

NOVEMBER
2023

"Dose of Wisdom"

Here we are in the month of November, the month of giving, giving thanks for all the Lord has blessed us with. We thank God for so much that we have received from him. This month's Dose of Wisdom is going to focus on Jesus words of "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Think through these words, meditate on them and see how God has blessed you over this last year and many years.

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

And indeed, it is. Does this not strike a chord that resonates in us all? Which of us can't recall the look of surprise and thanks for the Christmas gifts that we labored to give to those whom we love? And the joy written on their face when that gift is received with thanksgiving means more than all the gifts we have received. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Our Lord knew this because He practiced it. He gave of Himself – sparing not even His life in death – in order to give us back to our Father in heaven. He knew that in giving you get more because joy is multiplied in giving. The one who receives and the one who gives both rejoice in what is given and received. And, what is more, the one who receives only wants to give back to the one who gave so generously in thanksgiving.

So it is with our tithes and offerings in church. We want to give because we have received from God all that we are and all that we have. Our giving does not originate in what we must do to earn God's favor. We have God's favor because of His gift of His Son, given through Word and Sacrament. Thus, we are made free from the compulsion of giving so that our tithes and offering are freely given in thanksgiving for what God has so generously given to us.

Why then does the church struggle to make budgets? Why does the church always seem stretched so thin when it is the place where God continually gives us His forgiveness of sins? Why does the church struggle when God, out of love for us, generously pours out His grace and mercy?

It is because we are sinners. Our fallen nature makes us selfish and miserly. It leads us to believe that we can have our cake and eat it, too. Because of sin, we want God's grace and mercy; we want His blessings of body and soul. But we don't want to share it with those around us. We want to remain comfortable in our own self-contained, neat, and tidy lives – without the headaches of loving those around us by helping them in their time of need.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

ZION PROCLAIMER

“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Remember that God has placed you in a church, not only to receive His grace and mercy, but to press His eternal and temporal blessings into service to your neighbor.

Your tithes and offerings ensure that those around you have a pastor to preach the life-saving and life-giving Word of God. They ensure that the lights, heat, and air-conditioning are working. They ensure there is water for Holy Baptism as well as bread and wine for Holy Communion. They even ensure that your pastor has food and clothing and presents for his own family. The gifts of God are immeasurable. They multiply and redound to everyone’s good as the fish and loaves in the feeding of the five thousand.

So, remember the words of the Lord Jesus: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” And remember the joy that attended the gifts you gave at Christmas. This same joy attends your gifts to the church.

God’s Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dose



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle will be having their monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 1st at the home of Diane Witt.. Co-Hostess is Cindy Brockman

CHANCEL & PARISH HELP

NEEDED

In November the calendar for 2023 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 Marilyn Mueggenberg, president of the Evening Circle.

CHANCEL DUTIES:

Clean communion ware after each communion service; provide or place flowers on the altar for services; change altar par-
aments 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 2023 Church Council:



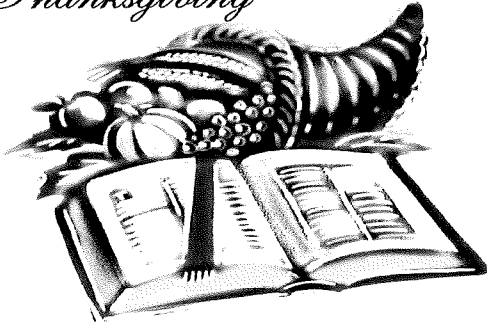
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CHURCH
COUNCIL

The Church Council will be meeting on Sunday, November 12th at 11 am . All are welcome to attend

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

*Prayer &
Thanksgiving*



You are cordially invited to join us on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 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, Sunday, November 12th-Nov 19th. 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, November 4th Daylight Saving Times ends, so remember to set your clocks **BACK** 1 hour before retiring on Saturday evening November 4th.



Prepare
the Way

ADVENT SERVICES will begin on Wednesday, November 29th Services will be held at 7:00 pm. Our series will be "Peace Came to Earth"

MIDWEEK SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER

1st	Faith Neumann
8th	Joy Luetje
15th	Cara Schuette
22nd	NO CLASS—THANKSGIVING
29th	Laynie Muhlbauer

ACOLYTES

5th: Marissa Schrad & Macie Schrad
12th: Jax Cleveland & Anna Schuette
19th: Hannah Dose & Amelia Schmitz
22nd: Payton Gallagher & Laynie Muhlbauer (Thanksgiving)
26th: Joy Luetje & Madison Stork

Harvest Supper

The annual harvest Supper was held on Saturday, October 21st from 4-7 pm at the Westside Community Building using both a drive-through style and eat in. We served Turkey, Mashed Potato, Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans/Corn, Macaroni Salad and Coleslaw and apple or pumpkin dessert. Thank you to all who helped in any way!!

It takes lots of hands and people working together to host this kind of event. Again Thank You



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.

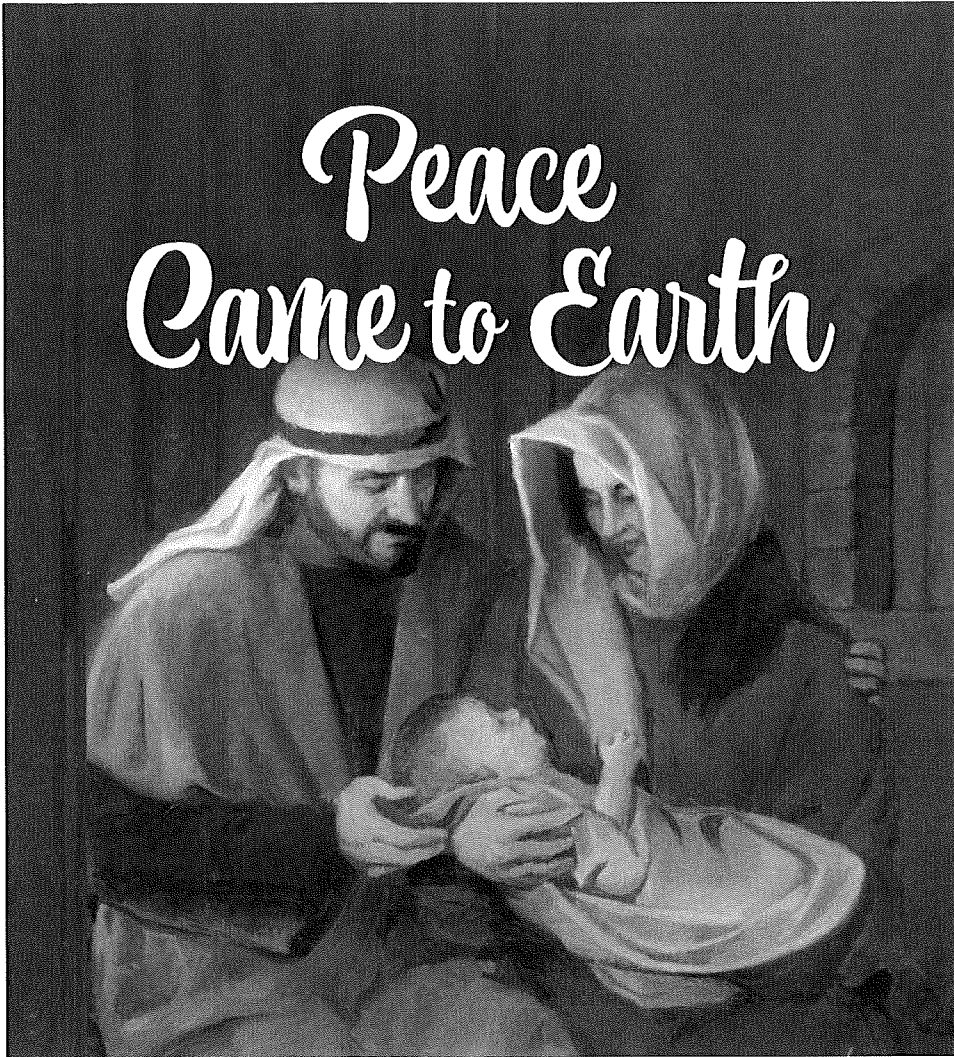
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.

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.



Peace Came to Earth



ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Wednesday	Nov 29	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Dec 06	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Dec 13	7:00 pm	
Sunday	Dec 24	10:00 am	Divine Worship/HC
		5:00 pm	Children's Christmas Eve Service
		10:00 pm	Candlelight Service/HC
Monday	Dec 25	9:00 am	Christmas Day Service/HC
Sunday	Dec 31	10:00 am	Divine Worship/HC

All Saints' Day

On November 5th we observe All Saints' Day. We will remember those who have gone before us this past year.

Pat Branning
Gladys Rickers
Gene Kuhl



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.

Community Events

SOUP SUPPER:

Sunday November 5 4:00-6:30 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lidderdale

Serving: Oyster, Vegetable, Chicken Noodle Soup,
Ham sandwiches, Pie/dessert, Ice Cream and beverage

Free-Will Offering

Chicken Dinner Friday November 17 5:00-7:00 pm

Arcadia Legion Hall (sponsored by Arcadia Community Club)

Serving: Broasted Chicken (Staley's), mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw, roll & dessert

COST: \$13 for adults Children 4-10: \$8

FEATHER PARTY

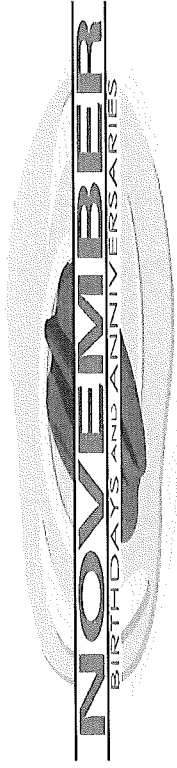
Friday November 17 7:30 pm

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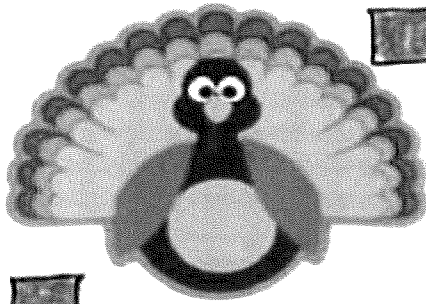
|| \$10 BINGO Card for 20 games of BINGO..for a chance to win a 10-12 lb turkey and a chance to win a 25lb turkey door prize.

|| All proceeds will be used for the Arcadia Community Club's future events and contributions to the community.

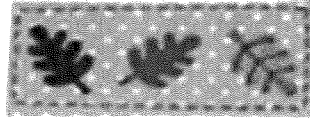
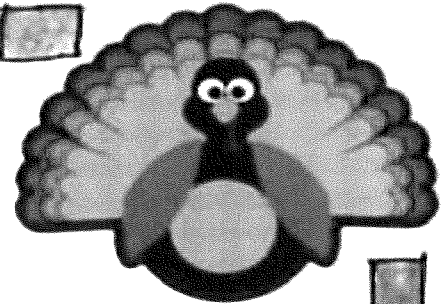




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Brock Travis</i>	2	3 <i>Greg Gronau Peggy Hinners Amanda Hoffman Matt & Janice Wilken</i>	4 <i>Lucas Hansman Jacob Kraus Joyce Lee</i>
5 <i>Mitchell Hoffman</i>	6 <i>Keith Vetter</i>	7 <i>Tommy Bass Kelsea Hawley</i>	8	9 <i>Cora Erps Sara Schurke</i>	10 <i>Cory Wittrock</i>	11 <i>Curtis Ehlers Camdyn Mohr</i>
12 <i>Dashel Bolin</i>	13	14 <i>Stacie Muhlbauer Chris Toft Brian & Jean Hausman</i>	15	16 <i>Alison Ehlers</i>	17 <i>David Peters</i>	18 <i>Jerzie Bruch Jean Hausman Peggy Peplinski Deb Wittrock</i>
19 <i>Christy Hanson David & Lisa Gallagher</i>	20 <i>Dan Segebart Tyler & Jackie Petersen</i>	21 <i>Evan Nelson</i>	22 <i>Stan Grundmeier Ryan Schurke</i>	23 <i>Jolene Stoelk JoAnn Wernimont</i>	24 <i>Gail Mumm</i>	25 <i>Deb Owen</i>
26 <i>Becky Golson</i>	27 <i>Brayden Schmitz</i>	28 <i>Acelyn Hawley Jerald Luetje</i>	29	30 <i>Allen Grundmeier</i>		



Give



Taste and see that the
LORD is good. Psalm 34:8

Enter **H**is gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise.
Psalm 100:4

Ascribe to the LORD the glory
due His name. Psalm 29:2

Glory in
His holy **N**ame; let the hearts of
those who seek the
LORD rejoice.
Psalm
105:3

Let us **K**neel before the LORD
our Maker.
Psalm 95:6

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

Ephesians 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:

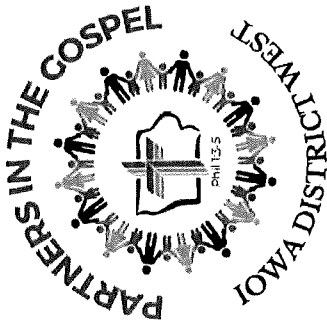
- Our attitude
- The kind of life we live
- What we do with our opportunities

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. Rodenmayer*





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Always, Always, Always



A sign that hung in my parents' home for many years and now hangs in my home reads: "There is always, always, always something to be thankful for." I know they believed this because of the faith God blessed them with through His Word. It was that very faith that carried them through 60+ years of marriage, amazing joys, wonderful family times, struggles on the farm, tragic loss and terrible disease, and on to their heavenly home, thanks to Jesus. I am so blessed and am also privileged to serve the families and congregations of Iowa District West through Lutheran Church Extension Fund. If I may serve you in your personal investing or congregation investing or loan needs, please contact me.

I pray you can say that there is always something to be thankful for. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

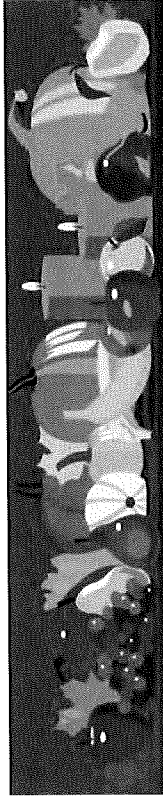
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ILSTO would love to award more financial assistance but we need your help to do so. We are currently at 15% of our goal so please consider a donation at this time. There certainly is a great need in our LCMS schools so families can continue to send their children to an Iowa Lutheran Elementary/Secondary School even with the passage of the Student First Act (ESA). As you begin thoughts of end-of-year giving, RMD distributions, and other tax planning, please consider a donation to the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization. Your donation can be cash, RMD, appreciated stock, or even grain. The 75% Iowa tax credit is the largest tax credit in Iowa 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 Tor-kelson at 712-260-2991.

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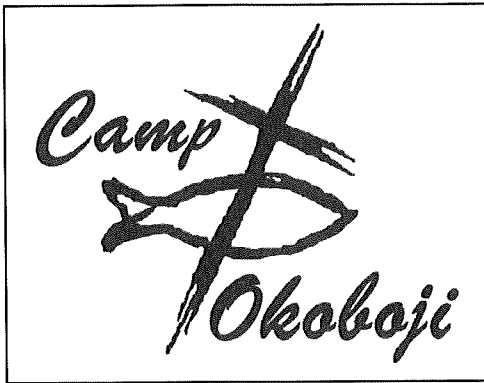
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Calendar of Events

November 9... District Board of Directors, Fort Dodge
November 17-19... Sr. Youth Gathering, Holiday Inn Airport, Des Moines
November 23-24... Thanksgiving, District Office Closed

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



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A Report on Camp Okoboji Off-season Projects:

MINISTRY: Our off-season ministry project is seeking ways to expand and grow our ministry capabilities and opportunities at Camp Okoboji. Currently, we have issued a call for a full-time Discipleship Leader. In addition, we are having discussions with a congregation exploring the potential of sharing an additional Discipleship staff member and at the same time working with another congregation to pursue a Discipleship Intern.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE: The landscape company has completed the final ground preparation and solid pack required for the pour of the rubber base. The new playground pieces are being installed now. Unfortunately, the company doing the rubber pour has made the decision that it will not pour any new projects in Iowa for this year. The pour requires the temperature to be above 50 degrees throughout the pour and additional cure time. We have requested that we be scheduled for early spring, whenever the temperatures will allow the company to begin working in Iowa again.

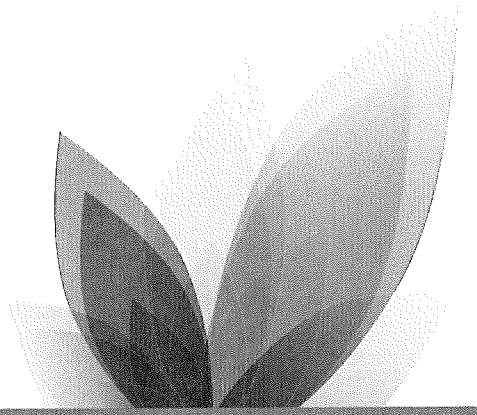
EZRA CABIN: Progress is being made on Ezra Cabin. The old Ezra Cabin is gone, the groundwork is completed, the foundation and slab have been poured. Former members of Laborers for Christ have arrived and will be the contractors in building the new Ezra Cabin. They anticipate framing and enclosing the building within the next 2 to 3 weeks.

BAUMANN CABIN: Replacing Baumann as a small retreat center will be our next facilities project. Currently, we are reaching out to seek architectural/design assistance in developing plans for the replacement of Baumann. Camp does have a funding reserve for the Baumann Project. However, additional fundraising will be required to fully fund the project.

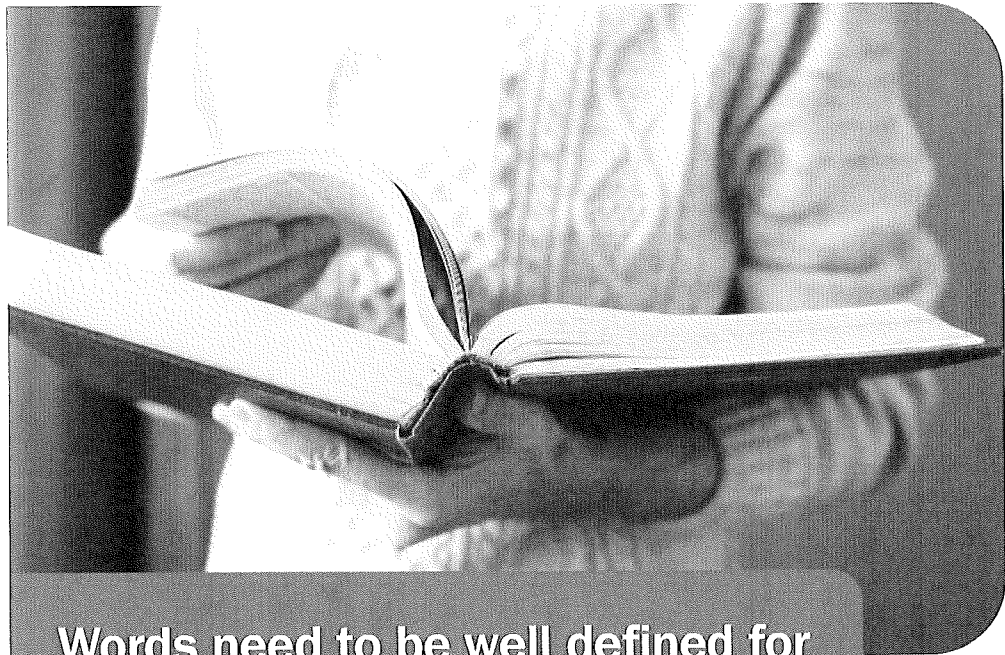
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Stewardship Emphasis



Words need to be well defined for a cogent discussion to take place.

When was the last time you actually used a dictionary? I am not talking about the last time you accessed one of the web-based sites that serve as a dictionary. When was the last time you actually held one of those books in your hands and used it for its intended purpose? For me, it has been a long time. I don't think I have used a dictionary in its totality since I was being taught how to use it in elementary school.

The vast majority of us view the dictionary as a book that provides definitions for words and phrases. This is very important for communication. Words need to be well defined for a cogent discussion to take place. How often have we been involved in a discussion with someone in person or online who is clearly using a word in a way that is not in line with its proper meaning? It renders the conversation pointless because it is not based on the solid foundation of a shared definition.

But a dictionary has even more than definitions. It also gives instruction on how words are to be pronounced. In fact, when you look up a word in the dictionary, the entry does not start with the definition. It starts with a pronunciation key! It shows how the word should sound and how it should be properly accented. With so much of our conversation being spoken, correct pronunciation of a word is also critical for communication. Mispronounced words can lead to miscommunication of ideas at best and confusion, frustration and even harm at worst. If we AC-cent the wrong SYL-lable, we can run into difficulties.

Defining stewardship rightly

The same thing happens in stewardship. We are deep in the time of the year when congregations and ministries are carrying out their annual "stewardship emphasis." This task is absolutely essential for congregations to carry out. As has been noted in previous editions of *StewardCAST*, stewardship must be taught. Faithful stewardship flies in the face of a fallen human nature. Created in the image of God, the steward is to reflect the will of the Creator within creation by the way he stewards what the Lord has made for His glory and the benefit of the neighbor. This free and joyous activity of the child of God, and God's family the church, is to be carried out for God's purposes. But so often our stewardship is marred by wanting *our* will to be done. So when a congregation embarks

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on their annual stewardship emphasis, they are really communicating an important definition.

However, steward leaders can run the risk of putting the EM-phasis on the wrong SYL-lable! This happens when the teaching of stewardship is tied to the activity of the steward rather than their identity. This misplaced EM-phasis can lead to despair, manipulation or even self-righteousness. When a stewardship emphasis is based on human effort, the hearers are shamed and the leaders are tempted to manipulate. We have all heard well-meaning steward leaders talk about sacrifice. “If we would all give up one Starbucks run and put that in the plate, everything would be fine.” Or “if we all just gave five dollars more each week we would have more than enough money for ministry.” This is manipulation. It also runs the risk of crushing the souls of those who know they have been less than faithful stewards over the years and are seeking in repentant faith to get it back in line, but don't have the extra fiver at the moment. On the other end, there is the self-righteousness of “Well I have been doing my part! I tithe!” Or there is the age-old stewardship Ponzi scheme approach that says, “I give to God with a spoon and God blesses me with a scoop shovel!” Do you remember seeing those old lapel pins?

A biblical and confessional stewardship emphasis

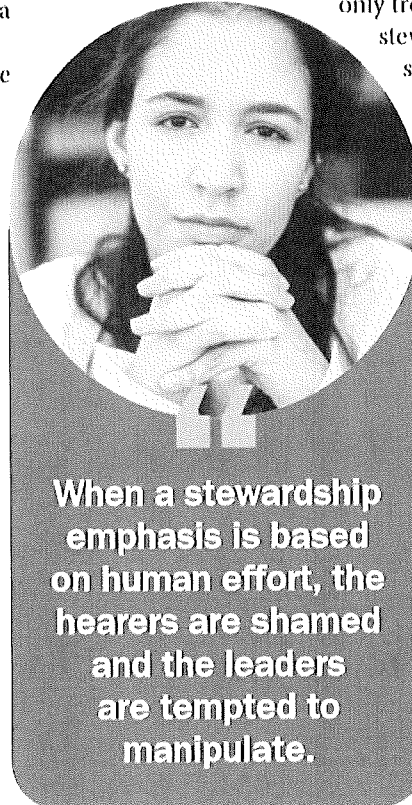
But these approaches are not at all in line with the Scripture. When steward leaders carry out a biblical and confessional stewardship emphasis, it points the steward not to what they do but to who they are! Stewards steward because that is what they

have been given to do. This is the emphasis that we need to put in place. Steward leaders are in place to simply lead those under their care to be who they are made to be. When they fail in this stewardship, they are pointed to the Great Steward, Jesus Christ, who was for them once and for all what they could never be, at the cross and empty tomb. This treasure delivered at font, altar and pulpit is what the steward is given to steward in the world. This Gospel becomes the only treasure that the Christian steward has. Everything that stewardship has emphasized in the past — time, talents, treasures, etc. — are really not stewardship. They are the means by which we steward the Gospel to those around us. The Gospel of Jesus is the will of God that we are to reflect to the world that is full of death and darkness.

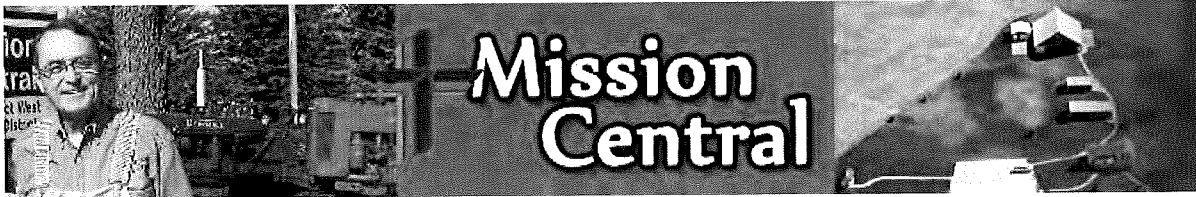
Any emphasis that doesn't start with Christ and flow back to Christ working in and through the steward is one that is guilty of EM-phasis on the wrong SYL-lable! If we are honest, only hitting on the EM-phasis once a year

isn't sufficient. This is a year-round effort. Pointing people to the use of good First Article gifts for the sake of the Gospel and it reaching the neighbor is an emphasis that is needed every week. Doing this, every week becomes a stewardship Sunday. Every lectionary text is a stewardship text. Every baptismal remembrance is a stewardship event. Every steward kneeling at the rail to receive Christ is a stewardship event.

With the proper Gospel emphasis, stewardship is nothing to be feared. With proper Gospel emphasis, it can't be relegated to once a year, either. When stewardship is properly defined and accented, the message is one that sets stewards up to be all that they have been created and redeemed to be.



When a stewardship emphasis is based on human effort, the hearers are shamed and the leaders are tempted to manipulate.



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM BATTLE CREEK, NEBRASKA TOUR THE WORLD-FAMOUS MISSION CENTRAL!

It truly was one of those days that we will NEVER forget. On Tuesday, September 19, Dr. Nicholas Onnen, the honorable Principal of St. John Lutheran School in Battle Creek, Nebraska, brought the school's 5th through 8th grade students for a once in a lifetime tour of the Lord's Mission Central.

What a wonderful group of 52 people! It was a JOY to welcome the students who made a special trip to visit. The group is pictured by the Mission Central sign and in the Lord's Creation Theater!



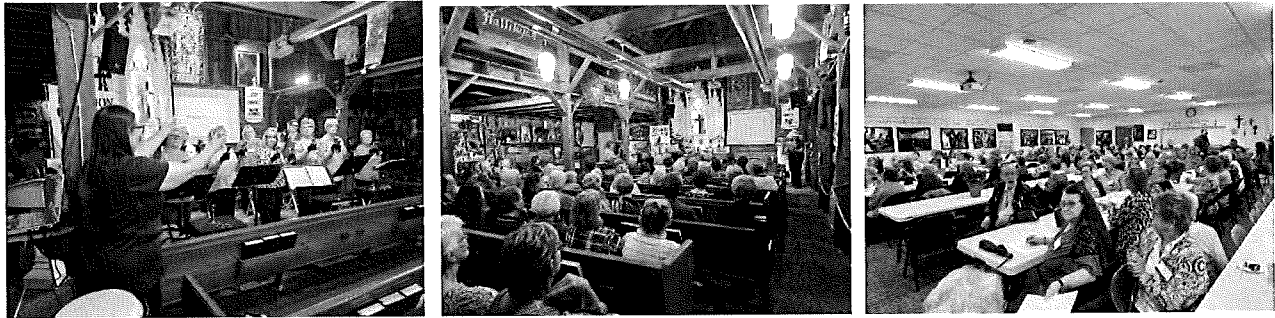
These young people all promised to keep the Lord Jesus in their hearts for the rest of their lives! They visited the Ministry Center, the Lord's Creation Theater, the Barn Museum, and even saw the "Resurrection Spot" where old Missionary Gary will be sleeping. Pastor Steve Schulz was present to pray for them in the little Wayside Prayer Chapel and also to pray for them as they left this MIRACLE PLACE!

IOWA DISTRICT WEST FALL LWML RALLY HELD AT THE WORLD-FAMOUS LORD'S MISSION CENTRAL!

It was one of the BEST FALL LWML RALLY EVENTS that we have had here at the Lord's Mission Central! The event took place on Saturday, September 23. What a JOY to welcome nearly 130 special friends from all over Iowa District West. We enjoyed listening to the Ladies Hand Bell Choir from St. Paul Lutheran Church at Aurelia, Iowa, and we were blessed by the program on Lutheran Family Service.

Penny Schuessler, the Honorable President of the LWML, did a great job of keeping the meeting moving and with prayer the rain stopped at “just the right time.”

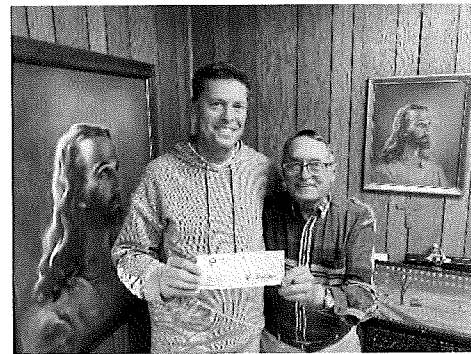
It was a very special time to welcome all of these dear missionaries!



PRESIDENT OF KING OF KINGS IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA, MAKES SPECIAL PRESENTATION!

On Friday, October 6, the Honorable Dr. David Reddel, President of King of Kings Lutheran Church of Omaha, Nebraska, traveled to Mission Central to present a special gift from the congregation to help build water wells in Africa! It was one of those special days that helps to keep us going here at the Lord’s Mission Central. Without the Lord sending special friends at “just the right time,” we would grow weary and get discouraged. The Lord sends special friends to keep us going and going!


Dave is a long-time volunteer for 29 years helping and assisting with the work at Mission Central. He is part of our “real family” and is a dear friend. He is truly NOT NORMAL! We thank the Lord for sending special friends here to encourage us and keep us going for nearly 30 years! Pictured is Dave presenting old Missionary Gary the check in our office with our Boss in the background!



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November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 4:00 Midweek 7:00 Evening Cir	2	3	4
5 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	6	7	8 4:00 Midweek	9	10	11
12 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC 11:00 Council Meeting	13	14	15 4:00 Midweek	16	17	18
19 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	20	21	22 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Worship/HC	23	24	25
26 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	27	28	29 4:00 Midweek 7:00 Advent Wor	30		

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 Jeff Luetje Kim Brockman
 Gene Thiedeman Rob Klink

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Cathy Meyer
 Deb Owen

CHANCEL CIRCLE

Cathy Meyer
 Nikki Lenz

MIDWEEK SERVERS

11/1 Faith Neumann
 11/8 Joy Luetje
 11/15 Cara Schuette
 11/22 NO CLASS
 11/29 Laynie Muhlbauer

ACOLYTES

11/5 Marissa Schrad & Macie Schrad
 11/12 Jax Cleveland & Anna Schuette
 11/19 Hannah Dose & Amelia Schmitz
 11/22 Payton Gallagher & Laynie Muhlbauer
 11/26 Joy Luetje & Madison Stork

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



Thanksgiving