



NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

July 2024



"I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your truth and your wisdom." ~ Psalm 119:45

With Independence Day approaching (July 4th), I wanted to focus on some of the patriotic songs in our hymnals.

The following titles are listed under "NATIONAL SONGS" or "PATRIOTIC" in the ELW (red hymnal at both churches) and STTL (blue hymnal at United): "America, the Beautiful", "Before You, Lord, We Bow", "Eternal Father, Strong to Save", "Four Things" (A prayer for our country, the nations around us and all the countries of the world), "God Bless Our Native Land", "God of our Fathers", "God Save the Queen", "If My People Will Pray", "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" (Inspired by an abolitionist song, and composed as a response to slavery during the Civil War, it is sung today in celebration and anticipation of Christ's return and final victory.), "My Country, 'Tis of Thee", "O Canada", "The Right Hand of God", "The Star-spangled Banner" (This is not a hymn or sacred song — it is a recounting through music of a military battle.), "This is My Song" (A song of prayer for peace and hope that recognizes that other people in other nations have similar desires and needs), "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer".

We could also include: "Onward, Christian Soldiers" (Often misunderstood as a military hymn, in reality it is a processional hymn for use in an Anglican religious festival, with language making clear the struggle is against Satan.) and "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (A song of hope and faith with images derived from the experiences of African-Americans in the USA.).

It is interesting to note that "God Bless America" typically does not appear in hymnals in many denominations possibly because it is written in a predominantly secular, popular song style more appropriate to Kate Smith, Rotary Clubs, and civic occasions than to sacred worship.

As we pause to remember and celebrate our independence let us keep in mind the whole reason the original settlers came to America was for religious freedom. Without Christ, that reason would not have existed. Don't forget to honor the perfecter and author of our ultimate freedom, Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Vicar Kim Kacmarynski

If you have any questions, please contact me:
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Luke Yates Concert at Nazareth

Friday, July 12th at 7 PM Luke Yates, a Christian County recording artist will be doing a live concert here at Nazareth. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Please spread the word! If you would like a preview of his music, it can be found on his website: www.GospelRoadOnline.com. We also have flyers, if you are willing to help distribute to surrounding communities, please contact Kristin.

Welcome Pads

We have recently added "Welcome Pads" to each pew in the sanctuary. If you could kindly fill out your information on the slip when you worship with us, we would appreciate it. We look forward to worshipping with you soon!

4th of July Fundraiser

Karen Ann Thackery & Glenn Henriksen have volunteered to co-chair the 4th of July Fundraiser meal here at Nazareth. The 4th is right around the corner, and they are still looking for volunteers to help do a multitude of things. Please contact them and lend a hand if you are able.

Remember In Your Prayers

Assisted Living & Nursing Homes:

Dona Opsal- Spring Creek Assisted Living, Armstrong
Tom Barrett- Good Samaritan, Estherville
Joan Lindholm - Legacy of St. Anthony, Minneapolis
Linda Polzin - Lakeview, Fairmont
Grace Askeland-Temperance Lake Ridge, Sherburn
Betty Opsal - Woodlands Creek Senior Living, Clive
Lucille Guinn- Valley Vue Care Center, Armstrong
Mary Peterson- Goldfinch, Fairmont

Ill or Recovering: Julius Irmiter, Alaina Aksenov, Dan Lindholm, Rhianna Smith, Butch Thackery, Billy Ross, Shelly Andre, Aileen Rienhardt, Lyric Schultz, Patti Paulsen, Darla Stewart, Jean Radunz, Laura Zenk, Haley Weisbrod, Evelyn Vos, Brenda Corderman, Jim Kacmarynski, Pam Iverson, Kay Naig, Janet Hardecopf

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

Newsletter Articles and Bulletin Announcements

If you have something you would like to have included in the newsletter, please email it to Kristin at nlc@nazlutheran.com by the 18th of each month. If you have something you would like to have included in the bulletin, please email it to Kristin by the Wednesday prior.

Leah Circle

No Leah Circle for July. See you all in August

Food Pantry Needs Your Help

Nazareth's Food Pantry needs your help. We have the following dates open and need volunteers to help out: Aug. 8th & Sat. Sept. 28. Please stop and sign up in the Narthex. Thank you.

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 for approximately one year and has been a great new tool for our congregation members! Simply do the following:

1. From your smart phone, go to the Apps Store and download GivePlus+
2. Once downloaded, open GivePlus+ and search for our church, simply put in the zip code of 50514 and Nazareth Lutheran Church will show
3. Click on the church and setup your donation – can be done one-time, weekly, monthly, etc.
4. You have the OPTION to let a % of your donation to go to the web page for maintenance or give 100% to your church – this is your decision!

Just like that you have your donations setup, 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!

UDMO Donations

With the 2024-2025 school year right around the corner, Upper Des Moines Opportunity is collecting school supplies to distribute around the area in August. For the month of July, we will be collecting items to take as a donation to UDMO. A box will be available in the narthex now through July 31st. The following are suggested items: protractor, compass, ink pens (red, black & blue), Expo markers (red, black & blue), college ruled notebooks, whiteboard marker erasers, pencil bags, highlighters, scientific calculators, Kleenex and Clorox wipes. Thank you for your donations.

Pop Into Summer with Poppies

Our NLCW "Pop into Summer with Poppies" Guest Nite was a great success! Thank you to all who furnished salads, decorations, worked and attended! A special thank you to Lorae Radunz and Natalie Henriksen for providing entertainment.



Communion Assistants and Readers Needed

There are sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall for the next few months. Please take a minute following worship today to volunteer to help out during a service.

Church Offering Update

(as of 6/23/24)

Our monthly budgeted income for 2024 is projected to be \$10,583.34. The below numbers show our actual offering totals for June.

Regular Offering - \$5,022

Loose Offering - \$120

Online Offering - \$456.03

Total Offering Received so far in June - \$5,598.03

Thank you for your continued financial support to Nazareth.

Movies at Riviera Theatre in Emmetsburg

Riviera Theatre in Emmetsburg is showing 'Sight & Sound' Inspirational movies this summer on Sundays at 5 PM. 'Sight & Sound' movies are very popular in Branson, Missouri. If you haven't seen one, ask around. All movies are free and family friendly. Donations are accepted. The month May will be on Joseph and the month of June will be on Queen Esther.

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held here at Nazareth, July 15th-18th. Registration forms and more information are in the fellowship hall. There is also a sign up form for items needed that week such as: snacks, counselor lunches, juice, helpers etc. Check it out! We'd love to have your help.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who brought items to donate to CAASA. We appreciate your generosity and support.

Newly Baptized Members of Nazareth



Dayton Lee Johanson, son of KaeLynn Johanson & Jacob Gronbach was baptized Sunday, June 16th, here at Nazareth. We rejoice, give thanks, and welcome him as a member of Nazareth Lutheran. May God bless and guide him in his spiritual journey.

Liliana Rae Rios, daughter of Emma Haukoos & Joe Rios was being baptized Sunday, June 23rd here at Nazareth. We rejoice, give thanks, and welcome her as a member of Nazareth Lutheran. May God bless her and guide her and her continued spiritual journey.



Ringsted Quasquicentennial

Mark your calendars and plan on attending wonderful events in Ringsted, IA on August 9-11, 2024! Special music, children's events, parade, reunions, 2 Street dances, food trucks, fireworks and more. Check the flyer in the local paper for more information. It's sure to be a great time for all!



July Noisy Offering

Noisy offering for July will go towards our "Good Samaritan Fund"

Outdoor Service at Jenson's

Our annual outdoor service at Jenson's farm will be Sunday, August 18th. This is always a very cool service and invite everyone to join us!

July's Coffee & Conversation

Join us at the Armstrong Public Library on July 8th from 2-3 PM as we dive into asking for help and why it's so hard. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

NLCW Service Group for July & August

July & August 2024 Co-Chairpersons

Cory & Jessi Rezac.....712-260-2016

Dave & Nola Rezac..... 868-3617

Or 712-260-9788

July & August 2024 Service Group

Joel & Dawn Grabinoski712-260-0611

Roger & Mary Tirevold.....712-260-4571

Sharon Theesfield..... 864-3472

Mike Fries605-251-7436

Kyle & Casey Rolling.....712-209-3237

Tanner Oleson.....712-260-0713

Craig & Danielle Merrill712-363-1010

Josh Oleson515-320-5803

Wayne Moeller..... 868-3725

Vern & Mary Fries.....712-209-9598

Brian & Deb Obbink.....712-260-4778

Rick & Theresa Paulson 868-3549

Or 712-363-4788

Brian Craig712-260-0991

Connor Anderson507-236-5379

Dustin & Holly Tirevold712-260-9312

Dale & Laurie Anderson.....507-618-0301

Jesse & Kris Odegaard507-236-7273