



NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2026

"On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines." -

- Isaiah 25:6

As I write this month's newsletter article, Jim is grilling hamburgers for our supper. What's your favorite thing to eat cooked outside on the grill? The byline on my email signature is: "If summer had one defining scent, it'd definitely be the smell of barbecue." ~Katie Lee
Cookouts are popular in America and are a good way to rejoice in God's gifts of food, family, and friends.

The Prophet Isaiah described heaven as a cookout like no other, *a feast of rich foods for all peoples*. Because of your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, you are invited to this feast. Having been baptized into Christ, you will be joyfully welcomed there.

Jesus fasted for forty days in the wilderness, and he knows what it's like to be hungry. His family and friends sometimes misjudged or abandoned him, and he knows what it's like to be alone.

To deliver us from hunger and loneliness and all our other afflictions of body and soul, Jesus went to the cross as the sacrifice for the sins of the world. By his death and his victorious resurrection, he has opened heaven to us. The risen Lord is preparing *a feast of rich foods for all peoples*.

In heaven we will forever rejoice in God's gifts of food, family, friends, and so much more!

Blessings, Vicar Kim Kacmarynski

Volunteers Needed for Church Landscaping

We're looking for a few volunteers to help complete some remaining landscaping projects around the church. If you're willing to lend a hand, we'd greatly appreciate your help! If you're able to volunteer, please contact Kristin at nlc@nazlutheran.com.

Thank you for helping keep our church grounds beautiful!

Fellowship Treats Needed

Friendly reminder to sign up for fellowship treats. If no one signs up to provide, there will be no goodies for that week.

August Noisy Offering

Noisy offering for August will go towards Gifts for Kids.



Circle Update

Leah Circle will meet August 5th at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall.

Solar Panel Update

We have received the supplemental review from Alliant Energy regarding our solar panel project. As part of their review, it was determined that our current transformer is outdated and must be replaced before installation of the solar panels can begin.

The estimated cost of the transformer replacement is approximately \$15,000. We are currently exploring grant opportunities and other funding options to help offset this unexpected expense.

We will continue to keep the congregation informed as we learn more and make progress toward the next steps in this project. Thank you for your continued patience, support, and prayers as we move forward.

Estherville Food Bank

Everyone is welcome to go to the Estherville Food Bank on Thurs. Aug. 6th from 4-6 PM in Estherville at Good News Church. At the July Food Bank, 465 individuals (178 families) received 8,953 pounds of food. The Food Bank of Iowa partners with 700 agencies in 55 counties to distribute 2.5 million pounds of food each month, so that no one goes hungry in Iowa.

Remember In Your Prayers

Assisted Living & Nursing Homes:

Marilyn Hanson, Wayne Lubenow- Valley View, Armstrong

Tom Barrett- Good Samaritan, Estherville

Linda Polzin – Lakeview, Fairmont

Mary Peterson- Goldfinch, Fairmont

Don & LaDonna Jenson, Dona Opsal, Vi Reichardt-Spring Creek Assisted Living

Ill or Recovering: Alaina Aksenov, Rhianna Smith, Shelly Andre, Aileen Rienhardt, Lyric Schultz,

Haley Weisbrod, Pam Iverson, Kathy Strong, Kay Naig, Jenna Hertrampf, Stacy Hanning, Tonya

Hanning, Randy Linn, Richard England,

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



Newsletter Articles need to be received at the office by the 15th of each month. You can either drop them off outside the office door or email to Kristin at nlc@nazlutheran.com



NLCW Service Group for July & August

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