



NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 2026

***"Jesus said, "If the Son sets you free,
you will be free indeed."***

-John 8:36

On July 4, 2026, the United States will celebrate its Semiquincentennial. It will be 250 years since America declared its independence. On July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies asserted that they were free from, and no longer subject to, King George III and the British monarchy. The Semiquincentennial will be a perfect day to give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on our nation since that historic moment.

It will also be a perfect day to give thanks to God for an even greater freedom. By His death and resurrection God's Son has set us free from our bondage to sin, death, and the devil. At your Baptism you were set free from these evils and made a citizen of God's eternal kingdom.

The Christian life can be a struggle because sin, death, and the devil want to draw you back into bondage to them. So, each and every day is a perfect day to repent and remember that you belong to Christ. He teaches us how to live a life of true freedom. When the Son sets you free in this way, you are free indeed.

Remember also that God has an unending and freedom-filled future planned for you and for all that He has made. Looking forward to Jesus' appearing in glory on the Last Day, St. Paul wrote in Romans 8, *"The creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God."*

Blessings, Vicar Kim Kacmarynski

Help Needed

Reminder to stop and take a look at the 4th of July Ice Cream Social Sign-up sheet. Help is needed in a variety of ways.

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.

July Noisy Offering

Noisy offering for July will go to our Good Samaritan Fund.



Circle Update

There will be NO LEAH CIRCLE for July. See you all back in August

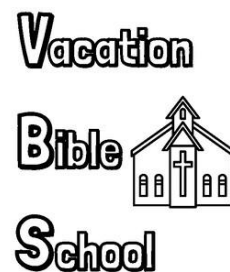
A Heartfelt Thank You for an Amazing VBS!

What an incredible week of Vacation Bible School! We are so thankful to everyone who gave their time, prayers, donations, and encouragement to make this year's VBS such a success. Whether you led games, prepared snacks, helped with registration, drove, cleaned up, or supported us behind the scenes, you played an important part in sharing God's love with our children.

We were blessed to welcome an average of **70 children each day** throughout the week! It was a joy to see so many young hearts learning about Jesus, building friendships, and growing in faith. We are already looking forward to next year and praying for an even greater opportunity to reach more children in our community.

"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:9

Thank you for helping plant seeds of faith that will continue to grow for years to come. We can't wait to see what God has in store for VBS next year!



Coming Soon!

Women of the ELCA 13th Triennial Gathering
July 16-19, 2026 - Des Moines, IA

Solar Panel Update

We have received word from Alliant that their supplemental electrical review has identified some additional upgrades that may be needed for the solar panel project. We are currently waiting for Alliant to provide a quote outlining the scope and cost of these potential upgrades. Once that information is received, we will be able to better understand the next steps and share further updates with the congregation. Thank you for your continued interest and support of this project.

NLCW Guest Nite

Thank you to the 75 women who attended our Women's Guest Night. We are grateful for the wonderful evening of fellowship, music, and faith shared together. Thank you as well to everyone who helped make the evening possible. May the songs in our hearts continue to remind us of God's love and presence in every season.



Help Needed in The Food Pantry

Sun. Aug. 29th is the last day open in the 3rd quarter to help in Nazareth's Food Pantry. Please take a moment to sign up if you are able. Thank You!

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, Kay Naig, Mike Rasmussen, Jason Frey, Jenna Hertrampf, Barb

Rikansrud, Stacy Hanning, Randy Linn, Richard England, Kathy Strong, Tonya Hanning

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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