

LETTER FROM PASTOR BOHMER  
December 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

The hope of Christmas was first announced in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:15) and was then fulfilled through the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Knowing this, may your celebration of Christmas be one of thanks and praise to God for His love for you as expressed in the fulfillment of that hope.

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will put  
enmity between  
you and the woman, and  
between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head, and you will  
strike his heel. The Lord himself will give you  
a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth  
to a son, and you will call him Immanuel. He was pierced  
for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him and by his wounds we are healed. When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law to redeem those under the law. Mary will give birth to a Son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said.

This has been penned so simply and beautifully in the words of the Advent hymn “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord.”

*Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept his word  
And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.*

*What the Fathers most desired, What the prophets’ heart inspired,  
What they longed for many a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here. (LSB 352)*

May yours be a most blessed and merry Christmas, as you rejoice in the faithfulness of your God and Savior.

*Pastor Bohmer*

### *Birthdays*

Craig Heuer	Dec. 1st
Edith Hanson	Dec. 1st
Jody Hintze	Dec. 1st
Ardyce Rueter	Dec. 2nd
Connie Brons	Dec. 3rd
Perry Fick	Dec. 3rd
Lorraine Reimers	Dec. 4th
Karla Brinkman	Dec. 4th
Mel Reimers	Dec. 5th
Amy Muftah	Dec. 8th
Tootie Walsh	Dec. 8th
Vernon Walsh	Dec. 9th
Mike Hass	Dec. 10th
Corey Place	Dec. 11th
Randy Finnern	Dec. 13th
Dustin Hamann	Dec. 13th
Duane Gaudian	Dec. 14th
Shirley Finnern	Dec. 15th
Dale Knips	Dec. 15th
Robert Brons	Dec. 16th
Celestia (CJ) Fick	Dec. 18th
Katrin Van Gelder	Dec. 18th
Maxine Meyer	Dec. 19th
Delphia Franek	Dec. 20th
Jaime Nissen	Dec. 20th
Holly Zinn	Dec. 21st
Brent Pohlman	Dec. 22nd
Angela Wolff	Dec. 22nd
Ashton Otten	Dec. 23rd
Mark Hammer	Dec. 26th
Carol Rost	Dec. 26th
Janice Gilmore	Dec. 27th
Shon Gembler	Dec. 30th
Jean Gillespie	Dec. 30th
Linda Voss	Dec. 31st

### *Anniversaries*

Loren & Mary Kazemba	Dec. 4th
Ronald & Glenda Ihnen	Dec. 9th
Arlo & Lois Puck	Dec. 11th
Ken & Karen Zinn	Dec. 11th
Gale & June Schoelerman	Dec. 15th
Alan & Lacy Detlefsen	Dec. 23rd
Gary & Linda Rost	Dec. 26th
Gary & Arlys Schuett	Dec. 30th
Vernon & Tootie Walsh	Dec. 31st



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Don Majerus  
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Dan Reimers  
Richard Voss  
Dale Knips  
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Adam Wolff  
Rod Voss  
Wade Wacker  
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LWML Delegates Janet Majerus  
Wanda Untiedt  
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Arlys Schuett  
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Youth Group: Janet Majerus  
Organist: Shirley Finnern

## Concordia Officers/Boards

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Dennis Stahly  
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Dolly Meier  
Carol Rowe  
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Vice President: Shannon Stone  
Secretary: Jean Gillespie  
Treasurer: Carol Rowe  
SS Staff: Lacy Detlefsen  
Brian Gilmore  
Shannon Stone  
Connie Brons, Music  
Cradle Roll Beverly Stahly  
Organist: Shirley Finnern  
Custodian: Lacy Detlfsen



## Upcoming Events/Announcements

**Updates Needed:** Please help us keep our records updated by contact the church office with changes. If you have moved, gotten married, had a child, changed your phone number, cell phone, and/or e-mail address we would like to know so that our records can be accurate. Thank you!

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:** If you would like your birthday or anniversary printed in The Lutheran Witness to commemorate a birthday of 90 years or more or an anniversary of 50 years or more please contact the church office two months in advance, so that notification can be sent to the district office.

**Newsletter deadline:** Thursday, December 20 is the deadline for the January newsletter. Thank you!

**Prescription drug coverage:** Thrivent Members benefits are available. Express Access prescription drug discount card may help. It provides an average of 30% off all prescription drugs. For more information and to apply go to [thrivent.com/community/membership/benefits](http://thrivent.com/community/membership/benefits) or call 800-847-4836.

**Contending For Truth In An Age Of Anti-Truth...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Topics include: Is Islam a Religion of Peace?, "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown, Adoption, Decision Theology, Handel's Messiah and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).

**Thrivent Choice:** Remember to enroll as Thrivent members your Choice Dollars. Trinity & Concordia Lutheran Church is eligible to receive Choice Dollars. Please consider us a your choice. To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent choice" when prompted.

**Electronic Newsletters:** If you are interested in receiving the monthly newsletter electronically please send me an e-mail making the request.

**ConnectPlus:** LCEF is now offering a new investment option called ConnectPlus. Please go our website [lcef.org](http://lcef.org) or call (800)843-5233 for more information.

**Church Information:** The town's congregations have gotten together a published an informational card in regards to locations and times. Please feel free to pick up and share with others.

**Items for sale:** LWML has cards for sale including birthday, get-well, and sympathy. Cards can be purchased individually for \$0.60 apiece or by the box. The amount is written on the box. Thank you.

**Caregiver Discussion Group:** This group discussion will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran, 401 7th Ave N, Lakefield in the Fireside room. For more information see the flier in the narthex.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER:** The Trinity LWML has a box in the narthex for gathering USED Portals of Prayers. We will distribute them to various locations for others to read. God bless you for your support.

**Sacred Music For The World...** You can listen to the best of the Church's music 24/7 at [www.lutheran](http://www.lutheran)

[publicradio.org](http://publicradio.org). You'll hear hymns like "Thy Strong Word," "The Church's One Foundation," "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart," "God's Own Child I Gladly Say It," "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" and more. You can also listen on mobile devices like an iPhone, iPad and an Android phone. If you have any questions, please call (618) 223-8385. Christian Music: Music for Members sections on [thrivent.com/music](http://thrivent.com/music) is available to discover original Christian music by amateur and professional musicians is now easier than ever. You can find and download an array of free music.

**Cancelation & Reminder:** Since it is becoming more challenging to get radio announcements out. A system have been set up. Please subscribe by using the following directions. Mrs. Shannon Stone would like you to join Concordia & Trinity! *To receive messages via text, text @c83311 to 81010.* \*Standard text message rates apply. Recipients Subject c83311@mail.remind.com. These instructions are also available in the narthex and on the church's website. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. Trouble using 81010? Try texting @c83311 to (712) 264-5343 instead. To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.

**MN Relay:** If you or a family member living in MN needs help hearing when answering the phone there is help available at no cost to you. Please contact the consumer relations office (800)657-3775, e-mail: mn.relay@state.mn.us or visit www.mnrelay.org for more information. There is also a brochure in the narthex hanging on the bulletin board.

**Pictorial Directories:** The directories are still available. If you would like to purchase a copy please see the church office.

**LifeDate:** Each quarter a new edition will be placed in your bulletin boxes. This is coming to our congregation with only the shipping costs. So if you would no longer like to receive this publication please contact the church office.

**Portal of Prayer:** The app is now available. Audio Listen to recordings of each day's Bible readings, devotion, and prayer. Devotions + Prayers Applicable, easy-to-read meditations and prayers. Over 2500 Devotions Read seven years of *Portals of Prayer* devotions. Search, Save, and Share Search past devotions by keyword, save your favorites, and share prayers. Download on the app store or get it on google play.

**What is this in the pew?** You might have noticed that the pew holders now have a new item. They are folders that help to explain the Divine Service and how to apply it in your daily life. This will serve to guide any guests that might attend, but also the growth of God's people in how we greet Him as He comes to us. Feel free to take them for personal use or to share and others will be ordered as needed.

**Lake Park Meals On Wheels Volunteer:** The Care Center has used the churches in the past to help deliver food to those in the community. Currently, Concordia has declined participating in this function because those who had helped no longer do so. If you are interested to learn more about this volunteer activity, please speak to the activity director at the care center.

**Concordia is locked:** Due to insurance requirements. A select number of people will have a key to the SOUTH door in case you need to get into the church for any reason. At this time the people we know will have keys are: The Secretary (Shannon Stone), The Custodian (Lacy Detlefsen), The Trustees (Joel Gaudian and Charles Rowe), The Head Usher (Jerry Weerts), The Altar Committee (they will need to get the key to the next month's committee member), The Banner Caretaker (Crystal Gilmore), The Candle Caretaker (Marge Mesner) (this person will share with the Project Committee if there is a need). This is the list as of now. More people may be added if there is a need.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** For the present time in vacancy, Adult Bible Study will be held every week before Worship at the Church where services are held. All members of both congregations are welcome to attend every week. Our study will be going through the new 2017 edition of *Luther's Small Catechism*. This edition features expanded discussion on the current issues of today that need to be met with a solid grounding in God's Word. It also maintains its classic teachings of Christian doctrine and the Scriptures they come from. It will be an interesting and informative study. If you want to attend, but don't yet have a copy of the new 2017 edition, please let Denny Stahly know so we can get one ordered for you.

**Concordia LWML Update:** Concordia Ladies Guild, of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) asks for your help... In past years the Ladies Guild has hosted meals and an annual boutique with crafts and bake sale. Those events generated approximately \$1500 to fund our mission projects throughout the year. Guild monies also buy items to stock our church kitchen with supplies to use for funerals, etc. Due to the aging of our Guild members and diminishing numbers, it is difficult to hold fundraisers. We do however, want to continue supporting our outreach projects. Those include contributions to seminary students, local organizations, Camp Okoboji, area church schools, etc. We also send monies to support the LWML at District and International levels. Currently, our treasury carries a low account balance. Therefore we are asking for monetary donations from Guild members and members of our congregation.

**The Call Process Update:** A call list was created of seven names. These have now been sent back to Pastor Sajban. He has told us that six of the seven are receptive to considering a call. After background checks the list will be returned to the call committee to narrow it down to a single Pastor to call. After Voter approval, a call will then be extended. Please keep both churches and all members, in your prayers. When praying refer to 2 Timothy 3:1-7 it will help guide us through this process.

**Snow Birds:** For those of you who get to travel to the warmer states and other locations during the winter months. now is the time to let the office know if you want materials and what items you would want mailed to you while you are away. Update the office of your departure date, address, and when you expect to return. This will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**FOOD SHELF COLLECTION:** Trinity LWML will be collecting non perishable food items for the Jackson Co. Food Shelf starting Sun Nov 4th through Sun Dec 16. There will be a collection box in the narthex. Items will be taken to the Catholic Church in Lakefield the week of Dec 17th. Thank you for your support.

**Note From The Congregational Presidents: CHANGE IS HERE!** Now through the winter month, as we work through our vacancy we will be having joint church services. Alternating Sundays, time for services will be **10:00 am** with Bible Class held before at the church where service is held. *See calendars for Children's Program Practice times at each location.* The reason for holding joint services is to make it easier for the Pastors who are taking time to help us. We encourage all of our members to make a special effort to attend all services in whatever church. Every-one's support is needed as we go through this vacancy with God leading us.

**Roof Replacement @ Concordia:** The roof of the church was leaking in two different areas. The roof has been replaced by Five Star Roofing, the cost will be \$36,148.00, this has been completed with a 50 year shingles. If you would like to contribute to this project please make note in the offering check or donations and place it in the offering basket on Sunday. So far \$13,750.00 has been donated to the new roof fund. Thank you in advance.

**Kids First:** First Christian Church, Spencer, IA is providing area families with assistance through a baby pantry. Please see the flier in the narthex for more information.

**Old Hymnals:** Here's an opportunity to find a 'good home' for any and all hymnals that you or your church no longer needs. Take to the office at Camp Okoboji.

**December Activities at Lakefield Senior Dining:** Call 662-6714 for appointment, reservation, and or to eat and or play.

Monday Dec 3 Lakefield Birthday party

Tuesday Dec 4 Foot care clinic

Tuesday Dec 4 \$2 Tuesday sponsored by Lewis Family Drug

Monday Dec 10 Signature meal day

Tuesday Dec 11 pinochle

Tuesday Dec 11 \$2 Tuesday sponsored by Lewis Family Drug

Wednesday Dec 19 Lakefield Christmas Meal

Monday Dec 24 CLOSED for Christmas

Tuesday Dec 25 CLOSED for Christmas

Fit & Strong classes will be starting at the Meal Site on Monday Jan 7. These classes will be FREE with all necessary items provided. Open to everyone but you must be registered to participate. These are structured for folks of any age or ability. The classes will be on Mondays and Fridays at 1PM lasting about one hour. This includes warm-up and discussion time. Registration for the Fit & Strong classes will be Monday Dec 31st from 11-1PM.

\*\*\* Signature meal is Salmon loaf, mashed potatoes, creamed peas and pie *Lakefield Meal Site for more info and weekly menus.*

\*\*Fit & Strong @ Valley View (Tuesdays & Thursdays) 1-2:30PM

**LWML THANK YOU:** Thank you so much to those who donated stocking caps, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, coats and boots to the Hug Box. We thank you for your generosity and they were very appreciative at the Family Services of Jackson County. God Bless you for your support.

**DON'T DELAY. DONATE TODAY.** Although the deadline for donating to the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization is December 31, 2018, last year tax credits were gone by the middle of December. Please consider donating today to help fund tuition assistance to Lutheran students in our Iowa Lutheran schools. How much Iowa tax do you pay each year? Why not send this money to help Lutheran students' families instead! Donors receive a 65% Iowa tax credit and possible Federal charitable deduction. Forms are on the web at [iowalutheransto.org](http://iowalutheransto.org) or call ILSTO program manager Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991 for more information. Please call to make sure we have credits available.

**Storm Cancellations:** If Church needs to be cancelled during the winter months, text notifications will be sent to you if you have signed up to receive them. You can also check the church website at [www.trinitysv.com](http://www.trinitysv.com) or the following sources.

Ø KICD 1240 AM 107.7 FM Spencer – Live reports & Website

Ø KKOJ 1190 AM KRAQ 105.7 FM Jackson – Live reports & Website

Ø “Weather Related Announcements” at [exploreokoboji.com](http://exploreokoboji.com)

Ø “Weather Announcements” at [myradioworks.net](http://myradioworks.net)

Ø Call an Elder or Pastor

**Directory Updates:** Angela Fritz, release

**Note from Treasurer:** If you would like to make a donation before the year ends. Please have your donations into the treasurer by December 15th. The IRS will not allow tax donations for contributions of \$250 or more to a church unless the donor receives a written statement or receipt from the church. A report of the member's contributions is acceptable for this purpose provided it shows each contribution of \$250 or more. The report must also include the following statements: No goods or service were provided to you in connection with any contribution.

**Trinity LWML Mission:** 2017–2019 Mission Grant 16 Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants Ministry Focus \$100,000 Twenty called church workers, each year during the biennium, will each receive a grant of \$2,500 through Ministry Focus, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization (RSO), to assist in repayment of educational loans accrued in preparing for service to the Lord through the church. Repayment of educational debt is often made more difficult by the very modest salaries of church workers. This problem may affect recruitment, performance, and retention of church workers.

**Poinsettias given by the following people at Trinity this Christmas season are as follows:**

Jeff & Lisa Dean & Boys—David & Hazel Dean and Doug Geertsema  
Shirley Finner—Gordon Finner, Art & Clara Finner and Vicki Vander Veen  
Gordon and Leyla Fischer - Art and Lucille Fischer and Larry Fischer  
Velma Hammer—Leslie Hammer  
Bruce Ihnen family —Don Ihnen and Larry Schwartz  
Gary & Arlys Schuett—Al & Marie Schuett  
Doug & Sue Pohlman—Norman & Helen Pohlman and Vernon & Ellen Voss  
Stan & LeAnn Pohlman —Norman & Helen Pohlman, Marvin Kazemba and Barbara Kennedy  
Gary & Vicki Place—Norman & Helen Pohlman and Charles & Dorothy Place  
Carmen Voehl—Duane Voehl  
Dennis & Susan Voehl—Loren Ulbricht  
Vernon & Tootie Walsh—Darold Place  
Shirley Wiese—Delbert Wiese, Ray & Gertrude Ihnen  
Glen Kleen—Gloria Kleen  
LaVonne Puck —Vernon Puck  
Vi Ihnen—Don Ihnen  
Tim & Kelly Ahrenstorff—Marlis Ahrenstorff & Gary Madison  
Sharon Ahrenstorff and family—Marlis Ahrenstorff  
Davis & Gail and Chuck & Wanda Untiedt—Lester & Sophia Untiedt

**At Concordia**

Bob & Connie Brons - in memory of our parents, Pete, Jean, Warren  
Marge Mesner—Bud, Randy, and Russ  
Stella Stahly—Dick  
Joann & Bob Stahly—our family  
Connie Hauenstein—Larry Thompson, Ray & Bernice Arp and Keith Vickery & Pat Crist  
Dolly Meier—Marvel & Katherine Wendt & Brian Thomasehuske  
Bob & Sheryl Peters—Lois & Elva Cartensen, Orrin, Keith & Rodger Carstensen  
Jeff & Shannon—our loved ones in Heaven

*Please let me know if there are any corrections to be made.)*



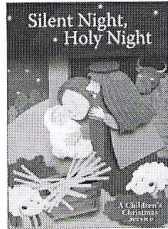
2018-2019

# November & December Sunday school

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

38523 730th Street- Lakefield, MN 56150-507-839-3086- [www.trinitysv.com](http://www.trinitysv.com)

## Christmas Program: December 16th, 10:00 am!



We are changing the Christmas program to be held on Sunday, December 16th, instead of Christmas Eve. This will be different, but good to try something new with so many little ones. The morning might be better than evening and this spreads out the great news for the entire month!

Note Church Times: Nov. 9:00 & Dec. 10:00 am



## Sunday School Kids:

8th: Gabriel Wolff- Confirmed  
7th: Kiera Ahrenstorff, Lucas Ahrenstorff  
6th: None

5th: Mason Ahrenstorff, Roman Voss

4th: Brock Nissen

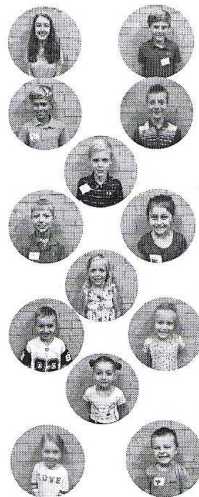
3rd: Henry Hintze, Bailee Barnes

2nd: Hattie Hintze

1st: Kane Barnes, Miya Finnern

K: Brynlee Barnes

Pre-school:  
Paisley Nissen, Lucas Riemers,  
Xander Untiedt  
Under 3: Izzabelle Pohlman, Lauren Reimers, Paulette Pohlman



Trinity (Sioux Valley)  
Sunday School dates!

### **November 4th**

**10:15-11:30**

Sunday school Lesson:  
*Noah and the Flood*

### **November 18th**

**10:15-11:30**

Review previous Sunday  
School lessons taught  
and begin Christmas  
program songs!

### **November 25th**

No Church or Sunday  
school @ Trinity, but  
Christmas Practice

**11:30-1:00**

### **December 2nd**

SS & Christmas practice  
**11:30-1:00**

### **December 9th**

No Church or Sunday  
school at Trinity, but  
Christmas practice

**11:30-1:00**

### **December 16th**

**Christmas Program!**  
Please arrive at 9:45 am  
sharp @ Trinity Church  
for Kids Christmas  
Program @  
**10:00 am**

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every other Sunday  
from Sept-May.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Timeframe:  
11:15-12:30pm

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool - 8th grade  
Visitors Welcome!

**What is Happening At Your Camp?**  
Camp Okoboji  
1531 Edgewood Drive  
Milford, IA 51351  
Phone: 712-337-3325 Fax: 712-337-3318  
e-mail: [camp.okoboji@lidwlcms.org](mailto:camp.okoboji@lidwlcms.org)  
Web site: [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)



**Our Promise of Jesus at the Lake** A friendly, safe, refreshing and relaxing Christian experience An exceptional value for you and your family.

**Merry Christmas to you all from the staff at Camp Okoboji. As we prepare for the 2019 year of ministry here at Camp, we pray that you all have had a very blessed year. As we continue to grow and transition under new leadership, many new and exciting changes are happening both with ministry opportunities and our facilities.**

**Help Wanted:** recruitment for 2019 summer staff has begun. Open to College age youth. Arrival is May 19 training begins on May 20. Applications are available online at [www.nloma.org](http://www.nloma.org)

**Mark Your Calendar:** January 24-37 is Camp Okoboji family ice fishing retreat. Also includes ping pong tournament.

**Cabin Remodel:** Dan and Zebulun is being remodeled to temporarily house our summer staff for 2019.

**Family Ministry Cabins:** The cabins will be available during the winter months. Please contact the camp office for availability.

**Online Registration Process:** Camp Okoboji has launched its new registration process. You can now register for all camp programs, retreats and events. If you have questions or need assistance please contact the camp office at 712-337-3325. This is the time to get those registrations in! [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)

*For more information on any of these topics please feel free to contact Camp Okoboji.*  
**FACEBOOK!** "LIKE" us on Facebook - [www.facebook.com/CampOkoboji-LCMS](http://www.facebook.com/CampOkoboji-LCMS)  
and refer to the Camp Okoboji News flier hanging in the narthex.



ROCK SOLID RADIO

498 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE  
Sioux Center, IA 51250

December 2           **"Reality Therapy"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The book of Ruth deals with unimportant people and unimportant matters, but deals with them in such a way as to show that God is active in ordinary lives-like yours and mine. Ruth's story became an important part of the story of Jesus. Listening to God's work in her life can rescue us from dead end delusions and bring us into what is most real-a Jesus-centered reality. (Ruth 1-2)

December 9

**"Redeemer with a Capital R"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When people use the word "redeem" outside of religious context, they tend to use it in a commercial sense-redeeming points from purchases or casino tokens for cash. In the Bible, the word "redeem" is used in a family setting. In the story of Ruth, Boaz is a "kinsman redeemer," who points to Jesus, our capital-r-Redeemer. Jesus has done more than pay our points. He redeems by bringing us into his clan, his people, his household, that we might be with him forever. (Ruth 3-4)

December 16

**"In Anxious Times - Rejoice! "**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. With anxiety on the rise, the Apostle Paul's call to "rejoice always" seems all but unobtainable. While there are many helpful ways to cope with society's increasing anxiety, Paul points us to a frequently overlooked source of joy and peace, God's grace in Christ. (Philippians 4:4-7 )

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December 23

**"The King's Strength "**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A true king's strength is seen, not in vaults and arsenals, but in the loyalty of his people. We celebrate the birth of the King who won the victory, not by taxing his subjects and killing his enemies, but by serving, loving and dying for them. By his resurrection, He destroyed the power of sin and lends us strength to become His loyal subjects.  
(Luke 1:26-56 )

December 30

**"A Long Good-Bye"**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy

As the year come to a close, we likely have regrets and guilt. We can beat ourselves up over work left undone, but Jesus Christ has assured us that He is your hope. His grace is more than sufficient to take us into another year and give us peace.  
(Luke 2:27-32)

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A podcast subscription; subscribe at [lhm.org/podcasts](http://lhm.org/podcasts);

A mobile app for Android devices and iPhones; visit [lhm.org/apps](http://lhm.org/apps) for more information;

Amazon Alexa, a voice-activated assistant to play media programming;

Spotify, an on-demand media streaming service;

iHeartRadio, a free broadcast and internet radio platform; and

SiriusXM Satellite Radio's Family Talk Channel 131 at 10 a.m. EST every Sunday.

*Thank you for sharing with your parishioners that Lutheran Hour is broadcast at 1:00 pm each Sunday*

Cindy Nederhoff – 712-722-0885 – [cnederho@dordt.edu](mailto:cnederho@dordt.edu)







### **SHARA AND MICHAEL OSIRO VISIT MISSION CENTRAL!**

What a blessing to welcome Missionary Shara Osiro and her husband, Michael to Mission Central on November 10, 2018! What a JOY to have the privilege of hearing of how the Lord is using this special family for the Lord's work. We had about 150 people present for this special Mission Event at the World Famous Mission Central. The Ministry Center was completely filled and Shara Osiro, veteran missionary, shared how the Lord is using her to tell people about Jesus in so many countries in East Africa. Shara indicated that the Lord has now called her to help in West Africa. It was indeed a special day that we will never forget!

### **LAPTOP GOES TO AFRICA!**

Special NOT NORMAL volunteer Missionaries Ron Maurer and his wife Nancy came to Mission Central and delivered a near new LAPTOP COMPUTER! They wanted it to go to a missionary who really needed a laptop...and ANOTHER MIRACLE HAPPENED! Yes, Missionaries Shara Osiro and her dear husband Michael came to Mission Central on November 10 and were in need of a laptop computer in East Africa! Wow, and we had one here! Old Missionary Gary was able to present to Shara and Michael this wonderful computer to go all the way to East Africa for the Lord's work! IT'S ANOTHER REAL "MIRACLE" that happened at "just the right time." What a JOY to see how the Lord called Ron and Nancy to provide for HIS work when it was needed so desperately!

### **VETERAN MISSIONARY FROM CANADA AND LATIN AMERICA, REV. CHARLES ST. ONGE AND FAMILY VISIT!**

On November 10, 2018, a whopping crowd of approximately 150 NOT NORMAL people came from all over Iowa and Nebraska to the world famous Mission Central to see our Missionaries from Canada and Latin America. Yes, Rev. Charles St. Onge and his family came to share how the Lord is using them to tell people about Jesus in these parts of the world! Rev. St. Onge and his family were present to explain, teach, show pictures and tell stories of reaching out to people in total darkness with the Good News of our Savior Jesus! Pastor St. Onge told of his CALLING to Canada and Latin America, and how the Lord is using his GIFT OF LANGUAGES....French, Spanish and English to touch the lives and hearts of people who are in total darkness!

### **WHAT A FULL HOUSE LOOKS LIKE IN THE THEATER!**

More and more people are coming to the World Famous Mission Central in the middle of nowhere in the hills of Western Iowa. It's so important to know that the people who come here are truly NOT NORMAL! These people are "in the world," but not "of the world"! That was surely the case on November 10, 2018 when the Lord called about 150 people to see what God has done with this old set of farm buildings. On this day, three

missionaries from Belize, Latin America and Canada, and East Africa were present to speak. People came from all over the entire Midwest. They also came to hear the story of what God did on the 6th day of Creation! The story of Creation that is explained so clearly in the Bible is true and absolutely certain! Do you want to see what a "FULL HOUSE" really looks like? Well, take a "gander" at this picture, which shows that every seat was taken in the Lord's Creation Theater on November 10! We even had people sitting on the steps! Were it not for the WIDE ANGLE LENS, we couldn't have taken this picture of the HUGE crowd that spent the day! The Lord truly CALLED these special people to come and see what God can do in the middle of nowhere in the hills of Western Iowa!

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