

WELCOME

DECEMBER 14, 2025

Speaking Today: Pastor Dennis Owens
Advent Week 3: JOY

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
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 (Kids), 6:30pm, Main

- Ladies Book Club, 6:30pm, HC Parlor

- "What's In the Bible" — **ALL ages**, Main

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

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

- Men's Breakfast, 8am, A's Kitchen in Rock Falls



"What's in the Bible?"

Join **STERLING NAZ KIDS** as we explore "What's in the Bible" "On Wed. December 3, 10, & 17. Adults are welcome to attend. Meet us in Children's Church on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm.



JOIN US!
December 29 - March 28

Read through the
NEW TESTAMENT
in 90 days

sterlingnaz.com/reset90



Starting Dec 29

Scan this QR code or sign up in either foyer!

THIS TUESDAY - 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 you do not have to be dine in.



COMMUNITY

Christmas

DINNER

The 36th Annual Community Christmas Dinner will be on Christmas Day, Thursday Dec 25, from 12-3pm. This is a free dinner for the Sterling/Rock Falls community. Meals can be delivered if someone is shut in - they are to call the church office at 815-625-0864.

HELPING HANDS PANTRY

needs birthday kits | cake pans, cake mixes, frosting | and toilet paper

Be sure to check the Helping Hands bulletin board located off the Main Foyer for current needs!

Memory tree, giving tree, and Christmas photo op found in the main foyer!

ADVENT: Hope For the Whole World - Dec 14: JOY, Dec 21: LOVE

Christmas Eve Service: Dec 24 at 5:30pm



REFUGE 4 ALLIES [TEENS] HOLIDAY GAME NIGHT

Saturday, Dec 27 from 6-10pm is a game night for all youth grades 7-12th. Join us in the Hatton Center and expect lots of holiday fun and games!





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

DEC 7, 2025 ATTENDANCE 136

	Contributions	2025-2026 Ministry Plan	Difference
Weekly	\$7,481.00	\$6,195.19	\$1,285.81
Y-T-D	\$234,172.14	\$254,002.79	\$(19,830.65)

BIBLE READING PLAN 2025

Dec 15	Hosea 5-8	Revelation 7
Dec 16	Hosea 9-13	Revelation 8
Dec 17	Hosea 14, Joel 1-2	Revelation 9
Dec 18	Joel 3, Amos 1-2	Revelation 10
Dec 19	Amos 3-6	Revelation 11
Dec 20	Amos 7-9	Revelation 12
Dec 21	Oba; Jonah 1-3	Revelation 13

