



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

From The Pastor

Psalm 1:3

They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

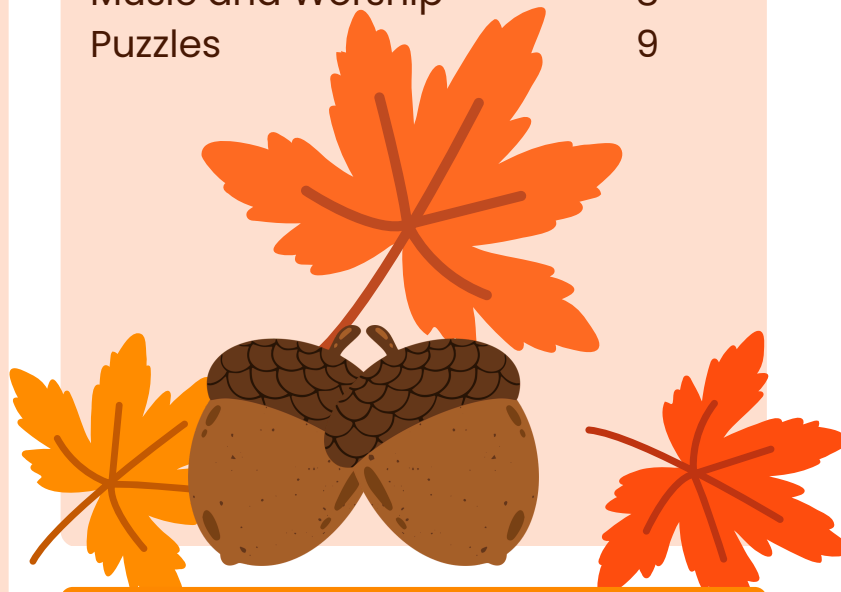
Psalm 1:3 is a beautiful verse that uses the imagery of a tree planted by water to express the blessings that come from living a righteous life. In this verse, we can see how God's guidance and His Word can nurture and sustain us. Just as a tree grows strong and fruitful when it is regularly watered, our lives flourish when we are deeply rooted in the Scriptures.

When we think about being like a tree, we can picture a strong trunk, branches reaching out,
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From The Pastor Continued

and leaves that bring beauty to our surroundings. This verse urges us to draw our strength from God's words and principles, which provide us with wisdom and purpose. It emphasizes that a person who delights in God's law is the one who experiences true prosperity, just like the tree that bears fruit in its season. (Taken from Christianity Path meaning of Psalm 1:3).

We must each bear fruit and share our God given gifts. What are your gifts? As we enter this new season, this season of fall, and look to God's creation, think of what your gifts are given to you by our God. Spend time this season of fall to be reminded that you have been given so many gifts to share. And also know that others have been given different gifts and as a community we can all share our gifts together. I know and understand that God would be so pleased with each of us to share with each other our many and varied gifts. Have a blessed fall season sharing your God given gifts with your community.

Peace, Pastor Marcia



Lake Wobegon Brass Band Concert

Greetings from Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames!

We have been invited by Randy Ewing and I am one of the Co-Directors of Music at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames. He is excited to announce that Bethesda will host the Lake Wobegon Brass Band in a FREE concert scheduled for 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 11, 2026. This concert will serve as a fundraiser for the Bethesda Food Pantry and feature an Americana-based theme to continue the celebration of America's 250th! A free will donation will be collected. All proceeds will go directly to support the Bethesda Community Food Pantry, which has been serving the Story County area since 1983 by demonstrating Jesus' love for others by providing supplemental food to all who ask.

**BETHESDA
COMMUNITY**



FOOD PANTRY

Bethesda Lutheran Church
1517 Northwestern Ave, Ames, IA



NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Nazareth Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order at 11:28 AM by President Mark Lewis following fellowship. Present for the meeting were Mark Lewis, Vince Tomlinson, John Egeland, Dave Lewis, Nathan Hovland, Lisa Smith, Pastor Marcia, Joyce Allen, and Church Administrator, Eileen Lewis. Minutes from the August 16 meeting were approved as read, with the correction that water in the basement may have been from dehumidifiers, not humidifiers.

FINANCE REPORT: A little more ground was lost in the General Fund balance, but still doing okay. Opening balance of \$22,721.55 added \$5,360.00 - \$5,360.36 in offerings, and \$52.64 in gifts. Disbursements totaled \$5,791.55, with \$644.24 going to a much higher bill to gas/electric at the church. This may be attributed to running dehumidifiers non-stop in the basement, which hopefully can be turned off once the rains let up. \$200 also went to Ellen Olson for playing the organ, but she returned the check. This will be re-deposited as an offering. \$187.33 went to Terminix and lawn mowing, and \$71.21 went towards the drive-thru dinner expenses, leaving an ending balance of \$22,290.00. SCRIP opened with a balance of \$2,814.27. \$1800 was added, with disbursements totaling \$1,756. The \$985 that was sent to Fareway should have been \$970 - two \$500 billings should have been discounted to \$485, but one of them went through for the full \$500, giving a closing balance of \$2,849.27. Savings closed with a balance of \$1,633.54 after adding 0.42 in interest; Capital Improvement's balance is \$1,211.25 thanks to \$0.31 interest; Mission Investment has \$20,171.76 with \$8.54 interest, and Missions's balance is \$1,206.98 after depositing \$150.00.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Bible Study night will resume, beginning October 22 at the church. Meetings will be Thursday nights at 7:00, and Pastor Marcia will do some research as to what the study topic will be. A social night was also restarted which will hopefully be done monthly, time and place varying month to month. The first gathering is scheduled for October 2 at 6:30 at the church. It will be a potluck, and the Pastor will bring some chili due to an overabundance on a Doritos order. Also, she has been having issues with her prosthesis, which was finally fixed after a month and a half. However, her new sleeve rubbed a sore, which will be looked at on Monday.

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Lastly, she has been “going crazy” with new-found diamond art. One of her friends in her Sit and Stitch group gave her a lot of Christmas art, which she hopes to sell at the Extravaganza in November, and will no doubt be given as Christmas gifts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY: We have a new, working stove in the basement. However, while in transit, the stove got jostled, breaking out the frontal glass. The inside glass is intact so it works fine, it just isn’t as pretty as it was on the floor. Maybe some diamond art can be added on the front. As to the electrical issues, Arlys called her electrician friend, but they’ve been playing phone tag. He did state he “would try to come by.” Nathan is having the same problem with his electrician neighbor, stating he is now on his own and very busy. Fortunately, the altar lights have been staying on, but the overflow room remains an issue. The breaker panel has been determined to be about 15 years old, and not since the church was built, but still needs attention.

The particle tubes to absorb water in the basement was the next order of business. Eileen brought up a few possibilities online. One set of six tubes, 24” long (12 feet) is \$50; or one 10-foot long tube is \$30.00. Dave motioned to buy two 10-foot tubes, seconded by John, motion carried and tubes were ordered. These will be placed in the basement around the sump pump and water heater. Lastly, the dishes in the basement have been returned to the upper cabinets, and crystal dishes for tea are in a box on one of the tables. Most of the silverware and utensils are gone – not sure where they went, though.

CHRISTIAN ED: Five children were at Sunday School this morning, and more kids keep getting invited. The pastor asked Arlys and Joyce if they would like to teach one of the classes. Arlys passed given the early morning time, but Joyce will do a lesson on the Parable of the Good Samaritan on the 27th. As to confirmation, Aubrey Grauerhaus and Audrey Lieber were the original confirmands, but Audrey decided to pass. So confirmation will continue with just Audrey.

STEWARDSHIP: Still in the green.

INREACH / OUTREACH: Drive-through dinner tonight from 5–7 PM. Pray the rain holds out.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP: Hymns selected through December. We will be doing Hanging of the Greens service,

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

and will do carols and readings throughout December. Laurie Hazel's nephew, Grant, has written some Christian music and wanted to play for us sometime. Pastor Marcia will contact him to schedule a time, hopefully over Advent.

OLD BUSINESS: Eileen put together a compilation of hymns that are occasionally sung during worship but aren't in our hymnal. The songs will be sleeved in plastic, and alphabetized according to categories – Christmas, Lent, prayer, etc. They will be inserted in notebooks, and placed in the pews since the books won't fit in the hymnal holders.

NEW BUSINESS: Regarding the Healing Service, Pastor Marcia reached out the Methodist Pastors, who respectfully declined due to time constraints, so we will just schedule one on a Sunday morning here. Hymns will be selected, and maybe Grant could play at this service.

Questions then arose regarding the drive-through dinner, biggest question being what to do with the leftover meat that will no doubt be plentiful, and should three slices be served as opposed to two as custom? It was decided that we would stick with two, as to not set precedence for next time, and leftovers will be frozen. Beans will be dipped into 4-oz cups, and slaw and pasta salad into 6-oz cups, but not filled up. Slaw will be served until gone since it doesn't keep well, then pasta will be served in its place. Lastly, Arlys spoke on behalf of a parent regarding after school snacks being served to the kids. She was concerned that some snacks were given out even though they were beyond their expiration dates, and that liquid-types of food like yogurt and applesauce can develop mold within the containers. Often times children are home alone and parents may not be there to make sure the food is okay to eat, and voiced that "we could get into trouble." Arlys wasn't sure what was meant by that, but took it as well-intended, and that she was merely looking out for us. Eileen looked at some of the snacks, some of which were beyond the "best by dates." According to Google (Reader's Digest), this is when manufacturers feel "a product will have the best flavor or quality" and is still safe to eat. Once opened, it may not last as long. So, do we throw everything past the "best by" date and start over? Since most of the snacks with past "best by" dates are granola bars and the like, those will be used first, and more attention paid to the dates with the donated food.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 12:43 PM by President Mark Lewis and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Joyce Allen, Council Secretary.



Lefsa, Kringla and other Norwegian treats



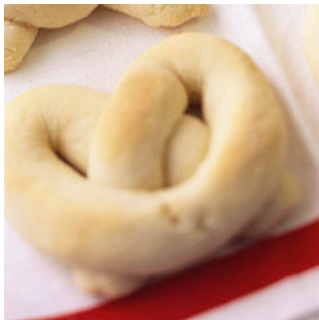
The month of October is when the Nazareth Bakers start warming griddles. We are preparing to make a variety of Norwegian treats with Lefsa, Krumkaka and Kringla being the mail items. If you have suggestions for other treats let us know, we maybe able to accomodate those as well. We are looking to expand our menu if there is enough interest.

We are selling a baker's dozen of kringla and krumkaka for \$10 each, and a baker's dozen of lefsa for \$15. Inflation is hitting everyone hard, but the prices of these Norwegian treats are not changing this year! Please get your order in asap.

Please complete the form below and send to the church, or email nazarethchurchcambridge@gmail.com, leave a voicemail at 515-383-4328

Name_____	Phone number_____
Kringla_____dozen	Lefsa _____dozen
Krumkaka_____dozen	Other Treats_____

You can pick up your order at the Fall Craft & Vendor show on November 7 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Huxley - see their flyer on the next page. We will also be at the Cambridge Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 21st, from 9 AM - 2 PM, at the Cambridge Community Center and the Methodist Dorcas Hall. Or we can make other arrangements too.



word bank: sweater, bonfire, orange, acorns, halloween, leaves, Thanksgiving, gourd, hayride, corn, red, scarecrow, football, cider, yellow, apples, harvest, pumpkin

1C, 2G, 3D, 4A, 5B, 6E, 7F



3RD ANNUAL Fall Craft & Vendor Show

All indoor spaces are 6x8 and \$30. Includes 1 table.

Outdoor spaces are \$25.

Electricity not guaranteed.

Saturday, November 7th

9:00-2:00

Huxley Trinity United Methodist Church

102 Lynwood Dr.

Huxley, IA 50124

Lunch and bake sale will be held.

Fill out the Google Form to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/yxxLXbqS7t4V2VeL9>





Music and Worship for October



October 4, 2026

Setting Four ELW p147 Ellen

Isaiah 5:1-7

Sanctuary

Psalms 80:7-15

Morning Has Broken #556

Philippians 3:4b-14

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #257

Matthew 21:33-46

Now the Silence #460

Prayer of the Day

On Our Way Rejoicing #537

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

October 11, 2026

Setting Four ELW p147 Sheila

Isaiah 25:1-9

Sanctuary

Psalms 23

Gather Us In #532

Philippians 4:1-9

Shepherd Me, O God #780

Matthew 22:1-14

Lord Jesus, Think on Me #599

Prayer of the Day

It Is Well with My Soul #785

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

October 18, 2026

Setting Four ELW p147 Ellen

Isaiah 45:1-7

Sanctuary

Psalms 80:7-15;

This Is My Father's World #824

Philippians 3:4b-14

Faith of Our Fathers #812

Matthew 22:15-22

Let Us Break Bread Together #471

Prayer of the Day

Here I Am Lord #574

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday Sheila

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sanctuary

Psalms 46

Holy, Holy, Holy #413





Music and Worship continued



Romans 3:19-28

In Christ Alone

John 8:31-36

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #503

Prayer of the Day

For By Grace You Have Been Saved #598

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

We are going to be making a booklet of songs that we sing in church that are not in the worship book. These booklets will remain in the pews so that we don't have to print out inserts for the bulletins. If there are any songs that you would like to include in the booklet, please let Pastor Marcia and Eileen know so that we can find the music and add it to the booklet.

Puzzles

WOLYEL _____
 SALPPE _____
 VARHETS _____
 DICRE _____
 TOLALFOB _____
 ACRESWORC _____
 DRE _____
 ROCN _____
 GINKSATVIHGN _____
 DOURG _____
 YRDHAIE _____
 OARCNS _____
 EEVSAL _____
 WOLAHLENE _____
 FOBREIN _____
 NGORAE _____
 RWESATE _____
 KIPNPMU _____

Match the vocabulary words to their description.

1 foliage

2 harvest

3 pumpkin

4 hayride

5 apple picking

6 bonfire

7 corn maze

a fun wagon
adventure

b harvesting fruit in
orchards

c colorful tree
leaves

d orange Halloween
symbol

e big outdoor fire

f lost in tall grass

g gathering crops in
fall





HALLOWEEN

WORD SEARCH

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ALL HALLOWS EVE

BAT

BLACK CAT

CANDY

CARAMEL APPLE

COSTUMES

DECORATIONS

GHOST

HALLOWEEN PARTY

HAUNTED HOUSE

JACK O LANTERN

MASK

MUMMY

ORANGE

PUMPKIN

SAMHAIN

SKELETON

SPIDER

TRICK OR TREAT

VAMPIRE

WITCH

HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

1. LONAHLEWE

2. STOGH

3. RCASY

4. PNMIUPK

5. AJANOCN--LRKET

6. UEMOTSC

7. OTCTT-RIA-ERRK

8. HTWIC

9. CADYN

10. GNSIBLO

11. POYSOK

12. TAB

13. KTLESNOE

14. REASCROWC

15. WEBBCO

16. REIEE

17. THAMONP

18. EOEADHNTS

19. DERYVGAAR

20. MERSAC

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