



NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

February 2022

As I am sitting here writing this article for the February newsletter, a lot is happening in the life of our church. We have celebrated Advent/Christmas and looking ahead to Lent/Easter. We have exciting celebrations being planned for this summer. And in 5 days I begin seminary classes. All of these show God's hand at work in our midst and His plan for us.

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland." -Isaiah 43:19

I think the most important word in this scripture is "SEE". It's an invitation from the Lord Himself. It makes it clear that God is working in us and doing a new thing. Even if we do not fully understand God's plan for our lives, we can celebrate that He knows what is best for us each hour, day and year of our lives. We need to allow God to lead us in places we've never been before; God is already at work whether we see it or not. There is a wilderness, but God is building a path. There is a desert, but a stream is flowing. God loves doing new things. God loves showing us new places. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight" — Proverbs 3:5-6 No matter where the future takes us, we can rely on God and His plan for us. We have been made new by Him and He is not going anywhere. He will be with us for each of our steps and guide us through life. As newness comes, we can celebrate and have joy because we have Him with us. He will never abandon us or take back his promises.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." -Jeremiah 29:11 This is my favorite Bible verse. Once again with these words God is telling us that He has the path laid out for us. He knows our future. He will keep us safe.

Accept the invitation to "SEE", pray for open eyes, ask God to reveal what he is already doing among us and in our lives.

Blessings, Vicar Kim



Noisy Offering

February noisy offering will go towards our BLAST program.

Quilting Resumes

Quilting continues to meet every Tuesday at 9 AM thru April. All are welcome!

Adult Choir

Choir will be gathering every Sunday following church services in the balcony. It is their hopes to get a decent sized group together to be able to sing music throughout the year instead of just on the holidays.

Bags For Kids

There are bags on the credenza for all youth to enjoy during worship. Feel free to grab one and use as you wish and then return after worship.

Coming To A Mailbox Near You!

2021 Contribution reports, 2022 NLCW Books and the 2021 Annual Reports have all been mailed out within the last few days. If you haven't received yours by the end of next week, please contact the church office.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held last Sunday, January 23rd. Thank you to all who attended either in person or virtually. Our 2022 Church Council is as follows:

Arden Kinnander- President, Dustin Tirevold- Vice President, Cami Paulson- Treasurer, Phil Henriksen- Property Team Chair, Holly Tirevold- Youth & Family Chair, Natalie Henriksen- Worship & Music Chair, Nola Rezac, Lisa Henriksen and Renae Haaland- Nominating Committee

Installation of Officers

All officers are voted into positions at the annual meeting will installed as officers during worship on Sunday, February 6th.

Remember In Your Prayers

Assisted Living & Nursing Homes: Duane Moore, Betty Moeller, Margaret Anderson - Valley Vue

Lucille Guinn, Dona Opsal – Spring Creek Assisted Living

Craig Lemke – Main Street Manor, Swea City

Tom Barrett – Good Samaritan, Estherville

Joan Lindholm – Keelson Harbour, Spirit Lake

Linda Polzin – Ingleside Assisted Living, Fairmont

Grace Askeland-Temperance Lake Ridge, Sherburn

Janis Campbell – Emmetsburg Care Center

Ill or Recovering: Karen Ulrich, Julius Irmiter, Alaina Aksenov, Dan Lindholm, Roger Spiegel, Rhianna Smith, Butch Thackery, Billy Ross, Blaine Griese, Shelly Andre, Mark Grabinoski, Aileen Rienhardt, Dyson Umscheid

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



Youth Ministry at Nazareth Needs YOU!

Dear Members of Nazareth, something really cool has been happening here at Nazareth for a few years now that you may or may not be aware of! Each week prior to confirmation class, the students prep & enjoy a meal together. It is a great time of bonding, fun & fellowship! The reason we bring this up is because the cost of the weekly meal is becoming a burden on our youth budget, so we are asking for your help! We currently have 13 youth participating in confirmation and in order for us to continue this amazing part of our confirmation classes, please consider one (or more!) of the following:

- Sponsor a meal—\$65/week or \$260 for a month
- Sponsor a child—\$5/week or \$20 for a month

We sincerely appreciate your prayerful consideration of contributing to this special meal! Checks can be made out to NLC Youth Ministry.

Communion Assistant and Readers Needed

There are sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall for the next few months. Please take a minutes following worship today to volunteer to help out during a service. There is currently no one signed up for any of the following Sunday's.

Looking Ahead!

Sunday, February 27th, Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp will be joining us during worship. We love when they join us and this always a fun service. We look forward to having you join us!

We need volunteers for the following:

Food Pantry Volunteers

Special music during worship

Communion Assistants

Scripture Readers during worship



And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

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Co-Chairpersons (Sharing Equal Responsibility)

Michael & Brenda Corderman 712-363-3780
Ryan & Cami Paulson..... 868-3305
Or 865-566-4399

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Service Group

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Mark & Cathy Grabinoski..... 864-3753
Tom & Lisa Hansen 712-260-2671
Or 868-3102
Theresa Johanson 515-578-0456
Chase Paulson 712-260-2761
Joel & Peggy Taylor 712-868-3050
Karen Ulrich 712-260-7987
Jasmine & Esden Carroll 712-260-5051
Dawn Umscheid 712-260-3771
LaDonna Craig 712-260-6867
Carson & Andi Glasnapp..... 712-260-2541
Janice Harmon 864-3867
Dennis & Renae Haaland 515-320-2312
Or 868-3403
Don & Joyce Leach 712-209-1461
Or 868-3165
Jordan Paulson 712-260-5546
Greg & Pam Gergen 864-3276
Kathie Card 712-260-9683
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