



# NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

*September 2025*

## *Back to School Prayer*

*~Written by Mary Lynn Hendrickson, author*

*We thank you for the fragrance of a new box of crayons, Lord,  
The rainbow in each perfect row;  
Thank you for each bundle of snowy white notebook paper,  
Awaiting fresh possibilities.*

*May they remind us that you make all things new and bless us with abundance.*

*Thank you for this ruler and for every eraser that tops every pencil.*

*May they help us remember to measure our blessings and  
To allow for the making of mistakes as a normal part of human learning.*

*As we lay out our new clothes for these first days of school,  
Help us remember to put on Christ each day, too.*

*And to "clothe the naked" as He asked us.*

*But mostly, God, help us remember*

*That Jesus is always our best and most devoted teacher –*

*That we never outgrow all his lessons on how you want us to live and to love.*

I want to highlight some important dates happening in September at Nazareth ...

**September 3:** 6:30 PM Parent/Youth meeting for confirmation youth at Nazareth.  
7<sup>th</sup> graders will receive their Bibles at this time.

**September 10:** Confirmation starts at Nazareth. This is held for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from both Nazareth & United. Please note that there are some changes for this year: As in the past, youth will gather at Nazareth following school and sports practice. They are invited to bring their own snack items (chips, popcorn, crackers, etc. and a drink) to eat until class starts. (There will not be a meal served.) Class will be held in the double Sunday school room from 5:30pm-6:30pm.

**October 1:** BLAST begins at Nazareth. This is a community outreach for youth PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It is held after school on North Union early out days. Students have a snack, engage in a Bible lesson and a coordinating activity. Youth can be picked up at 4:00pm. On this first day they will have Blessing of Backpacks.

**October 5:** Sunday School starts at Nazareth from 10:15-11 AM upstairs in the double Sunday school room following snack in the fellowship hall after service; additionally Blessing of Backpacks will be held during the service.

*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.

## Harvest Fest 2025

Bethany E&R Church in Ledyard will be hosting their annual Harvest Fest 2025, Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:30 pm. This is a Christian family event, including horse rides provided by Riding Light Ministries, a movie, and a huge inflatable for the kids. While the kids are being entertained, adults can enjoy Heart Song Christian Worship Band and personal testimonies from people from around the country, such as a former atheist, a former Mormon, and the founder of RISE Fest! There will be free food including ice cream! There will be handicap parking at the church and rides from the additional car parking available around town. Bring your lawn chairs!

## September Food Bank

On Tues. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM the Food bank will be held at the Good News Church in Estherville. In August, 518 individuals (177 families) received 12,000 lbs. 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!

## Quilting Resumes

On Tues. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> quilting will resume. The quilters meet every Tuesday at 9:30 AM. This is open to everyone, and they look forward to you joining them.

## ELCA Twin Lakes Fall Retreat

Women of the ELCA, Dorcas Cluster, is planning the Twin Lakes Fall Retreat to be held Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at the Twin Lakes Christian Center at Manson, IA.

Registrations are due August 27, and the registration fee is \$25. NLCW will pay the registration fee for women from our congregation who wish to attend. More information can be found on the flyers in the Narthex or see Sandy Laabs or Marla Newlin by August 21 if you have any questions.

## You Are Invited

"How might God equip congregations to thrive and serve in the next decade as we face the declining number of pastoral leaders?"

A Task Team for Sustainable Ministry in North Iowa invites you to a gathering to discuss new solutions to the declining number of pastoral leaders and the impending succession crisis facing our congregations. The gathering will be held on Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 pm in the Waldorf University Ballroom in Forest City. Pastors, Lay Leaders and neighboring congregations are all invited.

## Fall Festival on The Farm

Brugjeld-Peterson Historic Farmstead in rural Wallingford, IA will be holding their annual Fall Festival on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 3 pm.  
Admission is free. Meals will be available for \$6 each.

## Sleep In Heavenly Peace

Lutheran Men in Mission will be meeting on Sat. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> to build beds for Sleep In Heavenly Peace in Spirit Lake. There will also be an evening retreat the night before at Lutheran Lakeside Camp. This will be an opportunity to have fellowship and male bonding while serving those kids who would otherwise sleep on the floor. Informational packets are available at the east end of the fellowship hall.

## 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

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

## Online Donations

If you would like to give to NLC but would like an automated option, try Give Plus+! This online option has been available for our church. Simply do the following:

1. Go to our website ([www.nazlutheran.com](http://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 back 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 leaving 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. Next screen gives 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! This can be changed at any time. Contact Kristin anytime for more info or if help is needed.

## Anniversary Celebration

Loren & Janine Kinnander invite you to join them as they celebrate 40 years of wedded bliss. Please join them on Sat. Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 7-10:30 PM at the Elk's Lodge in Estherville. They ask that you don't bring any gifts or cards and just you to come, enjoy the night and help them celebrate.



## Church Offering Update

*(as of 8/8/25)*

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

Regular Offering - \$6,397

Loose Offering - \$319

Online Offering - \$686.99

**Total Offering Received in July - \$7,402.99**

**This currently puts us \$12,063.76 behind our yearly budget amount.**

**Thank you for your continued financial support to Nazareth.**

## "Called to Be a Voice"

In Scripture, we're called to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves." CASA volunteers do just that. They serve as the voice of children in foster care, ensuring their needs are not overlooked and their well-being remains at the center of every decision. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate, and volunteers take on just one case at a time—advocating for the best interest of a child in court, in school, and in the community. It's a unique and impactful way to serve, especially for those who feel called to help vulnerable children in their community.

Volunteers come from all walks of life, and no legal experience is needed—just a heart for kids and a few hours a month.

Want to learn more? Visit [hhs.iowa.gov/CASA](https://hhs.iowa.gov/CASA) or call 1-866-448-4608. Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus to the children who need us most.

Thank you so much for considering this simple but powerful way to make a difference.

Warmly, Kathy Fritz, Program Coordinator"



## September Noisy Offering

Noisy offering for September will go to our "Food Pantry"

### Food Pantry Update

The Nazareth's Food Pantry has the sign-up sheet out in the Fellowship Hall for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of its 14<sup>th</sup> year. We can really use some volunteers to help us out. Please stop and sign up to help us.

## NLCW Service Group for September & October

### September & October 2025 Co-Chairpersons

Terry & Stacy Hanning ..... 712-363-9244  
Butch & Deb Hanning..... 712-260-5615

### September & October 2025 Service Group

Jim & Crystal Olsen ..... 712-254-6613  
Bill & Wendy Oleson ..... 712-260-4645  
Glenn Henriksen ..... 712-898-2413  
Justin Mitchell..... 712-209-0347  
Jesse & Darci Prochniak ..... 864-3003  
Nathan & Kelly Anderson..... 712-260-6935  
Steve & Lori Korte..... 712-363-2275  
Arden & Laurie Kinnander ..... 712-363-2275  
Dave & Pat Oleson ..... 712-260-2136  
Brody & Julia Fritsche ..... 712-209-2231  
Tyler & Brooklyn Quinn..... 712-209-2226  
Bob & Vickie Rooney..... 868-3681  
David & Terry Larsen ..... 712-209-1813

