**Nazareth Lutheran Church**

Website http://nazarethlutheranchurch.yolasite.com/

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

**Worship service @ 10:15 am**

**Marcia Kisner, Pastor**

**Eileen Lewis, Administrative Assistant**

**July 2019**

Nazareth Lutheran Church

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**From the Pastor**

*8 The LORD himself goes before you, and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” Deuteronomy 31:8*

Do you wake up in the middle of the night afraid? Do you have nightmares? Are you seeking help in your prayers because you are fearful of what is happening in the world? Is your life filled with struggles and fear?

As a child, I remember lying in bed praying for my parents and brothers because I was so scared they would die. I would ask God to keep them safe and that they would not die. Yes, you read that right. I did not want my parents and even my brothers to die. This was about the time I began to go to Sunday school and church regularly. I was a bit confused of some of the stories in the Bible. I was fearful of God. The God of Moses, David, Noah, Elisha, Debra, etc. seemed so big and frightening. I saw God as angry and scary.

Then I heard Deuteronomy 31:8 scripture… it helped me visualize and trust a God of grace and love. I was a young teen walking home from school. It was late fall and got dark very soon. The lights were shining brightly from the homes I passed and my step quickened the closer I got to my home. My home filled with my family who loved me and cared for me. My home filled with welcoming light. My home with my mother waiting for me to hear my adventures as a junior high student and us together filling the kitchen with laughter and stories. I remember, as I walked by those neighbors and came closer to my home, I felt safe and loved unconditionally. I have never let that feeling go from my heart and mind.

I still pray for the safety of my family and friends although I am seldom afraid or discouraged for them. I must admit there are still fearful moments and a few nightmares scattered about. When I feel frightened, I always seek God. I know that God is always with me and those I love.

Join us each Sunday for worship and bring your struggles, your fears, and most certainly your prayers of thanksgiving.

Psalm 100

A psalm. For giving grateful praise.

1 Shout for joy to the Lord all th earth.

2 Worship the LORD with gladness;

Come before him with joyful songs.

3 Know that the LORD is God.

It is he, who made us, and we are his[a];

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving

And his courts with praise;

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

**In Our Prayers This Month**

The family of Ken Larkin who passed away June 22nd, Joanell Koster, Dale Dunlap, Amy Chapin, Jaylee Ann Bartleson, Lori Ness, Aloha, Cindy & Dave Dunlap, Shari Kisner, Beverly Way, Kathleen Erickson, Jessyca Hovland, Arnie Pearson, Liam Griggs, Don Rhode, Neal Hovland, Eva Mae Sampson, Mary Ann Apland, Max Dobson, Scott, John, Janet & Roger Thorsen. All the veterans and active 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.

**Christian Education**

The next Sunday School class starts on Sept 15 and the Confirmation class will be starting Sept 18th. If you know of any young people interested in learning about God and who want to be confirmed, just give us a call at 515-383-4328 with their information and we will get things started!

**Vacation Bible School**

ROAR- Life is Wild and God is Good!

Vacation Bible School is at Nazareth this year starting on July 15 and going daily until July 19. The theme is Roar Life is Wild and God is Good! There will be some exciting animals coming to visit, fun crafts and stories.

The Methodist Church in Cambridge always joins us in presenting the VBS. This year we invited the United Methodist Church in Maxwell to join us. In the past years we usually average around 60-65 children. Therefore, we should see a lot more kids this year.

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ Bible Trivia ~~~~~~~~~~~~~

1 The shortest verse in the bible? John, chapter 11, verse 35 “Jesus Wept”.

2 Which book is in the exact middle of the bible? Psalm 117.

3 Which book of the bible has the most Chapters? Psalms

**Weekly Income for May and June**

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| May |  Offering  |  Attendance  |
| 5/5 |  $ 1,761.00  | 18 |
| 5/12 |  $ 195.00  | 4 |
| 5/19 |  $ 559.00  | 31 |
| 5/26 |  $ 385.00  | 22 |
| Total |  $ 2,900.00  |   |
| June |  Offering  |  Attendance  |
| 6/2 |  $ 1,548.00  | 32 |
| 6/9 |  $ 220.00  | 12 |
| 6/16 |  $ 427.00  | 18 |
| 6/23 |  $ 622.00  | 18 |
| 6/30 |   |   |
| Total |  $ 2,817.00  |   |

Your church needs $5,495.83 monthly to meet budget and does so through your generous giving.

**Nazareth Lutheran Church Council**

**June 2019**

No meeting held in June, there were not enough Council members available for a meeting.

**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

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

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Please call Eileen at the church office, 515-383-4328 to let her know if you know of a birthday that is missing or incorrect.

**Upcoming Worship Volunteers**

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| July | Greeters/Ushers | Lector | Alter Guild |
| 7/7 | Nathan Hovland and Kevin Lewis | Eileen L | Kevin L |
| 7/14 | Doug Larkin Family | John E | Lisa S |
| 7/21 | Mark Lewis and Mava Lewis | Joyce A | Mark L |
| 7/28 | Steve Lewis and Mike Lewis | Kevin L | Mike L |
| August | Greeters/Ushers | Lector | Alter Guild |
| 8/4 | Ray Ringgenberg Family | Ellen O | Nathan |
| 8/11 | Vince Tomlinson Family | Maria T | Steve L |
| 8/18 | John Egeland, Dave Lewis | Mike L | Vince T |
| 8/25 | Nathan Hovland, Kevin Lewis | Mark L | Wendy R |
| September | Greeters/Ushers | Lector | Alter Guild |
| 9/1 | Doug Larkin Family | Nathan H | Dale D |
| 9/8 | Mark Lewis and Mava Lewis | Ray R | Joyce A |
| 9/15 | Steve Lewis and Mike Lewis | Robin S | John E |
| 9/22 | Ray Ringgenberg Family | Steve L | Kevin L |
| 9/29 | Vince Tomlinson Family | Vince T | Lisa S |

**Activities for the Month of July**

**Tuesday**

**July 2:** 5:00 PM Food Pantry

**Thursday 4th of July Celebration**

**July 4:** all day Slater Iowa

**Sunday**

**July 7:** 10:15 AM Worship

**Tuesday**

**July 9:** 5:00 PM Food Pantry

**Sunday**

**July 14:** 10:15 AM Worship

**Week of Vacation Bible School**

**July 15 – 18:** 5:30 – 8:00 PM

**Tuesday**

**July 16:** 5:00 PM Food Pantry

**Sunday**

**July 21:** 10:15 AM Worship

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**July 23:** 5:00 PM Food Pantry

**Sunday**

**July 28:** 10:15 AM Worship

**Tuesday**

**July 30:** 5:00 PM Food Pantry

**How did the Silent Auction Turn Out?**

 How did the Silent Auction turn out you ask? It was great!! Total amount raised was $2,621.00!! All the items that were bid on were picked up and paid for. We had so many items donated from local businesses and sports teams it was impressive, we had 103 items up for bid.

 The list of donors includes Center Grove Orchard, Pizza Ranch, Chick-Fil-A, Big O Tires, casinos, Nevada water park, fitness centers, Core Park, Iowa State Basketball and football tickets, Drake tickets, Iowa Hawkeye Basketball and Football tickets, Minnesota Twins, Kansas City Royals, and Saint Louis Cardinals tickets, Autographed footballs, basketballs and pictures. The 100th anniversary autographed Green Bay Packers football was the highest bid of the entire auction at $225.00.

 As you can see, if you haven’t been to our auction, you really need to come check it out and place a couple bids.

 The exciting thing for me was a comment that I heard repeatedly from different people – “I love coming to the auction to see all the great items!” Some people mentioned they were impressed with our wide selection of items.

 One person who was there to bid was trying to get some of our secrets to getting good donations. Then we found out she runs a silent auction for the American Heart Association in Ames. She was trying to learn our secrets. Of course, we shared with her while she also shared lists of some of her donors. So make sure you check out the auction next year since there are new businesses that will be on our list to solicit auction items.

**Disney on Ice Raffle**

Wells Fargo donated 4 “Disney on Ice” tickets for the Silent Auction, unfortunately they were 2 weeks late. The tickets are for Sunday December 1st. So we will be raffling the tickets off.

If you are interested the tickets are $1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for $5.00. Contact the church to purchase a ticket, email nazareth\_lutheranchurch@yahoo.com, call 515-383-4328, or talk to a church council member.

The drawing for the raffle will be November 16th during the Cambridge Christmas extravaganza. Please make sure we have your phone number so we can contact you when you win!