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Hello March!

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Pastor's Message

As Jesus teaches many lessons from the Upper Room to His disciples, He shares with them many words. For this month's newsletter article, I want to ponder our use of words. James reminds us of one small organ of our bodies that we don't think about too much, but it does have a great influence; not just in our lives, but in others' lives as well: the tongue. James likens our tongue to the rudder of a ship. Just as a massive ship is steered through the water by a seemingly small and insignificant piece of the ship, so we are steered and defined by our tongues.

How much time and effort do we put into being defined by our jobs, our brains, our bodies, our images? We diet, we exercise, we lift weights, we study, we pour over our income vs. expense ratios, we clean and up-date our homes, our cars, our wardrobe, get make-overs, and hair-cuts, and spend money on make-up and farm equipment, and campers, and four-wheelers, and motorcycles, and on and on and on; how much time do you spend on your tongue? James reminds us that our tongues direct and lead us, so it begs the question: Where are you going?

Words can hurt. Words contain much power, and we often don't think of the power that they truly do carry. Words have the power to tear down, and sometimes it doesn't take much. Words are thrown back and forth like arrows and bombs, trying to cut the other own down or completely destroy, very clearly showing how, as James says, ***"No human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison."*** (James 3:8)

Our tongues are full of poison that spews out towards our enemies; those who would do use harm, but what about our family? Do we use this poison against our families?

We are not supposed to even use it against our enemies, that is sinful in and of itself. But our restless poison cannot be contained; we turn the venom of hurtful words against those we love the most.

We call curses upon them, we call upon God to damn them to hell, we cut down and hurt them until what? Until we somehow have won a particular argument? At what cost? Is winning an argument over the dishes or garbage or some bill or anything in our day-to-day lives worth tearing down another person, another person who was made in the image and likeness of God?

Words have power. It is one of the important pieces that mankind is given, which no other creature has. Through the power of the Word all of creation was called into existence. ***“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.”*** (John 1:1-3) This Word you know ***“became flesh and dwelt among us.”*** (John 1:14) This Word in the flesh was God and Man, Jesus Christ. In our inability to control our tongues, He came and did it for us. As our poison leaves us deserving of going to one place, hell itself, Jesus became flesh, and died. This most powerful Word spoke from the cross, “It is finished.” One Word in Greek. Why should you care? Because this one word shows up again in James! James writes, ***“If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man.”*** (James 3:2) The word for perfect is the same as finished, or completed, or whole.

Through Jesus’ death on the cross, the antidote for your poisonous words, the tonic for your venomous tongue was completed, finished, perfected, made whole. Because of the Word made flesh, that suffered and died for you, your sins are forgiven. You are made whole. You are washed in His powerful Word joined with water. His Words fill your ears and your mouths. His Words are yours!

As you walk through this season of Lent looking forward to Easter, may the Lord keep your mouth from tearing down and your lips from speaking deceit.

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
Rev. Dr. Joel G. Koeppe

President's Piece for Peace

On a frequent basis I read my way through the book of Ephesians in the original Greek. It is my favorite Pauline Epistle commentary on the Gospels. Each time I work my way through I discover something of great significance for myself, and I want to share with you in this article.

In Ephesians 4:2 we have a litany of what the life and character of Jesus was. As Paul writes to the congregation in Ephesus he speaks to the Church from the character of Christ. We are baptized into Christ therefore it is He who lives in and through us. The life we live as the baptized is lived in faith toward God and in fervent love toward one another.

Ephesians 4:2 is extraordinary considering that Jesus is the Son of God from eternity. He sat upon the Throne of Grace and Power yet descended into the flesh that He could and would carry out the Divine plan of salvation for us. To do this He exercised what we have a hard time doing, even if we tried.

The first word describing us in Christ is "humility." It really means humble minded, or unassuming. This is best stated by Paul in his letter to the Philippians when he said that Jesus "humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross."

Next Paul lists "meekness." It carries with it the understanding of being gentle, courteous, and considerate of others. This is how Jesus is described in Matthew 21:5 when it is recorded, "See, your king comes to you in meekness riding on a donkey, the foal of a donkey." Jesus did not assume to Himself preservation when He road into Jerusalem. He was mindful of our need for a savior and the meekness it would take for Him to make such a sacrifice for the underservant.

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With such a sacrifice in His near future, Jesus had to remain steadfast with a long temper so as not to exercise punishment on us sinners. His patience is beyond human understanding while being eternally beneficial to all the world. Peter makes this known to us in his first Epistle, in the third chapter when he reminds us God is patient with us as He was in the days of Noah when he saved Noah and his family through water which buoyed up the Ark. What a beautiful picture of how baptism saves us and places us in the safety of the Church.

Patience was necessary as Jesus had to "put up with" or "endure" us who walk in ways apart from His Holy Word. He does this to deliver us from the consequences of sin. In Matthew 17:17 Jesus asks "How long shall I put up with you? Bring Me the boy." The boy was demon possessed and no one could affect it. Jesus put up with this situation long enough to cast out the demon and deliver the boy from evil. How blessed we are that Jesus puts up with us long enough to redeem us from sin and death.

All of this is who Jesus is because He "loves" us. This is the famous word "Agape." This is a divine love that we do not have by nature. It is a love exercised upon us that looks to the good of others first. It is a love so deep that it is willing to sacrifice for the unworthy. "For God so loved the world," says John, "that He gave His only begotten Son."

And that, my friends, is who we are baptized into. That is also our disposition, imperfect as we are. It is who we are in Christ. I pray during this Lenten season we may reflect on this short litany and grow in our appreciation and thankfulness of who Jesus is, what He has done, and the sacrifice He went through that we may belong to Him in eternal paradise.

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders, District President



March 2026

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Happenings

Summer Camp & Staffing

Our hot start to summer camp registrations has continued! If you haven't already registered, you may go to campiodiseca.org/summer-camp-3/registration/ or scan the QR Code to do so and for additional information. We are excited to share God's Word and His love with all who attend camp this summer!



To help create a great camp experience for all of our campers, we need some counselors, specifically 4 male and female counselors each! We are looking for college-aged, LCMS young adults to serve in the counselor roles. Our camp counselors act as Christian role models, teachers, activity leaders, and friends to all of the children that pass through our gates. We are also looking for 2 more staff members to fill kitchen roles: cook & dishwasher. We could use your help to ensure smooth kitchen operations for all of our guests this summer! Head to our website at campiodiseca.org/summer-camp-3/staff/ for more information and to get started on completing an application, or contact Program Director, Alec Deppe at 319-848-4187 or programdirector@iodiseca.org.

Horse Lessons & Trail Rides

Last fall, we kicked off horse lessons and trail rides as additional camp programs! We are continuing both this spring! This spring, lessons begin on March 23 and are offered weekly for youth in grades 4-12. Lessons take place over six weeks, concluding the week of April 27 - May 1. Trail rides begin the week of March 16-20 and go through May 3. They are open to anyone ages 5 and up! For more information or to reserve your spots, you may go to campiodiseca.org/horses/ or scan the QR Code.



Pastors' Wives Winter Social



Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is excited to host our second annual Pastors' Wives Winter Social! This retreat is for wives of pastors serving in the Iowa District East. This weekend presents a wonderful opportunity for rest, refreshment, and fellowship. The Pastors' Wives Winter Social will take place on March 6-7, 2026. The registration cost for the retreat is \$55/ person and includes the overnight fee, bedding, and meals from Friday supper through Saturday lunch. You may get registered by going to campiodiseca.org/pastors-wives-winter-social/ or by scanning the QR Code.



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Symposium with Meals (stay off site) **\$35**

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
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9:00 a.m.	Registration Opens
10:00 a.m.	Convention Begins
4:00 p.m.	Convention Concludes

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



GUEST SPEAKER
Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise
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Make check payable to
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SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH, 2026

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2026 IOWA MARCH FOR LIFE LCMS RALLY

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10 AM - SPEAKER

11 AM - LUNCH

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LCMS Pastors Unite At The Iowa Capitol To Advocate For Life

by Kim Laube



Pastors' Day on the Hill brought together LCMS pastors from across Iowa for a purposeful day of encouragement, advocacy, and faith-driven engagement at the State Capitol. The day began at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Urbandale, where pastors gathered for fellowship, prayer, and preparation before heading downtown to meet with elected officials who share their confession of faith.

This annual event is designed to connect LCMS pastors with LCMS members serving in the Iowa Legislature—strengthening relationships, building confidence for civic engagement, and equipping pastors to speak faithfully and winsomely on current life issues impacting their communities.

Meeting With LCMS Legislators

After departing from Gloria Dei, the pastors traveled to the Capitol where they were welcomed by several LCMS legislators who serve in both the Iowa House and Senate. Those in attendance included:

- **Rep. Samantha Fett** – Holy Cross, Carlisle
- **Rep. Thomas Gerhold** – St. Stephens, Atkins
- **Sen. Kerry Gruenhagen** – Risen Christ, Davenport
- **Sen. Tim Kraayenbrink** – St. Paul, Fort Dodge
- **Sen. Jason Schultz** – Immanuel, Schleswig
- **Sen. Annette Sweeney** – St. Paul, Buckeye

Although **Sen. Julian Garrett (Mt. Calvary, Indianola)** and **State Treasurer Roby Smith (Trinity, Davenport)** were unable to attend, they sent their appreciation for the pastors' prayers and advocacy.

The conversation centered on building strong relationships with local legislators and understanding how pastors can effectively engage in discussions about current life-related legislation. Pastors received practical direction for approaching their elected leaders, including suggested topics that are presently shaping Iowa's legislative work on life protections and care for mothers and families.

Faithful Encouragement And Mutual Support

Throughout the day, LCMS legislators expressed deep gratitude for the prayerful support they receive from Iowa pastors, congregations, and Lutheran Family Service. Many shared that encouragement from the church sustains them as they navigate the daily pressures of public service and the often-difficult conversations surrounding life issues.

The pastors, in turn, affirmed their appreciation for legislators who openly live out their Christian faith while serving in public office. They offered ongoing prayers, support, and commitment to standing alongside these leaders in advocating for the dignity of human life—from conception onward.

Strengthening The Church's Public Witness

Pastors' Day on the Hill continues to remind Iowa LCMS pastors of their vital role in shaping public conversations and guiding their congregations in thoughtful, loving engagement with lawmakers. The day emphasized that civic involvement is not about partisanship, but about confessing Christ, supporting good governance, and advocating for policies that protect human life and uphold the well-being of families.

As the day concluded, participants returned to their communities renewed in purpose—ready to encourage others, support their elected leaders, and continue speaking clearly and compassionately for life in Iowa.



MEMORY WORK SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Confirmation

***Shortened class time**

5th & 6th Grades Memory Work

March 4*	Lord's Prayer: Fourth Petition and Meaning
March 11*	Lord's Prayer: Fifth Petition and Meaning
March 18*	Lord's Prayer: Sixth Petition and Meaning
March 25*	Lord's Prayer: Seventh Petition & Conclusion and Meanings

7th & 8th Grades Memory Work

March 4*	Review
March 11*	Review
March 18	NO CLASS
March 25*	Questioning for 8th Graders
March 29	Confirmation for 8th Graders

Wednesday *Lenten*

SERVICES



Meal served at 5:15pm

Theme: Lessons from the Upper Room

March 11 at 6:30pm – *John 15, Witness*

March 18 at 6:30pm – *John 16, Endurance*

March 25 at 6:30pm – *John 17, Prayer*



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Sunday, March 29 at 9:00am Palm Sunday/Confirmation Sunday

Monday, March 30 at 12pm Monday in Holy Week Prayer Service

Tuesday, March 31 at 12pm Tuesday in Holy Week Prayer Service

Wednesday, April 1 at 12pm Wednesday in Holy Week Prayer Service

Thursday, April 2 at 6:30pm Holy Thursday Confessional Service
with Holy Communion

Friday, April 3 at 6:30pm Good Friday Chief Service
with Holy Communion

Saturday, April 4 at 12pm Holy Saturday Prayer Service

Saturday, April 4 at 6:30pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5 at 6:30am Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Dawn
with Holy Communion

Sunday, April 5 at 9:00am Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day
with Holy Communion

Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, this February, the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope. It is my prayer that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

This Lent we will focus on Lessons from the Upper Room. We hear portions of these texts read throughout the Church Year, but on our Wednesday night services, we will be hearing from Jesus one chapter at a time. There is much that can be covered and many lessons contained within each chapter, and so, I encourage you to spend each week reading and re-reading through a chapter of Jesus' discourse in the Upper Room. The schedule we will be following at Church will be as follows:

Mid-Week 1: February 25 – John 13, focusing on Humility

Mid-Week 2: March 4 – John 14, focusing on Faith

Mid-Week 3: March 11 – John 15, focusing on Witness

Mid-Week 4: March 18 – John 16, focusing on Endurance

Mid-Week 5: March 25 – John 17, focusing on Prayer

As the world tries to divide and become increasingly individualistic focused, these words of Jesus not only recognize our individual reality, but they also ground us together within the corporate nature of the Church. These words give us a solid foundation for enduring the many changes that come with living a Christian life.

As we begin the season of Lent, I share with you the same thoughts from previous years, beginning with St. Peter, ***“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.”*** (1 Peter 5:6-9)

During the Season of Lent, we are given an opportunity to hear the Lord's call to return. ***"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel"*** (Mark 1:15). These recorded words of Jesus, at the start of His public ministry, come upon His return to Galilee after forty days of fasting and His temptation in the desert. We will also hear during this upcoming Lent that we are made of dust and to dust we shall return (Genesis 3:19). These godly and loving reminders tell us that He made us, it is His work, we are His, and He wants us to be with Him.

We want you to be here. I want you to be gathered around His Word and Sacraments, receiving His most gracious gifts. Life sometimes has a way of getting away from us. Other plans seep into our time where we want to be with God's people around His word. Frankly, the pastor at times gets in our way. If there is something that keeps you from God's House receiving His gifts, please let us know how we can help.

Some of us may be feeling as if we are wandering in the wilderness of employment, finances, family matters, health, or other serious concerns at this time, and we perhaps may not always care for the serious side of Lent. Some of us may even feel the deep isolation these past years have caused. We have felt deeply living in the ash heap of our own sins and the sins of the world; here the beauty of Lent shines forth. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, they lead to a triumphant Easter Day and a reminder of our own Baptism into Christ, which we recall in the Easter Vigil. Lent is a serious matter. It is about death and life, sin and forgiveness, grace and mercy, through the Word made flesh. ***"With His stripes we are healed"*** (Isaiah 53:5).

Each Sunday in Lent is a celebration. The worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church echoes Christ's victory over death. Our heavenly Father can truly do amazing things with dust! To this we bear witness, as we proclaim our Lord's death through the gathering around His Word and Supper for our forgiveness, and divine strength to meet the days ahead.

I encourage you to take advantage of the numerous worship opportunities at Immanuel this Lententide as our Lord calls and comes to us. Please consider returning for Wednesday Lenten services. Like last year, we will have a time of fellowship and meal from 5:15-6:15, followed by Evening Prayer at 6:30.

There will be a sign-up sheet for those that wish to volunteer for the meal found on the back table in the entryway. We will also have a short Service of Prayer and Preaching on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday of Holy Week at noon, as well as, the Divine Service at 6:30 on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil on Saturday.

With all of the divisiveness in our world, we remain brothers and sisters in Christ. With all of the loneliness, we remain brothers and sisters in Christ. May we use this time for our faith to be renewed in our gracious and merciful God and our love for one another to be strengthened in the love of Christ, always defending and putting the best construction on everything.

Lessons from the Upper Room: Devotional Schedule

Day	Psalm	Hymn	Bible Reading	Devotional Reading
Ash Wednesday	Psalm 110 (antiphon v.1)	LSB 445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning	John 11:45-53	Large Catechism-The Second Petition sections 49-51
Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Psalm 110 (antiphon v.1)	LSB 445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning	John 11:54-57	Large Catechism-The Second Petition sections 52-54
Friday after Ash Wednesday	Psalm 110 (antiphon v.1)	LSB 445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning	John 12:1-18	Large Catechism-The Second Petition sections 55-56
Saturday after Ash Wednesday	Psalm 110 (antiphon v.1)	LSB 445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning	John 12:9-11	Large Catechism-The Second Petition sections 57-58
First Week in Lent - Sunday	Psalm 25 (antiphon v. 20)	LSB 536 (1, 3-5) One Thing's Needful	John 13:1-4	Large Catechism-The Conclusion of the Commandments sections 311-313
Monday	Psalm 25 (antiphon v. 20)	LSB 536 (1, 3-5) One Thing's Needful	John 13:5-11	Large Catechism-The Conclusion of the Commandments sections 314-316
Tuesday	Psalm 25 (antiphon v. 20)	LSB 536 (1, 3-5) One Thing's Needful	John 13:12-15	Large Catechism-The Conclusion of the Commandments sections 317-320
Wednesday	Psalm 25 (antiphon v. 20)	LSB 536 (1, 3-5) One Thing's Needful	John 13:16-20	Large Catechism-The Conclusion of the Commandments sections 321-323
Thursday	Psalm 25 (antiphon v. 20)	LSB 536 (1, 3-5) One Thing's Needful	John 13:21-30	Large Catechism-The Conclusion of the Commandments sections 324-326
Friday	Psalm 25 (antiphon v. 20)	LSB 536 (1, 3-5) One Thing's Needful	John 13:31-35	Large Catechism-The Conclusion of the Commandments sections 327-330
Saturday	Psalm 25 (antiphon v. 20)	LSB 536 (1, 3-5) One Thing's Needful	John 13:38-38	Large Catechism-The Conclusion of the Commandments sections 331-333
Second Week in Lent - Sunday	Psalm 91 (antiphon v. 2)	LSB 526 You Are the Way; through You Alone	John 14:1-4	Large Catechism- Baptism sections 3-9

Lessons from the Upper Room: Devotional Schedule

Monday	Psalm 91 (antiphon v. 2)	LSB 526 You Are the Way; through You Alone	John 14:5-7	Large Catechism- Baptism sections 10-18
Tuesday	Psalm 91 (antiphon v. 2)	LSB 526 You Are the Way; through You Alone	John 14:8-14	Large Catechism- Baptism sections 23-29
Wednesday	Psalm 91 (antiphon v. 2)	LSB 526 You Are the Way; through You Alone	John 14:15-17	Large Catechism- Baptism sections 32-34, 41-42
Thursday	Psalm 91 (antiphon v. 2)	LSB 526 You Are the Way; through You Alone	John 14:18-21	Large Catechism- Baptism sections 52-53, 60-61
Friday	Psalm 91 (antiphon v. 2)	LSB 526 You Are the Way; through You Alone	John 14:22-24	Large Catechism- Baptism sections 64-70
Saturday	Psalm 91 (antiphon v. 2)	LSB 526 You Are the Way; through You Alone	John 14:25-31	Large Catechism- Baptism sections 83-86
Third Week in Lent - Sunday	Psalm 71 (antiphon v. 3)	LSB 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me	John 15:1-4	Large Catechism-The Fifth Petition sections 85-87
Monday	Psalm 71 (antiphon v. 3)	LSB 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me	John 15:5-8	Large Catechism-The Fifth Petition sections 88-89
Tuesday	Psalm 71 (antiphon v. 3)	LSB 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me	John 15:9-11	Large Catechism-The Fifth Petition sections 90-91
Wednesday	Psalm 71 (antiphon v. 3)	LSB 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me	John 15:12-17	Large Catechism-The Fifth Petition sections 92
Thursday	Psalm 71 (antiphon v. 3)	LSB 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me	John 15:18-20	Large Catechism-The Fifth Petition sections 93-94
Friday	Psalm 71 (antiphon v. 3)	LSB 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me	John 15:21-25	Large Catechism-The Fifth Petition sections 95-96
Saturday	Psalm 71 (antiphon v. 3)	LSB 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me	John 15:26-27	Large Catechism-The Fifth Petition sections 97-98
Fourth Week in Lent - Sunday	Psalm 46 (antiphon v. 10)	LSB 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray	John 16:1-3	Large Catechism-The Sixth and Seventh Petitions sections 99-102
Monday	Psalm 46 (antiphon v. 10)	LSB 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray	John 16:4-11	Large Catechism-The Sixth and Seventh Petitions sections 103- 104

Lessons from the Upper Room: Devotional Schedule

Tuesday	Psalm 46 (antiphon v. 10)	LSB 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray	John 16:12-15	Large Catechism-The Sixth and Seventh Petitions sections 105- 108
Wednesday	Psalm 46 (antiphon v. 10)	LSB 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray	John 16:16-20	Large Catechism-The Sixth and Seventh Petitions sections 109- 111
Thursday	Psalm 46 (antiphon v. 10)	LSB 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray	John 16:21-24	Large Catechism-The Sixth and Seventh Petitions sections 112- 116
Friday	Psalm 46 (antiphon v. 10)	LSB 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray	John 16:25-28	Large Catechism-The Sixth and Seventh Petitions sections 117- 120
Saturday	Psalm 46 (antiphon v. 10)	LSB 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray	John 16:29-33	Large Catechism-The Sixth and Seventh Petitions sections 121- 124
Fifth Week in Lent - Sunday	Psalm 143 (antiphon v. 8)	LSB 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded	John 17:1-3	Large Catechism-The Lord's Prayer sections 1- 6
Monday	Psalm 143 (antiphon v. 8)	LSB 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded	John 17:4-5	Large Catechism-The Lord's Prayer sections 7- 11
Tuesday	Psalm 143 (antiphon v. 8)	LSB 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded	John 17:6-9	Large Catechism-The Lord's Prayer sections 12-15
Wednesday	Psalm 143 (antiphon v. 8)	LSB 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded	John 17:10-13	Large Catechism-The Lord's Prayer sections 16-20
Thursday	Psalm 143 (antiphon v. 8)	LSB 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded	John 17:14-19	Large Catechism-The Lord's Prayer sections 21-25
Friday	Psalm 143 (antiphon v. 8)	LSB 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded	John 17:20-23	Large Catechism-The Lord's Prayer sections 26-29
Saturday	Psalm 143 (antiphon v. 8)	LSB 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded	John 17:24-26	Large Catechism-The Lord's Prayer sections 30-34
Palm Sunday/ Sunday of the Passion	Psalm 31:9-16 (antiphon v. 5)	LSB 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth	John 12:12-19	Cyril of Alexandria

Lessons from the Upper Room: Devotional Schedule

Holy Monday	Psalm 36:5-10 (antiphon v. 9)	LSB 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy	John 12:20-26	Cyril of Alexandria
Holy Tuesday	Psalm 54 (antiphon v. 4)	LSB 453 Upon the Cross Extended	John 12:27-36a	Cyril of Alexandria
Holy Wednesday	Psalm 70 (antiphon v. 5)	LSB 425 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross	John 12:36b-43	Cyril of Alexandria
Holy Thursday	Psalm 116:12-19 (antiphon v. 17)	LSB 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee	John 12:44-50	Cyril of Alexandria
Good Friday	Psalm 22 (antiphon v. 1)	LSB 454 Sing, My Tongue, The Glorious Battle	John 18:1-19:37	Large Catechism-The Second Article sections 26-33
Holy Saturday	Psalm 16 (antiphon v. 10)	LSB 448 O Darkest Woe	John 19:38-42	Cyril of Alexandria
Easter Sunday	Psalm 118:15-29 (antiphon v. 1)	LSB 458 Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands	John 20:1-18	Cyril of Alexandria
Easter Monday	Psalm 100 (antiphon v. 5)	LSB 463 Christ The Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia	John 20:19-23	Cyril of Alexandria
Easter Tuesday	Psalm 2 (antiphon v. 7)	LSB 490 Jesus Lives! The Vict'ry's Won	John 20:24-31	Cyril of Alexandria
Easter Wednesday	Psalm 61 (antiphon v. 6-7)	LSB 485 Long Before The World Is Waking	John 21:1-14	Cyril of Alexandria



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LCMS Stewardship Ministry – [lcms.org/stewardship](https://www.lcms.org/stewardship)**

As a kid, I remember my Grandma and Grandpa Diepholz' home with extraordinary joy. Family fun. Great food. A legacy of faith. One of my lasting memories of that house was the table that sat between their twin beds. It contained a lamp, a Bible, a catechism and a hymnal. These were well-worn, as Grandpa read to Grandma every night before they went to sleep! What a treasure these tools of faith are! Let us spend some time this month in the hymnal to help us better understand our life as Christian stewards! To do this, we will use LSB 785 "We Praise You, O God."

*We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tributes we bring.
We lay it before You, and kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.*

Stewardship is an act of worship. It flows from the grace and mercy we have received in Jesus! Faithful stewardship can never start with us. Our sinful nature will make us and our desires the center of our worship. Our tributes, our giving and our serving only flow from how the Lord Jesus has given of Himself for our sake! When we have this in clear view, our knees bow and our praises flow freely! All this flows from the Name that has been placed on us in Holy Baptism!

*We worship You, God of our Fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'take us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.*

Our stewardship that flows from what God has done for us in Jesus Christ is rooted in history. Passed from one generation to the next, stewards of the Gospel connect God's provision in the past to His continued care in the present.

So often, the struggles we face are self-inflicted. While there are indeed perils that can shake us from outside of ourselves, we are more likely enduring the suffering that comes because of our own choices that are outside the Word and will of God! But even in these situations, the Lord who loves us will never forsake us. When we become selfish, self-serving and self-destructive, the Lord NEVER abandons! The Lord helps us to overcome the struggles in faith and win the victory the steward rejoices in!

*With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great redeemer, forever be praise!*

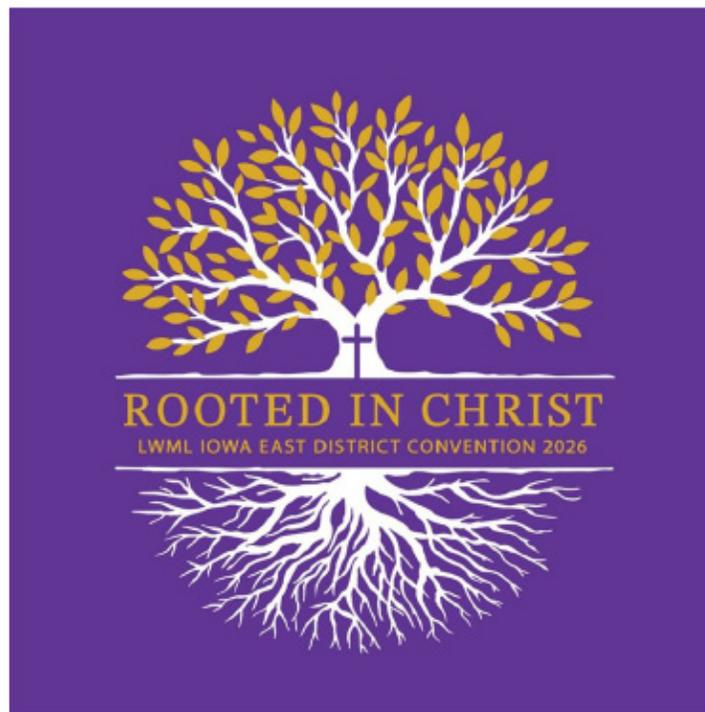
Stewardship is more than just an individual thing. There is a corporate nature to our steward life. We see this in the Divine Service. There, stewards of all ages, all economic strata and all languages are joined in the singular task of praise. This stewardship of praise flows from the altar to us, out into the world and then back to the altar! God's strong arm leads us in this stewardship 24/7. This makes stewardship, in all times and places, a matter of worship. We praise our Redeemer who has entrusted us with this great stewardship of the Gospel which forgives our sins, grants us new life and salvation. And this treasure we freely share for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor!



LWML
Lutheran Women in Mission

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2nd Sunday in Lent 1	2 Trinity, Clinton	3	4 St. John, Clinton	5	6	7 <i>Perpetua and Felicitas</i>
3rd Sunday in Lent 8 Trinity, Conroy	9	10	11 Prince of Peace, Coralville	12	13	14 Word of God, Davenport
4th Sunday in Lent 15	16 East Side Mission, Davenport	17 <i>Patrick</i>	18 Holy Cross, Davenport	19 St. Joseph	20 Immanuel, Davenport	21 Waterloo Zone Event
5th Sunday in Lent 22	23 Risen Christ, Davenport	24	25 Annunciation of Our Lord	26 Trinity, Davenport	27 Calvary, Deep River	28 Davenport Zone Event Williamsburg Zone Event
Palm Sunday 29	30 Monday in Holy Week	31 Tuesday in Holy Week <i>Joseph</i>				



ROOTED IN CHRIST

Join us in June for the 2026 LWML Iowa East District Convention, June 12 – 13 at The Graduate Hotel in Iowa City, 210 South Dubuque St.

The theme for the event is “Rooted in Christ. “Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” Colossians 2:6-7.

Keynote speaker will be The Most Rev. Dien Ashley Taylor, Bishop and President of LCMS Atlantic District and Pastor at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx, New York.

Mark your calendars for this important and inspirational event.

Registration is March 1 through May 1.

For more details and to register on-line only, visit the convention page at <https://lwml-ied.org/2026-iowa-east-district-convention>.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE VILLAGE CLOSET?

IT IS A NEW PROGRAM STARTED IN DECEMBER OF 2024 BY THE GRINNELL PUBLIC HEALTH (UNITY POINT) HERE IN GRINNELL. IT PROVIDES ESSENTIAL BABY ITEMS TO SUPPORT EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND CHILD CAREGIVERS THROUGHOUT PREGNANCY AND THE FIRST YEAR OF A CHILD'S LIFE.

ITEMS BELOW MAY BE PUT IN THE PLASTIC BIN LOCATED IN THE CHURCH HALLWAY UNDER THE INFORMATION TABLE.

BABY ITEMS NEEDED

NEWBORN - 12 MONTHS

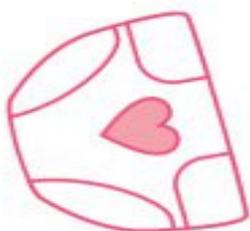
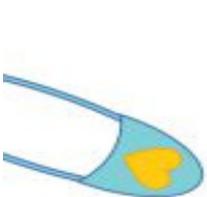
*3 - 6 MONTHS MOST NEEDED

DIAPERS
WIPES
BOTTLES
HOODED BATH TOWELS
WASH CLOTHS
BURP CLOTHS
BREAST FEEDING ITEMS
TOYS

IN GOOD CONDITION

BABY SWINGS
CAR SEATS
BATH TUBS
OTHER BABY EQUIPMENT
MATERNITY CLOTHES

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Monday: 10:00am- 4:00pm
Tuesday: 10:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday: CLOSED Thursday:
CLOSED Friday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Food Pantry Donations for Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA) can be left in the container under the information table in the entryway. To find out more about MICA and what type of donations they need, go to their website at www.micaonline.org. The last Sunday of the month is designated for the Food Pantry, but you are welcome to leave donations anytime.

(Please make sure items you bring are not outdated.)

PANTRY ITEMS

Peanut Butter (*always requested*)

Jelly

Skillet Meals

Soup (all kinds)

Ramen Noodles (*most requested*)

Pancake Mix/Syrup

Oatmeal

Cereal

Canned Goods

Mac and Cheese boxes

HYGIENE ITEMS

Toilet Paper

Laundry Soap (*always requested*)

Dish Soap

Shower Gel

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Bath Soap Bars