

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER



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From Your Pastor

Next month, we will join millions of Americans to exercise a most important part of the influence of our Christian life—we will vote in our country's elections. Jesus said, "Give to Caesar [governing authority] what is Caesar's and to God what is God's" (Matthew 22:21). Jesus also said to us, "You are the salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:13-16).

As Christians, it is vital that we VOTE, but, more importantly, we need to know what principles determine our vote. Biblically, there is a necessary differentiation between the work of the State and the work of the Church. Simply stated, the Church is the institution that brings God's blessing and goodness into the world. The State is the coercive, Law/Order institution, whose task is to keep peace and provide an environment for people to flourish to carry forward God's design and purposes.

America is one country that has uniquely differentiated the Church and the State by limiting the State's coercive power while freeing the faith motivated, morally directed (see 10 Commandments), and self-governing citizen to virtuously pursue life, liberty, and happiness. In America, the Government's role is not to be the all-encompassing agent in/of our lives, but to undergird one's God-given freedom so we can freely be the moral agents of our life, liberty, and happiness. My vote will seek to affirm that limited view of government (Give to Caesar what is Caesars – Matthew 22) and that view of self-governing citizenship which depends on faith, family, and Church for flourishing personally and communally.

To vote well this year, I believe, one must ask this most basic question sincerely, "Should the government even be doing this or that?" Lost in all the rhetoric, PR, and name-calling is the question of whether government should be involved in marriage, whether government can replace fathers in the home, whether government has the right to determine/enforce defi-

nitions of "male, female," whether government should ever sanction the taking of innocent life (abortion, infanticide, euthanasia), whether government should "take care of citizens who can take care of themselves," whether government should determine curricula for all of education or just be limited to civics, whether government should create agencies that meddle in virtually every aspect of life or not.

Therefore, I believe that the Christian citizen should desire politicians and policies that properly differentiate the role of the State and the Church in our lives:

- favoring the limitation of government's coercive involvement in our lives to a clearly defined, healthy minimum;
- favoring and promoting the sanctity and protection of innocent human life in the womb;
- favoring also, the fundamental authority of parents with their children in education;
- incentivizing the institutional nature of marriage between one woman and one man for life and its necessary blessing for the culture;
- promoting law/order for all with equal justice under the law for safe communities for all; and,
- promoting property rights and self-defense for people who wish to create homes of safety, peace, and prosperity for one's children and one's neighborhoods.

Christians vote for principles that honor the commands of the Scripture and the Scripture's definition and limitation of the role of government in our lives, freeing believers then to rise to the occasion of compassionately loving our neighbors in spirit and in truth, caring for those whom God brings into our lives, not as a government program but as a healthy relationship, a personal ministry or a broader ministry of our Church family.

Your fellow servant for Christ.

Pastor Mahuken

(This article was largely drawn and adapted from materials provided by our LCMS Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, and its Director—The Reverend Gregory Seltz, former Speaker for *The Lutheran Hour*)



October 1.....	Dustin Reese
October 2.....	Keenan Beeck Jean Rohlf
October 6.....	Tammy Hill
October 7.....	Sadie Jacobsen Troy Kluender
October 8.....	Samantha Prussing Lodean Voss
October 9.....	Becky Schwarz Landon Seebeck
October 10.....	Daniel Prussing
October 12.....	Melissa Aldag Aaron Schwarz
October 13.....	Judy Lee
October 14.....	Christina Martinson
October 15.....	Bobbi Jepsen
October 16.....	Cohen Shafer
October 17.....	Thomas Groth Michael Korner
October 18.....	Gail Hatfield Gordon Quandt Eileen Streck Peggy Wunschel
October 20.....	Brian Rothe
October 21.....	James Friedrichsen Brady Peters
October 22.....	Ava Hatcher Michael Jepsen Koen Miller
October 23.....	Josh Beeck
October 25.....	Josh Teut
October 26.....	Larry Abbe Jodi Bruhn Jackie Palmer
October 28.....	Chris Mahnken
October 29.....	Marlys Haberberger Calvin Johannsen Janice Schultz
October 30.....	Lillie Petersen (105)
October 31.....	Doris Nahnsen Jerrie Wigg

Rocky & Robin Ellerbeck	October 3, 1992
Todd & Tara Jepsen	October 3, 2004
Dustin & Jessica Ogren	October 4, 2008
Ryan & Kayla Morgan.....	October 7, 2006
Cody & Brittany Bremser.....	October 8, 2016
Loren & Marlene Lee (60th).....	October 10, 1964
Peter & Elaine Teut (60th)	October 10, 1964
Ryan & Laura Ernst	October 11, 2008
Jordan & Sara Lickteig	October 11, 2015
Bruce & Cyndi Paulsen (50th).....	October 12, 1974
Roger & Linda Prussing	October 13, 1973
Jamos & Gina Schmidt	October 15, 2010
Marvin & Eileen Streck	October 15, 1963
Derek & Rebecca Teut	October 15, 2005
Darren & Kelly Wessel.....	October 17, 1992
Tim & Lila Bubke	October 20, 1978
Tanner & Summer Walker	October 20, 2018
Tyler & Sadie Jacobsen	October 23, 2021
Alex & Tammie Harm	October 31, 2020

Please notify the office of any omissions or corrections.



From the Church Record Book



Deaths: "I am the Resurrection..."

Marlene Helen Hight, age 75, died September 8, 2024, and was buried September 12, 2024 in the Morgan Township Cemetery, Schleswig, Iowa.

Gloria Maye Schmidt, age 95, died September 19, 2024, and was buried September 25, 2024 in the Holstein Cemetery, Holstein, Iowa.

Carson Bradley Baer, age 27, died September 20, 2024, and was buried September 26, 2024 in the Morgan Township Cemetery, Schleswig, Iowa.

SATURDAY WORSHIP AND TIME CHANGE



Please remember our Saturday p.m. worship time changes to a 4:00 p.m. starting time beginning on Saturday, November 9.

Our Saturday worship will begin at this time throughout these weeks of late fall and winter.

And remember to change your clocks when you get back home on November 2 as Daylight Savings Time ends that night!!



VOTERS MEETING

Mark your calendars for our Annual Voters' Meeting to be held Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. More details to come!



RALLY SUNDAY 2024

Sunday School Rally Day was held Sunday, Sept. 8. Bibles and special books were presented to children ages 3, and in grades 1, 3 & 5. Teacher installation was also held during this service.

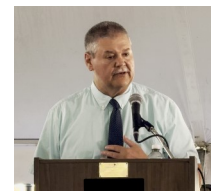
During the Sunday School hour students and their families participated in a Bible scripture scavenger hunt. They also had a picnic lunch of burgers, hot dogs, chips and fruit. It was a great way to kick off the new Sunday School year!



Thanking God for Schleswig's 125 Years!

Schleswig celebrated it's Quasiquicentennial September 13-15, 2024. It was a fun-filled weekend with beautiful weather and a great turnout of people from near and far.

Immanuel Lutheran Church was blessed to host the Sunday morning Community Worship service uptown under the big tent. Pastor Mahnken led worship, joined by Pastor Alan Boeck from Wisconsin and Pastor Dennis Bartels from Florida. Nancy Bielenberg and Wendy Bumann put together a community choir that sang during the service. Pastor Kirk Manchester from Schleswig UCC gave the prayer before the pancake breakfast.





Harvest Dinner

Wednesday, October 9
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.


Drive-thru Dinner
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- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Green Beans
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All proceeds go to Crossroads' site project expenses

\$15 2 pc chicken, potatoes, gravy, green beans, bun and large cookie

~ THE LWML INVITES
ALL LADIES ~



The LWML Fall Rally was held at Bethlehem Lutheran in Dow City on September 19th. Eight of our Immanuel members attended. Marlene Lee, Peggy Wunschel, Deb Green and Chris Mahnken presented a skit entitled “Pray without Ceasing,” which was also the theme for the Rally.

The Fall Retreat will be at Mission Central on September 28th.

Our Immanuel LWML needs to elect a Vice President and Secretary this year. Karen Wood and Donna Harm have agreed to serve another two year term in those capacities.

We made visits to our church members now residing at Gracewell, Silveridge and home bound.

We also continue to purchase and make available the Portals of Prayer devotion books in both regular and large print.

At our September meeting we celebrated Pastor Mahnken’s birthday which happened to be on the day of our meeting. We enjoyed eating birthday cake and ice cream provided by Loretta and Deb.

Donna Harm, Secretary



Pastor Mahnken celebrated his birthday with two unique birthday cakes during LWML and Bible Study.



We are pleased to announce that we served 988 dinners after the Calf Show Days/125th Quasquicentennial parade on Saturday, September 14. Thanks to all who attended!!

A big thank you to everyone who donated money or made desserts, and thanks to you who volunteered and helped us in any way on Friday and Saturday as we prepared for and served the chicken dinner.

From Your library . . .
“Have we got a book for you!”



Last Swan in Sacramento

by Stephen Bly

Lately there seems to be a growing trend for readers to choose novels and reading material dealing with the 1800’s and the “wild west,” including our household, which contains 100’s of western books and paperbacks.

Fitting with this trend is this month’s book report, “Last Swan in Sacramento.” This is not a bank-robbery, posse-gathering, cattle-drive type of western. It is the story of Martina Swan whose husband has traveled to Virginia City, Nevada, to try his luck in mining the Comstock Lode, while leaving Martina in Sacramento where she struggles to keep the family store solvent. Part of her struggles include fighting the bank that is trying to foreclose on the family store, raising her small daughter, facing armed outlaws, and living in the shadow of her father’s valor and her mother’s beauty.

When a stranger arrives at the store with a message concerning her husband, Martina has to face a shocking and tough experience in her attempt to find and bring her husband home. The story gives you, the reader, a lesson in God’s unwavering love for Martina and her family.

The library board is so proud of the appearance of your library with the beautiful new table and chairs and are so grateful to the person and the LWML that made this possible. Our church now has an attractive, comfortable place for meetings and private conferences for its members and the church staff. Check it out and while you’re there, check out one of our many delightful books or a DVD or two.

—Submitted by Karen Wood





We have officially completed our second full week of preschool! I was watching the students today and thinking already of how far they will progress as the year moves forward. It's amazing to watch those who have limited English already beginning to verbally engage more with their peers. There are those who had no idea how to hold a scissors who managed to cut out a craft project today independently. The BEST part by far has been hearing feedback that children are talking about Jesus at home!

Today was a bit more emotional than we've had yet. I even googled it to see if it was a full moon! (Nope, not yet!) It is unusual for our afternoon students to cry because they miss their parents because most of them have already been here a year. However, today we had that exception. One of the students was feeling exceptionally lonesome for her parents and as we were sitting at the rug for Jesus Time, I heard this broken gasping sob as she asked, "Could you pray to Jesus for my heart to not be broken?" Of course, we immediately stopped and the entire class joined in prayer as we took her broken heart before the throne. While we didn't get an instantaneous answer to no tears, we did get to see a happy little child who spent the entire recess playing with a new friend. There was laughter, running, and a lot of joy.

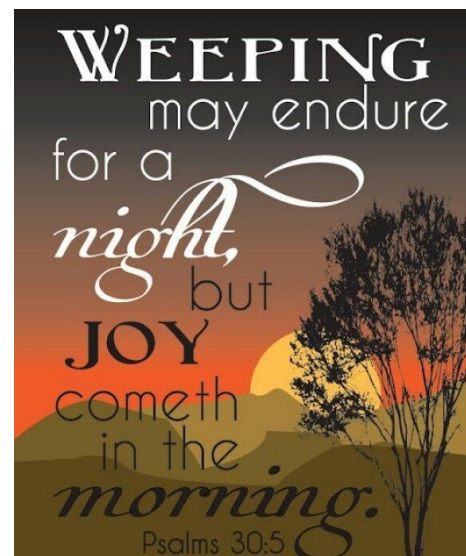
It is such a great reminder to me of the value in going before the Lord in a state

of transparency. How often are we missing someone? Hurting? Etc. Are we willing to be vulnerable before our peers and ask them for prayer? When our friend does ask us for prayer, are we willing to stop everything and pray right there on the spot?

Once the children had finished praying for the student, I asked if the hurting child would like to sit right beside their friends. I suggested that while the parents couldn't be there at that exact moment, there was a room full of friends who were willing to fill a broken heart with love. It was with tear streaked cheeks that a big yes was conveyed by the nod of a head. Wow! What an amazing example I witnessed of little people who may have been unable to alleviate the pain of a friend, yet were willing to sit and let the love of Jesus spill into the situation. Oh, I want to be that person. I want to have so much of Jesus that the compassion will flow without a word ever needing to be spoken.

Thank you for your prayers as our year gets underway. It's off to an amazing start!

Serving Him with you,
Mrs. Gustafson



AFRICAN RADIO MINISTRIES—NEWS**Ethiopia Updates:**

We celebrate God's work through you, the African Radio Ministries partners and the saints serving in God's vineyard in Ethiopia.

August Kingdom Growth:

♦ New Converts	176	♦ Baptized	14
♦ Callers	89	♦ Confirmed	15
♦ Listening Groups	4	♦ Inmates in Confirmation classes	483!!

3-Day Spirit-Filled Prayer Conference

Hawassa Prison began a prayer fellowship one year ago. The male and female inmates have been devoted to prayer leading up to their 3-day Prayer Conference in August. The Spirit-filled event brought people to their knees, to tears and to humble repentance.

Some young people repented of their homosexuality and others of their addiction to drugs after years of bondage. Critically ill people were healed. Everyone was edified and filled through non-stop Bible Studies, worship, and prayer. God was glorified! 720 booklets and 16 Bibles were given out.

Ivory Coast: Listeners form a new preaching station

In Bohobli, Cote d'Ivoire, a new preaching station has emerged thanks to the initiative of dedicated listeners who were inspired by the worship program. After receiving requests for visitation, the pastors organized Bible Studies for several weeks, paving the way for the commencement of worship services. As the group grappled with the challenge of not having a dedicated church building, an innovative solution arose when a generous member offered her shed as a temporary house of worship.

Liberia Updates:**Rev. Ezekiel Saah Called to Glory**

The passing of Rev. Saah, a devoted servant of God, is a great loss to all who knew him. He served as Foya ARM Manager and Foya District President, dedicating himself to equipping church leaders to spread the message of Christ with zeal. Rev. Saah was also a passionate advocate for the training of peer groups so that men, women, and youth could all contribute to the growth of Foya churches. The impact of his efforts is evident in the number of baptisms, church plants, and transformed lives in Foya.

Rev. Saah was the founder and senior pastor of Trinity ELCLS, one of the largest Lutheran Schools in Liberia, with an annual enrollment of 1,000+ students. He also led the HCC Foya Branch, providing a home for vulnerable children.

Rev. Saah leaves behind his loving wife, Abie, 7 biological children, and the 17 HCC children whom he treated as his own. His impact in Foya and beyond will be felt for generations to come, as the churches he nurtured continue to carry on Christ's mission with the same passion and dedication. We mourn our friend with hope in Christ.

Your partners in the harvest.

Missionary Linda Kurtz
John and 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

Greetings to you, here we are already entering the fall season of 2024, in our continual work of bringing the good news of salvation in Jesus our Lord to our Hispanic brothers and sisters in our beloved IDW district. I thank God for giving me the strength, knowledge, and all that I need to continue serving Him. I am writing this letter to thank you for the donations to our ministry, here I also want to share information so that you know about the work that is done for your Hispanic Ministry at IDW.

As we get close to the fall season on this 2024 year, I continue looking for opportunities, creating relationships, and implementing plans to revitalize our congregations in Amigos en Cristo-Denison, St. Paul-Carroll, Gracia-Storm Lake and in St. Paul-Hartley by strengthening the faith and inviting our members and friends to recommit to serve our Savior.

We continue bringing people to God through Bible studies and worship services, by teaching them a deeper understanding of who God is, about the Holy Trinity, our Christ centric doctrine, reminding them that they are here to be grateful for the salvation that we have, and the responsibilities that are given to each child of God in the congregations we serve. English as a second language is such a big part of our ministry since we get to meet new people, which gives us an opportunity to share all this with them and pray that they join our church.

With many prayers and support from our district, congregations, and individuals we have been able to enhance and strengthen our efforts to make our presence more visible. This spiritual venture could not have been done without you all. Please know that your prayers and your support have gone a long way; we thank you for being there for us all this time.

At Amigos en Cristo we continue to have our worship service on Sunday at 2:30 pm here in Denison we only have personal bible studies with some friends in the community, when the opportunity arises as we visit them.

We have been truly blessed and are seeing fruits from all the hard work that has been done together with every volunteer we have.

We thank Zion Lutheran Church members in Atlantic and the many volunteers from different churches for helping and allowing us to use their facility to sell tacos during the RAGBRAI celebration, thanks to all the volunteers we had a great turn out.

As we continue our work this year, we pray to God asking His guidance so that we continue to share the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ to many more Spanish speaking people and that He brings them to our church.

Thank you very much for your May 14, 2024 check for the amount of \$489.58, June 6, 2024, check for the amount of \$489.58, and July 10, 2024 check for the amount of \$489.58 donations.

Please follow us on our facebook page at Ministerios Hispanos Luteranos Iowa District West-LCMS.

Gracias y bendiciones,
Rev. Pedro L. Lopez

Why Christians Must Vote

by Timothy S. Goeglein

In his letter to the church in Rome, the Apostle Paul writes, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God" (Rom. 13:1-2).

With that statement, Paul defines the relationship between Christians and government. Throughout the Book of Acts, Paul invokes his Roman citizenship to make a passionate defense of the Gospel. Instead of shying away from engagement with the governing authorities, he engages them by proclaiming truth. However, he also puts his trust in God's sovereignty because he knows that the ultimate authority and judge is the Lord, who has allowed those to be in authority so God's purposes can be accomplished.

One of the ways God's purposes are accomplished is through the faithfulness of believers who use their influence, in a proper and respectful manner, to influence secular governments and to hold government officials accountable for their actions. In his book *Politics According to the Bible*, respected theologian Dr. Wayne Grudem shares numerous examples such as Daniel's influence on King Nebuchadnezzar and John the Baptist boldly speaking biblical truth to King Herod and the other officials of the Roman Empire.

Additionally, Chuck Colson, the founder of Prison Fellowship, once noted that, "Christ, not politics, is our hope. He's called us to engage, to discern, and to the best of our abilities, uphold good and lessen evil." He also reminds us that, "It's our duty as citizens of the kingdom of God to be the best citizens of the society we live in. To do that, we must vote."

Not all of us are able to boldly stand before the government officials to speak the truth. But what we can do is use our God-given right to exert significant influence through exercising our right to be involved in the political process by voting. That is what we as Christians are to do: to utilize the authority the Lord has given us to influence those God has placed in authority over us and hold them accountable for their actions. It is critical that we do so if we want to live in a nation that honors God and His truth while keeping our trust in the Lord and His plan for our nation and world.

Timothy S. Goeglein is vice president of Government and External Relations for Focus on the Family. This article was reprinted from The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, Friday Digest, September 13, 2024. <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/>

Call on the Lord

*During times of trouble I called on the Lord.
The Lord answered me [and] set me [free from
all of them]. Psalm 118:5*

You must learn to call on the Lord. Don't sit all alone or lie on the couch, shaking your head and letting your thoughts torture you. Don't worry about how to get out of your situation or brood about your terrible life, how miserable you feel, and what a bad person you are. Instead, say, "Get a grip on yourself, you lazy bum! Fall on your knees, and raise your hands and eyes toward heaven. Read a psalm. Say the Lord's Prayer, and tearfully tell God what you need." This passage teaches us to call on him. Similarly, David said, "I pour out my complaints in his presence and tell him my troubles" (Psalm 142:2). God wants you to tell him your troubles. He doesn't want you to keep them to yourself. He doesn't want you to struggle with them all alone and torture yourself. Doing this will only multiply your troubles.

God knows you will be too weak to overcome your troubles by yourself. He wants you to grow strong in him. Then, he will be the one who receives the glory. Out of difficult experiences emerge true Christians. Without troubles, people talk a lot about faith and the Spirit but don't really know what these things are or what they're saying.

You must never doubt that God knows your troubles and hears your prayers. You must not pray haphazardly or pray as if you're shouting into the wind. This mocks prayer and tests God. In this case, it would be better not to pray at all. You must learn to appreciate the part of the passage that says, "The Lord answered me [and] set me [free from all of them]." The psalmist acknowledged that the Lord heard him and released him from his troubles.

-Martin Luther, a selection from *Luther's Works American Edition*, vol. 14, p. 60.

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.
The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?
The Lord is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.



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Update

With the summer season now fully in the rearview mirror, we give thanks for generally a good summer. It was not without its challenges, but through it all, God is good!

During the off-season is a great time for Adam to visit congregations. Let him know if he can visit to give updates on Camp Okoboji. He'd love to come and share a little about Camp. Please contact Adam if a visit would be of interest to your congregation or youth.

Also, the Fall season is a great time for servant events, perhaps your congregation would be interested in coming. It is also a great activity for a youth group. Contact Kellie or Adam.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 4-6: IDW Senior High Youth Gathering

October 6: 9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM Omelet Brunch.

October 11-12: Camp Okoboji Fall Volunteer Weekend

Volunteer Weekend is a great way to share your time and talents while you enjoy God's Creation at Camp Okoboji. Help prepare Camp Okoboji for the upcoming winter. Room and board will be provided for volunteers. Please save the date and make plans to come and help! For room and board accommodations, please call the office at (712) 337-3325!

October 11-13: IDW Pastors Wives Retreat



Personnel Updates

Summer Staff: It's never too early to begin recruitment for next summer. Please encourage youth (at least 16 years of age) and college students to consider serving with us in 2025.

Cleaning Staff: We are also looking for part-time cleaning assistants to help us through the off-season. Please contact Kellie at (712) 337-3325!

Thank You!

THANKS to volunteers and groups who give so generously of their time and talents in serving Camp Okoboji.

- As I think back over the last several months, it is very obvious that Camp Okoboji relies heavily on volunteers of all types, from kitchen to cleaning, to mowing and maintenance. THERE'S SO MUCH! I'm absolutely in awe of the dedication of so many people who love Camp.

NEEDS/WANTS:

- 3 office chair mats
- Gas grills
- Outdoor Rocking Chairs
- Laundry soap, bleach and hand soap
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- New commercial grade vacuums, coffee pots, toasters, crock pots
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And all things,
whatsoever ye shall
ask in prayer, believing,
ye shall receive.


Matthew 21:22

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Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Schleswig, Iowa



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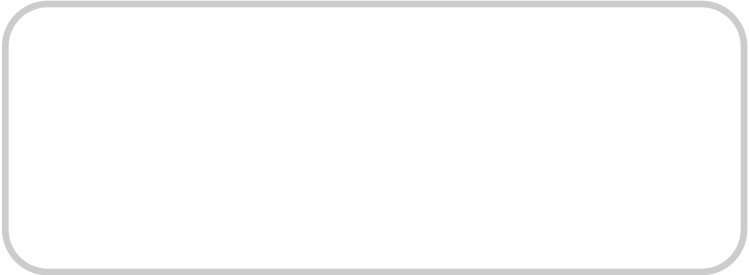
<p>Preschool Mon., Tues., Thurs.: 8 a.m.—3 p.m. Wed.: 11:45 a.m.—3 p.m.</p> <p>Confirmation: Wednesday 5th & 6th grade: 3:30 p.m.—5:15 p.m. 7th & 8th grade: 6:15 p.m.—8:00 p.m.</p>		<p>1 Preschool</p>	<p>2 6:30 Bible Study p.m. Preschool Confirmation</p>	<p>3 Preschool 1:30 p.m. LWML 6:30 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 <i>IDW Sr. Youth Gathering at Camp Okoboji</i> 5 p.m. Worship w/HC</p>																																										
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