



NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

November 2025

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praises: be thankful unto him and bless his name." ~Psalm 100:4

November in all her glory is surrounding us. The sights, aromas, and sounds of autumn never fail to amaze me. Our Lord is such a talented artist. The air is crisp with all its freshness. Cooler temperatures cause me to reach for a cozy blanket. Crimson leaves cascade toward the ground. All around us are the wonders only nature can impart. Looking at the fields, with all the abundance that they have yielded, one cannot help but think about the upcoming holiday.

Thanksgiving, although not technically a religious holiday, causes us to pause and thank God for all He has given us. It is a time to look forward to, when family and friends allow their crazy lives to slow down and enjoy the simple treasure of gathering together. No gifts to be bought, no fancy clothes to be worn, just a time to share the love of the season with family and friends. This is a time to reflect upon all that God has provided during the past year. His mercy and undying love continue to bring blessings to our lives. We recognize that He continues to cover us with His Grace, and we are thankful.

The hymn, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," (ELW #693) says it so beautifully. The writer of the hymn's text, Henry Alford, refers to the time when God gathers in the faithful like a farmer harvesting his fields. He creates a picture of a wonderful place where those who continually work the fields will find a time to finally be at rest. There they can take the opportunity to give thanks for the Lord of the harvest. Not only can one easily find this meaning in his words, but if you look deeper into the text, you can also see how he finds meaning and rest as his life's work is done and he finds rest in the Lord's arms. I encourage you to turn to this hymn in the days ahead and reread its familiar words.

Autumn days are short yet abundant with so many of our Lord's gifts. Allow the warm sun to fall upon your face. Walk among the leaves and listen to the crunch beneath your feet. Take in the sweet aroma of autumn's fragrance. Before you know it, winter will be upon us. Enjoy all things autumn and take the opportunity to thank God for all he has blessed you with.

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.



October Food Bank

On Thurs. Nov. 6th from 4-6 PM the Food bank will be held at Good News Church in Estherville. At the September Food Bank, 641 individuals (213 families) received thousands of 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.

Free Community Breakfast

Grandview Church has a free breakfast every month to help build community and to help with the food insecurity in our communities. Saturday, November 1st from 8-10 am at the Grandview Church gym there will be a free community breakfast. The meal will include Burritos, pancakes, sausage, eggs, milk, juice and coffee. Everyone is invited to attend. They have an average of 130 people attending the free breakfasts. There will also be a small food pantry for families to take shelf-stable food.

Youth Ministry Updates

- Confirmation Class is held every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 PM
- BLAST is on North Union early out Wednesday's from 2:30-4 PM
- Sunday School will be held from 10:15-11 AM on Communion Sunday's this year.
 - **NO BLAST** Nov. 26th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Confirmation students will "Pack the Pantry" & eat at Jake's Pizza on Wed. Nov. 26th.

Helpers Needed!

We need volunteers to help with BLAST sessions. You don't have to sign up to help every session and we can be flexible with your availability. BLAST meets roughly every other week. Your help would be needed from 2:15-4:15 PM. You would be getting the kiddos snacks ready, greeting kids upon arrival, assisting with the activity of the day, helping with clean-up, assisting Kristin in corralling the children and student pick up. We greatly appreciate any and 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.

Rocky Mountain Oyster Feed

Armstrong VFW Post 5232 will be having their rocky mountain oyster feeds on the following Fridays:

November 7th, December 5th, January 2nd and February 6th

\$20 will get you all you can eat. 12 years and under is \$10. Serving time is 5-7 PM at the Armstrong VFW (422 6th St. Armstrong).

Quilting In Session

The quilters meet every Tuesday at 9 AM. This is open to everyone, and new faces are always welcome.

Thank You!

The quilters would like to thank everyone for their gracious donations of thread. Their need was quickly addressed, and no more thread is needed at this time.

November Noisy Offering

Noisy offering for November will go to our Good Samaritan fund.



Remember In Your Prayers

Assisted Living & Nursing Homes:

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

Joan Lindholm – Legacy of St. Anthony, Minneapolis

Marilyn Hanson, Tom Barrett– Good Samaritan, Estherville

Linda Polzin – Lakeview, Fairmont

Mary Peterson- Goldfinch, Fairmont

Wanye Lubenow- Valley View

Grace Askeland-Temperance Ridge, Sherburn

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, Jim Kacmarynski,

Sandra Moore, Nikki Haukoos, Barb Rikansrud, Renae Haaland,

Stacy Hanning, Sherry Bradley, Sandy Olson

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

Choir Update

Nazareth Adult choir has begun practicing following worship services on Sunday mornings. They invite any and all to join them. Please reach out to Lisa Hanson if you would like any additional information.

Church Offering Update

(as of 10/21/25)

Our monthly budgeted income for 2025 is projected to be \$10,502.08. The numbers below show our actual offering totals for October.

Regular Offering - \$5,970

Loose Offering - \$206

Online Offering - \$426.83

Total Offering Received in October - \$6,602.83

This currently puts us \$21,028.66 behind our yearly budget amount.

Thank you for your continued financial support to Nazareth.

NLCW Festive Silent Auction

NLCW will be hosting their annual festive silent auction on Sunday, November 23rd at 2 PM.

They are asking for new items for the auction. The items can be handcrafted, homemade, baked goods, treats, canned goods, home décor, games, books, gift baskets etc.

Hertrampf Benefit Update

On Saturday, November 8th there will be a benefit for Jenna Hertrampf at the Armstrong Community Center. The goodwill donation will be from 5:30-7 PM. Take out meals will be available. There will also be a silent auction from 5:30-7 PM with the live auction starting at 7 PM. More information can be found on the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.

A Good Old-Fashioned Big Family Christmas

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School presents A Good Old-Fashioned Big Family Christmas on Fri. Nov. 7th at 12:30 PM and 7 PM and Sat. Nov. 8th 7 PM. Performances will be in the school gym in Northrop.

Relay For Life Poinsettias

Poinsettia order forms will be available in the narthex soon. Orders are due to the office by November 19th and they will be delivered December 4th.

"The Heart of the Stable"

The NLCW Christmas Tea will be held on Sunday, December 7th at 2 PM. Come get cozy as we remember that God meets us in humble places.

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."~ John 1:14

Spectacula Virtuoso Christmas Concert

Come listen to an amazing debut performance of Christmas melodies on Sunday, December 7th at 2 PM at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School. Glenn Henriksen and Jayson Matasovsky, a Martin Luther senior, will be competing against each other in a dueling piano spectacular. More information can be found on the flyer in the Narthex.

Pony Express

There is still time to turn in your Pony Express contributions for NLCW. Checks may be payable to "NLCW" and given to Janet Hardecopf or put in the 'Pony Express' box in the fellowship hall.

Thanksgiving Sunday

We will be celebrating 'Thanksgiving Sunday' on Sunday, November 23rd. A list of items needed for our Food Pantry can be found in the narthex. Items can also be dropped off in the shopping cart in the fellowship hall.

'HeartSong' Coming to Nazareth

Sunday, November 16th at 3 PM Nazareth Lutheran Church will be hosting 'Heartsong'. This group joins us from East Chain and has a strong following. You may have heard them in the park or in the parade on the 4th of July. Spread the word, bring a friend and join us for a time of fellowship and fantastic musical talent.

Fall Crafting Retreat

Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp is hosting their annual "Fall Crafting Retreat" on November 21st- 23rd. Set aside some time this fall just for you to do what makes you happy. Fill up your car with all the materials and tools you need and come to camp for a weekend of creativity, relaxation and spiritual growth. Also enjoy delicious food, and great people as you unwind from your busy life and have some personal time! Bring a friend along. They may have a totally different project than you. That's okay. You can do your own thing right alongside each other. Throughout the weekend there will be several times set aside to gather together to encourage each other and grow in your faith. Come join us for a great weekend and celebrate all for which you are thankful! More information can be found in the Narthex, or you can call the camp directly at 1-800-OKOBOJI.

Help Needed

The council is looking for volunteers for people to serve on the Landscaping & Worship Garden (outdoor service area) team. This team would work together with the property team as improvements are needed. If interested, please reach out to Kristin or Dennis.

Leah Circle

Leah circle invites you to join them on Wednesday, November 5th at 9:30 AM at the church.

NLCW Service Group for November & December

November & December 2025 Co-Chairpersons

Paula Griese 712-209-2395
Matt & Dayna Paul 515-890-9961
Deb Zoellner 641-420-6104

November & December 2025 Service Group

Troy & Jen Leininger 712-209-1385
Shelby Leininger 712-852-6037
Angel Smith 712-209-1385
John Morosco 970-308-5600
Austin & Jalissa DeJong 712-260-5228
Rick and Cathy Dale 868-3916
Dean Looft 712-868-3136
Janet Hardecopf 712-260-9617
Jerry & Donna Ulrich 864-3041
Brian and Tammy Fuller 712-260-4609
Amy Hoyer 605-261-6415
Greg & Coleen Boom 712-260-0542
Kristin Boom & Tony Christ 712-260-6654
Bryon & Brooke Nelsen 515-708-2387



And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

COLOSSIANS 3:17