**Nazareth Lutheran Church**

Website http://nazarethlutheranchurch.yolasite.com/

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

**Worship service @ 10:15 am**

**Marcia Kiser, Pastor**

**Eileen Lewis, Administrative Assistant**

**June 2018**

**From the Pastor**

### *But if anyone does not provide for their relatives, and especially for members of their household, they have denied the faith and are worse than an unbeliever.*

### [*1 Timothy 5:8*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Timothy+5%3A8&version=ESV)

 It is the beginning of summer and it always reminds me of family reunions, class reunions, picnics for and with family, camping with family, and visiting cemeteries. Today as I write this article I remember my family… my cousin Colleen invited me to visit the cemeteries up in northern Iowa where most of my family is buried. I was unable to go because I had to work on newsletter, gathering music for next few months and sermons for Sunday. We met for breakfast and spent most of our time together sharing family stories. She is a few years older than me and we most definitely have different memories.

Our parents are no longer living and I spoke of regret for not listening closer to their stories. I find the older I get the more I want to learn about my family history and the family stories. I am lucky to have two older brothers and many cousins to share.

After hearing Colleen talk about my grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles, plus our siblings I want to know more. So we are going to get together to share letters and papers she found written by family and about family. I’m excited about the adventure and maybe even using some of their stories as sermon illustrations (maybe).

Take time this summer to spend time with family sharing your many stories. And I look forward to seeing you on Sundays this summer to share our church family stories at fellowship. Just bring a treat to pass and a story to share.

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**In Our Prayers This Week**

Pastor Heidi Williams; Kathleen Erickson, Pete Genovese, Tracey Christiansen, Jim Wehrman, Jerry and Jenifer Henry, Ashley Reese, Kate Jorgensen, Jessyca Espinoza, Arnie Pearson, Alan Duhn, Liam Griggs, Camden Kelsey, Chad Grandon, Don Rhode, Neal Hovland, 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 and Jackson Ringgenberg.

 We lift up our community as we faithfully pray for peace and faith in our country and the world.

**Firemen’s Days Activities**

**Bingo**

Nazareth Lutheran church will be hosting a bingo event on Saturday during Firemen’s Days from 3:00 to 6:00 (or until the prizes run out). We will be awarding prizes from local businesses and other fun things for the winners. We hope that you will come and enjoy a few games. If we get some good responses, we may want to have bingo games more often, so let us know what you think.

The cost for a game will be 25¢per card or 5 cards for a $1.00. Come and look for us at the park!!

**Silent Auction**

The Silent Auction will be held during “Firemen Days” on June 9th. Please donate gentle used items and baskets. Also baked good items are very welcomed. If you know of someone who has goods or services that they would like to donate please let us know so we can attempt to persuade them. We look forward to your help to make the event a success.



 Vacation

Bible School

Sponsored by Nazareth Lutheran and

Cambridge UMC

At Cambridge UMC on Monday,

July 16 – Friday, July 20

(July 20 supper and program)

Hours: 5:30pm supper & 6pm – 8pm VBS

Theme: Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus

Supper served on Monday: Methodist; Tuesday: Lutherans Walking Taco’s; Wednesday: Methodist; Thursday: Lutherans Mac & Cheese.

Please if you can donate we would appreciate 2 boxes of 50 each Doritos’s; lettuce, sour cream, salsa, cheese, boxes of Mac and cheese, pudding cups and or fruit cups. Thank you.

**June Birthdays**

5 Garrett Carlson 6 Sara Olson

10 Emily Larkin Luke 15 Eileen Lewis

22 Holly Larkin 26 Mava Lewis

If you wish to have your name added to the birthday list, or if it is

incorrect, please call Eileen at the office 515-383-4328.

**Upcoming Events**

June 9th Silent Auction and Bingo

June 10th Worship on the Lawn

July 16 – 20th Vacation Bible School

August 23rd First Day of School

**Weekly Income for March and April**

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| April |  Offering  | Attendance |
| 4/1 Easter Sunday |  $3,070.25  | 62 |
| 4/8 |  $2,456.41  | 24 |
| 4/15 |  $ 545.00  | 22 |
| 4/22 |  $ 996.00  | 29 |
| 4/29 |  $ 930.00  |  72 |
| Total |  $ 7,997.66  |  |
| May |  Offering  | Attendance |
| 5/6 |  $1,700.00  | 27 |
| 5/13 |  $ 380.00  | 20 |
| 5/20 |  $ 841.00 |  26 |
| 5/27 |   |   |
| Total |  $ 2,921.00  |   |

Your church needs $5,425.00 monthly to meet budget and does so through your generous giving.

Today's Daily Reflection

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Upcoming Worship Volunteers**

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| June | Greeters/Ushers | Lector | Alter Guild |
| 6/3 | Steve Lewis and Mike Lewis | Ray R | Mark L |
| 6/10 Fireman's days | Mark Lewis and Mava Lewis | Robin S |   |
| 6/17 | Ray Ringgenberg Family | Steve L |   |
| 6/24 | Vince Tomlinson Family | Vince T |   |
| July | Greeters/Ushers | Lector | Alter Guild |
| 7/1 | John Egeland and Dave Lewis | Wendy R | Steve L |
| 7/8 | Nathan Hovland and Kevin Lewis | Eileen L |   |
| 7/15 | Doug Larkin Family | John E |   |
| 7/22 | Mark Lewis and Mava Lewis | Joyce A |   |
| 7/29 | Steve Lewis and Mike Lewis | Kevin L |   |
| August | Greeters/Ushers | Lector | Alter Guild |
| 8/5 | Ray Ringgenberg Family | Ellen O | Vince T |
| 8/12 | Vince Tomlinson Family | Maria T |   |
| 8/19 | John Egeland and Dave Lewis | Mike L |   |
| 8/26 | Nathan Hovland and Kevin Lewis | Mark L |   |
| September | Greeters/Ushers | Lector | Alter Guild |
| 9/2 | Doug Larkin Family | Nathan H | Wendy R |
| 9/9 | Mark Lewis and Mava Lewis | Ray R |   |
| 9/16 | Steve Lewis and Mike Lewis | Robin S |   |
| 9/23 | Ray Ringgenberg Family | Steve L |   |
| 9/30 | Vince Tomlinson Family | Vince T |   |

**Nazareth Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

Sunday May 20, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Mark Lewis at 11:35 AM following fellowship. Present for the meeting were Mark Lewis, Lisa Smith , Dave Lewis, Nathan Hovland, John Egeland, Steve Lewis, Pastor Marcia and Church Secretary Eileen Lewis. Congregation members Janis Hovland, was also in attendance.

Minutes from the April 15, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The contributions were high this month, we had a great turn out for Easter Sunday and Easter Brunch so we saw quite a lot of donations come in.

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Marcia Told everyone that Kathleen Erickson has been moved into a regular room in the nursing home, and is recovering nicely.

 Pastor Marcia has been doing a lot of visits and helping with the Firemen’s Days parade. Janet Thorson will be the Grand Marshall of the parade and Ann Quick has donated her Roadster for Janet to ride in. Janet has been running the Cambridge library for 48 years and she will be retiring at the end of the year. Also Pastor Heidi Williams of Bethlehem Lutheran in Slater will be retiring on May 27th.

 Pastor Marcia has asked to go on a retreat for Sermon writing, prayer and worship activities. John motioned that the church pay $100.00 for the retreat and Lisa seconded it. The motioned passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Property: T**he broken hydraulic on the parsonage back door has been repaired. Conley trucking brought 2 loads of rock for the parking lot and drive ways.

 Also some of the soffit blew of the garage again, John volunteered to take a look at it and repair it again. Also some of the siding came off the church during a recent wind storm.

**Christian Ed:** nothing to report.

**Stewardship:** nothing to report.

**In reach / outreach:** Pastor Marcia suggested that we send Kiera Ruez-Genovese to Bible camp at Riverside. The council agreed and we will be taking up a special offering to help pay the cost, the rest will come from Memorial money. We have to check Kiera’s mom first. Dave made a motion to provide upto $550.00 to send Kiera to camp, John seconded the motion and all approved.

**Music and worship:**

**Old Business:** We received a letter and interesting information regarding the family we help support through the MICA program.

**New Business:**

* Nathan reported that one of the sump pumps in the basement needed to be replaced. The pump runs continuously. He will look into purchasing and installing a new pump.
* Vacation Bible School (VBS) information was shared with the council.
* Nazareth Choir will be singing at the Praise Palooza on Friday June 8th for Firemen’s Days, and there was some discussion of what songs to sing.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 12:25 by President Mark Lewis and closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by

Eileen Lewis, Church Secretary.

 **Activities for the Month of June**

**Sunday**

**June 3** 10:15 AM Worship

**Tuesday**

**June 5** 5:00 PM Food Pantry

**Saturday** 11:00 AM Silent Auction

**June 9** 3:00 PM Bingo!!

**Sunday** 10:15 AM Worship on the **June 10** Lawn and a potluck

**Tuesday**

**June 12** 5:00 PM Food Pantry

**Sunday**

**June 17** 10:15 AM Worship

**Tuesday**

**June 19** 5:00 PM Food Pantry

**Sunday**

**June 24** 10:15 AM Worship

**Tuesday**

**June 26** 5:00 PM Food Pantry

**Sunday**

**July 1** 10:15 AM Worship

**Tuesday**

**July 3** 5:00 PM Food Pantry

**Wednesday** Happy 4th of July

**July 4th** God Bless America

Fallen Soldier Battle Cross

The Fallen Soldier Battle Cross, Battlefield Cross or Battle Cross is a symbolic replacement of a cross, or marker appropriate to an individual service-member's religion, on the battlefield or at the base camp for a soldier who has been killed. It is made up of the soldier's rifle stuck into the ground or into the soldier's boots, with helmet on top. Dog tags are sometimes placed on the rifle, and the boots of the dead soldier can be placed next to the rifle. The purpose is to show honor and respect for the dead at the battle site. The practice started during or prior to the American Civil War, as a means of identifying the bodies on the battleground before removal. Today, it is a means of showing respect for the dead amongst the still living members of the troop. It is commonly seen in the field or base camp after a battle, especially among American troops in Afghanistan or Iraq. While it is used less today as a means of identification, it still serves as a method of mourning among the living, as attending the funeral is not always possible for soldiers still in combat.

# America's Wars: U.S. Casualties and Veterans

The table below has information about the total number of service members, battle deaths, and non-mortal woundings in wars from 1775 to 2017; such as the American Revolution, the Civil War, World War I and II, Vietnam, and more.

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| **America's Wars Total (1775–1991)** |  | October 7, 2001 through May 29, 2012 Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn. |
| Military service during war | 41,892,128 |  | 1,315,609 |
| Battle deaths | 651,031 |  | 6,930 |
| Other deaths in service (theater) | 308,800 |  | 1,378 |
| Other deaths in service (nontheater) | 230,254 |  |  |
| Nonmortal woundings | 1,430,290 |  | 52,566 |

 “To those in uniform serving today and to those who have served in the past, we honor you today and every day.”

Remember those who served on this Memorial Day