NOVEMBER 2021

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### Dose of Wisdom"

**Psalm 67:6** 

<sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

### Philippians 4:6-20

<sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving. Many lament that Thanksgiving gets passed over for the more important holiday, Christmas. So let's buck that frend and let's spend time talking about Thanksgiving. We know it is a "national or federal" holiday. It is a holiday that does not have its true origins in the Bible like Christmas or Easter does. It is a holiday that recognizes the peace between the Pilgrims and Native Americans in the Massachusetts area of America. This is oversimplifying the holiday, but at its core, this is what it indicates, a praise or thanksgiving to God for all the blessing he provided in coming to America and settling in this new land.

We have numerous Bible passages that deal with thanksgiving. The two that are part of the propers (readings) for the Divine Service on Thanksgiving Eve are from Psalm 67:6 and Philippians 4:6-7. Both of these see God as the one who gives to us his gifts and blessings then we in turn respond to him with thanksgiving. All that we have in this life is a gift and a blessing from God. Another good thing to look at and read and meditate on is the

### The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, selfcontrol, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

I want to use this Newsletter article to catechize. It is good for us to think using the Scriptures and Luther's Small Catechism. The catechism is a handbook for the Christian life and faith. Look at the list Luther lays out here many things apply today just as they did 500 years ago. This Thanksgiving, we can be thankful and thoughtful for the gifts and blessings God gives to us.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dose

### LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

### **LADIES AID:**

The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, November 4th at 1:30 pm.

### **EVENING CIRCLE**

The Evening Circle will be having their monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 3rd at the church. Co-Hostess is Cindy Brockman

### CHANCEL & PARISH HELP NEEDED

In November the calendar for 2021 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 Betty Nobiling or Lajean Shiney Presidents of our circles or the church office.

CHANCEL DUTIES: Clean communion ware after each communion service; provide or place flowers on the altar for services; change altar paraments as necessary.

**PARISCH CIRCLE**: Fold bulletins for each service

### **NOVEMBER**

Chancel: Cathy Meyer

Nikki Lenz

Parish: Cathy Meyer

Deb Owen

Martha Cathy Meyer

The following members were elected to serve on the 2022 Church Council:



PRESIDENT: VICE-PRESIDENT

SECRETARY:

TREASURER:

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**ELDERS** 

BD STEWARDSHIP

BD EDUCATION:

FINANCIAL SEC: BD EVANGELISM: Doug Gronau

Scot Muhlbauer

Shelly Lenz

Kathy Kraus

Keith Vetter

Doug Ehlers

Marilyn Mumm

Cat Luetje

Paulette Von Glan Tammy Leiting

CHURCH

The Church Council will be meeting on Sunday, November 14th at 11 am . All are welcome to attend

COUNCIL

### 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

FALL On Saturday, November 6th Daylight Saving Times ends, so remember BACK to set your clocks BACK 1 hour before retiring on Saturday evening November 6th.



the Way Services will be held at 11 am and 6:30 pm. Our series will be "Symbols of Salvation"

### MIDWEEK SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER

3rd: Devon Ehlers 10th Lilly Julin

17th Cara Schuette

24th NO CLASS—THANKSGIVING

### **ACOLYTES**

7th: Devon Ehlers & Kendyl Riesberg

14th: Lilly Julin & Connor Julin

21st Abby Klink & Payton Gallagher 28th: Ty Muhlbauer & Hannah Dose

### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE



You are cordially invited to join us on Wednesday, November 24th 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.



### FOOD PANTRY IN-GATHERING

We will be having a food in-gathering for the Food Pantry's in Carroll, Sunday, November 14th-Nov 21st 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.

### Harvest Supper

The annual harvest Supper was held on Saturday, October 30th from 4-7 pm at the Westside Community Building using a drive-through style. We served Turkey, Mashed Potato, Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans/Corn, Oreo Fluff Salad, Macaroni Salad and Coleslaw and apple or pumpkin dessert. Over 550 people were served. Thank you to all who helped in any way!! It takes lots of hands and people working togeth-

er to host this kind of event. Again Thank You

HARVEST-SUPPER

### 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.



### All Saints' Day

On November 6th 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:

Dennis Maasen Robert Erps Karen Grundmeier John Vetter





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.

### 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, November 29th 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.



Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

### Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.

  If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

### Set your appointment with Universal today!





### Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography

appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter ial39

in the Church Code field and enter <u>photos</u> in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.** 

2021 Dear Family Letter



aste and see that the LORD is good. Pealm 34:8

Enter I and His courts with praise. Psalm 100:4

due His name. psolm 29:2

Glory in Warne; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Psalm. 105:3

Let us neel before the LORD our Maker.

Poolm 95:6

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything.

Ephesiane 5:19-20

### 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. Rodenmaver



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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# On a Mission

# to Support

# Christ's Mission!

# November 2021

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# **REAL FAMILY**



We have a "REAL FAMILY" out here at the Lord's Mission Central! These are the people who provide love, prayers and support for the effort to support our dear Missionaries!

The words of Jesus remind us of who our "REAL FAM-ILY" truly is...in Mark 3:31-34: "Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent

someone in to call Him. A crowd was sitting around Him, and they told Him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you"! "Who are my mother and my brothers?" He asked. Then He looked at those seated in a circle around Him and said, "HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS! WHOEVER DOES GOD'S WILL IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER!"

Our "REAL FAMILY" out here at Mission Central are those who understand that they can't go to lands of darkness, but they can help by praying and supporting someone who can GO IN THEIR PLACE to bring Jesus to people who have never heard His name! What a blessing to have family like YOU!

Gary Thies, Mission Development Counselor gary.thies@lcms.org

For more information on lowa District West activities, view *The Messenger* at www.idwlcms.org/publications.php

### District Convention June 26-28, 2022 Camp Okoboji

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Phil 1:3-5).

Important Deadline to note: February 1, 2022

The following is to be submitted to District Secretary, Rev. Richard Merrill (IDWSecretary@iowadistrictwest.org):

- Congregational Lay Delegate to the Convention Form
- Nominations for President & Vice-Presidents
- Suggested names for nominees for Board of Directors
- Selection of Circuit Visitor (voted on at circuit forum)

Continue to check the district website under the "Convention" tab for recent communications and updates.

# Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO)

assistance but we need your help to do so. There certainly is a great need in our LCMS schools so families can continue to send their children to an lowa Lutheran Elementary/Secondary School. As you begin thoughts of end of year giving, RMD distributions, and other tax planning, please consider a donation to the lowa Lu-



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theran School Tuition Organization. Your donation can be cash, RMD, appreciated stock, or even grain. The 75% lowa tax credit is the largest tax credit in lowa and there are also added tax benefits to C-Corporations if that includes you or someone you know. For more information about ILSTO go online to www.iowalutheransto.com or call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.



# Calendar of Events

November 4...District Board of Directors, Fort Dodge
November 6...Church & Clergy Finance/Treasurers Workshop, Bouton
November 13...IOWAY Banquet, Trinity Lutheran Church, Jefferson
November 19-21...Sr. Youth Gathering, Des Moines
November 25-26...Thanksgiving, District Office Closed



### CAMP OKOBOJI SUMMER 2022

### **Discipleship Programs**

June 3-5.....Kids' Kamp

June 9-12.....JOY Camp 40th Anniversary

June 12-15.....Cub Week #1

June 30......Open House / VBS

July 3-8.....July 4 Family Retreat

July 10-16......Junior High Week

July 17-23......Cub Week #2

July 24-30.....Youth Week (High School)

July 31-Aug. 5...Family Retreat #1

August 7-12.....Family Retreat #2

### **Other Events**

January 28-30.....Family Ice Fishing Retreat
Weekends Of Jan.-March....Traveling Lock-In!
May 6-8......Volunteer Work Weekend
June 15-18......IDW LWML Convention
June 19-25......Minneboji Bible Camp
June 26-28......Iowa District West Convention
August 5-7.......Hispanic Family Retreat

May 30-Sept. 5.....Sunday Morning Worship 1st Sundays of the Month...Omelet Brunches!



For more information and to register, visit campokoboji.org

## SAVE THE DATE(S)!

REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 15, 2021

SEE YOU NEXT SUMMER!



Ellie Menz
IOWAY Director / Disaster Response Coordinator
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ellie@iowadistrictwest.org
515-370-1159

### Thank You from Haiti

Join me in praising God for the very generous people of Iowa District West! Many individuals and churches have responded to the needs of the people of Haiti. Ten years ago, I became involved with our outreach to Haiti after meeting Reverend Doctor Marky Kessa, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti and Jackie Rychel, President and founder of Ministry in Mission. Recently, I asked Jackie to share her thoughts concerning the involvement of Iowa District West members with Haiti. She shared the following information.

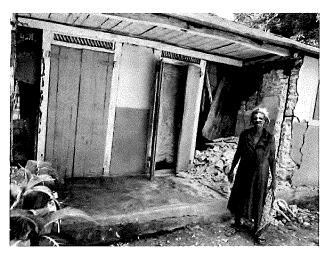
"Ministry in Mission is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The mission statement of Ministry in Mission is 'to further the Kingdom of Jesus Christ at home and abroad.'

"The main effort to achieve the mission statement is demonstrated by the ongoing and completed projects, for the last decade, primarily in Haiti. The years have displayed many challenges for the missionaries visiting Haiti but more so for the citizens of Haiti that we serve. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. In the time Ministry in Mission has escorted mission teams to the country, while only 700 miles off the Miami coast, we have seen many challenges. There have been two major earthquakes, multiple hurricanes and tropical storms, severe hunger and starvation, food and fuel shortages, gang activity including shootings, kidnappings, roadblocks, homes looted and burned, inadequate medical services, a corrupt government, and the assassination of the president.

"So, you see, one needs courage and a great deal of faith to step out and serve in a place where everyday life is so different from life in America. In 2011, when I first met Ellie Menz, she asked if an IOWAY team could serve in Haiti. The first team that ventured out was a team of seven high school youth led by four mission-minded adults. That team set the standard. That trip was followed by seven teams who when asked if they were interested in a trip to Haiti the reply was a resounding SEND ME! Following that first trip, not only was a School Sponsorship program started by a willing volunteer, but it is still going strong today with hundreds of students sponsored each school year.

"Next came the ladies who were powerful fundraisers. They spread the word about Haiti at every LWML gathering they attended. After them, were the repeat missionaries that had a vision and picked up on ideas from the needs of the Haitians themselves. Then an unsolicited phone call came requesting information on an international mission trip opportunity. That call prompted the partnership with Lutheran Family Service of Iowa. Ministry in Mission was mentored and assisted by the award-winning team of pastors and medical professional staff of Perry Lutheran Home. The entire Leadership Team advised, directed, taught, prayed, and helped physically move the very first residents into the newly constructed Jacmel Home for the elderly.

"Iowa District West has been an extension of Ministry in Mission in Haiti. Led by Ellie Menz, the IOWAY group has been selected by God and driven by the Holy Spirit to further the kingdom of Jesus Christ in Haiti. In the past two months since the last earthquake, Iowa District West members donated nearly \$10,000 for disaster response. In addition, School Sponsorships for 2021 to date is over \$20,000.



"There has not been a week that has gone by without a call, text, email, letter or card asking how they can help. When we at Ministry in Mission have prayed to the Lord for a solution to a dilemma often the answer comes from Iowa West. One such prayer was answered in record speed. Pastor Marky Kessa, our partner in Haiti working on the current disaster response to the most recent earthquake, asked for help to rebuild a house for a lady who has been cooking for the construction workers in Maniche, Haiti. The school that doubles as a church on Sundays was partially destroyed. As we were trying to

repair the structure to open for the new school year, a neighbor was asked to prepare meals for the workers. Pictured is the lady outside her house which had major damage (note the crumbled cement behind her) but she humbly put that aside and prepared meals for the workers to help the project move forward quickly.

"Pastor Marky called and said, 'I know money is designated for church construction but if you can find \$3,500 to help this lady it would be very good for her and her family.' After praying for a couple of weeks for the additional money to come through, a decision was made in faith to send an additional \$3,500 with the next wire specifically for the repair of the lady's home. Within two hours of sending that wire, Ellie Menz sent a text stating Ministry in Mission would be receiving a check soon for \$3,500 to add to the sum of disaster response money already donated. Praise God!"



MONDAY TUESDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Cathy Meyer & Nikki Lenz CHANCEL CIRCLE

PARISH CIRCLE

Cathy Meyer & Deb Owen

MARTHA CIRCLE Cathy Meyer

# Midweek Servers 11/3: Devon Ehlers

11/17 Cara Schuette 11/24 NO CLASS 11/10 Lilly Julin

# ACOLYTES:

Abby Klink & Peyton Gallagher Ty Muhlbauer & Hannah Dose

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### FRIENDS WHO CARE

Christian Education

9:00 am

Divine Worship

10:00 am

