we will sing a new arrangement of a beloved Lutheran hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty." - a German hymn loosely based on Psalm 103:1-6 and Psalm 150. Originally written in 1680, and later translated to English in 1863, this hymn praises God who heals, provides for, and defends us. Our arrangement will feature a refrain - "Praise the Lord" - added by Travis Cottrell, who has spent over 30 years as an artist, songwriter, worship leader, author, and arranger; he currently serves the local church as a Worship Pastor in Brentwood, TN.

Let "all that has life and breath" sing praise to the Lord! We invite you to check out other music for the upcoming Sunday at this Spotify playlist:



**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN  
TO NAZARETH'S PLAYLIST**



# 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 Item, including deodorant, soap, shampoo, and 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!

## Highland School Update

Nazareth's partner, Highland School, began the 2024-2025 school year on Friday, August 23rd. Here are some updates for this fall:

- Naz is collecting HyVee Receipts from Cedar Falls, Waterloo, or Waverly through April 2025. Drop off your receipts at the Welcome Desk. Please do not roll, rubber band, fold, paper clip, or staple receipts. Only groceries, prescription, and gas receipts are accepted; no alcohol, lottery tickets, or stamps.
- School Supplies are not needed this year
- The Back to School Event is no longer serving family meals.
- New Event - Hispanic Heritage and Fall Festival Night in October for families, which includes activities and a meal.
- Naz Catered Dinner for Staff working October evening parent-teacher conferences

In recent years, Nazareth has collaborated with Highland to provide Adopt-A-Family gifts for families during the holidays. Volunteers who help carry out partner activities such as this are always welcome. If you're interested, email Jordan at [jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org](mailto:jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org) for more info.

## Register for GriefShare Support Group

Our GriefShare support group is a safe place where people understand and can guide you through what to expect when grieving. 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. Registration for Griefshare is available now on [naz.org/nextsteps](http://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. Please email [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org) for more information.

## KidzRock Sunday School Registration

KidzRock is our highly engaging, age-appropriate, Bible-based, faith-building Sunday school for kids ages 3 to 6th grade from 9:30-10:30 am, starting Sunday September 15. During this time, kids worship together and learn about important Bible truths through storytelling, teachings, and videos. Registration for KidzRock is available at [naz.org/programs](http://naz.org/programs). Please email [kim.albertsen@naz.org](mailto:kim.albertsen@naz.org) for more information.

## Join "Parents Night Out" This Fall

Are you looking for some much-deserved time to yourself or an opportunity to meet other parents? Are you looking for a chance for your kids to develop new friendships? Or, are you looking for some tips on parenting from a Christ-centered perspective? If so, Nazareth's new Parents' Night Out is perfect for you!

Parents' Night Out is happening Friday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, on Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 18, and Nov. 8. Childcare is provided at Nazareth. We are so excited to provide this opportunity for parents, we hope to meet you this fall! Sign-ups are available at [naz.org/programs](http://naz.org/programs). Please email [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org) for more information.

## H<sup>2</sup>Jamaica Mission Trip 2025

H<sup>2</sup>Jamaica is planning a short-term mission trip to Manchester, Jamaica from February 15 – 27, 2025 with the option of staying either one week (Feb. 15 – 22) or 12 days (Feb. 15 – 27). Our team consists of 45 – 50 people from all over the US. We hold medical and dental clinics in the more remote areas of south central Jamaica under the sponsorship of the Manchester Health Department. We also have a construction team that will be installing drip irrigation systems for subsistence farmers and doing work at New Vision Orphanage. Right now, 30 people have signed up to go but we would love to have a more physicians, dentists, general helpers and construction team members. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to help. For more info, please email or call Barb Ericson at [h2jamaica@gmail.com](mailto:h2jamaica@gmail.com) or 319-493- 5039.

## Membership Updates

If you have had a permanent or temporary address change, family changes, or other life updates, Nazareth would love to be informed to keep our records updated. Share your relevant information to Jordan Keating-Venghaus by calling 319-266-7589 or email [jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org](mailto:jordan.keating-venghaus@naz.org).