



# NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

*November 2021*

November is quickly approaching and with it a host of festivals in the church and remembrances in the world at large. All Saints Sunday (November 7), Veterans Day (November 11), Christ the King Sunday (November 25), First Sunday of Advent (November 28) are all observed this month. November is almost a season unto itself. It is a season for giving thanks in many different forms.

We have so many reasons to thank God, and yet it is a far too rare practice for many.

Rather than look at what is lacking in our lives, we should learn to thank God in everything realizing that God owes us nothing and yet has given us all things in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:3-14). We should strive to imitate the one former leper who returned to thank Jesus for his healing (Luke 17:1-19).

Scripture tells us to be "thankful in everything, in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). When we find ourselves overwhelmed with burdens and worried about tomorrow, we can praise God for who he is and his promise to never leave us or forsake us. During this month whether we are remembering those from our parishes who have died in the past year, welcoming and caring for those who experienced war and combat, celebrating that Christ is indeed an unexpected sort of king, nationally recognizing all that we are blessed with, or preparing for Christ's arrival as an infant, it is important to find some quiet time to pray and thank God, read scripture out-loud and find a renewed heart that is filled with peace and joy. This season should be a time to be glad and rejoice, pray for everyone, and have no need to fear.

Blessings, Vicar Kim

## Vicar Kim Update

Vicar Kim officially started with us last Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Her set office hours at Nazareth are Monday and Wednesday from 10 til noon. She is off on Thursday and Saturdays. She will then be at United on Tuesday and Fridays. Please stop by and welcome her. If you would like to reach Vicar Kim directly, you can email her at [pastor@nazlutheran.com](mailto:pastor@nazlutheran.com). For general church information/questions or to reach Kristin, you can continue emailing [nlc@nazlutheran.com](mailto:nlc@nazlutheran.com)

## Church Offering Update

*(as of 10/20)*

Our monthly budgeted income for 2021 is projected to be \$8,833.33. The below numbers show our actual offering totals for this month.

Regular Offering - \$4,917

Loose Offering - \$90

Online Offering - \$415.74

**Total Offering Received This Month - \$5,422.74**

**Total Amount BEHIND our Annual Budget at this time - \$3,505.67**

## Quilting Resumes

For those who wish to quilt, please join us every Tuesday at 9 AM. All are welcome!

## Communion Helpers

There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for communion helpers. Please sign up if you are able and willing to do so.



## Blood Drive in Ringsted

There will be a blood drive on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the American Legion Community Center from 1:30-6:30 PM. Call Barb at 712-866-1247 or Gayle at 712-866-1326 to make an appointment.

## Poinsettia Orders

Happy Hoofers Relay for Life Team is selling poinsettia's again this year. They are \$12. Color options for this year are: Red, Pink, White and Burgundy. To order, call or text Amanda at 712-260-1876 or Robin at 712-363-1066. Orders can also be put into the offering plate. Envelopes and order forms are on the credenza in the narthex. Orders are due by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and will be delivered on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Nazareth's Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The Food Pantry needs someone to volunteer one hour of their time on Thursday, November 11th from 4:30-5:30 PM.

Thank you for your continued support. Dennis and Renae



## Noisy Offering

November noisy offering will go towards our Food Pantry.

## Remember In Your Prayers

**Nursing Homes:** Craig Lemke, Duane Moore - Valley Vue Care Center

Lucille Guinn, Dona Opsal - Spring Creek Assisted Living

Tom Barrett - Good Samaritan, Estherville

Joan Lindholm - Keelson Harbour, Spirit Lake

Linda Polzin - Ingleside Assisted Living, Fairmont

Grace Askeland-Temperance Lake Ridge, Sherburn

**Ill or Recovering:** Karen Ulrich, Julius Irmiter, Alaina Aksenov, Dan Lindholm,

Roger Spiegeler, Rhianna Smith (niece of Lisa Hansen), Betty Moeller, Butch

Thackery, Dona Opsal, Billy Ross, Steve Lang, Karen Ann Thackery, Janis

Campbell, Blaine Griese, Shelly Andre, Mark Grabinoski, Dori England

**Our military people:** All military personnel, especially those who are deployed.

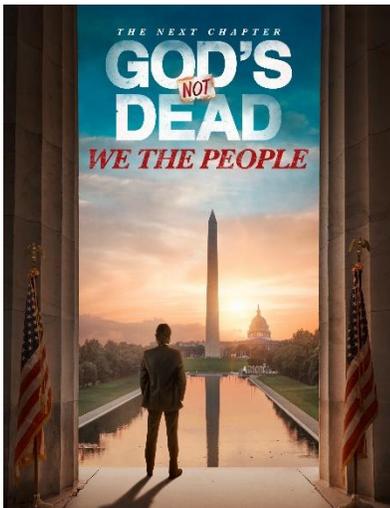


***If you would like your loved one placed on the above prayer list or if someone you know is hospitalized and needs a visit, please call the church at 868-3510. Names will be removed from the prayer list only upon the personal request of the ones listed, their family members or their close friends.***

## Gifts For Kids

For 2021, we have 29 children who we would like to help brighten their Christmas morning. In past years, we have given parents \$50 per child. At this time, we are \$633.60 dollars short of meeting our needs. If we are going to continue with this outreach ministry, we would appreciate monetary donations by the beginning of November. We try to have the gift cards in the mail so the families can take advantage of Black Friday specials to help stretch out this money. If you want to help out, you can put money in the offering plate and notate "Gifts for Kids" or you can give your donation to Dennis or myself and we will get it deposited.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Dennis and Renae Haaland, Administrators



## God's Not Dead: We The People

On Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Nazareth hosted a movie premier for the new movie "God's Not Dead: We The People". All youth and adults in Armstrong, Ringsted and surrounding communities were invited. Thank you to all who joined us to make the event successful.

## Bible Distribution Sunday

Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> bibles were given to children during our worship service. If you missed this and your child received a letter that they were eligible for a new bible or if you didn't receive a letter and need a bible, please contact Kristin in the office at (712) 868-3510 and we will get your child one.

## Blessing Of The Backpacks

Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> during BLAST Vicar Kim and Kristin held a blessing of the backpack ceremony. You can keep up with the happenings of the Youth Ministry program on our Facebook page. We pray the children continue to have a safe, educational, and blessed school year.



## Readers Needed

The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall for the next two months. Please take a minute following worship today to sign up to read the scriptures during a service.

We need volunteers for the following:

- Youth Ministry Helpers
- Food Pantry Volunteers
- Special music during worship
- Communion Assistants
- Annual Church Cleaners
- Scripture Readers during worship



November & December 2021

Service Group Co-Chairpersons: Sharing Equal Responsibilities

*(Altar & Flower assignments can be found on the monthly events calendar)*

**Bob & Lisa McConnell..... 712-260-5821**  
**Bryon & Brooke Nelsen..... 515-708-2387**

**Joe & Amy Cook..... 712-260-1488**  
**Chuck & Michelle\* Nicoson.....868-3084**  
**Doran & Angie\* Moore..... 712-209-1625**  
**Robbin Neusch .....868-3058**  
**\*Jean Radunz ..... 712-330-7505**  
**Rick and Cathy Dale.....868-3916**  
**Arla Stebritz .....868-3294**  
**Amy Hoyer..... 605-261-6415**  
**Terry & Donna Luscombe .....864-3180**  
**Brian\* and Tammy Fuller ..... 712-260-4609**  
**Janet Hardecopf ..... 712-260-9617**  
**Greg & Coleen Boom .....864-3758**  
**Matt\* & Dayna Paul..... 712-260-6843**  
**Kristin Boom..... 712-260-6654**  
**Deb Zoellner ..... 641-420-6104**  
**Jerry & Donna Ulrich.....864-3041**  
**Kurt & Luanne Bjorklund.....868-3504**