

WELCOME

We were all made by God to be followers. God has given us a choice in the matter of whom we decide to learn from and follow in life - the decision of whom we decide to follow is crucial. It is a daily decision that will ultimately determine the results and fruitfulness of our lives in the present and for all eternity.

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

WORSHIP WITH NAZ

SUNDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5 | 8:30a.m.

In-Person Worship at Nazareth | 9a.m. & 10:45a.m.

WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5

4:30p.m. Wednesday | 5:30p.m. Saturday

ONLINE OPTIONS

Recordings of sermons available on

[Vimeo.com/mynazareth](https://vimeo.com/mynazareth)

Livestreams Broadcast on our website

www.naz.org/onlinechurch



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent Thursday Services

Nazareth would like to invite you to attend the upcoming Thursday Evening Services that will be held throughout this 2023 Lent Season. Please join us March 9th, the service will begin at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center.

Additionally, Nazareth will be providing soup suppers before each of the Lent Mid-Week Services from 5:00-5:45pm in Bethel Hall. These meals are open to anyone, so please bring family and friends. We graciously encourage you to offer a free-will donation for Nazareth Food Ministry's work. March 9th's soup menu includes Broccoli Cheese and Chicken Noodle Soup, as well as a delicious dessert. Beverages are included. We hope you are able to join us this Thursday!

March Donations Request

This March, Nazareth's Food Ministry is accepting donations of Cereal for the Food Pantry. Blessed Beginnings is generously accepting Kleenex. Donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or at the Receptionist desk during office hours Monday through Friday. Thank you for generosity and willingness to give.

CONNECTIONS

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SERMON | Whom Are You Following?

TEACHER | Tim Boettger

TEXT | 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 & Luke 5:1-11

Digest The Word

Read the scripture passages from this week's Sunday Worship Service and reflect on the sermon. Explore the following recommendations and consider implementing them into your life.



Read It

In our gospel text today Jesus calls His first disciples Simon Peter, James, and John to follow Him. For more specific reading on the call to follow Christ read these verses: Matthew 16:24, 1 Peter 2:21, John 8:12, Luke 9:23, John 10:27, Matthew 4:19, John 12:26, and Luke 18:22.



Watch It

For a reading and a video re-enactment of today's Gospel text, Luke 5:1-11 "Jesus Calls the First Disciples", check out the following link for a short YouTube video:

youtube.com/watch?v=82RtoNnW6FU&authuser=0



Live It

Only God and yourself know whom you are truly following with your life. Take some time to honestly assess whom you are most closely listening to and patterning your life after right now. Consider writing down whom and/or what you have chosen to learn from and follow over the course of your life. What has been the result? Are you satisfied with the leaders you've chosen to learn from? It is good to frequently evaluate this in our lives. The Scripture has made it very clear whom God has created us and called us to follow with our lives.

Flowers

The Flowers at the altar are in celebration of the 55th wedding anniversary of Del and Kay Carpenter.

To dedicate flowers, contact kaycarpenter@cfu.net.

Music

9:00 a.m.

Gather Hymn: Only a Holy God

Children's Song: Nearer My God to Thee

Communion Hymn: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Communion Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus | *red 338*

Communion Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I Glory | *red 324*

10:45 a.m.

Opening Song: Great Things

Communion Song: Goodness of God

Closing Song: What a Beautiful Name

Closing Song: Jesus Paid It All

NAZ CHAT

- Please pray for our College and Young Adult Ministry, BASIC, as a passionate group prepare, travel, and serve for their annual mission trip to Jamiaca. We are confident this fantastic group will share their empathy, resources, and talents to leave a positive impact on the community.

- Join us this Thursday for Lunch & Learn. During the season of Lent, we will be watching the Prayer Course videos and having discussion time. Email mallory.jensen@naz.org with questions.

- BIGhouse, our High School Student Ministry, has opened the registration for their summer mission trip, Caravan! This summer they will be traveling to Estes Park, Colorado. Use the following URL to sign up today!

orchardcentral.info/Registration/Caravan2023

- Hope Overflow, a service oriented worship group based out of Wartburg College will be leading worship at both services this Sunday, March 5th. The group travels to multiple locations during an annual Spring Break trip to volunteer and provide worship experiences. This year, the group has traveled to Mason City, Indianola, Des Moines, and the Twin Cities to serve and worship at multiple churches, children care centers, food banks, nursing homes, and homeless shelters. This year's trip culminates with worship at Naz, continuing a long standing relationship between Naz and Hope Overflow!

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Thank You From The Ericsons

Thank you so much for your kind expressions of appreciation as I move on to a new phase in retirement life. The breakfast prepared and served by Barb Burbridge, Peg Merfeld, Christi Jensen, Joyce Cawelti, Karen Gohlke and Kyle Brown added a special touch and enabled a lot of good conversation to occur. Many gave cards with special messages as well as gifts for "Gift of Hope", a Mustard Seed ministry in Spur Tree, Jamaica. In addition to the two solar water heaters your gifts made possible on the 50th Anniversary of my Ordination, the gifts you gave total over \$1,000 and will be used to assist in their valuable ministry to the littlest and the least. Thank you!

During my years at Nazareth, I have been privileged to have many ministry opportunities and experiences, from 1987 to 1998 as Minister of Education and from 2015 until recently with Visitation Ministry and other responsibilities. Over those years I am so thankful for Nazareth's consistent emphasis on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the on-going work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and the centrality of the Gospel in preaching. May God continue to bless us and many others as we seek to know Christ, grow in Christ, and make Christ known.

Salvation Army Volunteers

Please visit the table in Fellowship Hall this Thursday if you're interested in serving as a volunteer at The Salvation Army. Different service opportunities include Hosting Noon Lunches and Helping the Food Pantry.

Naz Is Hiring

Nazareth is currently accepting applications for numerous job openings, including the positions below. To explore any job postings, descriptions, and applications, please visit the Employment page on our website - www.naz.org

- Administrator
- Financial Secretary
- Executive Secretary
- Technology and Worship Coordinator
- Blessed Beginnings Child Care Lead Teacher
- Blessed Beginnings Child Care Associate

Send your resume and application via email to personnel@naz.org or mail it 7401 University Avenue, Cedar Falls, IA, 50613.

GriefShare Program

Are you looking for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one? GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help! GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements: Video Seminars, Focused Support Group Discussion, and Personal Study and Reflection. Please join us Mondays from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, starting March 20th. Workbooks are now \$20. You can sign up at the Naz Next Steps Desk on Sunday Mornings or register online here:

<https://www.griefshare.org/groups/163701>



COUNCIL CONVERSATIONS

"Council Conversations" will be taking a break until after the March Council meeting, which will be held March 21. Please watch for an update after that meeting. The Council is working to compile the questions and answers that were shared during Bishop Kevin Jones' visit. That document will be posted to the Church Council Updates web-page when it is complete. Council minutes, a compiled Q&A, and more are located at the bottom of the naz.org home page.

Council Activities:

- Participated in a retreat led by Pastor Mike and discussed the following:
 - The Five Interim Transition Steps
 - Top priorities for the Council for the next year
 - Council members' biggest hurts and biggest hopes
- Hosted Pastor Bob and Barb Ericson's Thank You Reception, on Feb 26th, between services.
- Hosted ELCA Northeast Iowa Synod Bishop Kevin Jones for a Q&A meeting with the congregation.
- Installed six Council members on Sunday, Feb 26th.