

WELCOME TO CHURCH

JANUARY 19, 2025

Speaking Today: Pastor Dennis Owens

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

1. Grab a **Connect Card** from the chair pocket 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 AT STERLING NAZARENE

TODAY - "MLK, Jr. Peace & Justice Celebration"*, 2-4pm, Main
**Presented by the Sauk Valley Diversity Alliance*

TONIGHT - Refuge 4 Allies Teens, 5:30-7pm, HC

MONDAY - Prayer Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Main Sanctuary

TUESDAY - Women's Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jody's House
- Pickleball, 6:30-8:30pm, HC

WEDNESDAY - Chess Club for Kids & Teens, 5:15pm, Main
- Wacky Wednesday for Kids, 6:30-7:30pm, Main
- Ladies Book Club, 6:30pm, HC Parlor
- Ladies Bible Study, 6:30pm, HC
- Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm, HC
- Baptism Information Class, 6:30pm, HC

SATURDAY - Membership Class, 9:30am-Noon, HC

2024 GIVING STATEMENTS are available at the Welcome Center. Feel free to pick yours up today.



Today is the beginning of "Change for Life" for Hope Life Center. There are baby bottles in each foyer. Pick one up, fill with cash, coins, or checks and return to the church by Sunday, February 23.

PICKLEBALL is starting up again this Tuesday, January 21st. Join us from 6:30 to 8:30pm in the Hatton Center Gym.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY NEW Ladies Bible Study looking at "What is a Christian?" from the series *Essentials of Faith* by Francis Chan. Join us from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Hatton Center.



BAPTISM INFORMATION

Interested in information on baptism? Come to an information class on Wed, Jan 22 at 6:30pm in the Hatton Center. Let Pastor Denny know that you are interested by using the Connect Card in the seatbacks, using the Church Center app, or notifying the Church Office.

Are you interested in learning about church membership? Join Pastor Denny on either Saturday, January 25 or Saturday, February 1 from 9:30 to Noon in the Hatton Center Catalyst Room. Let Pastor Denny know you are interested by using the Connect Card in the seatbacks, using the Church Center app, or notifying the Church Office.

MEMBERSHIP
CLASS

REFUGE 4 ALLIES

Sunday, February 2 @ Crossbridge Community (Ottawa, IL)
Teens (grades 7-12) are invited to Neon Night at Crossbridge Community Church in Ottawa, IL from 6:30 to 8pm.
Cost is \$5 for pizza & drink. Please see Pastor Dalen for more info.



REFUGE 4 ALLIES - CELEBRATE LIFE

Saturday, March 1st @ Pekin First Naz
Teens (grades 7-12) are eligible to participate in District Celebrate Life. Registrations are due by Mon, Feb 3rd. The cost is \$35. Please see Pastor Dalen for more info.

ALABASTER OFFERING

Sunday, February 9th we will be taking our annual Alabaster Offering. The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. If you would like to contribute to this offering, please pick up a blue box from the Main Foyer and fill it with money. We will be collecting the boxes on Sunday, February 9th in the worship service.





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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

PAUSED FOR RESTRUCTURING

WATCH FOR DETAILS

JANUARY 12, 2025 ATTENDANCE 137

	Contributions	2024-2025 Ministry Plan	Difference
Weekly	\$4,721.00	\$5,695.20	\$(974.20)
Y-T-D	\$257,886.37	\$261,979.20	\$(4,092.83)

BIBLE READING PLAN 2025

Jan 20	Gen 44-45	Matt 13
Jan 21	Gen 46-47	
Jan 22	Gen 48-49	Matt 14
Jan 23	Gen 50; Ex 1-2	Matt 15
Jan 24	Ex 3-4	
Jan 25	Ex 5-7	Matt 16
Jan 26	Ex 8	Matt 17

CONNECT with Sterling Nazarene



FAITH

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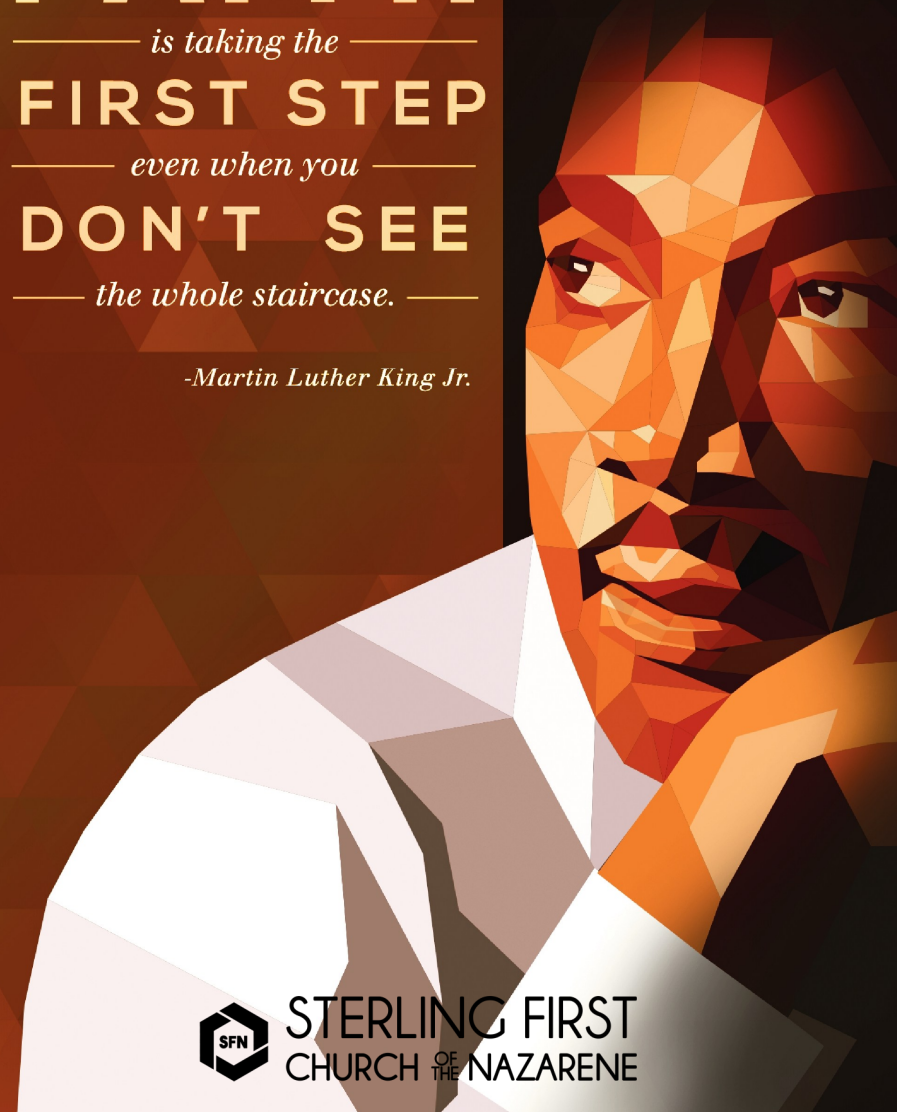
FIRST STEP

— *even when you* —

DON'T SEE

— *the whole staircase.* —

—*Martin Luther King Jr.*—



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