



Happy Birthday to our Missionary Hannah Hester! October 4 is Hannah's birthday. There is a paper card sitting on the Connection Center. If you have a moment please stop by and sign your name to wish her well on her special day. We will make sure Hannah receives it on her birthday!



Changes Coming from Ruth Circle

It has been said that only babies like a change. In this instance, the members of Ruth Circle would like to make some changes, and the details are listed below. **For Sunday Morning Treats:** the members of Ruth Circle are donating milk and juice. The current choices are milk, and either Apple Juice or Sunny D. The juice can be found in the south refrigerator in the kitchen, and the milk is in the north refrigerator.

For LIFE Meals: the members of Ruth Circle are donating the lemonade mix. The canisters are marked and sitting on the counter to the left of the south refrigerator.

Note: Small, clear glasses are in the cupboard to the right of the south refrigerator for serving juice, milk and lemonade. Other cups are too large. Join us for our meetings – next one is Thursday, October 22 at 11 a.m. at Z's Eatery to honor Pastor Tom.



LWML has a busy month in October!

LWML Sunday

LWML Sunday will be celebrated on October 4th. This year's theme focusing on the LWML Mission Statement — *As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.* For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2026, we focus on Supporting Missions. The large mite box will be available for anyone wanting to contribute your change to support the various district and national LWML mission projects worldwide. Every penny counts! **Don't forget to wear your purple!**

Bake Sale

LWML will be hosting a bake sale, Sunday, October 4th, between services and after late service. Proceeds from the sale will help replenish the account so LWML can continue to donate to wonderful charities. In the past year, LWML has contributed to the LAMP Mission trip, and other wonderful organizations that will be decided upon at our October Quarterly meeting. Please help support the great work of the LWML. Please bring items already packaged.

LWML Fall Rally

The Des Moines East Zone Fall Rally will be on Saturday, October 17th at Christ the King in Altoona. More info will be coming soon.



Upcoming Events:

LWML Sunday and bake sale, October 4, 2024.

Fall Rally October 17, 2026 at Christ the King in Altoona.

Fall quarterly meeting, Monday, October 26th at 6:30 pm.

All women are invited and encouraged to attend the events. See you there!

Connecting with the Church



Karla Roush	1-Oct
Julie Jordan	1-Oct
David Henline	1-Oct
Vicki Hornback	2-Oct
Cory Vail	2-Oct
August Wright	4-Oct
Robert Gebhart	4-Oct
Tami Bingham	4-Oct
Mike Oeffner	10-Oct
Ella Van Dyke	12-Oct
Julie Daugherty	12-Oct
Brooks DeJong	13-Oct
Jocelyn Cawthorn	21-Oct
Ava Jo Allen	21-Oct
Kraig Daugherty	21-Oct
Erin DeJong	23-Oct
Rich Evenson	25-Oct
Brandey Smith	25-Oct
Marlene Schoepke	26-Oct
Brandon Bousquet	27-Oct
Ed Chapman	27-Oct
Steve Smith	27-Oct
Jim Priebe	27-Oct
Sherry Herold	28-Oct
Sophia Cormeny	31-Oct

Heal House... Current needs.

Powdered Coffee Creamer	Coffee Pods
Toilet Paper	Paper Towels
Disinfecting Wipes	Kleenex Boxes
Hand Soap	

They also have a wish list on amazon.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/?ref=wl_share

Updates to our 2026 Church Directory

Rich & Jan Evenson
Marlene Schoepke
2319 North 9th Ct.
Indianola, IA 50125

Bill & Rose Strike
1603 North 9th Street #307
Indianola, IA 50125



HELPING HAND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

Cereal
Ketchup
Mustard
Ranch Dressing
Mac & Cheese
Sloppy Jo mix
Canned Chicken
Individual wapped snacks
Peanut Butter
Dish Soap

**This month Mt. Calvary
Delivered
grocery items to support
the Food Pantry.
Thank you for your
continued support!**

Opportunities to Serve



Available dates to donate flowers for the altar on Sunday.

October 4 - LWML

October 11 - Ruth Circle

October 18 - Jim & Shari Vail

October 25 - Confirmation

November 1 - All Saints Day

Altar Flowers – Needed: Individuals can sign up to place flowers for the altar or to donate to the “Flower Fund.” Place checks/cash in the offering and mark “Flowers” or you can use the online option to donate. You may sign up for a specific week on the flower calendar located on the Pillar. If you have a special occasion and would like flowers ordered for you and placed on the altar, contact Sherrie Engel. We need two arrangements for the altar total cost \$50.00. Contact Sherrie Engel, 515-490-2333 for more information. There are plenty of Sundays available.



Available dates to host Sunday Morning Treats

If no one signs up..... no treats!! ☹️

October 4 - LWML

October 11 - Lisa & Kyle Wiese

October 18 - Bohannon & Henline

October 25 -

November 1 -



Available dates to host - Wednesday night meal.

Here at the church fellowship hall 5:30—6:15 pm

Sept. 30 - Smiths

Oct. 7 -

Oct. 14 - Worship Board—Cavatelli

Oct. 21 -

Oct 28 -



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OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

Interested in being a Greeter before worship, talk to Colleen in the church office.

Interested in becoming a Reader in Worship, talk to Colleen in the church office.

Talk to an Elder about becoming an Usher at either service.

Volunteer to be a song leader at our 10:30 am Sunday service.

Sunday Morning treats – Volunteers needed to host at Sunday morning coffee time.

A sign up sheet is on the pillar in the fellowship hall.

Altar Flowers – Needed: Individuals to sign up to place flowers for the altar or to donate to the “Flower Fund.” Check out the flower chart on the pillar in the fellowship hall.

Here is the QR code for Online Giving:



Volunteers are needed to maintain our landscape each year. Weeding flower beds, mowing lawn and watering flowers when needed. **Please check out the map on the pillar to see what flower bed you would like to help keep looking nice.** If you are willing to help with any of those outside activities, please contact the Board of Property. Terry Pauling, Board Chairman. 515.249.9192

Lawn Mowers in October. End of the season.

Week of Sept 28 - Ed Chapman

Week of October 5 - Augie Wright

Week of October 12 - Bill Sponsler

Week of October 19 - Gene Grimm

Week of October 26 - Terry Pauling



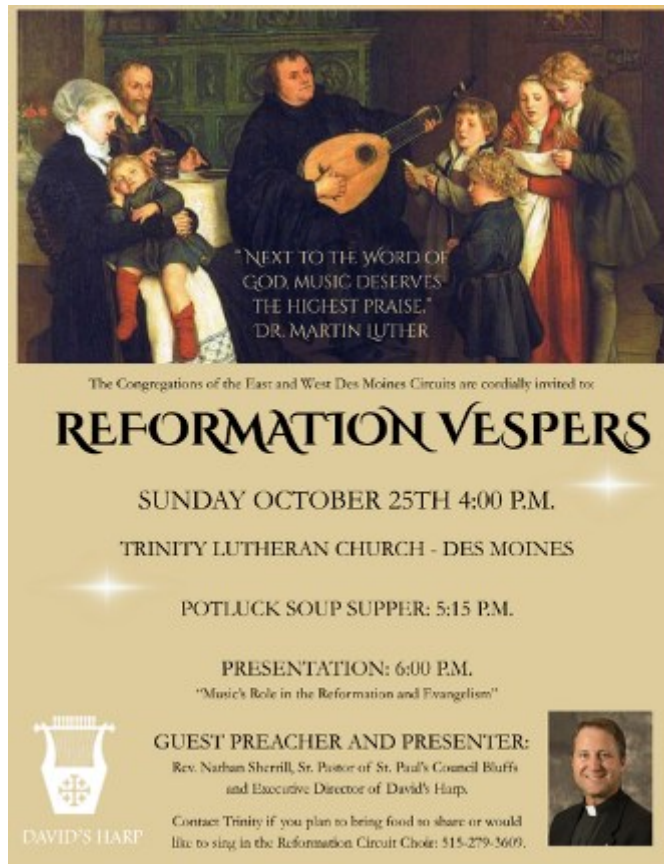


Sunday, October 25, 2026 we will observe Reformation Sunday along with Confirmation of two of our youth. Kira Cawthorn and Blake Bingham will confirm their faith at the 10:30 am service.



Help Wanted:

The Financial Secretary is looking for 2 people to help count our contributions, on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Mike & Jennifer Olson would like to “retire” from this position. Anyone interested, please talk to Bill Sponsler.



Reformation Vespers - Sunday Oct. 25th 4:00pm at Trinity Lutheran, Des Moines

The congregations of the East and West Des Moines Circuits are cordially invited to Trinity Lutheran in Des Moines for a Reformation Vespers service. Sacred music in the service will include selections from congregational hymns, choir, handbells, organ and instruments.

Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Nathan Sherrill, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs and Executive Director of David's Harp, an Recognized Service Organization of the LC-MS. An offering will be collected to benefit David's Harp, visit davidsharpmusic.org to learn more.

After the service please stay for the potluck soup supper and presentation on "Music's Role in the Reformation and Evangelism." If you would like to participate in the circuit choir ensemble or bring your favorite soup, side, or dessert to share please call the Trinity church office at [515-279-3609](tel:515-279-3609).

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In Matthew 25, we read the Parable of the Talents and how a master entrusts his wealth to his servants according to their abilities. It is very common to discuss this parable, and rightfully so, as we talk about being faithful stewards of the rich resources with which God has so generously blessed us.

Our human nature often leads us to pull back, distrust our Lord and Father, and prepare for a rainy day. And yes, here in Iowa lately, we have certainly seen several rainy days! Our Heavenly Father reminds us to trust the One who sends the rain, knowing that He holds us in the palm of His hand and will give us precisely what we need at the appropriate time. By no means is this meant to encourage anyone to be frivolous with their resources. Rather, trusting our Father helps us prepare to serve His will.

At LCEF, we are blessed to serve the members of Iowa District West and the LCMS. We are humbled to support so many of you with the resources God has entrusted to your stewardship and care. Because of the investments of nearly 1,000 Iowa District West LCMS members, we are currently helping 19 congregations with facility improvement projects and 24 rostered pastors with home mortgages right here in IDW, not to mention numerous other projects across the nation.

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While LCEF is known for our lending and investment solutions, we also support congregations through financial planning, strategic planning, capital campaigns, facility feasibility studies, demographic studies, and much more. We are here to help YOU! God's richest blessings to you and your congregation as we serve the Lord with gladness!

Josh Remington— LCEF Vice President

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**Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
August 17, 2026**

Attendance: Pastor Vanderbilt, Ken Tague, David Cormeny, Mary Barkley, Terry Pauling, Bill Sponsler, Jen Olson, Natasha Cooper, David Cooper.

Ken called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Terry motioned to pass June 2026 Congregation Meeting Minutes with amendments. Mary seconded the motion. Motion was passed with unanimous vote.

Pastor Report- No Lonely Listeners(See Email Attachment)

DCE Report- N/A

Elder's Report- David Cooper (See Email Attachment)

-Reviewing constitutional by laws to see if money counters must be members of the Mt. Calvary.

Financial Report- Bill Sponsler (See Email Attachment)

-Jen motioned to pass the July 2026 Financial Report. Natasha seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report- Mary Barkley (See Email Attachment)

-Pastor's 403B has been corrected. Payments for four years had not been invested properly. A correction of \$27,139.98 for money invested and gain/loss on those investments has been remedied.

-Natasha motioned that \$2250 of the Thrivent Choice Program fund be transferred to the Bridging the Gap Fund. The remainder of the Thrivent Choice Program fund and future deposits in this fund will be transferred into the Choir Director / Music Fund. David seconded the motion. The motion was passed with unanimous vote.

-Jen motioned to pass the July 2026 Treasurer's Report. David seconded the motion. The motion was carried with unanimous vote.

Education Report- N/A
Evangelism Report- N/A

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Discipleship Report- Ed and JoAnn Chapman (See Email Attachments)

Worship Report- Jen Olson (See Email Attachment)

Parish Nurse- N/A

Youth Report- Natasha Cooper (See Email Attachments)

Records Report- David Cormeny (See Email Attachments)

Stewardship Report-N/A (See Email Attachments)

Property Report- Terry Pauling (See Email Attachments)

New Business

- Email board budget proposals to Mary before September's Council Meeting

- Pastor is praying and considering a position for a temporary vacancy at Knoxville's Lutheran Church. They are proposing 10 additional hours per week. Pastor would like Council's approval. A vote by email may be needed due to time constraints.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was offered by Terry, a second by Natasha. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
David Cormeny