

# WELCOME TO CHURCH!

**NOVEMBER 16, 2025**

**Speaking Today:** Pastor Dennis Owens

## IF YOU ARE A GUEST, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

1. Grab a **Connect Card** from the seat backs in front of you.
2. Tell us your name, contact information, or share a prayer or praise.
3. Bring your card to the Welcome Center in the Main Foyer. We have a gift for you!

Email prayer requests directly to Pastor Denny: [prayer@sterlingnaz.com](mailto:prayer@sterlingnaz.com)  
or send a prayer request through the Church Center app!

## WHERE DO MY KIDS GO?

The Children's Department is located downstairs in the main building.  
If you need help finding it, a greeter will be glad to show you.  
*Measures are in place to keep your child safe.*



- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH (AGES 4-6TH GRADE)** is located downstairs. The kids enjoy fun filled and interactive Bible stories, music, and activities.
- **NURSERY (BIRTH-3 YEARS OLD)** is staffed and available downstairs. If your child is having a hard time adjusting, there is a system in place to notify you so you can come down.
- **FAMILY ROOM** is available for caregivers just outside of the Main Worship area. Feel free to use it at any time.

## THIS WEEK @ STERLING NAZARENE

**TODAY** - Refuge 4 Allies (Teens), 5:30-7pm, HC

**TUESDAY** - Helping Hands Pantry, 5-7pm, HC Door #6

**WEDNESDAY** - Board Game Club for Kids, 5:15pm, Main  
- Wacky Wednesday for Kids, 6:30-7:30pm, Main  
- Ladies Book Club, 6:30pm, HC Parlor

**THURSDAY** - Helping Hands Pantry, 9:30am-Noon, HC Door #6

**SATURDAY** - Promise Keeper's Men's Group, 7:30am

## PRAYER

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRAYER DURING OFFICE HOURS:**

9am-12pm, 1-3pm Monday-Thursday

Prayer requests? Email Pastor Denny at [prayer@sterlingnaz.com](mailto:prayer@sterlingnaz.com)



## HELPING HANDS PANTRY

Helping Hands is having turkey dinner giveaways Tuesday Nov 25 for those who have come through the pantry in

October or November. Needing **roasting pans**, **instant potatoes**, **stuffing mix**, **store bought pies**, **gravy/gravy mix**, and **cranberry sauce**.



Helping Hands will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years.  
Special Hours for those weeks are:

Open Tuesday Nov 25, Dec 23, Dec 30  
12-3pm & 5-7pm

## GINGERBREAD BASH

We would love for you to join us on Friday, **December 12 from 6:30-8pm** for our annual **Gingerbread Bash**! Create & decorate a gingerbread nativity, play games, and hear the Christmas story! Scan the QR code with your phone camera to register today!

NOTE: This event is for families of children up to 6th grade and a parent/guardian must attend with their children. You won't want to miss this; it's going to be a BASH!

**SIGN UP  
ONLINE**



## LADIES CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

"The Snowman's Journey" Melting Into God's Plan. Food, fellowship, and fun in the Hatton Center on **Saturday Dec 6** at 9:00am.

Please bring a wrapped Mug to Exchange!



*Sunshine Ministry (50+)*  
**Holiday Cheer**

**Sunday, December 7, 2025** in the Hatton Center following the 10:00am service. Bring a White Elephant gift and a dish to pass. Dessert will be provided.  
Sign ups in the back!

## ONE Community Praise Night

**TONIGHT, 6pm**, New Life Lutheran Church. Suggested offering of \$5 per person taken for Sauk Valley Area Homeless Shelters.



**Dec 16, 5-8pm** a percentage of the Culver's profits will be donated to teens going to Nazarene Youth Conference 2026. Teens fundraising are required to attend. Orders can be rounded up and do not have to be dine in.



# STERLING FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon - Thurs: 9AM-Noon & 1-3PM

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## Sunday Gathering Times

9:00AM Adult Sunday School

10:00AM Worship Service

5:30-7PM Youth

## Wednesday Nights at 6:30pm

Adult Bible Studies in HC

WACKY WEDNESDAY FOR KIDS

Main Building Lower level

## Woods Memorial Library

Our church library has books for all ages. Check out our awesome

Children's area.

Open before and after service.

## Helping Hands Food Pantry

1208 E 4th St, Sterling, IL 61081

Tuesdays: 5-7pm

Thursdays: 9:30am-Noon

## NOVEMBER 09, 2025 ATTENDANCE 170

	Contributions	2025-2026 Ministry Plan	Difference
Weekly	\$4,191.00	\$6,195.19	\$(2,004.19)
Y-T-D	\$212,678.87	\$229,222.03	\$(16,543.16)

## BIBLE READING PLAN 2025

Nov 17	Ezekiel 12-13	Heb 13
Nov 18	Ezekiel 14-15	James 1
Nov 19	Ezekiel 16-17	James 2
Nov 20	Ezekiel 18-19	James 3
Nov 21	Ezekiel 20	James 4-5
Nov 22	Ezekiel 21-22	
Nov 23	Ezekiel 23	1 Peter 1



# BAPTISM SUNDAY

*let's celebrate!*

