

Outreach

Through **Hand2Hand**, Sparta Naz is partnering with Ridgeview Elementary School to confidentially pack and distribute weekend backpacks of nutritious food to identified low income families during the school-year. If you'd like to help in this ministry, please sign up at spartanaz.org or at the Welcome Center.

The following *canned* food item donations are needed during the month of September to feed 100 children. (NO EXPIRED DATES)

Regular serving sizes:

Canned Vegetables

(Corn, Peas, Green Beans)

Granola Bars

Spaghetti O's



Calling all bowlers or wanna-be bowlers or those who just want to come and join in the fun....

Sparta Naz bowling league starts again this Fall. We bowl the 2nd Saturday of each month October—April. First bowling date is October 13. Cost is \$13.00 per person at Sparta Lanes. Derek Rosenberger is heading up this activity. Come join the FUN!

SPECIAL SERVICE

Sunday, September 23 at 10:45 a.m. Baptism Service

If you are interested in being Baptized, please contact Pastor Tim to receive information.

Church Library Book Review

The Resurrection File

Author: Craig Purshall

Library Selection: Fiction

Reviewer: Matt Schneider

Will Chambers is a trial lawyer down on his luck, pushed aside by his partner, and left with only one client, a man with a big problem. Angus MacCameron is a publisher of a God-centered magazine and he has brought trouble on himself. He has accused a world renowned scientist of lying. The scientist claims that Jesus never rose from the grave. There is no way that Angus is going to win the lawsuit filed against him by the scientist. Will Chambers is his only hope apart from God. Can an unbeliever help a believer? Read this book written by Craig Parshall who is a real lawyer. It is well written because you feel like you're in the court room rooting for Will and Angus.

I give the book a five star rating. ★★★★★

Senior Adult Ministries

All Senior Adults Breakfast!

When: Tuesday, September 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Russ' on Alpine (3531 Alpine Ave. NW)

Invite a friend or neighbor to join you for this time of food and fellowship! All senior adults are welcome!

Senior Adult Choir for Grandparents Day

Come together on Wednesday night, September 5, at 7:00pm in the choir room for Sunday morning, September 9, to sing for Grandparents Day. This will be a special service honoring Grandparents and the influence they have on future generations. Pass the word...

Senior Adult Day Trip

When: Tuesday September 12

Where: Gilmour Car Museum at Hickory Corners

OR

Tanger Outlet Mall

We will leave the church approximately 8am, stopping at Tanger Outlet Mall and then headed to the Museum. We will return to pick up those staying at the mall around 2pm.

Museum cost is \$15.00 with lunch on your own.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk for this fun day trip.



Mark Your Calendar ...

9/2: Labor Day Holiday Weekend Service 10:45 am
(No Sunday School and No Naz Café)

9/4: Sr. Adult Breakfast at Russ' on Alpine 9 am
Trunk or Treat Meeting 6 pm

9/5: Awana Open House (Come and Go) ... 6:45 to 8 pm

9/9: Grandparents Day Service 10:45 am
The Gathering 6 pm

9/12: Awana Begins 6:45 pm

9/12: Senior Adult day trip 8am to 3pm

9/14 - 9/16: THRIVE Youth Group Live In

9/16: Bridge Builders Breakfast 9:15 am
Thrive Youth Group begins 5:45 pm

9/18: Facilities and Grounds Team Meeting 6 pm
NMI Council Meeting 7 pm

9/19: Hand 2 Hand packing begins..... 6:15 pm

9/23: Life Group Luncheon 12:15 pm

10/2: Sr. Adult Breakfast at Russ' on Alpine 9 am

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Seasons

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1



Worship Arts Ministries

Join the Worship Arts Team!

Now is the perfect time to join the **Worship Arts Ministry** (WAM) Team at Sparta Naz! The Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will resume on **Sunday, September 9th at 4:30 pm** with a preview of our Christmas pieces. Choir rehearses once a month and sings twice a month in the services. The following are other WAM areas in which to serve:

- Praise Band (weekly)
- Drama Team (as needed)
- Tech Crew (media, sound, lighting) (rotations)
- Seasonal Musicals (Christmas, Easter, other special occasions)

If interested in becoming a part of the WAM Team, please contact Pastor Sherri by e-mail at playmus@aol.com or by calling the church office.

Stay Connected



Once a month, our church family will come together for a time called “The Gathering.” Mark your calendar for **Sunday September 9 at 6:00 p.m.** when the topic of the service will be “Functions of Spiritual Gifts”.



Life Group Open House

Sunday, September 23, we will be having an open house immediately following church. Lunch and childcare will be provided. You will be able to talk to existing group members, hear about some new short-term groups that will be starting in the fall, as well as get an idea about what Life Groups are all about. Sign up at the Welcome Center or at www.spartanaz.org

SPARTA NAZ GROWTH TRACK



GROWTH TRACK is for every person that attends Sparta Naz. In four sessions, you will discover who we are, what we believe, and your place in the body of Christ. Whether you have been here for years or are newer worshipers at Sparta Naz, we are encouraging every person, youth through senior adults, to participate in this endeavor as we build relationships with each other and *Become ... Like Jesus.*

Session 101 – offered the 1st Sunday of the month
Discovering Mission and Core Values of Sparta Naz

Session 201 – offered the 2nd Sunday of the month
Developing the Essential Disciplines of a Healthy Believer

Session 301 – offered the 3rd Sunday of the month
Discovering Your Place in the Body of Christ

Session 401 – offered the 4th Sunday of the month
Joining Sparta Nazarene's Ministry Team

The sessions will be held following the Sunday morning services. Food and childcare will be provided. You might take Session 101 in one month, and another session in a following month. They do not all have to be taken in one month, but rather over a span of time that is convenient for your family and schedule. Session size is limited to 12. You may use the special Growth Track Notebook at the Welcome Center to reserve your spots in October and November 2018 and again in February and March 2019.

Children's Ministries

Promotion Sunday

Parents of Children K-6th grade

All parents of K through 6th graders, are invited to join us in Christ's Cove on Sunday, September 9, from 9:15-9:30 a.m.

- Meet your child's new teacher
- Hear about exciting programming on Sundays and Wednesdays.
- Promotion ceremony for those going into Kindergarten and 3rd grade to their new classes.

Children's Church (K-6th)

Children's Church resumes on September 9, at 10:45 a.m. If your children attend Sunday School, they will remain in Christ's Cove until the end of Children's Church. Parents, please be sure to sign your children in/out at the Desk in Christ's Cove. For safety reasons, they will not be released on their own. Thank you!



In Awana, our children (ages 2 through 6th grade) memorize Bible verses, play games, and hear important Bible and life lessons.

Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center in the

church foyer or you can register your children online at www.spartanaz.org.

Join our Facebook group for updates and information: "Sparta Naz~AWANA"

Open House for parents and students—Come and Go
Wednesday, September 5, from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Awana Begins!

Wednesday, September 12, at 6:45 p.m.

World Missions

Thank you Church Family

Thank you!

As a church you collected \$980.68 through Baby Bottle Blessings! Bottles were given to 20 churches in our area to pass out on Mother's Day and collected on Father's Day. Praise God !!! There was more than \$13,000 raised from this special event for funds to go directly to the ministry of Alpha Family Center, reaching women and men who come in our door facing an unplanned pregnancy. Sparta Nazarene Church made a huge difference in this ministry. Because of your gift, those we see will hear of the endless love of Jesus Christ.

Alpha Family Center

THRIVE Student Ministries

Fall Schedule

Friday—Sunday, September 14th-16th—Live In!

Sunday, September 16th—Youth Group meetings are moving back to SUNDAY NIGHTS! Meeting from 5:45 to 7:00 in the Gym for games and then moving to the Upper Room for devotions

Friday, October 26—Michigan District Lock-In Event at 3 Mile Project in Grand Rapids

Sunday, November 4—(6:00 pm) Revival with Dale Freed followed by pizza together

Women's Ministries

Fall Women's Bible Study will be offered this year on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm or Friday mornings at 9:30am. This study will be led by Cheryl Bremer Thursdays and Ellen Mullen and Connie Jolly on Fridays. We meet in the Choir Room beginning September 13 or September 14 for 7 sessions. This study is from Priscilla Shirer's "Discerning the Voice of God." The study guide can be purchased the 1st night for \$15.00 cash or check while supplies last. Reserve your copy today by signing up at the Welcome Center. Childcare is available on Fridays, if needed.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES EVENT

Friday September 21, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

Be prepared to hear Robyn Dykstra author of "The Widow Wore Pink" share her inspirational story at Solon Center Wesleyan Church. Robyn has helped thousands of women on their journey to Trust God and follow Jesus! Tickets are \$10. Please sign up at the Worship Center or by calling the church office no later than Come join your fellow Sparta Naz ladies for light refreshments, great worship and door prizes.

Alabaster

JOIN the almost 2 ½ million Nazarenes around the world who contribute to the ALABASTER OFFERING

You will find the large Alabaster Church in the foyer waiting to receive your offering! The Alabaster Offering is separate from our Faith Promise giving.

This vital offering provides funds for church property and buildings around the world. Alabaster funds help provide land for most Work & Witness projects. The entire offering goes toward the construction of churches, schools, medical facilities, and homes for missionaries and national workers.

Nazarenes gave (US) \$2.46 million for Alabaster to fund construction projects in 2017. In 2016-2017, Alabaster funds were released for 216 projects for the Church of the Nazarene in all six regions around the world. No Alabaster funds are used for administrative costs.

City Fest FREE EVENT September 8 & 9:

CityFest with Luis & Andrew Palau is sure to be a fun, family-friendly event. Pick up a yard sign located in the Church Foyer.

Where: Ah-Nab-Awen Park

Saturday and Sunday Event Schedule

4:00pm—Family Fun Zone Opens with stage presentations

4:30pm—Action Sports Demo

5:30pm—Family Fun Zone presentations

6:00pm—Main Stage

(SATURDAY)

* The Afters

* Danny Gokey

* Andrew Palau

* Lecrae

(SUNDAY)

* City Choir

* Mac Powell

* Luis Palau

* Toby Mac

INVITE A FRIEND. CHANGE A LIFE...FOR ETERNITY.

More information at <http://www.cityfestwestmichigan.org>

Like us on Facebook!

Check out our Facebook page! Within Facebook, search "Sparta Church of the Nazarene" on the search bar. We post event information, community moments and other information daily. Be sure to 'like' us for updates.



September 2018

SUNDAY..... 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP
 5:45 PM THRIVE STUDENT YOUTH GROUP
 (7TH-12TH GRADES) BEGINNING 9/16
 WEDNESDAY..... 6:45 PM AWANA (TODDLER-6TH GRADE)
 7:00 PM ADULT BIBLE STUDY

SERVICE SCHEDULE

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