

NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

October Newsletter



Happy October! I hope this message doesn't "scare" you too much; I promise it's all treats and no tricks! October is here, and we have a cauldron full of spellbinding news to make this month un-boo-lievably fun for you! Here's what's brewing this October at Nazareth:



FROM THE PASTOR

In the past few months my prayers have been for the healing powers to help my friends and family. Praying for healing involves expressing faith, trust, and hope to God, to restore health and well-being to the body, mind and spirit. Lately, I have not known what words to pray for besides just saying the name of the person in need of healing and then being quiet.

Although that doesn't seem enough so I started to ask God for guidance and then I turned to scripture. I found under the line "what book to read in the Bible for healing" led me to the book of Psalms. When we can't find words to pray, turn to scripture such as the Psalms.

In this article it states the book of Psalms is a "book of songs and poems that express a wide range of human experiences, including struggles, heartache, and fear."

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Psalms 30: 2 states "Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me (name the person you are praying for instead of saying me).

Psalms 103:1-3 states "Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases."

And Psalm 107:6 which states "Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses."

Psalm 91 read and recite this psalm for God's protection, healing, and refuge, and then pray in agreement with these promises, personalizing them as an expression of your faith and trust in God for all health and wholeness. Pray as you read through Psalm 91...

Psalm 91

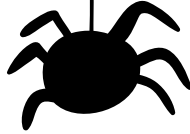
Assurance of God's Protection

1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, [a]

2 will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." **3** For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence; **4** he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense. **5** You will not fear the terror of the night for the arrow that flies by day **6** or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday. **7** A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. **8** You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. **9** Because you have made the Lord your refuge, [b] the Most High your dwelling place. **10** no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. **11** For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. **12** On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. **13** You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. **14** Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. **15** When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. **16** With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation. **AMEN!**

Praying scripture lifts up our spirits and helps us reach out to God for healing of all those in our lives. Let us all pray for everyone in need of healing. Lord, You are the Great Physician, and I believe in Your ability to restore health and bring comfort in times of distress. I place my hope in you. Amen.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



- October 1st - Confirmation at 2:00 PM
October 2nd - Bible Study at 7:00 PM
October 4th - Saturday morning Breakfast and Lefsa Making
October 5th - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:15 AM
October 8th - Fields of Faith Event at the Ballard Football Stadium. There will be a meal at 6:00 pm followed by worship and fellowship.
October 11th - Saturday morning Breakfast and Lefsa Making
October 12th - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:15 AM
October 15th - Confirmation at 2:00 PM
October 18th - Saturday morning Breakfast and Lefsa Making
- Monthly meal at the Dorcas Hall
October 19th - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:15 AM
- Church Council Meeting
- Drive Thru Dinner at 5:00 - 7:00 PM
October 25th - Craft/Vendor Fair at Trinity United Methodist Church in Huxley
- Saturday morning Breakfast and Lefsa Making
October 26th - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:15 AM
October 29th - Confirmation at 2:00 PM

Wow we sure are busy here at Nazareth!!

DIRECTORY UPDATES

It's time to update the church directory. The one in the office is in tatters and has so many things written in and scratched out I'm not sure that we can read the correct information. The last time this was updated was 2007!

We would appreciate it if you would complete the following information and either email it to us at the church, give it to Eileen or drop it in the collection basket. We are wanting to update our birthday list as well as email and phone numbers.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phones: _____

Birthdays: _____

Anniversaries: _____

Kids: _____



WITCHES ON PARADE

DRIVE THRU DINNER



It's time for our Annual Drive Thru dinner. Thanks to the generous donation of the family of Richard Ness we can continued with this wonderful meal we provide to the community.

This year we will be serving pork loin, baked beans, corn, coleslaw, rolls and desserts. The cost of the meal is \$10 for all the wonderful food. We are making some changes to the packaging of the meals due to the bean juice getting in a lot of people's meals last year.

The meal will be on Sunday evening the 19th, starting at 5:00 pm. We ran out of food last year, so come early. Also please bring a dessert to church on Sunday so that we can plate of the earlier in the day.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to come by to pick up a meal. And if your not busy that day we will need help serving, so if you are available please let Eileen know.

FIELDS OF FAITH EVENT

On Wednesday, October 8, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Mid-Iowa will host a Fields of Faith event at the Ballard Football Stadium. We minister to middle schools, high schools, and colleges across Greene, Boone, Story, Marshall, and Tama counties. Students from middle and high schools in these counties—as well as surrounding districts—are being invited through their local FCA chapters. All area middle and high school students are welcome.

Event Details:

- Tailgate meal: 6:00 PM (free of charge)
- Program in stadium: 7:00 PM
 - Worship led by students
 - Student testimonies
 - A clear gospel message
 - Breakout groups led by local college athletes
 - Closing rally with students circling the field
- After the event Our response team will be available to answer questions and personally share the gospel with anyone who seeks it.

GRIEFSHARE SERIES

GriefShare is a grief recovery support group designed to help individuals cope with the loss of a loved one. It offers a 13-week program where participants can share their experiences and emotions in a safe environment.

Palestine Lutheran Church is hosting this series at Huxley Public Library at the 3C's building 515 N Main Ave, Huxley. The series will be on Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, October 1 - December 11th.

On Thursday December 11th there will be a Blue Christmas service at 7:00 PM.



NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Nazareth Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order at 11:41 by President Mark Lewis following fellowship. Present for the meeting were Arlys Peterson, Mark Lewis, Dave Lewis, Vince Tomlinson, Pastor Marcia, Joyce Allen, and church administrator Eileen Lewis.

Minutes from the August 17 council meeting were approved as read.

FINANCE REPORT: Deposits were higher than disbursements which is always a good thing. Funds were received for the after school snack program, which were transferred from the Savings account into the General Fund. \$5,647 was collected in offering, \$2,581.32 in very generous donations, \$20 Kringla sales, and the \$1500 from Savings for snacks, totaling \$9,748.32. Besides the usually monthly bills, \$1,296.75 went towards snacks, \$24.75 for Devotional booklets, and \$31.32 for plastic cups fruit was served in with the breakfast burritos during Jubilee Days. Disbursements came to \$5,845.49. General Fund opened with \$19,580.87 and closed with a balance of \$23,483.70. Savings sits at \$1,628.61, Capital Improvement has \$1,207.60, Mission Investment is \$20,071.39, Missions with \$1,037.98. SCRIP opened with a total of \$2,317.05, \$1,800 was deposited, \$875 was paid out, leaving a total of \$3,242.05.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Confirmation class was off to a slow start since the only confirmand is Mava. Pastor is working on getting her involved in community service, and she will be helping Pastor at the library next week when she teaches diamond art. Another subject being covered is faith, and is working on doing her faith statement which she will be presenting in April, as well as her confirmation verse. Pastor would also like her to talk to congregants about their faith, and will begin with Mark and Eileen, as well as council members, and Jane. She will have a journal to log her own faith journey. Some service ideas included helping with communion, help distribute Thanksgiving baskets at Trinity Church, adopting / visiting those in nursing facilities, and delivering bread loaves to new residents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY: Vince, Mark, Dave, and John cut down some trees on the church grounds, chopped them up and ran through a wood chipper. Gutters were cleaned out at the parsonage, TVs and monitors were hauled out, John changed some light bulbs and fixed a slow leak in the bathroom. The church kitchen is all cleaned up ready for lefsa and kringla baking, and the can corral will be emptied out soon.

CHRISTIAN ED: Nothing else to report

STEWARDSHIP: Pastor will visit a couple houses on Race Street, one of whom was her rehab nurse, and bring them bread.



INREACH / OUTREACH: Nothing to report

MUSIC AND WORSHIP: Good through end of November

OLD BUSINESS: The Nazareth Constitution was the center of a lot of discussion. Council members were given copies of the “old Constitution” and an updated version. Arlys attended a workshop with Bishop Current who stressed changes need to be made. The council will read up on the constitutions and meet on October 7 at 7:00 for review, and discuss necessary changes.

After this meeting, the Synod will be notified of the changes, and approval will be made at the next council meeting in November, with the congregation invited to attend. The revised constitution will then be sent to the Synod for final approval.

NEW BUSINESS: The City of Cambridge will be hosting a Fall Festival on October 25, and requested Nazareth donate desserts for their dinner. Council agreed.

Next, Trunk or Treat will be held October 31. Eileen has all the candy purchased, but volunteers are still needed to help hand out the treats. Discussion then turned to the church directory Eileen is working on. A sample of one of the pages was presented, which will have a picture of the congregant, along with name, address, phone, email, birthdate, and names of children. Arlys suggested it include whether the congregant is a voting member or not. Very few have submitted their current information to Eileen so far, so please do!

Topic number four on the agenda was the drive-through dinner. Ray will not be able to cater the dinner due to knee surgery, but will smoke the meat one week before and freeze it, and it will be heated up at the church. Eileen will ask Iowa Pork Producers if they can donate the pork to us. Besides the pork, sides will be baked beans, slaw, maybe corn, roll, and dessert. This time, the slaw will be in a separate dish rather than mixed with the hot food.

Last, discussion was given regarding bank accounts. Since the General Fund has \$23k, would it be worth it to transfer \$10k to Mission Investment to draw more interest? This account does allow check writing. Discussion also given whether or not to switch to another bank that doesn't have as many fees, such as charging for paper statements, or that may offer higher interest rates. Will wait until Lisa can weigh in.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 by President Mark Lewis, and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Joyce Allen, Council Secretary



Rumor has it that breakfast will be served at church every Saturday morning in October. The cost for the breakfast will be learning the skill and assisting in the making of Lefsa.



Sun. Oct. 5 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Call to Worship: Sanctuary

This is My Father's World #823

My Faith Looks Up to Thee #759

Let Us Break Bread Together #471

How Great Thou Art #856

Sun. Oct. 12 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Call to Worship: Sanctuary

Jesus Loves Me #595

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me #860

Let Us Break Bread Together #471

Thy Holy Wings #613

Sun. Oct. 19 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this

Call to Worship: Sanctuary

This Is My Song #887

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service #712

Let Us Break Bread Together #471

God Be With You Till We Meet Again #536



Sun. Oct. 26 – Reformation Day

Readings
 Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 46
 Romans 3:19-28
 John 8:31-36

Call to Worship: Sanctuary
 A Mighty Fortress is Our God #503
 Here I am Lord #574
 Let Us Break Bread Together #471
 We All Are One in Mission #576

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jackson Ringgenberg
- 3 Mike Lewis
- 5 Kevin Bartleson
- 14 Alanna Dubberke
- 24 Kelsey Bartleson
- 28 Janis Hovlan



OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

August	Offering	Attendance
8/3/2025	\$3,360.00	15
8/10/2025	\$857.00	14
8/17/2025	\$755.00	19
8/24/2025	\$945.00	18
8/31/2025	\$2,100.00	16
Total	\$8,017.00	
September	Offering	Attendance
9/7/2025	\$1,215.00	12
9/14/2025	\$1,448.00	18
9/21/2025	\$5,251.00	15
9/28/2025		
Total	\$7,914.00	

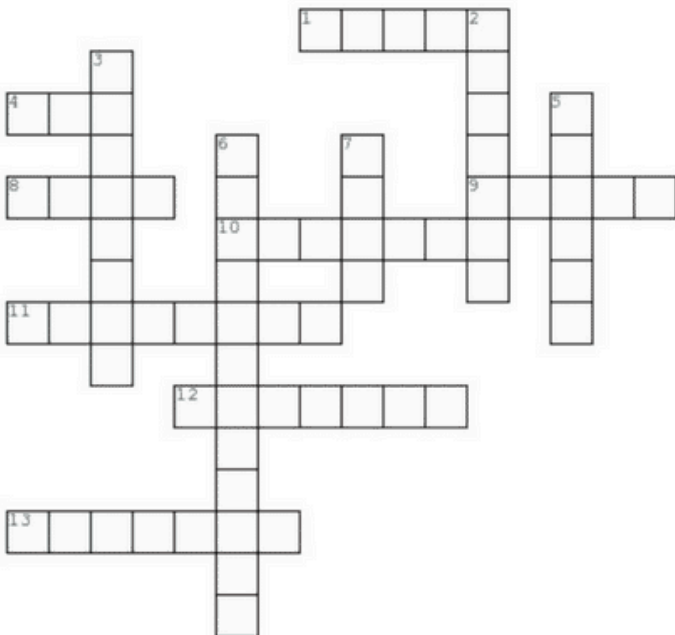
Your church needs \$1,377.88 weekly (\$5,970.83 monthly) to meet its budget and does so through your generous giving.

GAMES



1. ATC _____
2. OOMN _____
3. MU YMM _____
4. CSTUESMO _____
5. NLOLHEWAE _____
6. ULCAARD _____
7. EADTNHU _____
8. OBO _____
9. CIHTW _____
10. EMIVARP _____
11. GNITH _____
12. SAMK _____
13. CDYNA _____
14. RTKOEAIRTRC _____
15. UPNMPIK _____
16. OBOTRCE _____
17. RSECA _____
18. LNSEOTKE _____
19. SPIERD _____
20. TSBA _____

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| HALLOWEEN | BAT | GOBLIN | OCTOBER |
| PUMPKIN | HAUNTED | CANDY | BROOMSTICK |
| SPOOKY | VAMPIRE | MONSTER | |
| GHOST | MUMMY | SCARECROW | |



Across

1. Stirrs potions in a cauldron
4. Ghostly Talk
8. Placed over your face
9. _____ or Treat!
10. Disguise
11. Human that transforms into a wolf
12. Dracula is one of these
13. Halloween month

Down

2. A house where ghosts live is considered _____
3. Scary creatures, or _____, Inc.
5. Web creator
6. Carved pumpkin
7. Night flying mammals



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



 printables

TRUNK OR TREAT
FRIDAY OCTOBER 31ST
ON 3RD ST BY THE LIBRARY