



NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

February 2026

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ~1 John 4:9-10

February is a month of love: we celebrate the love we have for one another. It is a month for gifts of love: candy, flowers, teddy bears and ashes. It may seem odd to group the ashes of Ash Wednesday with the hearts and flowers of Valentine's Day. Yet there they are, four days later on the calendar. We are about halfway between celebrating the love of an infant born in a manger and the love of a man dying on a cross.

In all of our writing and pondering about love, we will never be able to come close to describing the love of God. We say to loved ones, "How do I love you? Let me count the ways." But God says to us, "How do I love you? The ways are without number." The words we have, that we repeat so often, may sound hollow and empty in the light of the blessings of God's love that come new to us every morning.

The ashes of Lent may seem depressing, but to those who have known the love and the mercy of God in Christ, there is no greater sign of that love. We acknowledge our sin, we acknowledge our guilt, and yet we know that the God who created us loves us through it all. Let us take this time between the peace of Christmas and the joy of Easter to remember the love that made both of them possible. May we recognize the mark of ashes as a mark of love, hearing again, as if for the first time, that God so loved the world that he sent us his Son to die for our sins, for our guilt, and for our salvation.

Blessings, Vicar Kim Kacmarynski

Youth Ministry Updates

- Confirmation Class is held every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 PM
- BLAST is on North Union early Wednesdays from 2:30-4 PM
- Sunday School will be held from 10:15-11 AM on Communion Sundays this year.

Helpers Needed!

We need volunteers to help with BLAST sessions. Your help would be needed from 2:15-4:15 PM roughly every other week. We greatly appreciate all help you can provide for us! Please reach out to Kristin with any questions. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex with dates to sign up for.

Online Donations

If you would like to give to NLC in an automated fashion. We have an online option to do so. This can be changed at any time. Contact Kristin anytime for more info or if help is needed.

1. Go to our website (www.nazlutheran.com)
2. Click the 'Nazareth' Tab in the top banner
3. Click the yellow "Give Plus+Donation" button under the picture
4. The 'GivePlus+' page will open. At this point you will add your contributions to your 'cart'. You can choose between our general fund, building endowment, memorials or a special project. If you choose to give to more than one fund you just add them individually to your cart.
5. Select contribute
6. Set up one time or a reoccurring donation
7. Click add to basket
8. Repeat steps 5-7 to contribute to other funds.
9. Continue to payment screen
10. Choose between credit, debit or back account payment
11. At this point you can choose to help offset fees by clicking the slider to turn that option on or off. To help you get the most donation credit, we suggest to leave that slider off and just up your donation by .50-1.00 (depending on your giving amount).
12. Click the "continue to review" button
13. The next screen will give you an overview of your contribution breakdown for each fund
14. Click submit.

Just like that you have your donations set up, 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!

Remember In Your Prayers

Assisted Living & Nursing Homes:

Arnold Paulson, Wanye Lubenow- Valley View, Armstrong

Joan Lindholm – Legacy of St. Anthony, Minneapolis

Marilyn Hanson, Tom Barrett– Good Samaritan, Estherville

Linda Polzin – Lakeview, Fairmont

Mary Peterson- Goldfinch, Fairmont

Dona Opsal, Vi Reichardt–Spring Creek Assisted Living, Armstrong

Ill or Recovering: Alaina Aksenov, Rhianna Smith, Butch Thackery, Billy Ross, Shelly Andre, Aileen Rienhardt, Lyric Schultz, Patti Paulsen, Jean Radunz, Haley Weisbrod, Brenda Corderman, Pam Iverson, Kay Naig, Mike Rasmussen, Francis Arcand, Jason Frey, Gary Barrett, Jenna Hertrampf, Sandra Moore, Nikki Haukoos, Barb Rikansrud, Stacy Hanning, Sherry Bradley, Sandy Olson, Randy Linn, Art Bradley, Richard England

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

February HELLO

If you know and believe God walked you safely thru January and opened your eyes to see February, let's Thank Him!
Thank you, God, for your blessings each day. Please guide us in February with Your love and care.
Amen

Quilting

The NLCW quilters continue to quilt every Tuesday at 9 AM.

February Noisy Offering

Noisy offering for February will go to the BLAST



Looking Ahead: Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 1st, 2026 (rain date Sunday, February 8th) at 10:15 AM.

Leah Circle

Leah circle will be meeting Wed. Feb. 4th at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall

NLCW Service Group for January & February

January & February 2026 Co-Chairpersons

Terry & Kathie Axman..... 712-260-9683
Richard & Phyllis McKean 712-363-0857
Michael & Brenda Corderman 712-363-3785

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Mark & Cathy Grabinoski..... 712-260-9681
Rodney & Kay Naig..... 712-868-3720
Or 712-260-4604
Amber Owens..... 712-260-9106
Ryan & Cami Paulson 865-566-4399
Tom & Lisa Hansen 712-260-2671
Theresa Johanson..... 515-578-0456
Dawn Umscheid..... 712-260-3771
Ryan & Emily Miller 712-260-8537
Dennis & Renae Haaland 515-320-2312
Don & Joyce Leach 712-209-1461
Deb Tietje..... 507-884-0017
Jeff & Marla Newlin 712-260-2689