

Nazareth Lutheran Church

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**We welcome all to join us every
Sunday!**

Worship service @ 10:15 am

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July 2017

FROM THE PASTOR

Each week I step into the pulpit to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Telling myself and others how much Jesus loves us and wants us to love each other. With each scripture I read and reflect I ask where is the gospel in this text? What is the good news we need to hear so we can walk out the doors of God's church and share with others the love and grace of our God.

Along with the good news we need to be reminded of God's law. Part of God's law is contained in the 10 commandments. We learn these commandments in Sunday school and confirmation and every three years they are preached on from the pulpit, if the preacher chooses that particular scripture. And the other times we remember them is when we witness other people breaking the commandments.

I ask you now to pray through the commandments and seek God's forgiveness for God's law that we have not fulfilled. Jesus told us love God and love others! And we can live in God's law as well as God's grace. But it takes work, prayer, and understanding.

The First Commandment.

Thou shalt have no other gods.

The Second Commandment.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain.

The Third Commandment.

Thou shalt sanctify the holy-day.

The Fourth Commandment.

Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother [that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long upon the earth].

The Fifth Commandment.

Thou shalt not kill.

The Sixth Commandment.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

The Seventh Commandment.

Thou shalt not steal.

The Eighth Commandment.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

The Ninth Commandment.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

The Tenth Commandment.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is his.

You may all be wondering why I am bringing up living in the law and gospel? I have been very sad lately because there seems to be so much hate and anger in our world and in our community. We need to love more. Please pray for each other and please love God and love each other with all your hearts.

PLEASE.

Lord, we seek your help in being reminded that we do love you and we do wish to keep your law so that we may know your grace and love. In other words, I

offer all of you reading this newsletter this prayer for us as we continue to live our lives together in God's community... more love and less hate. Amen. I love you all...Pastor Marcia

In Our Prayers This Week:

Jessyca Espinosa, Royal Smith, Nancy Weatherman, Arnie Pearson, Matt Carver, Alan Duhn, Liam Griggs, Camden Kelsey, Patti Barnett, Chad Grandon, Don Rhode, Ken Larkin, Eva Mae Sampson, Doc Bartleson, Diane Pickar, Mary Ann Apland, Dorothy Denton, Max Dobson, Janet & Roger Thorsen, and all the military especially Taylor Bartleson, Jackson Ringgenberg, Nathan Hovland, and Neal Hovland.

We lift up our congregation as we faithfully work through our financial difficulties and prayerfully consider our future as a church.

July Birthdays

1 Jordan Aust	2 Doug Larkin
2 John Egeland	4 Richard Ness
6 Bill Hook	8 Lilli Hasbrouck
9 Ellen Olson	26 Jason Hasbrouck
28 Becca Hasbrouck	31 Joan Weatherman



If you wish to have your name added to the birthday list, or if it is incorrect, please calls Eileen at the office
515-383-4328

Upcoming Events:

- Jubilee Days/Silent Auction: Please let us know if you have items to donate, or would like to volunteer!
- VBS: July 17-21st!!
- Picnic at Hickory Grove: July 23rd
- School Supply Drive August 20th
- Iowa Cubs game 1:08 PM August 27th

Prayer of the Day

Dear Lord

Please go before us today. Please make the rough roads smooth. Fill us with your peace. Help us to trust you with every situation we face and we thank you for being with us each step pf the way. Lead us and guide us in all that we say and do, that we might glorify you. Pease watch over those we love and meet their every need. Please bless us, Lord, so we can bless others. In the name of Jesus we as these things, Amen.

Weekly Income for June

May	Offering	Attendance
7	\$ 1,410.00	27
14	\$ 1,137.37	28
21	\$ 427.10	23
28	\$ 750.00	28
Total	\$ 3,724.47	
June	Offering	Attendance
4	\$ 1,440.00	18
11	\$ 559.00	29
18	\$ 913.00	21
25		
Total	\$ 2,912.00	

Your church needs \$4,897.92 monthly to meet budget and does so through your generous giving.

Sunday School Announcements

Children and Adult Sunday School as well as Confirmation and Adult Bible Study have ended for the summer. Sunday School will start again on September 10 and Confirmation and Bible Study will start on September 13th. Hope you or your children or grandchildren will join us then.



Bell Tower

Work on the Bell Tower is scheduled for the week of June 26th. Baring unforeseen delays caused by the weather, they estimate the work will be completed before July 4th!! That is super quick!!

We pray that the workers will be safe. And that the repairs are done carefully and with a minimum of unforeseen issues to the building.

We look forward to the completed repairs and the pictures that Pastor Marcia will be sharing of the work.

To pay for the repairs we will be using almost all the capital improvement fund. To replenish the fund we are planning on a barbeque this fall featuring food from Smokehouse 72 (Ray Ringgenberg). So watch for upcoming information about the barbeque and other fund raisers.

Vacation Bible School

This year Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be at Nazareth Lutheran church. Our program this year is called "Discover Your Strength in God". The program will be the week of July 17th to the 21st. The closing program will be at 6:30 on Friday July 21st.

VBS starts each evening with supper at 5:30 PM. The program starts at 6:30 PM and last until 8:00 PM. Children ages 4 to 104 are welcome to attend. We need volunteers to teach.

We will be requesting food donations and volunteers to help feed the little ones before the program begins. We will accept food or money to buy the items. We need

Hot dogs

Carrots

Cookies

Cold meat (bologna or turkey)

Bread / buns

Chips drink mixes

Also we are in need of solid color T-Shirts sizes kids medium and large including adults. We are making super hero capes. We prefer ones with no writing, but we can work with whatever you have to donate.

Plas save your boxes tiny, medium, big and huge boxes. We need them all!



Nazareth Lutheran Church Council Meeting June 18, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 11:16 by President Mark Lewis. Present for the meeting were Mark Lewis, Lisa Smith, John Egeland, Nathan Hovland, Vince Tomlinson, Dave Lewis, Pastor Marcia, Joyce Allen, and Church Secretary Eileen Lewis. Minutes from the April 9, 2017 meeting were approved as read with the correction of the

meeting adjourned at 12:34. Minutes from the May 14, 2017 Congregational Meeting were approved as read.

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** April balance was a blessing! With extra worship during Lent, and \$300 transferred from SCRIP, the general fund started with \$3,785.44, and ended with \$6,246.60. May was back to reality, but still very much in the black with an ending balance of \$4,987.90. Capital Improvement still has a net worth of \$22,686.95, and Missions has \$331.64. SCRIP's balance on 4/1/17 was \$862.49, and was \$1,543.49 at the end of the month, and the balance at the end of May was \$442.94.
- 2. Pastor's Report:** Confirmation classes ended on May 10, with a bowling trip on May 3 with the Lunds. The Silent Auction is coming up soon and work continues to get items ready for the bidding.
- 3. Committee Reports**
 - Property:** See "Bell Tower" under "Old Business"
 - Christian Ed:** VBS will be the week of July 17-26. Still working on purchasing the kits
 - Stewardship:** Nothing new to report
 - In reach / outreach:** Pastor Marcia asked to be placed on the prayer list. She has been struggling with her blood pressure and blood sugars, and the medications make her feel ill. Her blood pressure numbers are better, but she still asks for your prayers. Also on the prayer list is Nancy Weatherman and her family. Discussion given on possibly recording the Sunday services and taking a copy to her. Eileen will talk to Kurt Ceynar to find out if that's possible. On a happier note, Kiera, Emily and Riley enjoyed a swimming outing with Pastor at Wendy Ringenberg's.
 - Music and Worship:** Nothing new to report.
- 4. Old Business:** Barring inclement weather, work on refurbishing the bell tower will begin this week. As a fund raiser, Ray Ringenberg has volunteered to throw a barbeque, and Eileen also suggested reaching out to Christian comedian Scott Davis as "dinner theatre" entertainment. He has dates open in the Fall, and Eileen will contact him to find out particulars, i.e. – how much he charges, how large a venue is needed, etc. More information forthcoming. Discussion was also given about NLC becoming Federally designated. Many places (Chicago Cubs for one) wouldn't donate to the silent auction because we aren't a Federally designated church. Cost isn't involved, but it necessitates completing a very time-consuming, 37-page application. Since most of the questions would no doubt be answered with "N/A" Pastor moved to start filling out the Fed 501-C paperwork to become Federally designated, seconded by Dave Lewis. Motion passed. Next order of business is the electric piano. A pedal went out on ours, and Sheila has been kind enough to lend us hers. Kurt Ceynar found one for \$600, and we look forward to its arrival soon.

In other business, Pastor Marcia met with the owner of a home on Sycamore

whose house was flooded by a damaged drainage pipe. He reached out to the City Council at their last meeting, where he was told it wasn't a city problem, that it was our pipe, and refused to help him. He asked if NLC would please help him pay for the repairs. Discussion given that we need to find out where exactly the problem lies before we can make a decision. Pastor Marcia will talk to the homeowner and ask that he present his case to the congregation and / or Council. Last order of business, signage has been put up to please remember to turn off lights and AC / heat when you are the last to leave. The church mice don't need to be comfortable. (No, we don't really have mice.)

Before closing, the Congregation wishes to thank Pastor Tom Dettmer for being the guest Pastor last week, and his wife, Becky. It was a pleasure to have you.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08, and closed with The Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted by Joyce Allen, Council Secretary.

Upcoming Worship Volunteers

July	Greeters/Ushers	Lector	Alter Guild
2	Nathan Hoveland and Kevin Lewis	Ellen O	Steve L
9	Doug Larkin Family	John E	
16	Mark Lewis and Mava Lewis	Joyce A	
23	Steve Lewis and Mike Lewis	Kevin L	
30	Ray Ringgenberg Family	Maria T	
August	Greeters/Ushers	Lector	Alter Guild
6	Vince Tomlinson Family	Mike L	Wendy R
13	John Egeland and Dave Lewis	Nathan H	
20	Nathan Hoveland and Kevin Lewis	Ray R	
27	Doug Larkin Family	Robin S	
September	Greeters/Ushers	Lector	Alter Guild
3	Mark Lewis and Mava Lewis	Steve L	Dale D
10	Steve Lewis and Mike Lewis	Vince T	
17	Ray Ringgenberg Family	Wendy R	
24	Vince Tomlinson Family	Eileen L	

Activities for the Month of July

Sunday July 2	10:15 AM Worship Service	Week of July 17- 21st	Vacation Bible School At Nazareth
Tuesday July 4	6:00 PM Food Pantry	Tuesday July 18	6:00 PM Food Pantry
Tuesday July 4	Happy 4th of July Slater Celebration	Sunday July 23	10:15 AM Worship Service Picnic at Hickory Grove
Sunday July 9	10:15 AM Worship Service	Tuesday July 25	6:00 PM Food Pantry
Tuesday July 11	6:00 PM Food Pantry	Sunday July 30	10:15 AM Worship Service
Sunday July 16	10:15 AM Worship Service		

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water. 'The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

And this one just about sums them all up

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'