

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER



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From Your Pastor

A few years ago I added a strip of flowers to the area I garden on the south side of our church building. I am most certainly inclined to plant something I can eat, but I have learned the value of flowers in and near a garden. Flowers attract various insects which aid in pollination. Flowers also have value in the area of companion planting (you can ask me if you are interested). Somehow and sometime an iris rhizome (more commonly called a bulb) found its way to the garden from the bed beside the parsonage garage. I almost tossed it into my compost pile, but then decided to plant it at the end of the flower strip.

Year after year it took up space, but never bloomed. More than once I thought of pulling it up and tossing it, but did not. I guess my thinking was in line with Jesus' parable in Luke 13:6-9, "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vine-dresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" Well, I never gave the iris any special care, but it remained, "this year also."

Then this year, as you can see in the picture, it sent up nine stalks of multiple blooms! Amazing! In this iris I keep finding applications to God's working in us, His faithfulness to us, and how He produces good in our lives as we trust His promises.

First of all, I am very thankful that the Lord is patient with me, because my fruitfulness for Him many times has failed. God's mercy and His steadfast love is shown in that "He does not treat us as our sins deserve, or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:10-12).

Second, I am thankful for His promises to bless our efforts of faith, even though the evidence may not be immediately seen. One of those promises is recorded in 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the



Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

We may not see any growth or benefit in our own weekly attendance in worship and the discipline of daily Bible reading, our prayer life, and our bringing our children to Sunday School and reading God's Word and praying with them, and yet, God promises that His Word will not return to Him empty, but that through His Word He will accomplish the purposes for which He sends it (Isaiah 55:11). That means He is slowly, gradually, strengthening and blessing our faith. He is maturing us and preparing us to bear fruit in us. This is the work of the Holy Spirit through the Word. He tells us "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal. 5:22-23).

Again, in the letter to the Galatians, St. Paul—who certainly did a lot of seed planting of God's Word without always witnessing the harvest—wrote words to admonish us and to encourage our faithful reception of God's gifts and living in God's ways: "Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Gal. 6:8-9). *Remain faithful and fruitful!*

Your fellow-servant for Christ,

Pastor Mahuken

Mother's Day 2023

On May 14, 2023, the children invited their mothers to join them at Sunday School. They spent the morning potting succulent plants into flower pots. Thanks to everyone who joined us!



UNITY RIDGE

GOLF

\$250 for a team of 4
*Cart Rental is \$20

UNITY RIDGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 24th at 9am -Schleswig Country Club
Sign up Online or Contact
Cassie at 712-269-8268 or Tami at 712-267-3384

We are still looking for sponsors and hole prizes--Please let us know if you would like to donate

#UR Sponsorship \$1250(1 team and 2 carts included)
#Raptor Sponsorship \$500-Marketing Included
#Falcon Sponsorship \$100

All sponsors will be entered into a \$special Raffle

WWW.UNITYRIDGE.ORG

Vacation Bible School is Coming!
Sessions for children that just completed
Preschool-6th Grade



Sunday-Thursday
July 9-13
5:00 p.m. Supper
5:30-8:00 p.m. VBS

God's Living Water

This summer at Vacation Bible School, we're covered in Jesus' grace! Our theme for this year, "God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace", is inspired by 1 Timothy 1:14, which says, "The grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." Each of the lessons focuses on biblical accounts that emphasize the Living Water, Jesus Christ. We hope you can join us!

CAMP OKOBOJI SUMMER 2023

Discipleship Programs

- June 2-4.....Kids' Camp
- June 8-11.....JOY Camp #1
- June 25-July 1.....Cub Week #1
- July 2-7.....July 4 Family Retreat
- July 9-15.....Junior High Week
- July 13-16.....JOY Camp #2
- July 16-22.....Cub Week #2
- July 23-29.....Youth Week (High School)
- July 30-Aug. 4.....Family Retreat #1
- August 6-11.....Family Retreat #2

Other Events

- January 27-29.....Family Ice Fishing Retreat
- May 6-7.....Spring Volunteer Work Weekend
- June 11-14.....Living Proof Dance Camp
- June 17.....Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Quilt Auction
- June 18-24.....Minneboji Lutheran Camp
- August 17-20.....Warrior Rock Camp
- May 30-Sept. 5.....Sunday Morning Worship
- 1st Sundays of the Month (May-October).....Omelet Brunches!



For more information and to register, visit campaokoboji.org

2023 IDW Youth Gatherings — Save the Dates!

Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering
October 21-22, 2023





June 1.....Lowell Lee
Liam Palmer
June 2.....Dorothy Ruser
June 4.....Austin Hennings
Charlee Rohlf (1)
June 5.....Dennis Bruhn
Josie Jepsen
Derek Rothe
June 6.....Dalton Fredericks
Aden Hennings
Shawn McFarland
Sarah Schmidt
Jada Vandenburg
June 7.....Karla Gross
June 8.....Dianna Jepsen
Summer Walker
June 9.....Theresa Beeck
Holly Connelly
June 10.....Trey Kluender
June 11.....Robin Ellerbeck
Oliver Nahnsen
June 12.....Taylor Hennings
Rhett Jepsen
June 14.....Sophia Morgan
Barb Pedersen
June 15.....Mike Hargens
Angela Rosener
June 16.....Autumn Johannsen
June 17.....Ashley Hanke
Bernhard Petersen
June 18.....Kyle Bubke
Rachel Mentink
Kay Riessen
June 19.....Brittany Bremser
June 20.....Grant Clausen
Kevin Richardson
Darren Wessel
June 21.....Dakin Schultz
James Vandevanter
Kelly Wessel
June 22.....Peyton Hanke
June 23.....Loren Jepsen
June 24.....Jacee Jepsen
June 25.....Calli Korner
Dakota Thomsen
June 26.....Dayna Beeck
Lylian Morgan
Shelley Segebart
June 27.....Nancy Kline
June 28.....Laura Ernst
Nicole Koch
Kelly Korner
Brad Riessen

Don & Peggy Wunschel June 3, 1967
Connor & Madison Krajicek (1st) June 4, 2022
Travis & Lynette Aldag June 6, 2016
Mike & Tracy Beeck June 6, 1992
Dale & Jackie Petersen June 6, 1970
Craig & Val Teut June 7, 1986
Loren & Debbie Goettsch June 10, 2017
James & Joanie Bral June 12, 1966
Jared & Kayla Clark June 12, 2010
Michael & Gail Hatfield June 12, 1993
Matthew & Kirsten Maschmann June 12, 2021
Jon Jr. & Dorothy Pingel June 12, 1994
Joel & Sandy Bubke June 14, 1994
Dick & Jolene Streck June 15, 1971
Nick & Deidra Brown June 16, 2012
Zach & Tricia Bielenberg June 17, 2016
Jestin & Kara Bral June 17, 2006
Jerry & Barb Ernst June 21, 1975
Luke & Alexa Lenhart June 22, 2019
Bryan & Brenda Brinkley June 23, 1990
Dennis & Lori Kline June 23, 1984
John & Angela Rosener John 23, 2001
Chris & Kathy Sands June 24, 1961
Chanc & Jackie Palmer June 25, 2011
Larry & Anne Abbe June 26, 1976
Ryan & Jennifer Doxsey June 26, 2011
Eric & Renae Schneider June 26, 2004
Todd & Kris Schultz June 26, 1992

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Immanuel's 2023 High School Graduates



Koen Miller and Kaitlyn Bruhn





July 1.....	Madison Beeck
July 2.....	Ashley Beeck
July 3.....	Bruce Namanny
July 4.....	Zachary Rohlf
July 5.....	Don Clausen
	Curtis Korner
	Seth Pingel
	Tim Stoppel
	Carter Weiss
July 6.....	Garrett Beeck
	Dennis Kline
July 7.....	Ezden Hargens
	Randy Martinson
	Stratton Stoppel
	Julie Teut
July 8.....	Barb Moeller
	Brandy Porter
July 9.....	Stacey Dimig
	Dration Palmer
	D.L. Schmidt (100)
July 10.....	Theodore Aldag
	Trevis Beeck
	Duane Jacoby
	Emily Segebart
July 11.....	Haley Ernst
	Whitney Ernst
	Henessey Harm
July 12.....	Stephanie Prussing
	Stefan Wunschel
July 13.....	Laura Beeck
July 14.....	Edna Johannsen
July 15.....	Kristin Hennings
	Charles Rohlf
	Lowell Teut
	Ross Wood
July 16.....	Eileen Hennings
	Clayton Stoppel
July 17.....	Kyler Bruhn
	Bryli Bubke
	Madison Cruz
	Leroy Hight
	Carol Otto
	Eric Schneider
July 18.....	Jordan Richardson
July 19.....	Janette Clausen
	Harry Riessen
July 20.....	Pastor Kurt Kaiser
	Gavin Schneider
July 22.....	John Hennings
	Katie Hennings
	Cathy Namanny
July 23.....	Kyle Jepsen
July 24.....	Andrew Bachman
	Dennis Gierstorf
July 25.....	Kathy Korner
July 26.....	Lukas Bornhoff
	Angela Korner
	Adrienne Rochleau
July 27.....	Guenter Detlefsen
	Alyssa Dimig
	Adam Nahnsen
	Brock Schneider
	Renaee Schneider
July 29.....	Matthew Riessen
	Andres Velasquez
July 30.....	Grace Langholdt
	Adam Schoenfeld
	Kyle Schultz
July 31.....	Delores Bumann
	Donavon Gierstorf
	Ava Jacobson
	Lori Segebart

Dane & Kasey Lee	July 5, 2014
Francisco & Madison Cruz	July 6, 2019
John & Janice Hennings	July 6, 1996
Bret & Shandi Steinkuehler.....	July 7, 2007
Cody & Tiffany Friedrichsen	July 8, 2016
Devin & Kelsi Jepsen.....	July 10, 2010
Gerald & Grace Langholdt	July 12, 1964
David & Lisa Jepsen	July 13, 2002
Austin & Heather Aldag	July 15, 2018
Loren & Janice Jepsen	July 15, 1967
Jake & Tiffany Schneider	July 16, 2005
Brad & Monica Detlefsen	July 17, 1999
Jason & Carrie Bubke	July 19, 2008
Adam & Deanna Ullrich	July 23, 2005
Mark & Theresa Beeck	July 25, 1992
Bruce & Cathy Namanny.....	July 30, 1988
Jeramie & Jaime Streck	July 31, 1999

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From the Church Record Book



Baptized: *“Let the little children come unto Me....”*

Larynn Elsie Marie Friedrichsen, born August 8, 2014, daughter of Cody and Tiffany Friedrichsen, was baptized on May 27, 2023.

Deaths: *“I am the Resurrection...”*

Judie Clausen, age 82, died May 11, 2023, and was buried May 16, 2023, in the Morgan Township Cemetery, Schleswig, Iowa.

Are you 55 years or older?

Are you looking for some light employment to supplement your income?

Gracewell Nursing Facility in Denison is looking for assistance at the Front Desk answering the phone and opening our front door for visitors on weekends or evenings!

Through the **Senior Employment Program**, you may be eligible to work for a nonprofit organization. You must be unemployed and fit into the lower income bracket. The program eligibility income is based on only 75% of your Social Security income and there is no asset limit. The money you earn does not count as income for many things.

For more information, call Gracewell at (712) 263-3114 and ask for Mindi Baker or Amy Schultz.

~ THE LWML INVITES
ALL LADIES ~



Tulip time, graduation time, planting time. May is indeed a busy month. It was good to take a little time to meet together for a Bible Study, take care of some business and enjoy some dessert and fellowship.

Our Immanuel Preschool Graduation is coming soon and we will again give each child a gift. Also, we have some of our Immanuel members that will be celebrating High School Graduation. We decided to get them gifts to be presented at the reception for them at church.

We continue to explore options for the new Library chairs and table, hoping to get that done soon.

Visits were made to nursing homes by Loretta and Glenda. So glad to be able to do that again!

Donna Harm, Secretary

From Your library . . .

“Have we got a book for you!”



Our library has many books by Beverly Lewis, a Christian author whose books about the Amish people and the Amish religion, has garnered many fans and followers. She wrote her first story when she was nine years old while living near Lancaster County in Pennsylvania. Some of her works are series books, while we have many that are stand alone.

One of her books, *The Beginning*, is a novel about Susie Mast’s life in Lancaster County. Her life has been shaped by events beyond her control with the tragic deaths of her father and her baby brother. She has taken on most of the load of helping her family by assisting her mother with the shop where they sell jams, jellies, and her mother’s homemade peanut butter. As the years progress her concerns are multiplied due to her mother’s worsening health and her younger sister, Britta, wanting more details about her adoption and birth mother. Coupled with these problems is her disappointment when her long-time friend and confidant leaves the community to intern on his uncle’s farm and her brother insists on moving their mother to his home in Missouri. As these events unfold, Susie faces the possibility of loss and wonders if long-held family secrets and missed opportunities will dim her hopes for her future.

The church library group is always appreciative of any and all donations — this is the only way we can provide Immanuel’s members and our children with new books, Christian DVD’s, and non-fiction, self-help, and informative reading. Even with the advancement of technology, computer books, and Kindles, there is still something satisfying about curling up with a good book in your hands. Visit our libraries and see what catches your eye.

—Submitted by Karen Wood



THE HARDWORKING HOESINGS ARRIVE FROM NORTH SIOUX CITY, SD

What a blessing that the Lord sent us Missionaries Warren and Glenda Hoelsing to help with a HUGE job of improvement here at the Lord’s Mission Central. The Lord sends special people at “just the right time” to help at this Miracle Place! One of our major problems here was the fact that every time it rained, the dirt from alongside the sidewalks would wash out on our parking lot.

The Lord sent our Volunteer Construction and Lawn Care Specialists, the Honorable Missionaries Warren and Glenda Hoelsing. These folks are installing a completely new system along all the sidewalks. White rock is being installed with a special plastic edging that will prevent this erosion from happening in the future.

These special volunteers installed the rock and edging. Old missionary Gary could never have figured this out! The Lord sent these special people to help in this wonderful way. These dear folks are truly NOT NORMAL...and they came at “just the right time.”

Thank you!





I don't know if this type of thing ever happens to you, but it is not an uncommon occurrence for me to wake up in the morning with a song running through my mind. I rather enjoy it because it's usually a praise and worship song. As easy as it is to get a song "stuck in your head," what could be better than having God's Spirit choose which song will be playing? Well, I awoke to a rather unusual song this morning. It wasn't a Christian song but it is without a doubt the one that has been rolling on autoplay all morning.

If you're an American Idol fan (not that I promote or support America having idols), you might recognize it. It is the song Sound of Silence. Please don't hold me accountable if the words are not appropriate because it is the chorus that is on repeat. The recent winner of the singing contest, Iam Tongi, sang it one night. It was absolutely beautiful. It is as if the song had been written for his voice. Today, it seems to have a dual meaning for me. You see, when I headed out on my walk this morning, I was at first distracted by my cell phone. However, the song reminded me to stop and enjoy the "sound of silence." You know, it is when we get quiet and we hear the beauty in turning off the noise of the world. The birds were singing, the wind was making a beautiful whispering noise, and tuning into God's channel left my heart filled with a "peace that passes all understanding."

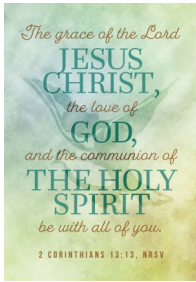
If you walk through the halls at church right now, you'll also hear the "sound of silence." There are no children laughing, no voice asking everyone to be a little more quiet (Okay, don't ask Val or Amanda. I confess there may have been days when it was a "loud" voice shouting to be heard and asking everyone to quiet down a bit.) There are no stools flushing, water running, children having meltdowns, or teachers talking about Jesus. No, if you walk in today, you will hear the sound of silence.

And I am reminded for the second time today of the importance of listening during the silence.

You see, God promises to never leave us or forsake us. The little people that filled the halls last week are now home. The joy and love for Jesus they carry has now shifted to a new environment. They are now enjoying the opportunity to be missionaries and carry the gospel to new places. The sparkle of unconditional love often witnessed in their eyes will hopefully be the seed someone else needs to come to Jesus. While they are busy sharing Jesus elsewhere, the teachers and staff are regrouping. We are spending time in the silence listening to God as He reminds us we are loved. We are chosen. We are redeemed. We are His children and He yearns for us to be quiet enough to enjoy the sound of Him in the silence. As Elijah discovered, God speaks with a still small voice. It is much easier to hear His voice speaking when our hearts are basking in the silence and tuning into His frequency.


Please pray for the children to not only maintain roots in God's love, but I ask that you also pray for each one to find a church ministry to plug into. I find myself burdened for the littles. There are children who return home and do not have the daily opportunity to hear about God's intense love for them. There are some who do not have the joy of Sunday morning learning and worship. However, as we the church we can uplift them in prayer. We can stand in the gap for them before the throne of God asking Him to continue to reveal Himself to the children in supernatural ways. Please join me in also praying for strategic ways the church body can remain connected to the children once they've left the preschool ministry at Immanuel. They have a lot of challenges to face that we never had to deal with but I know the Spirit of God will pour out even more greatly into their lives as they face them. They were created for a time such as this. We can uphold them in prayer and trust that God's got them. I pray that God will lead you into intercession for them, their families, the staff, and next year's newbies. I pray you will hear His Spirit direct your prayer life as you spend time with Him enjoying the "sound of His voice" in "the silence."

Blessings and have a fantastic summer,
Mrs. Gustafson



JUNE 2023

Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Schleswig, Iowa

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <--- GARAGE SALES ---> 1:30 p.m. LWML Meeting 6:30 pm Bible Study	2 5:30 Wedding Rehearsal	3 Pranschke/Hennings Wedding 5 p.m. Worship w/HC
4 9 a.m. Worship w/HC 10:15 SS & BC	5	6	7 6:30 Bible Study	8 9 a.m. Quilting 6:30 pm Bible Study	9	10 5 p.m. Worship w/HC
11 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 SS & BC	12	13	14 Flag Day 6:30 Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Instruction 	15 6:30 pm Bible Study	16	17 5 p.m. Worship w/HC
18 Father's Day 9 a.m. Worship w/HC 10:15 SS & BC 	19	20	21 First Day of Summer 6:30 Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Instruction 	22 <- LWML National Convention @ Milwaukee -> 9 a.m. Quilting No pm Bible Study	23	24 9 am—2 pm Unity Ridge Golf tournament in Schleswig 5 p.m. Worship w/HC
25 LWML National Convention @ Milwaukee 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 SS & BC	26	27	28 6:30 Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Instruction	29 6:30 pm Bible Study	30	



JULY 2023

Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Schleswig, Iowa



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5 p.m. Worship w/HC
2 9 a.m. Worship w/HC 10:15 SS & BC	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> Church offices closed 	5 6:30 Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Instruction	6 1:30 p.m. LWML Meeting 6:30 pm Bible Study	7	8 5 p.m. Worship w/HC
9 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 SS & Voters' Meeting	10	11	12 6:30 Bible Study	13 9 a.m. Quilting NO pm Bible Study	14	15 5 p.m. Worship w/HC
 <div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>VBS Week July 9-13 Sunday: 5:30 pm—8:00 pm (no supper) Monday-Thursday: 5:00 supper; VBS class 5:30 pm—8:00 pm</p> </div>						16 9 a.m. Worship w/HC 10:15 SS & BC
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23 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 SS & BC	24	25	26 6:30 Bible Study 8:45 a.m. Newsletter Assemblage 6:00 pm Adult Instruction	27 9 a.m. Quilting 6:30 pm Bible Study	28	29 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> LCMS Convention (July 29-August 3) </div> 5 p.m. Worship w/HC
30 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 SS & BC	31					

AFRICAN RADIO MINISTRIES—NEWS

Ethiopia Updates:

In April, the ARM prison Ministry had 48 people declare their faith in Christ as Lord and Savior. Currently, 297 inmates are attending Confirmation Class and learning how to follow Jesus.

Radio Ministry Church Plant:

A new church plant in Jinka, South Omo has 39 regular worshippers as a results of ARM programs. The congregation has doubled its size in just a few months. They struggle to find an adequate house of worship, especially when it rains. But they continue reaching beyond the mountains, sharing God's Word with neighboring villages.

Bible School student keeps church active:

Golenito is a thriving church that sits high atop a steep hill, seemingly in the middle of nowhere. But the 270 member congregation is strong and very active.

A severe drought has killed most of their crops and livestock. The winds blew their church down. But the committed believers gathered together what they could and rebuilt the church.

They are praising God for the Evangelist that is on scholarship through ARM. They know God is for them!

Updates from Liberia—Foya District:

The Kissi Radio program is blessing new church plants and strengthening existing ones.

District President, Rev. Ezekiel Saah and his pastors train evangelists to make the visitations when listeners call. As a result, four new preaching points have been established. Two churches, Worsongah and Kamboima, hold devotions each morning/evening, in addition to Sunday worship services. The other two locations, Paywahun and Kongbama, struggle with a heavy Islamic influence that is pulling new believers away. But a core group holds firm.

The ARM programs are also blessing the existing churches. In Foya, eleven people were baptized, seven confirmed and tithes have tripled!

ARM & HCO Merger:

Linda Kurtz, ARM Treasurer, has been overseeing the Liberian ARM work and the number of listener groups and churches is growing. She recently visited Ethiopia and has begun to supervise that work as well. Linda also manages Hope and Care Outreach in Liberia and regularly visits their clinic, schools, and orphanages as well as the ARM radio pastors. ARM and HCO are unofficially partners, but in May documents will be signed to formally merge the two organizations.

ARM will retain the name and donations will continue to support the radio and prison work. Linda's passion for sending the Gospel out via radio will be merged with HCO's mission to physically bless and improve the lives of listeners. The merger will allow John and Kathy to spend more time to establish the new radio program, and follow up, in Juba Arabic in South Sudan.

Your partners in the harvest,

Missionary Linda Kurtz and John & Kathy Duitsman

¡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 a privilege to inform you of all the great things God is doing through our IDW Hispanic Ministry.

Our English as a Second Language (ESL) programs continue. On May 18 we finished the Spring session in Hartley. New friends were made and several of the students and volunteers are attending the English Worship Services! What a blessing to see new faces worshipping together with our congregations! We had a bilingual service on the National Prayer Day.

In Carroll, the ESL program has brought us new opportunities to meet several people giving us the opportunity to invite them to worship with us either in English or Spanish. We are happy to share that we have several students and volunteers attending the Spanish Worship Services. God is at work, motivating some of them to become part of our church as members.

We had our first informative meeting at St. Paul in Carroll to share the opportunity to be part of the Taco Sale during RAGBRAI (bicycle riding event) on July 24, 2023. Several people from different churches attended and are ready to support this great fundraiser for our Hispanic Outreach. Our next meeting will be June 10, 2023. We invite anyone who would like to volunteer to join us on this day. We will make tacos that day for all attendees so you can taste the tacos that we will be selling. For more information, please contact me.

Our LWML Hispanic branch had their second meeting. A group of women got together and had a lot of fun. They are getting stronger together. We are trying to get a few to go to the National LWML Convention taking place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this year.

We celebrated Mother's Day with our Hispanic Congregation at YellowSmoke Park. The weather was not the greatest, but we enjoyed worshipping God and had a chance to honor the moms present. It was beautiful!

Please keep us in your prayers and thoughts. Your support is always welcome. Feel free to get in contact with us about opportunities in helping and being part of your Hispanic Ministry in our beloved IDW.

Gracias and bendiciones,

Pastor Lopez

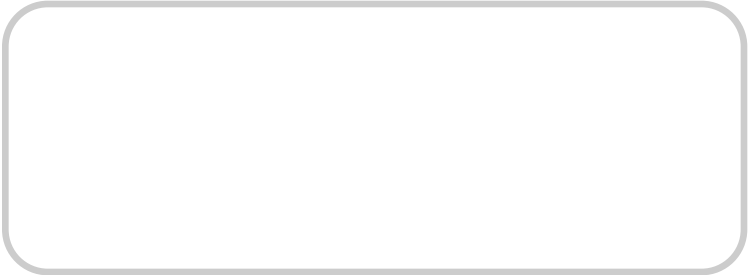


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**OUR MISSION
STATEMENT:**
*"Together in Christ,
we grow through the
Word and
Sacraments, serving
our Lord and
sharing His saving
grace with all
people."*