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From Your Pastor

Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:45-47).

Years ago, an expert on time management spoke to a group of business students. As he stood in front of these high-powered overachievers, he said, "Okay, time for a quiz." He pulled out a one-gallon, wide-mouthed mason jar and set it on a table. Next, he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?"

Everyone said, "yes." The instructor came back: "really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of sand. As he poured the sand, it filtered into the empty spaces left between the rocks. Once more he asked, "Is this jar full?" "No!" The class shouted. Without replying, the expert grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour until the jar was filled to the brim.

He then asked, "What is the point of this illustration?" One eager beaver raised his hand said, "The point is no matter how full your schedule may be, if you try really hard, you can always fit more into it!" "No," the speaker replied, "That's not the point."

Do you know the point? Think for a few moments.

The professor told his class, just like I'm sharing with you, the point is this: "If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all!"

So, what are the big things in *your* life? The things you dare not neglect? As a Christian, I am firmly convinced that there is no more important thing than to believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior. St. Paul wrote, "I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4, emphasis added). The biggest thing in life is to hold on to God's gift of faith, which He has worked in us, to believe that Jesus died for the forgiveness of our sins and that He rose from

the dead to break the power of death for us, that we may have life with Him now and forever.

The next "big thing" in life for us as Christians, then is to follow Jesus as the Lord and Master of our lives—to live for Him. This next big thing in our lives begins with faithful worship of our loving and merciful God, who has created us, redeemed and saved us, and brought us to faith! We arrange our lives so that worship takes a priority, as God directs us also in the Third Commandment. Worship should be on our schedule every week—before any other activity—if physically possible (and yes, we know some people are scheduled to work on Sunday, but don't confuse "have to" with a choice). Jesus also said, "**Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**, and all these things will be added to you" (Matt. 6:33, emphasis added). I was blessed with a Christian father who was a farmer, and who always put weekly worship first. After milking the cows and the related chores, we went to church and Sunday School (in fact he rarely worked at all on Sunday except for milking and the other chores—and there was plenty of other work he could have done!) I am thankful for my father's example which proved to me life "works" that way, because God blesses faithfulness.

The next big thing for us as Christians is to share Jesus with those who are close to us. Jesus said, "You will be My witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Beginning right now, share with those special people—family, friends, neighbors, co-workers—how, through Jesus, they can be rescued from sin, death, and the devil's power.

You may do many things with your life, see many sights, and have a lengthy list of accomplishments. Still, when your last day comes, you will know the biggest thing you have ever done is to have believed and shared how Jesus suffered and rose from the dead for you and for all the world. The biggest things in life are faith in Jesus as our Savior, arranging life as He calls us to follow, and sharing Jesus right where you are.

Your fellow-servant for Christ,

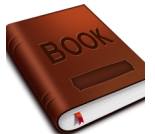
Pastor Mahuken



- April 1.....Amanda Bruhn
 Shandi Steinkuehler
- April 2.....Hannah Mahnken
 Mindi McKibbin
 Brian Otto
- April 3.....Laurie Leimbacher
- April 4.....Kelsey Jorgensen
 Joyce Miller
- April 6.....Ryan Ernst
- April 8.....Carol Teut
- April 9.....Doug Fredericks
 Lydia Hennings
 Daryl Pedersen
 Jonna Pingel
- April 10.....Jayton Bral
 Dick Fredericks
 Korbin Palmer
 Sara Rosener
- April 12.....Jason Bubke
 Jamos Schmidt
 Neil Wilken
- April 13.....Aubriella Mallinger
- April 14.....Jeremy Rohlf
- April 16.....Madison Baker
 Tim Hennings
- April 17.....Donna Koch (91)
 Reed Meseck
- April 19.....Lynette Aldag
 Cody Clausen
 Mary Claussen
 Val Teut
- April 20.....Taylor Teut
- April 21.....Kara Korner
 Kris Schultz
- April 23.....Tyler Kline
- April 24.....Everett Lee
 Isla Meseck
 Susan Schulz
- April 25.....Jesse Boell
 Craig Teut
 Derek Teut
- April 26.....Kye Bielenberg
- April 28.....Jerod Petersen
- April 30.....Heath Whitenack

- Wayne & Joyce Miller April 5, 1959
- Scott & Kelly Korner April 9, 1983
- Dane & Payton Treiber April 15, 2023
- Alan & Kathy Weiss April 16, 1994
- Karl & Sandy Wittorf April 16, 1988
- Tim & Jennifer Hennings April 17, 1993
- Brandon & Rachel Jacobson April 18, 2009
- Jason & Amy Schultz April 20, 1996
- Jordan & Jessica Thistle April 21, 2012
- James & Mary Claussen April 22, 1967
- Glenn & Jerrie Wigg April 24, 1971
- Nathan & Nicole Teut April 25, 2010
- Gaylen & Jayne Jepsen April 27, 1985

Please notify the office of any omissions or corrections.



From the Church Record Book

Deaths: "I am the Resurrection..."

Tommy Lee Bubke, age 77, died March 15, 2024, and was buried March 19, 2024 in the Morgan Township Cemetery, Schleswig, Iowa.

2024 Immanuel Confirmation Class

- Charlie Olan Beeck
- Karsen Dean Bruhn
- Bryli Sue Bubke
- Ezden Michael Hargens
- Kara Marie Korner
- Brody Wayne Morgan
- Draton Alexander Palmer
- Beckham Marius Walker



Questioning:

Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.
There will be a small reception to follow.

The Rite of Confirmation:

Sunday, April 14 9:00 a.m. Worship



CAMP OKOBOJI SUMMER 2024

Discipleship Programs

May 31-June 2...Kids' Kamp
 June 7-10...JOY Camp #1
 June 23-27...Cub Week #1
 June 30-July 5...July 4 Family Retreat
 July 7-13...Junior High Week
 July 11-14...JOY Camp #2
 July 14-20...Cub Week #2
 July 21-27...Youth Week (High School)
 July 28-August 2...Family Retreat #1
 August 4-9...Family Retreat #2

Other Events

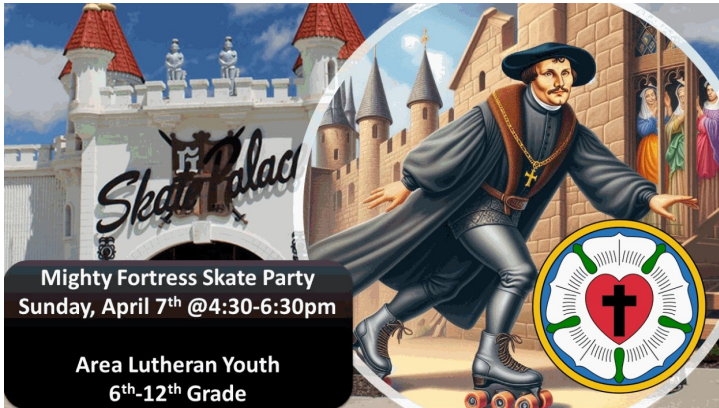
January 26-28...Family Ice Fishing Retreat
 May 3-5...Spring Volunteer Work Weekend
 June 1...Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Quilt Auction
 June 16-22...Minneboji Lutheran Camp
 June 23-27...Living Proof Dance Camp
 May 26-September 8...Sunday Worship
 1st Sundays of the Month (May-October)...Brunch



For more information and to register, visit campokoboji.org

REGISTRATION IS OPEN ~ campokoboji.org

GLORY TO GOD!



The 6th-12th grade youth of Immanuel are invited to join youth from other area Lutheran congregations at the Ida Grove Skate Palace on Sunday, April 7th, from 4:30-6:30pm for "Mighty Fortress Skate Night". There is no cost to individuals who are skating, but youth are encouraged to bring money for the concessions.

Following is a thank you from Lutheran for Life. It expresses gratitude for our gift of \$500 which was collected through our Pennies for Life door offerings surrounding our observance of Life Sunday 2024.

Dear Members of Immanuel,

Thank you for your recent Pennies for Life donation to Lutherans for Life of Iowa. Your continued support is greatly appreciated! As always, the donation will help witness the sanctity of human life through educational efforts across the state, support of caring pregnancy centers in Iowa, and support of the national office in Nevada. It is from caring congregations such as yours that help make this witness possible. Thank you again for this wonderful gift, and may God bless you and your congregation in efforts to support His gift of Life.



In His Service,

Mike Fiscus
 Treasurer, LFL of Iowa



SAVE THE DATE!!
Iowa District West
Youth Gatherings

Junior Youth Gathering

October 19-20, 2024

The Sheraton-West Des Moines
 Theme: The Great Exchange
 Theme Verse: Psalm 51

Senior Youth Gathering

October 5-6, 2024

Camp Okoboji *NEW LOCATION*
 Theme: One in Christ
 Theme Verse: Galatians 3:28



Dear members of Immanuel Lutheran:

I wanted to take the time to thank you for supporting the educational ministry at Unity Ridge Lutheran School, especially during our inaugural year 2023-2024.

Our development needs are twofold. The cost of educating one child exceeds what we charge in tuition. This is what I call a "tuition gap." Our estimated gap is \$931 per TK-12 student. The second variable for our development needs is the Unity Ridge grant. We make it possible for those who really want to come but can't quite meet the financial requirements.

For the 2023-2024 school year our development goal is \$115,000. To date we have \$64,000 as of January 31, 2024.

It warms my heart to know you are with us on this journey. Thank you for your generous gift in January. I also appreciate you sharing Pastor Mahnken as he serves on our Board of Directors as the pastoral advisor. We love his guidance, humor, and words of wisdom.

God's continued blessings on your ministry.

Merrilee A Sump
 Executive Director/Principal

~ THE LWML INVITES ALL LADIES ~



Spring is here, and we are busy planning for the LWML Spring Zone Rally on April 18th which will be hosted by Immanuel. We have committees formed that are busy working on menu and decorations. The theme will be Psalm 119:105 "Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a Light unto my path." The speaker for the rally will be Rev. Steve Schulz from Mission Central.

In March we served the evening meal preceding the Lenten service on the 20th. We served taverns, baked beans, chips, ice cream and cookies. Proceeds from this meal will be used toward the purchase of the new Sunday School chairs for the older students.

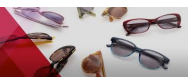
Fourteen members attended our meeting in March and we enjoyed a little taste of Ireland. Table decorations and food centered around St. Patrick's Day. Pastor led our Bible Study on a portion of John 13, Jesus washing His disciples' feet and its application to our lives.

Visits have been made to Immanuel members in care facilities and others.

Donna Harm, Secretary



As You Spring Clean ...



Bring your old eyeglasses, sunglasses, even non-prescription reading glasses and all cases!

There is a box in the narthex under the mail boxes. LWML thanks you for giving!



Please consider donating any unwanted items to our church garage sale held in conjunction with Schleswig City-wide Garage Sales May 30-June 1.

The proceeds help support our Mission projects. Items can be brought to the church garage in late May. We are grateful for your support!

~The Mission Board

Mercy Meals

On Saturday, March 23 a group of us went to Mercy Meals of Siouxland and joined with members of the Schleswig Sharks 4-H. They said this was the largest group they had had since Covid. We were able to pack over 16,000 meals in the time that we were there!



Hosanna, Hallelujah!



On Palm Sunday, March 24, the Sunday School children sang for the congregation and waved their palm branches in celebration of Holy Week.

"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"





How is it April already? (Okay, confession, it's only March as I'm typing this, but it will be April when you read it!) I thought I'd share this month some of the wonderful "Kissed by the King" moments we've seen this week. The Spirit is moving and the children are absorbing the recount of Jesus' death and resurrection in amazing ways. It is weeks like this that make me sing a little louder in my spirit.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of a little girl looking at me and in her sweet and gentle little voice said, "Jesus lives in my heart." It was an unprompted moment and the look of pure and sincere love was enough to make my heart melt. She loves Jesus! She knows He is living in her heart!

The book we read to introduce Jesus riding on the donkey had a "wobbly" donkey in it. I did explain to the children that the part of the story where Jesus healed the donkey was not in the Bible. While yes, Jesus CAN heal a donkey the Bible does not tell us the donkey was wobbly. Well, God can use even a slightly skewed presentation of Palm Sunday. The very next day a student walked into the classroom and said, "I have a wobbly chicken at home. I prayed that Jesus would heal it." Guess what? Her dad told us yesterday that he thought for sure the chicken would die BUT God decided to answer that little girl's prayer and the chicken is well! He said you can't tell it from any of the others. It's running all over alive and well! Isn't God so good?

The children will get bumps and bruises when we play outside and they know if they come to us we will pray for God to heal their "owies." There is one child in particular I suspect enjoys getting bruises just so they

can come get prayer. The other day (see, here comes my impatience) after about five or six half-hearted prayers, this great idea came to me. I suggested one of her friends pray for her. Guess what happened? We now have a playground prayer warrior. As I watched the day unfold (and days since), this little tike has taken it as her own personal calling to pray for her peers as they get hurt. What a blessing to get to tell her parents last night that she seems to have the call of an intercessor on her life. It's evident her love for Jesus and the joy she receives by talking to Him. I pray she continues on this path of faith and enjoying her times of talking to Jesus.

Another parent shared that her child came home and was telling their sibling all the details of Jesus' death and resurrection. She said the sibling looked at her and said, "Mom, is that true?" Mom affirmed that yes, it is true! Isn't it amazing? The children are learning to share the Gospel!

As the year is reaching just a couple of months left, it seems all kinds of fun personality traits are surfacing. As teachers, we like to call it "the sweet spot" where things are clicking and coming together. (Did I mention it is also the time of the year when the weather has been warm and the littles are wound for sound and LOUD?) I just love seeing their God-given strengths come to the surface. They are truly created for a purpose and are already walking in allowing the Holy Spirit to use them. I pray as they finish the year and afternoon class begins to think about transitioning into Kindergarten, they will have deep roots. I pray that they will be protected from the enemy's attempt to pluck out those roots. I pray that they will allow themselves to be used to glorify God.

Blessings,
Mrs. Gustafson



AFRICAN RADIO MINISTRIES—NEWS**Dear Mission Friends,**

In May 2017, John and Linda Kurtz traveled to Ethiopia to see what God was doing in that ancient yet vibrant country. Pastor Demeke Ture brought them to Hosanna Prison where they witnessed the baptism of 9 men and 4 women. At the end of the service, we were surprised and deeply grateful to God to hear the chairman of the Prisoners Mission Committee give a report on their missionary progress. All were praying that Linda's group (Hope and Care Outreach) would partner with ARM to manage the radio evangelism work. After the service at the prison we asked, "Well Linda, are you in?" Her answer: "How could I not be?" Now, 7 years later, the two organizations have merged, and Linda is our new President with Jesus as CEO.

During the same visit, Demeke brought us to see the Shashogo Bible School not far from the prison. The School has struggled to operate with a volunteer staff and very few benches and books. The local Government officials only recently approved requests to make improvements. Now, in God's perfect time, a dear friend of ARM has pledged to cover the costs for furniture, remodeling, repairs, electricity, books, a fence around the property and more. Recently a technical school and a high school were built across the road from Shashogo Bible School putting the Bible school evangelists in contact with hundreds of students.

Rev. Ture has moved to Minneapolis where he is a pastor for a growing congregation of Ethiopian immigrants. He and his wife are from the Hosanna area and are very happy about the Bible School and its future. He will be supervising and reporting on progress.

Linda is now in Liberia supervising the ARM programs and the work of Hope and Care Outreach. We will hear about her work there and share it with you when she returns later this month.

Health Update:

Kathy's doctor was so happy with the PET scan results that she called from her home after hours to say, "Good news! You are winning the cancer battle with letrozole and lifestyle." Thanks so much for your prayers.

Your partners in the harvest.

Missionary Linda Kurtz
John & Kathy Duitsman

Funds are needed and can be sent to:

African Radio Ministries
9811 W. Charleston Blvd. Ste 2-209
Las Vegas, NV 89117

!AMIGOS EN CRISTO and GRACIA!

News from *Las Iglesias Evangélicas Luteranas*
Amigos en Cristo in Denison and Gracia in Storm Lake
Pastor Pedro Lopez

Hello everyone! It is nice to share with you the latest about your Hispanic Ministry in our beloved IDW. Things are gearing up for the new sequences of ESL, Worship Services, Bible Studies, Praise and Prayer, in the different areas of our Hispanic Ministry outreach.

In the Carroll area, we are ready to start our ESL (English as a Second Language) on April 9. This will be our third season and we hope to meet new friends and prospects for the ongoing Hispanic Ministry at St. Paul. God is doing amazing moves in this ministry, with new people coming to praise and study God's Word. We are planning an outdoor bilingual worship service on June 9. All congregations are welcome to come and join us. We think this will be a great way to worship God and meet both English and Spanish speakers in the Carroll area.

In Denison, we are still looking for ways to meet new people to grow the ministry. Several of our Carroll members come to Denison to strengthen the group here. We are thankful for this act of love.

Gracia in Storm Lake continues to grow. We are so thankful to God as He brings new families to this ministry. We have two new families participating and giving new life to this ministry. We thank the Grace congregation for the ongoing support of their Hispanic ministry. Gracias!

In Hartley, under our Deacon Noel Chavarria's leadership, our Bible study group is growing and some of our bilingual members are participating and even becoming confirmed members of St. Paul. Our Spring ESL program will begin on April 4 in hopes of meeting new prospects and meeting the spiritual and daily needs of this area's Hispanic population.

We continue to develop our contacts in Fort Dodge. We have two families that we keep in touch with and continue to encourage to study God's Word.

Atlantic, Iowa, we are coming your way! We will be talking to congregation members there to help us put together the Hispanic fundraiser event during RAGBRAI 2024 in July. Please pray for us as we get together and make plans for this.

We will keep you posted of new developments and blessings. Your prayers, time, and financial support are always welcome to enhance your Hispanic Ministry in Iowa District West.

Gracias and bendiciones,
Pastor Lopez

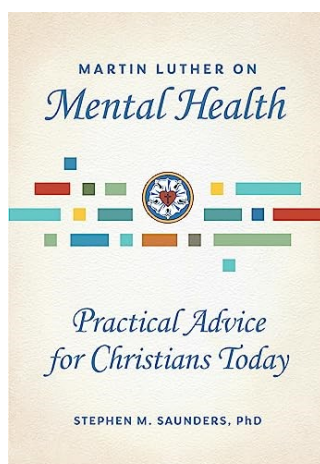


You are invited to join our Thursday evening study group as we begin a new study, reading and reviewing the little (151 pages) book "Martin Luther on Mental Health."

Five centuries ago, Martin Luther dispensed advice that essentially foretold modern cognitive and behavioral therapy techniques. This advice, from Luther and viewed through the lens of contemporary psychology, is practical and applicable to Christians today. For readers who struggle with their mental health (or have loved ones who do), *Martin Luther on Mental Health: Practical Advice for Christians Today* provides assurance that God knows our suffering and loves us. Be comforted in the knowledge that Jesus Christ paid for your sins and secured your salvation. See that living with mental illness is not a sign of poor or weak faith. Additionally, this book will help us give effective advice to those living with mental illness. It will equip us to steer others toward appropriate counseling. Discover how Luther's advice was astonishingly ahead of its time.

Our review/study of this book will begin Thursday, April 11. We meet from 6:30-7:30 in our Fireside room. Our time together is the ultimate low threat event--no one is asked to read or respond; although, those who do wish to ask questions or offer insights are welcomed.

If you are unable to join us but would like a copy of this book, please contact Pastor Mahnken.



Adopt-a-Student

As part of our support for our Lord's mission we include an annual gift of \$1,000 to the Adopt-a-Student program of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Our gift currently supports Seminarian Daniel Brummet, who is now on his year of vicarage (internship).

Greetings in Christ from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Thank you for the generous blessings that you have given to me in being donors towards my education. Your generosity is helping me continue down the path of becoming a pastor.

BIG things are happening and GOD is truly at work. Check out some of the things that are happening while I am on vicarage.

- * 73% of the Hickory, NC population is unchurched. In order to reach them, I decided to offer a missional training called the Missionary Pathway that empowers people to be disciple makers in their everyday life. I set a goal of 5 people. I prayed, and God sent me 35 for what we are calling Mission Mondays! We are already seeing breakthroughs within the first couple of weeks as we are connecting people to Christ in the places we live, work and play.
- * We are in the season of Lent for our midweek services. I wrote a series called "Broken." We are all broken people living in a broken world. Brokenness is all around us! However, we are not alone. Jesus understands our brokenness and is with us in the midst of it. When He goes to the cross, He takes our brokenness and makes it whole. I think people are finding healing in this.

(If you are interested in hearing any of the sermons that I preach while on Vicarage, check out our website at www.sslcms.org or find our YouTube Channel SSLCMS-Hickory.)

- * Sarah and I have the opportunity to go to Orlando, FL for the Exponential Conference in March! This is an organization that helps support Church Planters. We are very excited to have this opportunity because we feel that God is calling us to be church planters when I graduate next year. Pray for us as we continue to learn and grow through vicarage.

In Christ, Daniel Brummet

Minnesota's attack on religious liberty **Will Christians be at least as resolved as the state's transgender activists?**

By Pastor Levi Secord

In my home state of Minnesota, open religious persecution is on the docket. Those in power aim to use the coercive force of the state to tell religious institutions who they can hire. This includes churches, mosques, and synagogues as well as religious educational institutions. For all the talk about the separation of church and state today, some lawmakers want to dictate the hiring process for churches. I wish this were an overstatement, but it accurately reflects the political aims of the majority party in my state.

Last year was the first session in years where the Democrats in Minnesota gained control of all branches of state government—the House of Representatives, Senate, and the governor's office. They didn't waste any time. They passed a litany of bills aimed at turning Minnesota into a progressive utopia. These laws were shocking for Christians throughout the state, especially the bills addressing transgenderism.

What went largely unnoticed was the rewriting of the state's *Human Rights Act*. Legislators added "gender identity" as a protected class. Unlike other protected classes, this one did not include an exemption for religious institutions. Some legislators thought this was simple oversight and have sought to remedy it this session.

It wasn't an oversight. It was intentional. Within the last month, both the House and Senate Judiciary Committees considered an amendment that would have added a religious exemption to the "gender identity" category. Both committees, dominated by Democrats, voted it down. One representative who opposed the amendment described the idea of religious institutions possessing this freedom as "infuriating," "disgusting," and "ridiculous."

Apparently, churches hiring their pastors based on the belief that men are men and women are women is *ridiculous*. This is the bizarre world of Minnesota politics. Here, apparently, it is less *disgusting* for the state (the people with badges and guns) to coerce churches to submit to erasure of their First Amendment rights than it is to allow anyone to question the dogma of gender theory. This threat is not just an abstract idea, as at least one religious school currently faces an employment complaint under this unconstitutional new language. In Minnesota, it is supposedly "saner" to deny biological realities than to protect our most fundamental rights. History is not kind to those who use badge and guns to coerce belief and to stifle dissent.

This brazen attack on religious liberty has created a stir for the various faiths in Minnesota. It was an odd sight to see Muslim, Jewish, and Christian leaders speak in unison on religious liberty and then to see them all attacked by activist leftist legislators and citizens. The political dividing lines are realigning as leftists demand total submission to their dogma. This latest attack demonstrates there is no respect for the sphere of the church from those on the political left.

What is the church in Minnesota to do? Will Christians stand up? For all the contradictions that plague queer gender theory, the people who hold that theory live with bold zealotry and confidence. They are willing to sacrifice and face scorn for their beliefs. In terms of their zeal, they put some Christians to shame.

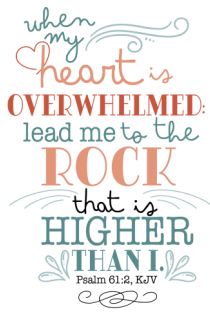
As a local pastor and lifelong Minnesotan, I've been part of many efforts at our State Capitol to stem the tide. In my experience, there is no shortage of people, groups, and organizations that will line up to speak in favor of this wicked agenda. The same is not true when looking for voices, boldness, and courage in defense of righteousness. Will this latest overstep be the clarion call that finally awakens Minnesota's Christians?

Earlier this year, I was part of a denominational meeting that considered publicly calling the State of Minnesota and its leadership to repentance. This was in response to the evils passed in the last legislative session. Sadly, the idea did not receive enough support from denominational representatives to pass. Fear, apathy, and a distorted belief in the separation of church and state stymied any potential unity. Will this new open attack motivate pastors and other Christians to action? Can evangelicals in Minnesota muster even a fraction of the courage, faith, and dedication that we see from the other side? Will we live like we take seriously our confessed faith as true?

The time has come for ministers of various denominations to formally speak on these issues. This latest attack demonstrates there is no respect for the sphere of the church from those on the political left. If government officials enforce the leftists' *gender identity* legislation, our denominational squabbles will be greatly overshadowed by demands that churches hire pastors who deny the creational realities of manhood and womanhood. Your church could be sued for not hiring a cross-dressing youth pastor who denies that sex is binary.

Faithful Lutherans, Catholics, Baptists, and others must temporarily set aside their differences long enough to unite in the necessary common cause to speak in unison against this proposed tyranny. If religious institutions are not free to hire as they want, then they are not free to believe as they want. This is the very freedom many Christians throughout history sacrificed to find. We cannot let it go without a fight.


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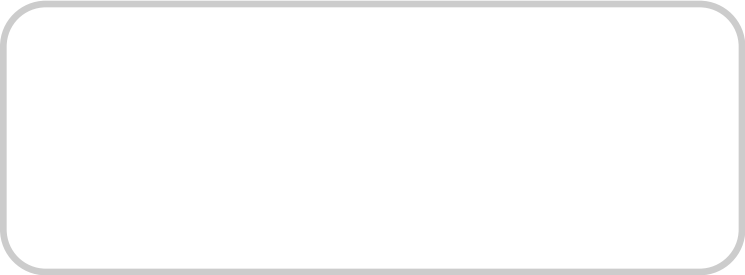
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