

NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 2026

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" ~Psalm 107:1

In this month's newsletter I want to accomplish 3 things:

1) THANK YOU SO MUCH!!! For the prayers, support, encouragement, grace, advice, and many more ways in which you have upheld me since October 2021. ***WE*** (all of us as one body) have made it to this milestone through the essays, interviews, classes, tears, and laughter. I look forward to the opportunity on *November 8; 4:00pm; Nazareth Fellowship Hall* to express my gratitude during a *light lunch served by Nazareth NLCW* and to share time together in anticipation of my ordination.
2) Ordination will be *Sat., Dec. 5; 3:00pm; United Lutheran* with *reception to follow at Ringsted Community Center.* More details will follow - please watch your bulletins.
3) This year during Advent, which begins Sun., Nov. 29, I want to encourage us all to participate in filling a "Reverse Advent Calendar." In your own home, add an item to your box each day following the chart below. On Sun. Dec. 27, bring your box to church. We will then distribute the boxes to Nazareth Food Pantry, Upper Des Moines Opportunity, CAASA and other resource providers in the area.

Reverse Advent Calendar

December 1 - box of cereal
December 2 - peanut butter
December 3 - stuffing mix
December 4 - boxed potatoes
December 5 - macaroni & cheese
December 6 - canned chicken
December 7 - canned tomatoes
December 8 - canned tuna
December 9 - dessert mix
December 10 - jar of applesauce
December 11 - canned pineapple
December 12 - cranberry sauce
December 13 - canned beans
December 14 - box of crackers
December 15 - box of rice
December 16 - container of oatmeal
December 17 - box of pasta
December 18 - spaghetti sauce
December 19 - chicken noodle soup
December 20 - tomato soup
December 21 - canned corn
December 22 - canned peaches
December 23 - canned chili
December 24 - canned green beans

Blessings, Vicar Kim Kacmarynski

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.

November Noisy Offering

Noisy offering for November will go towards our Good Samaritan Fund.

Circle Update

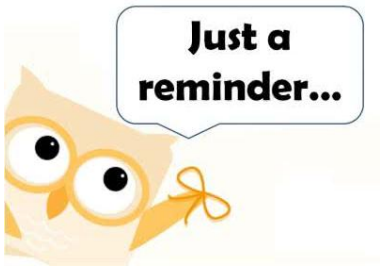
Leah Circle will meet on November 4th at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall.

Solar Panels Up and Running

We are excited to share that our church's solar panel system is officially up and running! We are grateful to see this project come to completion and look forward to the benefits it will bring to our congregation for years to come. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Midwest Solar for their generous $2,000 donation to Nazareth Lutheran Church. We truly appreciate their generosity and support of our congregation and its mission. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this project possible. What a wonderful way to invest in the future of our church!

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, Kathy Strong, Kay Naig, Jenna Hertrampf, Tonya Hanning, Randy Linn, Richard England, Dawn Umscheid, Tracy Schnell, Peg Askeland, Art Bradley
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

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars and spread the word! NLCW will be hosting their Christmas Tea in the fellowship hall on December 6th at 2 PM

Quilting

Reminder that the quilters meet every Tuesday morning at 9 AM. Everyone is welcome to join them for quilting and conversation

RSVP Volunteers Needed:

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) recruits adults to use their skills, talents and life experience to help meet community needs through volunteer service. The Northwest Iowa RSVP has been sponsored by ILCC since it was established in 1977. NW IA RSVP serves Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth and Palo Alto counties.

The only requirement to join RSVP is that you be 55 and up and desire to make a difference in your community. You do not have to be retired. Volunteers can choose where and when they wish to serve.
RSVP opportunities can be customized to fit your availability and interest.

Programs that need volunteers are:

- Schools (Pre-K thru 12th grade): Pen Pals, Reading Buddies, Tutors.
- Food Pantry Support: Assist with mobile food pantries, Delivery drivers for Meals on Wheels, Food preparation and packaging.
- Blood Drives: Schedule & Register donors, Manage canteen areas.
- Donation Management: Organizing donations, Operating cash registers, Mentoring at stores including: UDMO, Thrifty's (Estherville), Exceptional Treasures (Algona), Many Hands Market (Spencer).
- Collegiate-level sports and fine arts activities: Take tickets, Usher. You usually get free admission to the events at ILCC.
- Many local, seasonal and/or annual community events and activities.

Right now, RSVP is looking for Pen Pals for the 4th grade class at Swea City. This is a one-on-one exchange of letters for 6-8 weeks in the spring. Swea City's 4th grade is larger than usual and so RSVP is searching for more volunteers to participate.

If you have questions, please reach out to Vicar Kim or Diane Nelsen as they both volunteer with RSVP. If you wish to participate in RSVP, please contact Megan Spurgin at mspurgin@iowalakes.edu or 712-362-7929.

Poinsettia Orders

The Happy Hoofers are at it again. Poinsettia order forms are available on the on the credenza in the narthex. They are $16 each and orders are due November 8th.

Bingo Fundraiser for the Emmet County Fair

Come play Bingo and support the Emmet County Fair! Bingo will be held on the 1st Saturday of each month from October through April at 6:00 PM at Armstrong VFW. $1 per game 50/50 payout! Open to all ages!
The next night will be Saturday, November 7th at 6:00 PM.
Bring your family and friends, enjoy some fun, and help support the Emmet County Fair! We hope to see you there!

Ordination Day

Ordination for Vicar Kim will be Sat. Dec. 5 at 3 PM at United
A reception will follow at the Ringsted Legion.

NLCW Festive Auction

Mark your calendars! NLCW will be hosting their annual Festive Auction on Sun. Nov. 22nd at 2:00 PM. Donations of items such as gift baskets, handmade crafts, baked goods, canned goods, holiday decorations, books, and more are welcomed and appreciated. Have something you'd like to donate or have questions about the auction? Contact Janine Kinnander at 712-363-1546. Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, fun, and festive bidding while supporting NLCW!

Gifts For Kids Donations Needed

When Gifts for Kids started, we had 11 children and we helped make their Christmas a little merrier in 2014. We started out buying gifts and this got to be very difficult. We didn't really know what to buy so we started buying $50 gift cards to give to the parents. This year we have 26 kids and we want to help out. If you want to help, you can put money in the offering plate and mark it Gifts for Kids. We would like to mail the gift cards out by November 20th. Please have any donations in by Nov. 15th. Thank you so much for your continued support. Renae Haaland

Election Day Reminder

Just a reminder that Nazareth Lutheran Church will serve as a polling location on Monday, November 2nd, from 7:00 AM–4:00 PM. Please be mindful that voters will be coming and going throughout the day. We welcome everyone and wish you a safe Election Day!

Church Offering Update

(as of 10/17/26)

Our monthly budgeted income for 2026 is projected to be $10,500.00.
The numbers below show our actual offering totals for September.
Regular Offering - $9,062.77
Loose Offering - $116
Online Offering - $701

Total Offering Received in September - $9,879.77

This currently leaves us $4, 544.97 short of meeting our yearly financial goals through September. Thank you for your continued financial support to Nazareth.

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Co-Chairpersons (Sharing Equal Responsibility)

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Shelby Leininger 712-852-6037
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November/December 2026 Service Group

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