Reflecting on the Past…Looking to the Future
By Pastor Chad Trunkhill

When you think about it, the Bible is one big book of change. From the very beginning when God spoke and brought everything into existence until the time when Jesus returns again, it is all about change. In Hebrews 11 we see a picture of how people of old kept the faith in the midst of difficult change. However, one of my favorite stories of leaders dealing with change comes in the person of Moses.

When you think of it, Moses went through a lot of change in his life. Born of a slave, raised in Pharaoh’s house, ran from his adopted home, went back to Pharaoh to ask for the release of the people of Israel, cross the Red Sea, wonder in the wilderness, come to the entrance of the promised land to die right before entering. Moses certainly saw a lot of difficult times and change in his life.

In our lives we are also faced with lots of changes and challenges. With the COVID pandemic, the church is facing its greatest challenge and changes of my lifetime. All the research and church leaders agree that the changes that we are facing right now will have a lasting impact on the church until Christ returns. Many experts say that we will be living in this pandemic and the swell it causes for the next 2-3 years. When we come out on the other side, we should expect the church to look vastly different from the church we knew before the pandemic.

This is not all bad news! Maybe as Lutherans it does not seem positive because we do not like change. However, we can mourn what we are losing, or we can be excited to see where God is leading us next. We have a God who loves us and has redeemed us. He is the Lord of the Church and this pandemic did not surprise Him. What this means is that we now have a blank slate to learn to do ministry in a whole new way. We have new opportunities to reach out with the unchangeable Gospel in an ever changing and uncertain world. People are longing to truly know the comfort and hope that brings about a peace that surpasses all human understanding. If we are able to change our perspective, we will see this challenge and change as a positive to the ministry that God has called us to here in this place and this time.

What is this going to take for us? First, we are no longer looking at long term planning since no one knows what the future will look like on the other side of the pandemic. While somethings will remain (like reaching out to the lost, engaging our youth, the elderly, those in need, Word and Sacrament ministry), we will need to pivot and adapt as ministry opportunities arise. We cannot plan in 1,3,5 year increments like I am used to and what I have been working on for the past several months. Everyone now says that we should be looking at 4 month, short-term wins for the ministry. 1 year is now long-range planning. We also need to be flexible in the needs of the ministry and the church budget that goes along with this ministry. While we need to approve a budget this month at our congregational meeting, we cannot be so locked into a budget that it prevents us from doing the ministry God is calling us to do. Most proactive churches are going to a 2-4 month budget so they can adapt to the changes that arise.

In short, we are going to need to be very flexible for the foreseeable future. We also need to be very optimistic about the future. For if God is for us, who can be against us? As a congregation, we need to know that change is coming and not be surprised when it happens. We need to adapt to the situations at hand. And finally, we need to have faith in the One who is leading us, our Good Shepherd, and bathe our life and ministry in prayer.

This is a very exciting and exhausting time for us as a church. We will make mistakes, we will fail at times, but the Lord of the church will remain forever. If you would like to know more about the state of the church a couple resources for you are: the Post Quarantine Church – Six Urgent Challenges/Opportunities That Will Determine the Future of Your Congregation by Tom S. Rainer (book), Church Pulse Weekly by The Barna Group (podcast).

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Pastor Chad
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7:00 OS Thanksgiving Worship  
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Thanksgiving  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4  
Communion will be served during this service -  
"OS" is for Our Savior  
"B" is for Bethlehem  
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Last Update  
October 30, 2020
Our Savior Lutheran Church  
October Joint Council/Elder Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 13th, 2020

**Attendance:** Cory Schmadeke, Michael Phipps, Brett Gehlsen, Darin Johnson, Chuck Downing, Mike Vogt, Steve Frazier, Brent Branning, Nick Bradley, Craig Dozark, Rod Bradley, Katie Gehlsen, Kathy Schneider, Rachel Greene, Doris Neumann, Pastor Trunkhill, Pastor Jacobsen, and John Campbell & Nancy Bradley from the Budget Committee.

Meeting was called to order by President Dozark at 6:21 PM

**Dinner:** Pizza Ranch was purchased for dinner.

**Open Prayer:** Pastor Chad Trunkhill

**Minutes of the September Council Meeting**  
No corrections or additions noted. Minutes approved as printed.

**Senior Pastor’s Report:**
- Saturday attendance is up for September  
- Sunday morning attendance is down about 30% below where we should be for this time of year.  
- 1 transfer in Alan Suntken  
- 1 Marriage at Bethlehem  
- 8 of the 9 confirmants were confirmed on Sunday, September 20th. One confirmant was ill and will be confirmed later this month.  
- Donations were received: sports memorabilia worth roughly $10,000 funds will go into LAMP and other outreach communities and a second $5,000 has been pledged to help with cameras and technology  
- Confirmation seems to be going well - 2 students are attending through ZOOM.  
- Christmas Service is coming together. The choir will have a Cantata  
- Pastor Loeschen will be conducting midweek Advent services  
- Thanksgiving services will be held only on Thanksgiving Eve  
- Bible Studies have resumed including at Real Life and Oakwood Manor

A discussion was held on how to proceed with the Christmas program. The Christmas director has resigned. A conversation was had as to why the director resigned and how the board came to a decision on how to move forward with the Christmas program. Rod and Katie both voiced their concerns about the Christmas program. Craig called an end to the discussion to move on to other agenda items.

**Elder’s Report:**  
None

**Associate Pastor’s Report:**
- Pastor Jon was going to start an adult information class  
- Confirmation has been doing great.

Motion by Chuck, seconded by Rachel Green to approve staff reports. Motion approved.

**Council Board Reports**
- Education/Youth  
  - Sunday School Christmas Practices will begin on November 15th.  
  - Adult Cantata is scheduled for December 13th.  
  - Sunday School Christmas Service is scheduled for December 20th.  
  - So far there has been little interest in the Virtual Youth Gathering that is scheduled for January 3rd.
- Missions  
  - None  
- Discipleship  
  - Birthday bags for Crawford County

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- Parish/Fellowship/Public Relations
  - None
- Property Report
  - None
- Stewardship
  - None

Motion by Chuck, seconded by Mike Vogt to approve board reports. Motion approved.

**Old Business:**
None

**New Business:**
- Church Officers for 2021
  - Rod briefed the council on 3 committee chair positions that are up for re-election. All 3 individuals are willing to continue to serve if the council and congregation approve.
  - 2 Elder terms are also expiring. A list of names has been developed of those who may be interested in joining the board and Rod will be reaching out to them.
  - The Chair for the Property Committee is also open as Ron Lechtenberg can no longer serve as Chair due to him being hired to take over the Janitor’s position. Several names have been put forward for this position as well and Rod will be reaching out to them.

- Budget for 2021
  - Budget committee is comprised of Elaine Gotto, Nancy Bradley, Craig Dozark, Jon Campbell, Virgil Johnson, and Rod Bradley
  - Craig said the budget committee has met and come up with two budget proposals. One budget includes a DCE and Preschool Program and the other does not.
  - Rod presented the YTD Offering to Budget spreadsheet. As of last Sunday, the giving compared to authorized budget is down roughly $75,000 so far this year.
  - Rod presented the Actual to Previous-General Fund Budget for Jan-Sep of 2019 compared to Jan-Sep of 2020. Currently spending is $22,944.78 under budget. These savings are due primarily to not having a DCE and Preschool Director for a portion of this year.
  - Pastor says the budget should fund the ministry. Nancy said it is a little late in the year to try to fund our budget this way. Pastor said the PLI and Strategic Plan were not approved last year. Rod said that was due to a lack of information presented last year. Rod said the Congregation approves the budget, not the Budget Committee, the Council or the Board of Elders, these bodies simply make recommendations.
  - Rod explained that the church has been running an intentional deficit budget for several years now. The 2021 Full budget, which includes the DCE and Preschool costs is a deficit budget of $70,640 whereas the 2021 Reduced budget, which does not include the costs associated with a DCE and Preschool is a deficit budget of $5,178.

The conversation below was discussed on the budgets presented.

- Chuck voiced his opinion that we should move right into the Annual Meeting at the end of service on the Sunday of the meeting so to be able to explain the budgets to as many members as possible. Chuck proposed that both budgets be presented.
- Doris voiced concern about why the money from funerals says Women’s Guild and not Parish Fellowship. This will be discussed with the Funeral Homes as they are the ones who send the checks to the church.
- Discussion was had as to how to present the information to the congregation.
- Chuck made a motion, seconded by Steve Frazier that both budgets be shown to the congregation. Motion passed.

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President Dozark asked Pastor Trunkhill and Pastor Jacobson to leave the meeting so the boards could have discussion on salaries for staff members:

- Budget Committee recommendation is a 2% salary increase for all paid staff positions with the exception of Pastor Chad and the janitor.

- Discussion was held on the new and additional duties of the Janitor. Due to this and in an effort to bring the salary more in line with other paid positions the Budget Committee is recommending a salary increase from $14.76/hr. to $18.00/hr. Discussion was also held on updating the title from Janitor to Facility Maintenance to better reflect the new duties. Motion by Cory, seconded by Steve Fraizer to approve these changes. Motion approved.

-Senior Pastor salary was discussed. This position has fallen behind the IDW guidelines. The Budget Committee reviewed several different compensation packages for this position, all of which include a mileage stipend of $2,600 to rectify the issue surrounding the way mileage was being handled.

- Following discussion Chuck made a motion, seconded by Doris Neumann to present the package, which represents a 9.25% increase for the Senior Pastor position. Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn made by Rod; seconded by Steve Frazier.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Bradley, Elder Secretary
Board of Elders

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Our Savior & Bethlehem October Official Acts

**Baptism**

Callum John Fineran  
Born: July 15, 2020  
Baptized: October 10, 2020  
Our Savior Lutheran  
Pastor Trunkhill

**Marriages**

Colton Ransom & Taylor Marshall  
Wedding Date: October 3, 2020  
Prairie Peddler, Odebolt  
Pastor Jacobsen

Cammy Hast & Nicholas Deal  
Wedding Date: October 10, 2020  
Bethlehem Lutheran  
Pastor Trunkhill

Dylan Jensen & Angela Willems  
Wedding Date: October 22, 2020  
Our Savior Lutheran  
Pastor Loeschen

**Renewal of Vows**

Danielle (Ullrich) & Blake Bushong  
October 17, 2020  
Our Savior Lutheran  
Pastor Jacobsen

**Funerals**

Beryl Garrett  
December 4, 1926 – October 15, 2020  
Funeral: October 21, 2020  
Pastor Trunkhill & Pastor Loeschen

Mindy Jo Reetz  
June 10, 1991 – October 16, 2020  
Funeral: October 24, 2020  
Pastor Trunkhill & Pastor Loeschen
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Leadership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 21st, 2020

The September council meeting of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church was called to order by Vice President Verle McCutcheon with Pastor Chad, Sue Stephens, Renee Vary, Francis Bunde, Bob TenEyck, Brett Malone and Lori Malone present.

Opening prayer led by Pastor Chad

A motion was made by Renee/Bob to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Verle/Sue to approve the treasurer’s report as reported by Renee. Motion carried

Elder’s Report by Francis: Average August attendance 2019, 30 vs. 38 in 2020.

Trustee’s Report: Carroll Glass repaired the front door. There was discussion on the church roof and projects needing looked into at the parsonage, which include the softener, repair and paint walls.

Pastor’s Report: Reported on Confirmation and upcoming weddings. Michelle Stephens accepted the position of Sunday School Superintendent.

Old Business: A projector has been purchased with a memorial donation from Vic Thomsen’s family and donation from George & Julie Malone. Thank you. A motion was made by Renee/Bob to purchase a bracket for mounting the projector.

No new Business was discussed.

A motion was made by Verle/Brett to adjourn. Motion carried.

Closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

These minutes are as recorded by the secretary and subject to change at the next scheduled meeting.

Lori Malone, Secretary

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Ladies Aid Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Four members and Pastor Chad were present.
Pastor gave devotions from the Treasury of Daily Prayer focusing on praising God with thanksgiving even in uncertain times. God remembers His covenant forever and we should not live in fear but trust in God.
Doris read a message on Lessons for Worriers focusing on Matthew 6:27 & 34. Don’t worry about tomorrow as today has enough worries of its’ own. God takes good care of our lives and invites us to come to Him in prayer.
We recited the LWML Pledge.
Secretary’s & Treasurer’s Reports were read. Last noisy offering was $117.45.
Day of Prayer will be February 16th, 2021 at Immanuel, Schleswig. LWML
Board meeting will be March 18th with Spring Rally on April 15th at Bethlehem. We discussed menu ideas for the Rally.
Linda will look into ordering 2021 calendars for sale. Linda shared information on the 2020-2022 LWML Mission Projects.
Motion made, seconded and passed for officers to remain as in the past year; that being Linda McCutcheon, President; Edith Kahl, Vice-President; Kathy Ransom, Secretary; Sherry Ketelsen, Treasurer; and Doris Kahl, Christian Growth Chairman.
There being no further business we adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Kathy Ransom, Secretary
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
October Quarterly Voter’s Meeting  
Tuesday, October 19th, 2020

The October Quarterly Voter’s meeting of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church was called to order by President Nick Ohl with Pastor Chad, Linda and Verle McCutcheon, Jim and Sue Stephens, Renee Vary, Francis Bunde, Julie and George Malone, Brett Malone by zoom, and Lori Malone present.

Opening prayer led by Pastor Chad

A motion was made by Renee/Verle to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nick/Jim to approve the treasurer’s report as reported by Renee. Motion carried.

Elder’s Report by Francis: Average September attendance 2019, 37 vs. 27 in 2020.

Trustee’s Report: Projector has been installed, thank you to Brett Malone and Bob TenEyck. Thank you to George and Julie Malone and Verle McCutcheon for the lawn seeding. Jim Stephens will talk to Gorden’s regarding this year’s snow removal. The Pastor’s parking sign has been removed per Pastor Chad’s request.

Pastor’s Report: Discussed confirmation and Our Savior’s Advent services. Bethlehem Thanksgiving service will be Thanksgiving Eve at 5:30 pm with communion; Our Savior will be at 7:00 pm. Sunday school at Bethlehem will begin the first Sunday in November, with a Trick or Trunk kick off Sunday, October 25th from 5 to 7 pm.

Old Business: Motion by Renee/Sue to approve Michelle Stephens as Sunday School Superintendent. Motion carried.

New Business:

Nominating Committee for 2021 officers is as follows: Nick Ohl (Chairman), DaNette Waderich, Lori Malone, Jim Stephens, Sue Stephens and Scott Ellison

Budget Committee: Renee Vary (chairman), Verle McCutcheon, Brett Malone, Bob TenEyck, Francis Bunde

Terms Up for Election: Verle McCutcheon (Vice President), Renee Vary (Treasurer), Brett Malone, (Trustee), Bob TenEyck (Elder) and due to early resignation Francis Bunde term expiring 2023 (Elder).

After a brief discussion Verle McCutcheon, Renee Vary, Brett Malone, and Bob TenEyck agreed to run for office for the upcoming vacancies. George Malone would run for the vacancy Elder position of Francis Bunde. Verle McCutcheon will post the candidates.

A motion was made by Renee/Verle to adjourn. Motion carried.

Closed with Lord’s Prayer

These minutes are as recorded by the secretary and subject to change at the next scheduled meeting.

Lori Malone, Secretary
Our Savior Women’s Guild
October Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 12th, 2020

The monthly meeting of Our Savior Women’s Guild was called to order on October 12, 2020 by President Sharon Schoenfeld. There were twelve in attendance, along with one guest.

Jan Jacobsen, Christian Growth, read a thoughtful piece from her devotional book "Dear Jesus”, authored by Sarah Young.

Following the Common Table Prayer, an enjoyable lunch was served by Sharon and Marlene.

Pastor Loeschen led our devotion, a Psalmody, referencing Songs of Ascent, used for worshipers coming to the Temple. One Psalmist ends with: Wait for the Lord, wait confidently.

Sharon opened the business meeting with recitation of the LWML Pledge.
Treasurer’s report was presented by Dianne Furne, and will be filed for audit.
Sandy Johnson read the Secretary’s report from September, which was approved as read.
Communication articles from Orphan Grain Train and Agape were offered for review.
Shirley Ahrenholz reported that the Quilters have a new project they are working on, which is making Christmas stocking for Veterans, which will be filled with various needs.
Deb Loeschen reported that she will post a communion helper list for 2021.

Old Business:
Sharon thanked those who greeted church members on LWML Sunday.

New Business:
Chris Mahnken, our Zone treasurer, notified Sharon that we had overpaid for our member Quarterlies. Decision was made to donate the balance toward mites.
We need to submit our officer list to Zone for 2021. Sharon offered to be President again, Dianne said she would continue with Treasurer duties, and Sandy agreed to be Secretary.
Andrea had an October birthday, so we sang the birthday song in her honor.
November hostesses will be Deb Loeschen and Dianne Furne.

The Mite box was passed, and meeting adjourned.

We closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

Acting Secretary,
Sandy Johnson

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Rev. Merle Mahnken
Immanuel, Schleswig

November 9th – 14th
Rev. Chad Trunkhill
Our Savior, Denison/Bethlehem, Dow City

November 16th – 21st
Rev. Richard Merrill
Multi Point, Charter Oak

November 23rd – 28th
Rev. Nathan Peitsch
St. Paul, Ute

November 30th – December 5th
Rev. Mark Kluzek
Faith, Deloit/St. John, Kiron

If you would like to financially support these broadcasts, please send donations to Our Savior and earmark for “Thy Strong Word.”
P R A Y E R S

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Cancer Treatments:
Jeanette Wulf and Nancy Tucker.

Various Health Issues:

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SHUT INS
Theonne Kolls, Orville Lamaak, Jean Ellis, Lois Butler, Darlene Baedke, Ethel Bocklemann, Ruth Blackmore, Clarion Holdsworth, Paul Clausen, LaVerne Milow, Lyle Hansen, Moselle Loeschen, Harold Kierscht.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING AS MILITARY PERSONNEL
Daniel Loeschen – Fort Drum, New York, son of Pastor & Deb Loeschen, husband of Casey & father of Kaliya & Elliana
Cody Vogt & Sara Vogt – Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV, son and daughter in law of Mike & Lisa Vogt
Jeff Storlie – Fort Carson, CO, son in law of Scott & Marcy Larson
Scott Meeves – Kirkland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, NM, grandson of Byron & Pauline Meeves
Major Rob Garvey – United States Air Force, Baltimore, MD, son in law of Ron & Catherine Lechtenberg
Keaton Segebart – United States Army, Honolulu, HI, grandson of Mary Segebart
Alex Wingert – United States Navy, California, nephew of Larry Gittins
Brady Huls – Recently deployed to Qatar, Grandson of Roger & Delores Dozark

REMEMBER THOSE WE SUPPORT SERVING AS MISSIONARIES
Jamie & Eddie Bynum  Dr. Stephen Oliver & family  Ritzman Family
Mark & Megan Mantey  Rev. Larry & Tina Matro  Rev. Mark & Stefanie Rabe & family
Rev. Carl & Li Hanson  Rev. Gary & Stephanie Schulte

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN
We pray for the family and friends of Beryl Garrett who was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 15th, 2020 and laid to rest on Wednesday, October 21st.
We pray for the family and friends of Mindy Jo Reetz who was called to her heavenly home on October 16th, 2020 and laid to rest on Saturday, October 24th.

BAPTISM BLESSINGS
God’s Blessings to Callum John Fineran born on July 15th, 2020, son of Grant and Sydney Fineran and brother to Elliot, who was baptized on Saturday, October 10th. Grandparents are Pat & Kris Weber and Kevin & Diane Fineran. Witnesses were Madison Bilsten, Mallory Ferguson and Hannah Ferguson.

MARRIAGE BLESSINGS
Weddings Blessings for Cammey Hast and Nicholas Deal who were married on Saturday, October 10th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Marriage Blessings for Blake & Danielle (Ullrich) Bushong as they renewed their vows at Our Savior on Saturday, October 17th. They were married on March 28th, 2020.
Weddings Blessings for Angela Willems & Dylan Jensen who were married on Thursday, October 22nd at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

“Never worry about anything. But in every situation let God know what you need in prayers and requests while giving thanks.”
Philippians 4:6

Prayer Chain Co-Captains
Shelly Wilson – 712-263-4376
Doris Neumann – 402-350-3022
Be Sure to Stay connected…

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Our Savior Prayer Chain
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6:30 a.m. Sundays:
KDSN-FM 104.9 Denison 10:30 a.m. Sundays
KDSN-AM 1530

“Thy Strong Word”
Every Mon-Sat. 6:25 a.m. KDSN-FM 104.9

Iowa District West
www.idwlcms.org

Camp Okoboji
www.campokoboji.org

Mission Central
www.missioncentral.us

Lutheran Family Services
www.lfsiowa.org

Crossroads of Crawford County
www.crossroadsofcrawfordcounty.com
3707 Timberline Dr. Denison
712-263-9950
Director@Crossroadsofcrawfordcounty.org

FCC (Family Crisis Center)
712-449-7196
michellej@familycrisiscenters.org

Additional on-line resources:
Lutheran Hour Ministries: www.lhm.org
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod: www.lcms.org
Lutheran Women’s Missionary League: www.lwml.org
Men’s Network: www.lhmmemen.com
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Concordia Publishing House: www.CPH.org

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Hebrews 4:12

It will improve your outlook!

Bible Studies
Everyone is Welcome!

Sundays
9:15 am Bethlehem Bible Study
10:00 am Our Savior Bible Study

Wednesdays
6:30 am Men’s Bible Study at Family Table
10:00 Zoom Bible Study
7:00 Women’s Bible Study at Our Savior

Thursdays
9:45 am Our Savior Lutheran Church

Church Mailboxes
Don’t forget to check your church mailboxes.
This is especially important if you are the president/leader or head of a church group.
Thank you!

Please help us keep accurate records for all members. If you have any updates or corrections, including birthday, baptism, confirmation, marriage, children or change of address, phone # or email, please communicate to the office. Send an email to office@oursaviordenison.com or call 712-263-3282.
Take Note of the Following Dates & Activities, etc. …

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Be Sure Watch the Weekly Notes & News For Additional Details & Possible Changes

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**Our Savior 2020 Annual Voters Meeting**

**November 22nd Following Worship Service**

Agenda Includes:
Ministry Updates, Future Planning, Election of Officers & 2021 Budget

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**Can You Help A Mission Family?**

Mission Family, Jamie & Eddie Bynum along with their three children, will be in Denison from November 19th – Mid January. Jamie is the daughter of Noel & Sandy Johnson. They are looking for “a place of their own” to stay during this time. If you have or know of an empty house, please contact Noel or Sandy Johnson at 712-263-5579.

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**Mission Board Plans to Volunteer at Orphan Grain Train**

We will be sorting and packing clothes for shipments at the Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Ida Grove on Saturday November 7th from 1 to 4. All are welcome – contact a mission board member if you would like a ride.
Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

6th Grade – Pastor Loeschen

7th Grade – Pastor Jon

8th Grade – Pastor Chad

Zion Lutheran School Annual Auction & Dinner

**Dinner, Auction & Dueling Fiddles**

**Saturday, November 21, 2020**

* Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
* Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

The Stables at Copper Ridge
2197 Ridge Road, Denison

Tickets available in the Zion Lutheran School office
Adults $40; ages 12 and under $20
Sponsored by Zion Lutheran School

Comprised of violinists Geneviève Salomone and Hanne Wolle, the Dueling Fiddles are an entertainment duo that mix the rich sounds of the violin with layered accompaniment for energetic and engaging performances. This Des Moines-based duo performs a wide range of repertoire, ranging from Celtic Rock to modern pop favorites, that audiences of all ages will enjoy.

FALL CHURCH DECORATIONS

A NOTE OF THANKS!

Thank you to all who assisted in making the church look “Fall Festive”!

And, to Nancy & Rod Bradley who led the charge to get decorations put up.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Just looking ahead a bit!

Saturday, November 28th, 9:30 – 11:00
Decorate inside of Church for Christmas.

Veteran’s Honor Flight Fundraiser

Denison VFW Post 2504 is hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, November 7th from 8 am to Noon at the Denison Senior Center, 210 S. Main Street. Serving all you can eat Dad’s Belgian Waffles & sausages for $8.00. Proceeds support the Veterans Honor Flights that go to Washington DC twice a year. Carryout available.

Zion Evening Guild White Elephant & Bake Sale

Saturday November 7th, 8:00 – 11:00 am in the Zion Gym. Rolls and coffee will be served. All proceeds go towards missions.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Iowa District West Senior Youth Gathering

November 20, 2020, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Mark you Calendars!

Sr. Youth will meet at Our Savior to join in the Virtual Gathering hosted by IDW.
Dear faithful of Our Savior,

Greetings in Christ from Uganda! Megan and I pray that all of you are keeping well. Thank you for your continued prayer and support of the Lord's work here. We're grateful to be able to serve with you in this way.

Uganda is still on somewhat of a lockdown because of COVID. However, there is more freedom of movement now than earlier in the year, churches and some schools are opening for in-person service. In this difficult time the Lutheran Church of Uganda, LCU, continues to share God's word and train pastors.

In September, the LCU resumed training for their fourth year seminary class which was to graduate this past June. The LCU utilized three training centers across the country so that the students didn’t have to travel as far. At these centers, seminarians received intensive instruction and the opportunity to apply their knowledge in a hands on way. This included practice teaching, writing sermons, and leading liturgy for weddings, funerals, and celebrations.

Due to loosening regulations on distancing, training at two centers resumed this month for first and second year students. The LCU’s plan is to complete the academic year with intensive study and then start the next academic year some time early in 2021. We're thankful God continues to provide avenues for the LCU to train up their workers.

Thank you again for your prayer and support. We are grateful to be your missionaries as we walk alongside the LCU together.

In Christ,
Mark and Megan
THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP
November 25th, 2020
Bethlehem Lutheran,
Dow City
5:30 PM
Our Savior Lutheran,
Denison
7:00
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
Psalm 95:2

Our Savior Lutheran Church – LCMS
500 N 24th Street
Denison, Iowa 51442

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