



# NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

*May 2024*

*"19b ...Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you." (John 20) "36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Luke 24)*

John 20:19b & 21 and Luke 24:36 both contain Jesus' words to his disciples of "Peace be with you." This sentence is a desire for their turmoil and uncertainty to be laid aside for the blessing of peace.

At both Nazareth and United we pass the peace every Sunday. This usually follows the sermon and prayers. Often it becomes a "Hello, how are you?" among many. I want to remind you what this moment is about: that the peace is not just a greeting but a blessing upon the other, an extension of divine shalom – wholeness, well-being – that God gives, through us, to the people around us. I encourage you to change what you say if it helps: instead of "Peace be with you," perhaps say "May you know the peace Christ gives" or "I wish you God's peace today and always." This is the peace we truly seek. This is the peace Jesus gave his followers after the resurrection and gives us today.

Remind us again today, risen Jesus, that you are our peace. Amen.

(This devotion is adapted from *Christ in Our Home April, May, June 2024* for Sunday, April 14. It was originally written by Pastor Jay Gamelin.)

Blessings, Vicar Kim Kacmarynski

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## Welcome Pads

We have recently added "Welcome Pads" to each pew in the sanctuary. If you could kindly fill out your information on the slip when you worship with us, we would appreciate it. We look forward to worshipping with you soon!

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fundraiser

The ABC is making final decisions on the poster at their next meeting. We need to have someone commit to being the chairperson(or 2 couples to co-chair) for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is coming soon! If interested, please contact Kristin by May 1<sup>st</sup>. If no one steps forward, there will be no meal at NLC.

## Remember In Your Prayers

### **Assisted Living & Nursing Homes:**

Dona Opsal- Spring Creek Assisted Living, Armstrong

Tom Barrett- Good Samaritan, Estherville

Joan Lindholm - Legacy of St. Anthony, Minneapolis

Linda Polzin - Lakeview, Fairmont

Grace Askeland-Temperance Lake Ridge, Sherburn

Betty Opsal - Woodlands Creek Senior Living, Clive

Lucille Guinn- Valley Vue Care Center, Armstrong

**Ill or Recovering:** Julius Irmiter, Alaina Aksenov, Dan Lindholm, Rhianna Smith, Butch Thackery, Billy Ross, Shelly Andre, Aileen Rienhardt, Lyric Schultz, Patti Paulsen, Darla Stewart, Jean Radunz, Laura Zenk, Haley Weisbrod, Evelyn Vos, Brenda Corderman, Jim Kacmarynski, Pam Iverson

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

## Newsletter Articles and Bulletin Announcements

If you have something you would like to have included in the newsletter, please email it to Kristin at [nlc@nazlutheran.com](mailto:nlc@nazlutheran.com) by the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you have something you would like to have included in the bulletin, please email it to Kristin by the Wednesday prior.

## Looking Ahead

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>- We will be celebrating our two North Union seniors:

*Madison Hoyer, and Shaylee Oleson*

*Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>- We will be celebrating all the mommas our there during worship*

## Leah Circle

Leah Circle will be held May 1st at 9:30 AM at the church

## Bible Camp Clean Up Days

Volunteers needed for camp clean up days. Come for one day or all the days and help get camp ready for the summer campers.

*May 3 & 4 in Ingham*

*May 10 & 11 in Okoboji*

Lunch provided. RSVP's appreciated but not necessary. Bring work gloves and rakes if you have them. Lodging available if needed.



## Ice Cream Social

Ingham Lake Bible Camp Ice Cream Social will be Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Program at 3:30 PM and Maid-rite dinner, pie, and ice cream from 4-6 PM.



## Quilting

Don't forget that quilting is every Tuesday at 9 AM in the fellowship hall

## NLC's Newest Confirmands

Two young men celebrated their Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) at Nazareth Lutheran Church Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. A reception for the confirmands, their family and friends followed the service in the fellowship hall. Confirmands were Drake Nelsen and Jacob Radunz

## Online Donations

If you would like to give to NLC but would like an automated option, try Give Plus+! This online option has been available for our church for approximately one year and has been a great new tool for our congregation members! Simply do the following:

1. From your smart phone, go to the Apps Store and download GivePlus+
2. Once downloaded, open GivePlus+ and search for our church, simply put in the zip code of 50514 and Nazareth Lutheran Church will show
3. Click on the church and setup your donation – can be done one-time, weekly, monthly, etc.
4. You have the OPTION to let a % of your donation to go to the web page for maintenance or give 100% to your church – this is your decision!

Just like that you have your donations setup, and you don't need to remember your donation on Sunday or if you can't make it, your donation will and that helps your church!

## WISWO Convention

The Western Iowa Synodical Women's Organization will hold their annual convention on June 15, 2024. The theme of the convention is **Intergenerational Faith**. The convention will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cherokee with check-in beginning at 8:30 a.m. Cost will be \$35 per person with a carpool special that will be a charge of \$100 for 4 people, but those registrations must be sent in together. The registration cost includes morning coffee, lunch, and take-home treats. Registrations are due in the Synod office by June 7, 2024. Our congregation needs to have a minimum of one delegate to vote. Our NLCW will pay the registration fee for two delegates to attend. Women of Nazareth are encouraged to attend this annual meeting. You will find more information, including a registration form, in the fellowship hall. Please let Sandy Laabs or Marla Newlin know if you are interested in attending.

## Church Offering Update

(as of 4/25/24)

Our monthly budgeted income for 2024 is projected to be \$10,583.34. The below numbers show our actual offering totals for April.

Regular Offering - \$6,200

Loose Offering - \$60

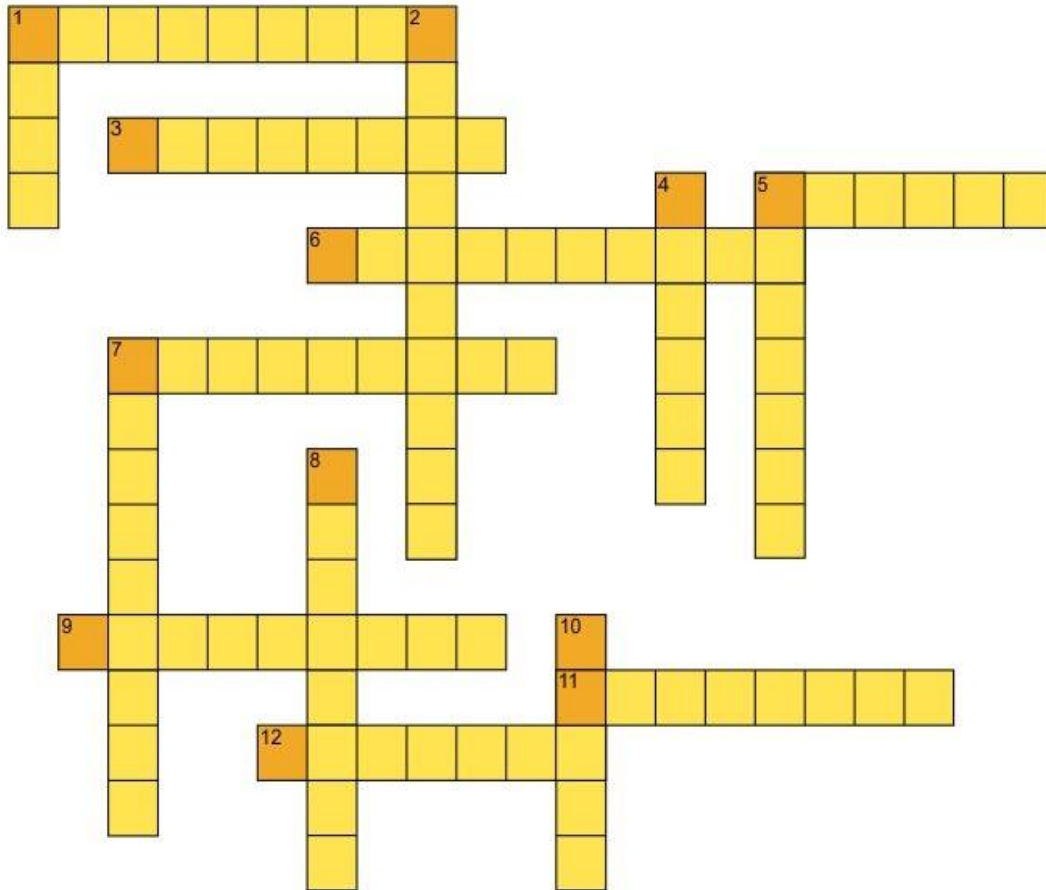
Online Offering - \$606.27

**Total Offering Received so far in April - \$6,866.27**

**Thank you for your continued financial support to Nazareth.**

## Coffee & Conversation

The Armstrong Library and Iowa State University Extension are collaborating a monthly coffee group. Everyone is invited to join them Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 PM at the Armstrong Public Library as they dive into **Brain Health**.



### Crossword Puzzle: Places in the Bible

#### ACROSS

1. Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law in this city (see Matthew 8:5, 14-15).
3. Saul was on his way to this city when Jesus appeared to him (see Acts 9:3-6).
5. Jesus was baptized in this river (see Matthew 3).
6. This is the garden where Jesus went to pray, atoned for us, and later was arrested (see Matthew 26:36-50).
7. This is the hometown of Philip, Andrew, and Peter (see John 1:44).

9. Jesus made His triumphal entry in this city (see John 12:12-13).
11. Jesus was crucified at this "place of a skull" (see John 19:16-17).
12. This is the hometown of Lazarus, Mary, and Martha (see John 11:1).

#### DOWN

1. Jesus performed His first miracle here (see John 2:1-11).
2. This is where Moses received the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 34:1-2).
4. This is the hometown of Saul (see Acts 9:11).

5. Joshua fought the battle of \_\_\_\_\_ (see Joshua 6).
7. Jesus was born in this city (see Matthew 2:1).
8. Jesus grew up here (see Matthew 2:23).
10. Moses led the people of Israel out of this place (see Exodus 13:3).

## CHERISH HOUSE (Milford) BABY BOTTLE THANK YOU!

Thank you again for participating in a Baby Bottle Campaign during the month of March. Nazareth Lutheran Church collected \$774.72. Wow, thank you for giving generously to Cherish Center and Cherish House! We hope your congregation received a blessing giving their coins, cash, and checks benefitting young mothers.

Thank you again for your generosity and support!

Lori Swanson, Office Manager

## NLCW Service Group for May & June

### May & June 2024 Co-Chairpersons

**Jason & Amber Henderson .....712-260-5532**

**Peg Askeland..... 864-3182**

### May & June 2024 Service Group

**Marilyn Johannesen..... 868-3519**

**Betty Nelson .....712-298-2711**

**Steve & Nancy Heck.....515-320-4060**

**Dave & Lora Radunz .....507-848-1551**

**Jack & Jenny Von Bank .....712-363-2993**

**Richard & Dori England .....712-221-0666**

**Dustin & Judy Moore .....712-363-2469**

**Deb Godfredsen .....712-260-3284**

**Terry & Donna Luscombe.....712-260-3180**

**Tom & Brenda Feddersen .....712-260-2605**

**Rick & Joanne Boicourt ..... 868-4162**

**Delmer & Kathy Hardecopf.....712-260-3495**

**Don & LaDonna Jenson..... 868-3003**

**Sandy Laabs .....712-260-2664**

**Dan & Denette Moore ..... 868-3273**

**Travis & Hannah Feddersen.....712-363-2165**

**Tim Oleson .....712-260-3542**

**Dennis & Cindy Mathiason .....712-260-9354**

**Randy Mart..... 868-3839**

**Troy & Jen Leininger .....712-209-1385**

**Shelby Leininger.....712-852-6037**

**Derek & Christy Anderson.....712-260-9028**

**Jay & Kris Grabinoski.....712-260-6650**

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