

# **LA JUNTA NAZARENE**

**April, 2024**

## **Pray On!**

**I started praying long before I ever became a Christian. My first prayers were most likely the kind a child prays when he is afraid of the dark. I distinctly remember praying for blessed sleep to come and rescue my tired mind from all sorts of imagined evil - and sleep came.**

**In my adolescent years, as I was coming to grips with my impending adulthood, I remember praying and asking God for two specific things. First, I prayed that I would grow to be over 6 feet tall. Second, I prayed that I would have a hairy chest. Don't ask me why, I'm just reporting the facts, but it probably had something to do with my perception of masculinity. Both of those juvenile prayers were granted in time. As I look back now, I ask myself, "Was that really what was important to me back then?" I would love to have two prayers with guaranteed answers in my hip pocket today. I would gladly give up height and hair for something much more meaningful.**

**Have all my prayers been answered? No, people I love have died too soon and bad things have happened to make life more difficult. But I still believe in prayer.**

**The greatest answer to a prayer of mine was the answer I received when, in the back of a Ford pick-up truck, I prayed, "Father, I know I'm a sinner, I know I'm lost, please forgive me and send Jesus to come and live in my heart." That prayer was answered in the blink of an eye and my life has never been the same.**

**Pray about your fears. God wants to help you find courage to face life with peace and confidence.**

**Pray about your desires. God wants to be intimately involved in your life and sometimes even grant you the desires of your hearts.**

**Most importantly, pray the prayer of a sincere seeker. Confess your sins, turn away from them (repent) and ask Jesus to come into your heart. Mean it with everything that is in you and it will happen for you just as it did for me.**

**God bless you and pray on!**



- 1st Della Mae Kurtz**
- 5th Jean Eveatt**
- 6th JoAnne Brusuelas**
- 10th Jim Mills**
- 10th Keef Heatley**
- 12th Chance Oquist**
- 14th Sheila McClain**
- 20th Savannah Butler**
- 21st Dave Beebe**
- 21st Pam Mills**
- 23rd Don Jones**
- 25th Claudia Budd**
- 27th Nickolias Frazier**
- 29th Sonya ShawMills**
- 30th Angelica Raso**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

See the Graphics  
On page 3 & 4

## Mission of the Church

Encouraging,  
Equipping, Engaging  
and Empowering  
churches to Impact  
their Communities in  
a Holy and Positive  
Way

March

## Tithes & Offerings

**\$17,954 (4 Sundays)**

If you are watching the  
services online and  
would like to give tithes  
and offerings, you may:

- Come by the office
- Mail It
- Give online
- Use this QR code



Thank You!

## Sunday Services

**Sunday School**  
**9:15 am**

**Classes for**  
**all ages!**

**Cafe Fellowship**  
**10:15 am**

**Worship**  
**10:30 am**

**Children's Church**  
**(Age 4 - 5th grade)**  
**Nursery is available**

**Youth Group**  
**6:30 pm**

**Watch the**  
**Worship Service**  
**Live Stream**

**on**  
**Facebook**  
**or**  
**YouTube**

**@ Lajunta Nazarene**

**Website**  
**www.**

**lajuntanazarene.org**

# What's Happening!

## ALBASTER OFFERING

"Ring The Bell For Alabaster"

April 7th & 14th

Bring your offerings

and ring the bell!



Offerings help build churches, hospitals  
and more on the mission field.

## LA JUNTA NAZARENE CHURCH BOARD ELECTIONS

April 21st & 28th

To vote you must be a member  
and at least 15 years of age.

## CRAFTING WITH FRIENDS

Saturday, April 27th

10:00 - 2:00 pm



- BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS
- BRING A FINGER FOOD TO SHARE
- BRING A FRIEND

ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP!

# Recipe of the Month

## Rhubarb Cake from Velva Addington

2 cups of rhubarb

2 cups of strawberries

3/4 - 1 cup of sugar

- Mix and pour into the bottom of a 9x13 pan

1 Pillsbury white cake

- Make as directed
- Spread over the rhubarb mixture.

1 cup of whipping cream

- Pour over the cake batter
- Bake about 1 hour at 350 degrees

Best served warm with  
whip cream on top.

If you have a recipe you would like  
featured, please submit it to  
Charlotte Callister



## **YOUNG ADULTS LEAVING “THE CHURCH”**

**Research has shown that at least two-thirds of young people leave the church when they graduate from high school. The reasons given are life changes, personal priorities and not feeling connected to people.**

**What can we do as a church to make young people feel connected and loved at church?**

**What can we do as parents to teach and lead by example who God is, what He has done for us and that He should be a priority in our lives?**

**The world is a pretty dark place without God and the church can be a safe haven where love and support are given.**

**LET'S ALL DO BETTER!**

## **The Half Million Mobilization**

### **Church of the Nazarene**

**In 2022 God set His people to praying. The Half Million Mobilization called 500,000 Nazarenes across Canada and the USA to pray. We also called those who prayed to share what they heard the Spirit saying to the Church. There were four “heart cries” that emerged from God’s people, regardless of their role or age group.**

**Mobilizing all Nazarenes in unity in the midst of a polarized world, calling our churches to engage in blessing our community, bringing people to Jesus especially our younger generations, and embracing the transformation of the whole person through becoming Christlike disciples.**

**In the following months these “heart cries” were prayerfully formed by pastors and lay people, educators and ministry leaders of all ages and cultures, into the grand vision for Canada and the USA.**