



# NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

*October 2022*

***"Where you go, I will go, and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." ~Ruth 1:16***

*This Scripture is when Naomi urged Ruth (and Orpah) to return to the homes of their fathers in hopes that they may marry again after their husbands had died. Ruth told Naomi that Naomi was her home. The place was irrelevant. God had put them together, and no one would break them apart. 'Any friend of yours is a friend of mine.'* This is a true statement of loyalty. It speaks to a kind of bond that is special. Ruth was not born a Jew, but she adopted Naomi's God as her own. It was a calling from God that prevented Ruth from abandoning Naomi in her destitution. It was God whom they put their trust in, and it was God who provided a redeemer back in Israel.

Jim and I had the first part of this verse ("*Where you go, I will go, and where you stay, I will stay.*") read at our wedding on October 1<sup>st</sup>. When he and I began dating and I told him of my plans of entering seminary, filling the pulpit in January 2021, and then answering the call to serve here as a TEEM student, Jim's words were very similar to those of Ruth in this verse.

And as Jim and I have found our home both at Nazareth and United, the last part of the verse ("*Your people will be my people and your God my God.*") rings true for us as well. It was a calling from God that brought me here. Everyone at both congregations have become "our" people as we all serve the same God.

Let us always remember that in our shared ministry of Nazareth and United, our love for God should be the grounding for all of our actions, and our faith in Jesus Christ, should be the source of our great hope and acts of devotion.

Thank you to everyone who have wished us well. Thank you to those who helped during our time of preparation and honeymoon.

Blessings, Vicar Kim Kacmarynski

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## Noisy Offering

October noisy offering will go towards the Food Pantry.

## Treasurer Needed

After serving as Nazareth's treasurer for many years, Cami Paulson has decided to step down. We are in search of someone to fill her position. This position takes roughly 6 hours a month and is hourly paid. Excel experience is preferred but Cami is willing to help whoever fills her shoes during the learning process. We will miss her and appreciate all the hours she's put in to keep Nazareth running smoothly.

## 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.

## Remember In Your Prayers

**Assisted Living & Nursing Homes:** Margaret Anderson - Valley Vue  
Lucille Guinn, Dona Opsal, Craig Lemke - Spring Creek Assisted Living  
Tom Barrett - Good Samaritan, Estherville  
Joan Lindholm - Keelson Harbour, Spirit Lake  
Linda Polzin - Ingleside Assisted Living, Fairmont  
Grace Askeland-Temperance Lake Ridge, Sherburn  
Deb Richardson-Good Samaritan Society, Algona  
Betty Opsal - Woodlands Creek Senior Living, Clive



**Ill or Recovering:** Karen Ulrich, Julius Irmiter, Alaina Aksenov, Dan Lindholm, Roger Spiegelner, Rhianna Smith, Butch Thackery, Billy Ross, Shelly Andre, Aileen Rienhardt, Tim Meyer, Jean Radunz, Leo Bradley

**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 9/7/22)*

Our monthly budgeted income for 2022 is projected to be \$9,166.67. The below numbers show our actual offering totals for September.

Regular Offering - \$2,475

Loose Offering - \$60

Online Offering - \$298.49

**Total Offering Received in September - \$2,833.49**

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

## Choir Resumes

Choir will resume on the first Sunday of October following worship and fellowship. Please join us in the balcony. We would love to have you join us!

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

### WELCA Fall Retreat

A day of fellowship, conversation, and strengthening our faith. "God's Presence...Finding It and Sharing It" will be Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 AM in Storm Lake. The cost this year is \$15. Contact Kristin if you wish to attend.

### Broasted Chicken Supper

Armstrong Heritage Museum Broasted Chicken Supper will be held Sunday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at the Armstrong Community Center. Tickets in advance or at the door. Take-outs available. Serving starts at 4:30 PM.

### Gifts For Kids

For 2022, we have around 29 children who we would like to help brighten their Christmas morning. At this time, we are still working on our list, so our numbers aren't firm yet. In past years, we have given parents \$50 per child through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. At this time, Gifts for Kids has \$1,086.40 in their account. If we are going to continue with this outreach ministry, we would appreciate monetary donations by the beginning of November. If you want to help out, you can put money in the offering plate and notate "Gifts for Kids" or you can give your donation to Dennis or myself and we will get it deposited.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Dennis and Renae Haaland, Administrators

### Church Mice

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