



NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

January 2026

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

Happy New Year! Another year has arrived and time keeps marching on. Can the passing of the years and the passage of time ever separate a Christian from the love God has for us in Christ Jesus our Lord? No. As the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 8, *neither the present nor future can do such a thing.*

This year will likely see episodes of disastrous weather. There may be times of political turmoil and unrest. A dollar may not go as far in December 2026 as it does today. Thanks be to God that none of these things *nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Through ongoing repentance and faith, you remain in the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Through remembering that you are a baptized child of our Heavenly Father, you remain in the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As you live out your Christian life in 2026,

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

Let us pray: *Eternal God, in the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Blessings, Vicar Kim Kacmarynski

"Old Man's" Coffee

There will be coffee in the fellowship hall every Thursday at 2:30 PM.
Everyone welcome. Please enter using the kitchen door.



Youth Ministry Updates

- Confirmation Class is held every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 PM
- BLAST is on North Union early Wednesday's from 2:30-4 PM
- Sunday School will be held from 10:15-11 AM on Communion Sunday's 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 bank 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!

NLCW Fundraiser Update

\$1,755 was donated to Pony Express'. The silent auction brought in \$2,017. NLCW was pleased with the turnout for both events and thanks all of you for your generosity towards NLCW.

Thank You!

We are grateful for everyone who joined us for our "Come to The Manger" Christmas Tea last Sunday afternoon. Approximately 50 people gathered for fellowship, delicious food and setting our hearts into the Christmas Spirit.

Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting regarding the possibility of solar panels being utilized at Nazareth on Sunday, January 11th, 2026, at 10:15 AM. We invite you to come with questions. If you are unable to join us, please reach out to a council member.

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

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

Service of Remembrance

Henry Olson Funeral Home Staff would like to invite our community members to a Service of Remembrance in honor of those family and friends that have died. We will have a short service and light refreshments to follow at our funeral chapel in Estherville on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 6PM. All are welcome to join us.

Quilting Resumes

The NLCW quilters will resume quilting on Tues. Jan. 6th at 9 AM.

January Noisy Offering

Noisy offering for January will go to the Quilters



2026 NLCW Yearbooks

NLCW Yearbooks for 2026 have been sent out. If you did not receive one, contact Sandy.

Looking Ahead: Annual Meeting

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

Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions.
Help us serve the congregation of Nazareth Lutheran Church!
Our need is now and to fulfill that need requires your help!

- Synod Assembly Attendees
- Financial Secretary (count offering 1 times per month-3 year term)
 - Property Team Members
 - Youth & Family Team Members
- Landscaping & Worship Garden Team Members

If you want to serve, please let Kristin or a council member know as soon as possible.

Sunday Fellowship Change

Effective January 4, 2026, "goodies" such as cookies, rolls, and other treats for Sunday morning fellowship will **no longer be the responsibility of the service groups**. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex on the Credenza for anyone who wishes to provide goodies. Anyone may contribute at any time—**you do not need to be part of the service group assigned for that month**. If no one signs up for a particular week, there will simply be no goodies provided. In that case, only coffee, juice, and water will be available.

Leah Circle

Leah circle will be meeting Wed. Jan 7th at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall

"Stocking the Streets"

Thank you to everyone who donated items to Aspy's "Stocking the Streets" citizenship project. She was able to successfully put together 35 kits to donate to area organizations to support those when they are in need.

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

January & February 2026 Service Group

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

