



NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

December 2022

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." ~Isaiah 9:6

As the snow falls and the wind blows outside, I am wondering where this year has gone? It seems the older I get the faster the time flies! Does anyone else feel the same way?!

We will begin the observation of Advent season on November 27 with the 1st Sunday in Advent worship and Hanging of the Greens. The worship series I have chosen to use this year is "Be Born in Us Today". In this Advent series, we are reminded that Christ is born in us spiritually today and every day. He enters into us daily to strengthen and support us, save us and renew us. We are changed by his presence within us as we become more and more like him in the living of our lives. Throughout the Advent Sundays we will explore how Christ being born in us brings blessing, renewal, guidance, and power.

Please make sure that you look in this newsletter for other opportunities to celebrate this season with Children's Christmas programs, Christmas Tea, Christmas Eve service times, and no services on Christmas Day. I recently bought a t-shirt for myself that has a great message for us to keep in mind during the hustle and bustle we may find ourselves in during this time of year: "Silly Santa, Christmas is for Jesus!"

Blessings, Vicar Kim Kacmarynski

My email is: kimkac1001@hotmail.com



Noisy Offering

December noisy offering will go towards Lutheran Services of Iowa.

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.

Youth Christmas Program

Our youth Christmas program for this year will be December 11th.

Choir Resumes

We welcome you to join us in the balcony each Sunday after worship for choir practice.

Remember In Your Prayers

Assisted Living & Nursing Homes:

Lucille Guinn, Dona Opsal, Craig Lemke– Spring Creek Assisted Living, Armstrong
Tom Barrett – Good Samaritan, Estherville
Joan Lindholm – Keelson Harbour, Spirit Lake
Linda Polzin – Ingleside Assisted Living, Fairmont
Grace Askeland-Temperance Lake Ridge, Sherburn
Betty Opsal – Woodlands Creek Senior Living, Clive



Ill or Recovering: Karen Ulrich, Julius Irmiter, Alaina Aksenov, Dan Lindholm,

Rhianna Smith, Butch Thackery, Billy Ross, Shelly Andre, Aileen Rienhardt, Tim Meyer, Jean Radunz,
Leo Bradley, Helen Kinnander, Lyric Shultz, Patti Paulsen

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

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.

Church Offering Update

(as of 10/31/22)

Our monthly budgeted income for 2022 is projected to be \$9,166.66. The below numbers show our actual offering totals for October.

Regular Offering - \$12,716.46

Loose Offering - \$78

Online Offering - \$1,294.04

Total Offering Received in October - \$14,088.50

Thank you for your continued financial support to Nazareth.

NLCW Silent Auction

A Huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the NLCW Silent Auction. A total of \$1,569.50 was raised. See you all back next year!

We need volunteers for the following:

Food Pantry Volunteers

Special music during worship

Youth & Family Team
Members

Property Team Members



Worship & Music Team
Members

Communion Assistants

Scripture Readers during
worship

NLCW Coordinator Needed for 2023

Janine Kinnander (current NLCW Coordinator) has announced that she will not be renewing her position for 2023. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider this position. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to Janine or Kristin.

Quilting Break

Our Tuesday morning quilters will not be meeting November 22nd to December 27th. They will resume on January 3rd, 2023.

New Member Sunday

On Sunday, November 13th we recognized 4 new members to Nazareth. We welcome Angel Smith, Jennifer Leininger, Connor Anderson, and John Morosco to Nazareth.



Christmas on The Farm

Have a Haygge Christmas at Brugjeld-Peterson Point Historic Farmstead(2349 450th Ave. Wallingford, IA). Sunday, December 10th from 1-4 PM.

Sleigh rides, Scandinavian treats, fold art demonstrations, and Christmas songs in the parlor. Admission is \$5 per person. Family rate of \$20. Children 5 and under are free.

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A Scandinavian Musical Christmas Celebration at Ingham Lake Bible Camp Chapel on December 4th from 1-4:30PM. This will be the 1st annual Christmas fundraiser for Brugjeld-Peterson Point Historic Farmstead. An open house will be held at Peterson Point from 1-1:45 pm and then a Scandinavian and Traditional Christmas concert will follow at the bible camp from 2-3:30 PM featuring Glenn Henriksen and Friends. Fellowship treats and silent auction from 3:30-4:30 PM. God Jul!

College Students

The Leah Circle would like to send packages to students in college. If you have a student at college, please drop off or email Kristin their address



Looking Ahead

There will be no services on Christmas Day. On New Years Day there will be a joint service here at Nazareth at 10 AM.

November & December 2022
Co-Chairpersons(Sharing Equal Responsibility)
Brian and Tammy Fuller.....712-260-4609
Kurt & Luanne Bjorklund..... 868-3504

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Service Group

Bob & Lisa McConnell.....712-260-5821
Bryon & Brooke Nelsen.....515-708-2387
Joe & Amy Cook.....712-260-1488
Chuck & Michelle Nicoson..... 868-3084
Doran & Angie Moore712-209-1625
Robbin Neusch 868-3058
Jean Radunz712-330-7505
Caleb & Sarah McConnell.....712-363-0878
Clint & Collette McConnell712-260-0753
Rick and Cathy Dale..... 868-3916
Arla Stebritz 868-3294
Amy Hoyer.....605-261-6415
Don Larsen712-260-0328
Paula Griese.....712-209-2395
Terry & Donna Luscombe 864-3180
Dean Looft712-868-3136
Jerry & Jenny Baas712-868-1002
Gary Barrett..... 864-3080
Shawn & Heidi Engeman 868-3528
Janet Hardecopf.....712-260-9617
Greg & Coleen Buum 864-3758
Matt & Dayna Paul.....712-260-6843
Deb Zoellner641-420-6104
Jerry & Donna Ulrich..... 864-3041