

NOVEMBER
2015

"Dose of Wisdom"

I am continuing to move through the introductions to the writings of the Book of Concord. This month's Dose of Wisdom is looking at the Smalcald Articles. The Book of Concord is the book in which is drawn up the confession of faith Lutherans believe, teach, and confess published in 1580. The Smalcald Articles is one piece of the overall picture of the faith we confess. What I have below is pieces from *Concordia; The Lutheran Confessions*. These words are not my own, but taken from the book. The Smalcald Articles help define what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutherans.

The **Smalcald Articles** were written by Luther in late 1536. On June 4, 1536, Pope Paul III announced that a council would be held in Mantua beginning May 8, 1537, to deal with the concerns of the Protestants. The elector (or prince) of Saxony requested Luther to prepare some articles for discussion at the council. Luther indicated on which points Lutherans would stand fast and on which points a compromise might be possible. These articles were never used for their intended purpose, but Lutherans at once recognized their value as a statement of pure evangelical doctrine, and they were therefore included in the Book of Concord.

The Smalcald Articles very clearly establish the differences between Romanism and Lutheranism. This very sharply worded document leaves little to the imagination. When clear confession is necessary, it is wrong to speak in ways that can be interpreted to fit everyone's opinion. Faithfulness and clarity demand a precise twofold presentation that (a) rejects error and (b) affirms truth.

The Smalcald Articles were held in high esteem by Lutheran laypeople and rulers. Elector John Frederick cherished them. As his own death drew near in 1554, he ordered them to be printed as part of his last will and testament. By 1577, the Formula of Concord said that the Smalcald Articles had "everywhere been regarded as the common, unanimously accepted meaning of our churches. (FC SD Rule and Norm 11). This is why it was included in the Book of Concord of 1580.

The Smalcald Articles help define once again what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutherans. If you want to learn more about the Smalcald Articles see for further instruction; *Concordia; The Lutheran Confessions*.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Dose

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

ZION PROCLAIMER

Harvest Supper

The annual harvest Supper will be held on Sunday, November 8th at the Arcadia American Legion Hall. Serving will be from 4:00-7:00 pm. The menu consists of Turkey with all of the trimmings.

The cost of the dinner is: \$10.00 for adults; children 5-11 yrs of age \$5 and preschool is free. Take outs are also available.



Honor our veterans

Veterans Day, which is November 11 each year, is a holiday to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good.

Christians follow the Prince of Peace, so war is a dilemma that often challenges people of faith. Some Christians are pacifists, while others believe in a "just war." Many believe that the goals of freedom, justice, equality and democracy are worth the cost required.

Whatever individual Christians decide about any given conflict, most Christians believe that men and women who strive to make this world free of tyrants are to be respected. As Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Thank you to all the men and women who served or are now serving our country.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

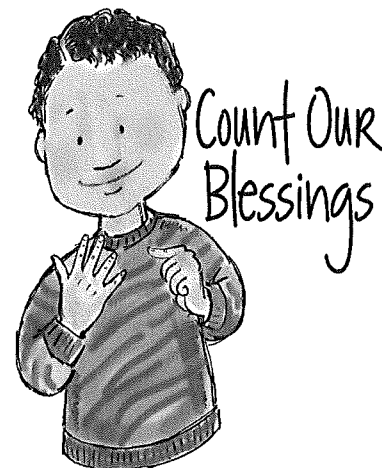
Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

*Prayer &
Thanksgiving*

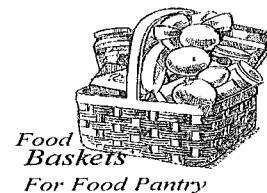


You are cordially invited to join us on Wednesday, November 25th at 6:30 pm for a special worship service of Thanksgiving and praise to God for the many blessings He has given us throughout the year. We will be celebrating Holy Communion.

What ARE YOU Thankful for?

FOOD PANTRY IN-GATHERING

We will be having a food in-gathering for the Food Pantry's in Carroll, on Sunday, November 15th during our Worship service. Items needed are: canned fruit, soup, crackers, cereal, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, canned spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, egg noodles, pancake mix, pancake syrup, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, pork & beans, chili beans, and non food items such as: bath soap, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet tissue and laundry soap. Cash donations are always welcome so that we might provide milk, eggs, meat, oleo, cheese, potatoes, and fresh fruits and vegetables.



HARVEST ACCOUNT

For the past several years many members of Zion have offered their thanks to the Lord of the Harvest by presenting a portion of their harvest to the Lord. If you would like to offer a gift to the LORD, you can do so by letting the Arcadia Co-Op know how many bushels of corn or beans you wish to have placed in Zion's Harvest Account.



*A Time to Say
Thank You*

What we have

When we look at what we want, and then compare that with what we have, we shall be unhappy.

When we think about what we really deserve, and then compare that with what we actually have, we shall thank God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas is fast approaching. If your child is planning on participating in the Christmas program please have them let their teacher or the church office know as soon as possible as we are preparing for the program. During December our practices will be held on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School time. Please watch the December newsletter for more information



On Saturday, October 31st, Daylight Saving Times ends, so remember to set your clocks **BACK** 1 hour before retiring on Saturday evening.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

The Lutheran Hour may be heard on Sundays on the following radio stations in our area: KAYL, 990 AM, Storm Lake, 10 am; KDSN, 107.1 FM, Denison, 6:30 am; KDSN, 1530 AM, Denison, 10:30 am; WHO 1040 AM, Des Moines, 7:30 a.m. Also available 24 hours/day on the Internet @ www.lutheranhour.org
Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

November 1 "Who Do You Think You Are?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Don't just look up, down, or around-look to Jesus Christ for life and salvation. (Isaiah 51:4-6)

November 8 "Do You Know THIS Jesus?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

If you think Jesus is just one of those very good and capable people who show us a better way to treat others, you haven't really captured who Jesus is. Hebrews 9:24-28)

November 15 "Readied for That Time"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Our most advanced technology soon becomes worthless and obsolete, but God has a life for you in Jesus that lasts forever. (Mark 13:1-13)

November 22 "Our Heart-Song of Thanks"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Heart-songs of praise are sung by those who realize the Lord loves the unlovable and saves those who thought they were beyond saving. (Ephesians 5:18b-21)

November 29 "Are You Ready?"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Advent looks forward to Christmas and that final day when Christ will return. Are you ready? (Luke 21:34-36)

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

LADIES AID:

The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, November 5th at 1:30 pm. Hostess will be Darleen Linde. Christian Life will be led by Diane Schroeder. Election of officers will be held (President & Treasurer)

EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle will be having their monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 4th at the home of Dawn Luetje with Betty Nobiling as CoHostess. Bring cornucopia items for church; election of officers (Vice - President & Secretary) and also have the 2016 sign up sheets for circles and hostesses.

CHANCEL & PARISH HELP NEEDED

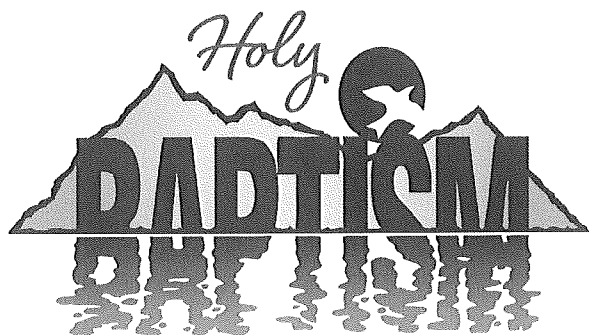
In November the calendar for 2016 circles will be set up. Because of declining numbers in the Ladies Aid and the Evening Circle it has become necessary for additional help filling these circles.

This is a great opportunity for you to help out. You would be serving with at least 1 other person for one month. services. If you would be willing to help out, please contact Darleen Linde or Carm Thiedeman, Presidents of our circles or the church office.

CHANCEL DUTIES: Clean communion ware after each com-

munion service; provide or place flowers on the altar for services; change altar paraments as necessary.

PARISCH CIRCLE: Fold bulletins for each service ;



Baptized on October 25th was Brynn Elizabeth Koch, daughter of Nick & Krista Koch. Serving as sponsors for Brynn were Kelli Dirks, Melissa Hoffman, Kara Rowedder and Justin Koch.

The following members were elected to serve on the 2016 Church Council:



PRESIDENT:	Kevin Skinner
VICE-PRESIDENT	Al Hunter
SECRETARY:	Shelly Lenz
TRUSTEE:	Jered Greene
ELDERS	Merle Witt Chris Toft
BD EVANGELISM	Mary Bruhn

All Saints' Day

On October 31st & November 1st (All Saints' Day observed) we will remember those who have gone before us.

This year in our prayers, we remember those who have died in the Lord during the last year:



Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning “horn of plenty,” has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.

Bernice Branning



Giving thanks for all things

It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted, such as freedom, clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

What about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that he is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?

The beginning of Advent

November is the month of Thanksgiving, but it often also includes the beginning of a new church year. This year, December 6th is the first Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is about Jesus, the Word, “coming.” It's about anticipating and preparing for Christ's arrival.

God comes to us in many and various ways. He speaks to us through the prophets and saints. He comes and speaks to us when we are listening. He comes in the beauty and mysteries of nature. Most of all, God comes in the person of Christ, speaking to his listeners face to face.

Pastor Edmund Steimle put it this way: “The Christian story is a story of God coming into the middle of life, of our lives, opening the dialogue with us.”

That's what Advent is really all about: God visiting the earth in person to speak with anyone and everyone who is ready to do so.

God's precious saints

A man mourning the sudden death of his young wife wondered, “Where was God when Jenny died?” Unable to sleep, he turned to Scripture and read Psalm 116:3 (NIV): “The anguish of the grave came upon me: I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.” The man's anguish echoed the psalmist's. Reading on, he discovered verse 15: “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.”

“What does it mean by precious?” the man wondered. The footnote proved helpful: “Not in the sense of highly valued, but of that which is carefully watched over.” The widower pictured God watching over his wife in her last moments. “That's where God was,” the man thought with relief.

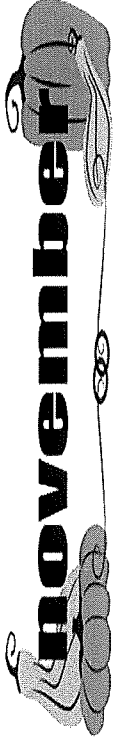
May we, too, be assured that God cares for his saints — not only at death but also in life, through grief and into healing.

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Greg Gronau Peggy Himmers Amanda Hoffman	4 Lucas Hansman Jacob Kraus Joyce Lee Gladys Rickers	5 Mitchell Hoffman	6 Keith Vetter	7
8	9 Sara Schurke	10 Eddie Holdsworth Cory Wittrock	11 Caroline Dieter Curtis Ehlers	12	13	14 Stacie Muhlbauer
15	16 Alison Ehlers	17 Dave Peters	18 Jean Hausman Deb Wittrock	19 Christy Hanson	20 Tom Lipton Dan Segebart	21 Blake Hanson Evan Nelson
22 Stan Grundmeier Sharon Maasen Betty Nobiling Ryan Schurke	23 Jolene Stoelk JoAnn Wernimont	24 Jered Greene Gail Mumm	25 Deb Owen	26 Becky Vetter	27 Brayden Schmitz	28 Jerald Luetje
29 Michael Anderson Timberlen Koch Stacey Maasen	30 Allen Grundmeier					

*Give thanks
unto the LORD;
for he is good.*

PSALM 136:1, KJV



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC/	2 Shut in visits Carroll	3	4 9:30 Bible Study 2:00 Midweek 7:00 Evening Circle	5 1:30 Ladies Aid	6	7
8 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW 4:00 Harvest Supp	9 Shut in visits Westside/Manning	10	11 9:30 Bible Study 4:00 Midweek	12	13	14
15 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC	16 Shut in visits Arcadia 1:00 Sewing Cir	17	18 9:30 Bible Study 2:00 Midweek 6:30 Elder's Meet 7:30 Council Meeting	19	20	21
22 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW	23	24	25 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Thanksgiving Service/HC	26	27	28
29 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW	30					

USHERS

Kim Brockman
Jim Luetje
Mark Rickers
Michael Brockman

Jeff Luetje
Rick Vetter
Keith Vetter
Gene Thiedeman

CHANCEL CIRCLE

PARISH CIRCLE
Cathy Meyer & Caroline Niehaus

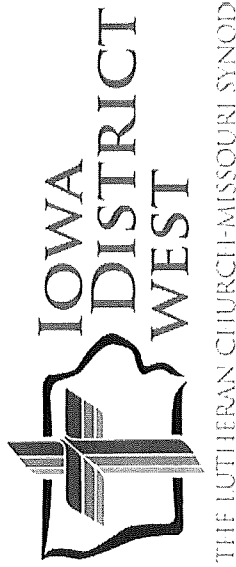
ACOLYTES

1st: Makayla Hinners & Jamie Hausman
8th: Kalon Cleveland & Maggie Ragaller
15th: Hunter Klink & Jonathan Dose
22nd: Hannah Kraus & Damon Ehlers
29th: Riley Neumann & Jordan Hansen

MIDWEEK SERVERS

4th: Diane Schurke (2 pm)
11th: Steph Hinners

18th: Kathy Kraus (2 pm)
25th: No Classes..Thanksgiving



Planting Together

November 2015

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The mission of Iowa District West is **Connecting, Resourcing, Optimizing, Partnering and Serving** with the member congregations for the extension of the Gospel within our communities, throughout the District, and into all the world.

Preparing for the Harvest



Every fall it's the same, especially in Iowa. Every fall finds farmers working practically non-stop to bring in the harvest. Whether you live in the city or in one of the small towns of Iowa, you can't miss the impact of the harvest.

How many of the farmers knew in the spring what kind of harvest they would gather in the fall? The answer, of course, is "none." They didn't know if they'd have a record-breaking harvest or whether their dreams of such a harvest would be shattered by drought, flood, wind or disease. Yet even though they didn't know, it didn't prevent them from planting! One thing they did know — without planting they wouldn't get a harvest!

What a lesson for God's people! If we want to bring in a harvest of people who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior we need to plant the seed of God's word. "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). As Martin Luther reminds us in the Large Catechism, "Although the work is done and the forgiveness of sins is secured by the cross, it cannot come to us in any other way than through the Word."

In our post-church culture very few unbelievers will come into our congregations. We need to go out into our communities and build relationships with them; relationships that will provide the opportunity to share the life-giving Word. How about partnering with Dwelling 1:14 and Iowa District West to help your members live in mission? Or invite

me to come into your circuit or congregation to discuss how to build bridges to those living around you?

Regardless of what you do, start making plans now for how your congregation and you as an individual can "plant" the seed of God's Word in your community in 2015! That's the first step in preparing for the harvest!

Rev. Mark Gerken, Executive Assistant
 Missions and Human Care

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Someone hospitalized in Sioux City or Des Moines?

Call 712-212-5482 (Sioux City) or 515-707-9195 (Des Moines, Chaplain Jim Brammeyer) and a pastor will visit and report back to you as an extension of your ministry.

Iowa District West High School Youth Gathering

November 20-22

Embassy Suites, Des Moines, Iowa

Theme: "Hello, My name is..." (1 Peter 2:9-10)

Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization

Students in our Lutheran schools need your help! The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization is at 10% of its \$790,000 goal as of October 15. You have until the end of the year — December 31 — to mail your gift. We know the need is becoming greater — How can you help? Giving is not limited to Lutherans, church members, etc. The financial benefit to a contributor is a 65% tax credit on Iowa income taxes (which can be carried over for five years) and also a charitable contribution on your federal form. For information about ILSTO go to www.iowalutheransto.org or call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.

Resource for Advent

"Advent from A to Z - Family Advent Devotion" is available from the District's Family Ministry Committee. The devotion can be downloaded from the District's website (<http://idwlcms.org/gotodownloadfile.php?file=712>).

District Calendar

November 7...IOWAY Banquet, St. Paul, Fort Dodge
 November 7...Treasurers Workshop, St. Paul, Webster City
 November 20-22...District Youth Gathering, Des Moines
 November 26-27...Thanksgiving, District Office Closed

For more information on Iowa District West activities, view *The Monthly* at <http://www.idwlcms.org/publications.php>.

What is Happening At Your Camp?

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Our Promise of Jesus at the Lake – A friendly, safe, refreshing and relaxing Christian experience

Upcoming Events!

- November 1 Omelet Brunch
- November 6-3 Beginning Experience
- November 14 Camp Okoboji Board of Directors' Meeting
- November 14 Camp Okoboji Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- November 20-22 IDW High School Youth Gathering, Des Moines
- November 25-29 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Thank YOU!

Thank you to all the volunteers who came for our Fall Volunteer Weekend! It was a huge success!



2 Corinthians 4:5

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

"Like" us on **FACEBOOK**

www.facebook.com/CampOkoboji-LCMS

Watch for upcoming events. See pictures of events and more!

New Picnic Shelter

A new picnic shelter is being built near the swimming beach. This facility will have the potential of having the sides open or closed. There will be an outdoor shower for rinsing off the sand as you leave the swimming beach and much more. Ground work has begun and plans are to have it finished before winter. Thanks to the generous donors who are providing the funds much-needed addition to Camp.

Wood Splitters Needed

Camp has a great deal of wood that needs to be split for our campfire sites. If you have some extra time and would like to help us out, please call the Camp office and make arrangements to come up. Meals and lodging will be provided.

Discover CAMPAign

First of all, thank you to all who have already given and pledged to the Discover Campaign. Because of your generous gifts, we are over halfway to the first goal of \$1.4 million! There is a matching challenge of \$250,000. We would like to reach that goal by the end of the year. Please consider doubling your donation or pledge!

The Discover Building and attached lodging facility will provide the opportunity for existing youth and family programs to add new components to their programs. It will provide the opportunities for new programs to start utilizing modern facilities and technology. It will provide opportunities for congregations to host small retreats or one day events.

For more information on Discover CAMPAign check out our website or call to invite one of the Camp Staff members to visit you or your congregation!

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Have we forgotten God?

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole of the American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

—Abraham Lincoln,
1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation

Control

Things we **CANNOT** control:

- Someone else's faults
- How long we will live
- Another person's opportunities

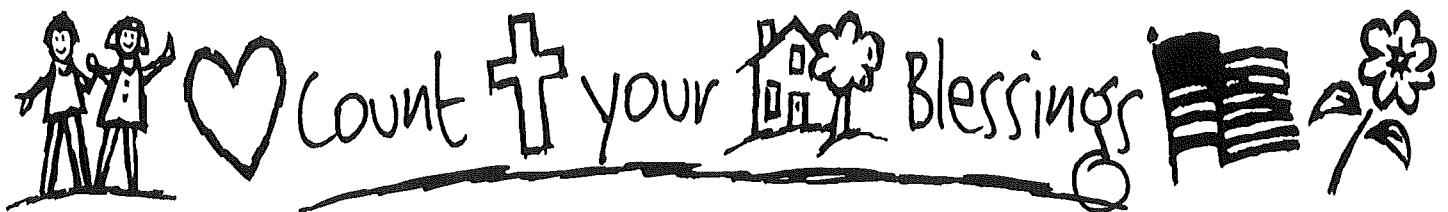
Things we **CAN** control:

- Our attitude
- The kind of life we live
- What we do with our opportunities

Three kinds of giving

"There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving, duty giving and thanksgiving. Grudge giving says, 'I have to'; duty giving says, 'I ought to'; and thanksgiving says, 'I want to.' The latter comes from a full heart. Thanksgiving is an open gate into the love of God."

—Robert N. Rodenmayer



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FRIENDS WHO CARE

<i>Christian Education</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<i>Divine Worship</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>

