

# June & July 2026 THE GRAPES Our Savior Bethlehem



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## Congrats 2026 High School Graduates!

Brigid Bonner, Jayden Bradley, Roman Bygness, Anna Galvin,  
Owen Galvin, Giana Garcia, Emily Gehlsen, Ryan Hennings,  
Addison Houston, Quinton Juhl, Mylie Kaub, Josie Koenig,  
Ashton Randeris, Gracie Schillerberg, Gavin Schmadeke,  
Annah Schwarte, Lexie Wiese



*Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans  
will be established.” - Proverbs 16:3*



# Jr. & Sr. High Servant Event

## June 22-26

### Schedule

Mon-Thurs 10 am - 4 pm - Service Projects  
Friday - King's Point



Next week we are starting our Summer Servant Event. If you have never been involved before we will spend Monday - Thursday working on various projects around the church and around town. Projects will include: VBS projects, closet organization, yard clean up, painting, and more!  
Lunch, snacks and drinks are included

On Friday we will have a fun day at King's Point!



- June 21 - Outdoor Games
- June 28 - Slip N Slide Kickball
- July 5 - NO Connect
- July 12 - TBD
- July 19 - TBD
- July 26 - King's Point (Note Date Change)

Come spend a relaxing couple of days on the Niobrara just a few hours from here.

We will head out Wednesday, meet with the other crews on the trip set up camp.

Thurs and Friday we will spend on the river either kayaking, canoeing or floating.

Saturday we will pack up and head home

The cost for the trip covers everything except snacks and drinks on the way there and back.

Pick up a registration sheet today!

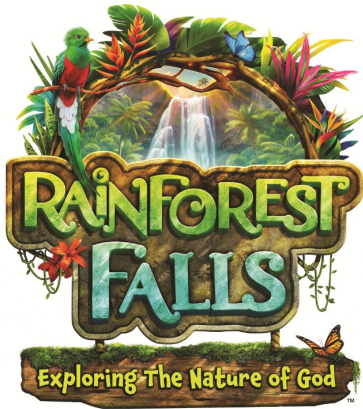


### Youth Lock-In

In August we will be hosting a youth lock-in before school starts back up. Check Facebook and look for an upcoming postcard for more information!

# Check the bulletin for more youth activities.

# VBS



## **Vacation Bible School 2026!!!**

**July 13—17**

**9 a.m. to Noon**

Our Theme is Rainforest Falls—Grab your hiking boots and take a step through the misty air of Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a refuge in life's storms.

**Register Today!!**

### **Areas to Volunteer**

#### **Station Leaders**

- Treetop Treats
- Wild Games

#### **Crew Leaders**

- PreK
- K & 1st
- 2nd & 3rd
- 4th & 5th

#### **Station Helpers**



If you are interested in helping with any of these areas please use the QR Code to sign up. Check the VBS table for a description of each of these areas. For those over the age of 18 you will need to fill out a background check as well.



**Register Today by scanning  
the QR Code!**

A vibrant illustration of a tropical rainforest scene. In the center, a waterfall flows into a pool of water. The scene is framed by lush greenery, colorful flowers, and several tropical birds perched on branches. A butterfly is also visible near the bottom right of the central frame.

# Register Today

July 13 -17

## RAINFOREST FALLS

9 am to Noon

Exploring The Nature of God

A stylized illustration of a desert canyon landscape under a starry night sky. A large green planet is visible in the upper right. A rocket ship is launching from the left side of the canyon. In the foreground, a futuristic white and yellow rover is parked on the red sand.

# GALAXY

*Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love*

Aug 10 - 12

5:30 pm to 7:30

Dow City Park

Register Today!

Our Savior (bold & black)

# June 2026

Bethlehem (blue, bold, italicized)


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon - Fri 9:00 – 2:00 712-263-3282</p> <p><i>Updated 6/19/2026</i></p> <p>Communion will be served during this service ✝</p>	<p><b>1</b> 9:00 Coffee Crew 9:00 Quilters</p> <p>7:00 Elders Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>8:00 AA</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:30 Fellowship Ride, Buffalo Joe's Roadhouse, Smithland</p> <p>9:45 BBS @ OS</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>5:30 OS Worship ✝</p>
<p><b>7</b> 9:00 OS Worship ✝ After Service: Adult BBS <i>10:30 Beth Worship ✝</i> 4:30 Summer Connect</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:00 Coffee Crew 2:00 Women's Guild Meeting</p> <p>6:00 Cub Scouts (Basement)</p>	<p><b>9</b> 7:00 Council Meeting</p> <p>8:00 AA</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:30 Fellowship Ride, Smokin Hereford, Storm Lake</p> <p>9:45 BBS @ OS</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><i>7:00am-12:00pm Missions Garage Sale</i></p> <p>5:30 OS Worship</p>
<p><b>14</b> 9:00 OS Worship After Service: VBS Decor Fun Day Adult BBS <i>10:30 Beth Worship</i> 4:30 Summer Connect</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9:00 Coffee Crew 9:00 Quilters</p> <p><i>7:00 Bethlehem Leadership Meeting</i></p>	<p><b>16</b> CCHF @ Presbyterian Church: 1:00 Preparation 3:00 Distribution</p> <p>8:00 AA</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Goslar Rental (Gathering Area)</p> <p>5:30 OS Worship ✝</p>
<p><b>21</b> <i>Happy Father's Day!</i> 9:00 OS Worship ✝ After Service: VBS Decor Fun Day Adult BBS <i>10:30 Beth Worship ✝</i> 4:30 Summer Connect <i>First day of Summer</i></p>	<p><b>22</b> 9:00 Coffee Crew 6:00 Cub Scouts (Basement)</p>	<p><b>23</b> 7:00 Right to Life Meeting</p> <p>8:00 AA</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>5:30 OS Worship</p>
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Our Savior (bold & black)

# July 2026

Bethlehem (blue, bold, italicized)

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<p>12 9:00 OS Worship After Service: Adult BBS <i>10:30 Beth Worship</i></p> <p>11:30 Frazier Rental (Gathering Space)</p> <p>4:30 Summer Connect</p>	<p>13 9:00 Coffee Crew 2:00 Women's Guild Meeting</p>	<p>14 7:00 Council Meeting 8:00 AA</p>	15	<p>16 9:45 BBS @ OS</p> <p>6:30 Fellowship Ride, Roar Into Harlan</p>	17	<p>18 Branning/Ahrenholtz Wedding</p> <p>5:30 OS Worship ✚</p>
<p>Our Savior VBS! July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-12:00pm</p>						
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<p>26 9:00 OS Worship After Service: Adult BBS <i>10:30 Beth Worship</i></p> <p>Jr. &amp; Sr. High trip to Kings Point</p>	<p>27 9:00 Coffee Crew</p>	<p>28 4 7:00 Right to Life Meeting 8:00 AA</p>	29	<p>30 9:45 BBS @ OS</p> <p>6:30 Fellowship Ride, Bowling Alley, Odebolt</p>	31	

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## Our Savior Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, May 12, 2026

Attendees - Steve Frazier, Michael Phipps, Pastor Chad, DCE Jarryn, Terri Martens, Shari Frazier, Alan Suntken, Lisa Weber, Sue Feller, Sue Bergamo, Eric Martens

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Frazier at 7:00 PM.

Opening devotion by Terri Martens.

Review of minutes from April 14, 2026 Council meeting - approved as read.

### Senior Pastor Report – May 2026

#### Worship Attendance

We are close to where we were last year. Easter service seemed to be pretty good. Bethlehem is overall down a little more than I would like to see. Will see how things shake out a little more over the summer and into the fall.

#### Official Acts

Hudson Brian Dalby (Baptism) Our Savior – April 4, 2026

Greg and Lori Wehle (Transfer In) Our Savior – April 6, 2026

Starla Steinkuehler (Funeral) For Bethlehem at Our Savior – April 15, 2026

Linden Nicole Neddermeyer (Baptism) Our Savior – April 26, 2026

Scarlett Elizabeth Neddermeyer (Baptism) Our Savior – April 26, 2026

#### Confirmation Robes

We need to finish up the Confirmation Robes (steamed) and moved back into the closet in the north hallway. I think that the robes looked nice this year for Confirmation.

#### New Member Welcome/Volunteer Appreciation Sunday - May 31

We have begun getting the information out for the brunch this day. Food is ordered and we are considering a gift for the people who volunteer as teachers. Probably a small gift card from the Bake Shop.

#### Donuts and Fellowship

I think we have the numbers correct for the donut fellowship after church. Steph has ordered them from Hy-Vee and Jarryn/Ben pick them up on Sunday morning. We are getting 2 dozen for the youth and 3 dozen for the adults. We will continue to monitor this and adjust as needed.

#### Iowa District West Mission Grant

I have most of the items in for the portable sound system and have most of it set up and ready to go. I need to snag or purchase a couple more cables to fully test the system and finish the set up. This will be done before the next meeting.

#### Cleaning Up the Roles

Also, before the next meeting we will have the roles cleaned up and have a new list of our actual members. I would like the elders and church council to look through the list first. Then think of people who can go through it in more detail. We will also need to decide how we would like to handle members who live far away. Plan to discuss this at the June meetings. This really falls at the feet of the elders on a decision. I will present some options.

#### Sermon Theme Family Devotions

The devotions have tapered off a bit from the Lenten season but still have several people who are looking for them every week. We are monitoring the number we print so we are not wasteful. We have several people who also listen online. Our highest day listening on the podcast forums (Apple Podcast, Amazon Music, and Spotify) was almost 60 people. One of the most notable stats from this is that 50% of the people listening are under 17 years old. I will continue to do this as I am able.

#### Organ Problems

We have two notes (B/Bb I believe) that are not working on the organ. It could be something easy and cheap, and it could be something more expensive. With the organ (most likely) 50 plus years old, it could be a problem with leathers and billows which could be costly. We are not planning on using it until we get a report from the organ repair guy when he comes on June 8, 2026.

#### Possible Vacation

I am thinking of trying to move my vacation from August to June or July to help better with some of the wedding, VBS, and other items. A plus to this, I would be able to go on vacation with Brenda. She cannot go to Sturgis due to the late date of the rally and start of the school year (and it is her 50th birthday). I am working with Jon to see if this is possible.

#### Schedule

May 31, 2026 – New Member Welcome/Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

July 18, 2026 – Wedding Request – Carter Wessel (Ames) – Denied due to another wedding)

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July 13-17, 2026 – Our Savior VBS

July 18, 2026 – Branning Wedding (OS)

August 3-5, 2026 – Bethlehem VBS??

August 6-17, 2026 – Vacation

August 1, 2026 – Wedding (Manning)

August 22, 2026 – Frazier Wedding (Out of Town)

September 13, 2026 – Rally Day in Washington Park

September 16, 2026 – Ground Zero Begins (Confirmation, Wednesday Bible School, Connect)

October 17, 2026 – Carlson Wedding (OS)

November 14, 2026 – Hilty Wedding (Out of Town)

### **DCE Report – Education for May**

Sunday School for all ages has wrapped up for the year.

#### Ground Zero

We have wrapped up for the year, and all teachers/volunteers have been invited to the appreciation brunch on the 31st

#### VBS - July 13-17

We have the banner in the yard and registration will open June 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to conflicting dates, we will not be able to share decorations this year as we have in the past. As such we have been working on a plan to work on decorations on Sundays during the month of June. I am currently looking for people that are willing to head up several areas of VBS as we start rolling into planning.

#### Upcoming/Other

Celebration Brunch

Kindle – Program will start in September

Volunteer background checks will start June 1st for all volunteers over the age of 18

### **DCE Report - Youth for May**

#### Youth Group

We will be wrapping up Sr. and Jr. High Connect in the next week as we will start summer Connect in June. We will be doing just Sunday nights from 4:30 to 6:30 and it will be Sr. & Jr. High as well as our incoming 5th graders.

#### Youth Events

June Summer Servant Event with a fun day at King's Point. We are looking for projects during the week. There will be a few around the church as well as a few around town.

#### Service Projects

Mother's Day Carnations

Summer Servant will be in June dates either June 15-19 or 22-26. I am working on getting projects lined up

#### Summer Planning

We will be looking at going to Top Golf during Summer Connect. King's Point will be the reward for helping out with the Summer Servant Event For those not going to Jr. High Summer camp we will be looking at going kayaking and floating.

#### Upcoming

Senior Recognition Sunday – We currently have all the information we have been able to acquire and there will be a Senior booklet and video for Sunday

Motion by Alan Suntken, seconded by Michael Phipps, to approve staff reports. Motion carries.

### **Council Board Reports**

Board of Elders – Eric Martens, Elder of the month

Elders have looked at property needs and have requested a Property Committee meeting be planned.

Education/Youth – Jarryn has set regular meetings with the youth board

Missions – Our meeting in April we discussed numerous things. First, we scheduled our annual garage sale for June 13 along with the city-wide sale. Also, on the calendar is assisting with the Okoboji camp breakfast on September 6. It was decided that we will contact the Forged with Fire group to join them in making their crosses that they hand out in disaster areas to the people they feed. Haley Pardun will be asked about making an information board that will be hung up containing all the outreach services the Our Savior does in the community and worldwide. Finally, we voted to

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support Iowa District West in giving \$100 to send volunteers to aid in disaster cities.

Discipleship – We put together the Mother's Day tea cups which got handed out on Mother's Day weekend, May 9th and 10th. Darin wrote the Discipleship Minute, Barb read it Saturday night and Sue read it Sunday morning. Wrote and mailed cards to the shut ins. Discussed what we will do for Father's Day. Talked about possibly getting one of the 2 groups that we learned about at Best Practices to teach/guide us how to be better disciples. How to reach out to other disciples who reach out to other disciples and on and on. Possibly can get the group to come to our church or maybe do zoom meetings. We need Pastor Chad's input on this to move forward, see if it would be feasible. This month's meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19th since our regular meeting day is Memorial Day.

Parish Fellowship – Some desserts were provided for the Starla Steinkuehler funeral, and Bethlehem ladies served the luncheon.

Property – Alan Suntken reviewed the list of things that need to be updated: tile in choir loft is cracked and will need to be replaced, carpet in office needs shampooed, he will look into quotes for this. He will reach out to property committee members, and possible new members, to set up a meeting. There are memorabilia in the basement that Craig Dozark is working on and organizing a sale of items.

Stewardship – The Endowment Committee (Julie Downing, Trisha Dirks, Dale Schneider, Troy Gehlsen, and Becky Jacobsen) convened on Sunday, April 18, 2026, to review the 16 requests submitted. Prior to making final decisions, the committee has requested additional information from some requestors to thoroughly assess the requests and ensure that all pertinent details have been considered. Furthermore, the Endowment Committee has decided to establish a form for each approved requestor to track and submit to the Stewardship Chair. This form will facilitate tracking of funds and expenses, enabling the committee to make more informed evaluations of future requests.

Treasurer – Terri is working on learning the status of the accounts from Elaine and reconciling all accounts.

Motion by Michael Phipps, seconded by Rachel Greene to approve Council Board reports. Motion carries.

### Old Business

- Direct deposit of payroll has started
- Update on elevator roof issues - Steve and Mark Feller will be looking at the roof in more detail.
- Credit card update – the application for Lutheran Federal Credit Union is in progress.
- LAMP fund follow up – money will be transferred to this fund
- Dishwasher installation tentative date: mid-June work will begin on removing cabinets, sinks, etc. Current cabinets could be reused as an island in the kitchen.

### New Business

- Problems with church organ – someone is coming June 8 to look at it
- Current pest control contract - there has not been a bill since February 2026, Alan will reach out to the current person for a recommendation.
- July 25-26 - Pastor asked about interest in a Gospel quartet performing, Pastor will work on setting this up.
- Pastor requested approval of \$175 to fund the Ascension Day service meal at Mission Central. Motion by Michael Phipps, seconded by Sue Feller, to approve the funds for the meal. Motion carries.

Motion made by Alan Suntken, seconded by Eric Martens, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45. Motion carries.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Frazier, Council Secretary

### A FEW THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP...

GOD CALLS US TO BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS WHO USE OUR TIME, TALENTS, AND MONEY AS PARTICIPANTS IN HIS MISSION "TO seek and save THE LOST" (LUKE 19:10). WE ARE TO BE ABOUT GOD'S MISSION WITH ALL THE RESOURCES HE ENTRUSTS TO US. GOD'S MISSION BECOMES OUR MISSION. THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE BECOME GOD'S TOOLS THROUGH WHOM AND WITH WHOM HE WORKS. WE BECOME FAITHFUL STEWARDS BY GOD'S GRACE AND HIS SPIRIT'S POWER.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP IS THE PART GOD ALLOWS EACH OF US TO PLAY IN CARRYING FORWARD HIS PLAN OF SALVATION.

*"ALL THIS IS FROM GOD, WHO THROUGH CHRIST RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF AND GAVE US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION" (2 CORINTHIANS 5:18).*

[Our Savior Women's Guild Meeting Minutes May 11, 2026](#)

On May 11th, five Guild members met for our monthly meeting. Our session started with the Common Table Prayer, after which we shared the tasty snacks.

- President Dianne led us in reciting the LWML Pledge. Treasurer's report by Jan Norgaard and Secretary's report by Sandy Johnson were presented and approved as read.
- Christian Growth: Readings by Jan Jacobsen, "Cecil B. Demille by Dr. Billy Graham", and John McCarther's "thoughts on getting old".
- Gracewell: Bingo will be on June 16th.
- Quilters: Working on banner for Convention

Business Meeting: We will donate \$100.00 to the Ingathering at District Convention. Convention has offerings on each day. After discussion, Jan Jacobsen moved, and Sandy seconded, that we give \$50 each to David's Harp in Council Bluffs, Mercy Meals of Siouxland, and to Camp Okoboji for the staff at Camp. Motion was carried.

Offering at the Spring Rally at Zion amounted to \$600 for Lutheran Family Services. Tentative date for Fall Rally is September 24th. We will host this rally. We reviewed the Mission Grant Ballot and chose a few that we would vote for at Convention. Dianne and Sandy will be representing our Guild.

Jan Norgaard and Dianne had birthdays last month, so we sang to them. No birthdays this month.

Mite box was passed. Next meeting will be on June 8th. We closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer, after which Dianne gave an interesting report on "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Sandy Johnson, Secretary



# MAY 2026 PARISH RECORDS

<b>May Official Acts</b>		
<b>Confirmation - May 3, 2026</b>	<b>Parents</b>	<b>Confirmation Verse</b>
Harrison Joel Fink	Mathew & Trisha (Dirks) Fink	Joshua 1:9
Paisley Ann Gillmor	Lucas & Molly (Hillhouse) Gillmor	2 Timothy 4:7
Autumn Jene Hansman	Greg & Brenda (McCollough) Hansman	Proverbs 3:5
Addyson Rose Knickman	Jason & Jennifer (Meyer) Knickman	Psalm 16:8
Mason Dennis Koenig	Kory & Brenda (Schmidt) Koenig	John 8:31-32
Raegan Leigh Lambert	Derek & Brooke (Lafrentz) Lambert	2 Timothy 4:17
William Henry Swanson	Matthew Swanson and Mary Prussing	Joshua 24:14-15
Landyn Jo Wiese	Adam & Stephanie (Curnyn) Wiese	Psalm 23:4
<b>Baptisms:</b>		
Rhett Jason Wessel	Born: February 13, 2026	Baptized: May 9, 2026
Parents: Jaxon & Sarah Wessel		Our Savior
<b>Transfer In:</b>		
Stanley Meyer	To: Our Savior, Denison	From: Zion, Denison
	Effective: May 18, 2026	
<b>Deaths:</b>		
Jay Bell	Born: May 30, 1953	Died: May 23, 2026
	Service: May 29, 2026, Bethlehem	

# Prayers & Praise

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

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

### **THOSE WITH VARIOUS HEALTH ISSUES:**

*Lowell Neumann, Tammy Schurke, Denise Buckholdt, Jerry Blackmore, Gabby Riessen, Doris Neumann, Raven Stone, Pauline Meeves, Norma Berens.*

### **REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SHUT INS**

*Ruth Blackmore, Jenell Beam, Adlyn Ohl, Melanie Ohl.*

### **REMEMBER THOSE SERVING AS MILITARY PERSONNEL**

*Cody Vogt – United States Air Force, Creech Air Force Base, Nevada, son of Mike & Lisa Vogt  
Tanner Krayneski – United States Marines, Camp Pendleton, Grandson of Byron & Pauline Meeves  
Rob Garvey – United States Air Force, Fort Mead, Maryland., son in law of Ron & Catherine Lechtenberg  
Alex Wingert – United States Navy, California, nephew of Larry Gittins  
Payton Malone – United States Air Force, Grand Fork, North Dakota, Grandson of George & Julie Malone  
Kaya Auen – United States Navy, Fort Sam, San Antonio, Daughter of Kristin Kastner  
Jed Wiley – United States Army, Tacoma, Washington, Brother of Jarryn Wiley-Pearce  
Chandler Lee – United States Air Force, Missouri, Grandson of Sam Lee, and nephew of Travis & Rondi Wessel  
Trevor Koenck – United States Air Force Reserve, Dayton, Ohio. Son of Bob & Melanie Coenen  
Matt Eiten – United States Air Force Reserve, Sioux City, Iowa. Grandson of Bob & Linda Quandt*

### **REMEMBER THOSE WE SUPPORT SERVING AS MISSIONARIES**

<i>Benjamin and Ella Goehring – Romania</i>	<i>Rev. Jason and Emily Groth and Family – Belize</i>
<i>Rev. Dr. Thomas Park – Taiwan</i>	<i>Ruth Maita - Puerto Rico</i>
<i>Vicar Gavin Johnson – Dominican Republic</i>	<i>Hannah Hester - Asia Region</i>
<i>Rev. Jonathan Anderson – Panama</i>	<i>Pastor Carl &amp; Chenhsi Li Hanson and Family – Korea</i>
<i>Rev. James and Angela Sharp – Puerto Rico</i>	<i>Zachary Turley – Japan</i>
<i>Eddy &amp; Jamie Bynum – Spain</i>	

**Our Savior Prayer Chain Co-Captains**  
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**Bethlehem Prayer Chain Co-Captains**  
Julie: 269-7715, Sue: 263-9613

### **JUNE THY STRONG WORD**

Tune in Monday through Saturday, 6:25 a.m. KDSN (104.9 FM) 3–4-minute devotions sponsored by the local LCMS congregations.

June 1st—June 6th  
June 8th—June 13th  
June 15th—June 20th  
June 22nd—June 27th  
June 29th—July 4th

Rev. Ted Torreson  
Rev. Jeffrey Wade  
Rev. Merle Mahnken  
Rev. Chad Trunkhill  
Rev. Richard Merrill

Christ LC, Denison  
Zion LC, Denison  
Immanuel LC, Schleswig  
Our Savior & Bethlehem  
Multi-Point, Charter Oak

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July 6th—July 11th  
July 13th—July 18th  
July 20th—July 25th  
July 27th—August 1st

Rev. Nathan Peitsch  
Rev. Ted Torreson  
Rev. Jeffrey Wade  
Rev. Merle Mahnken

St. Paul LC, Ute  
Christ LC, Denison  
Zion LC, Denison  
Immanuel LC, Schleswig

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## **Directory Update**

We have been working on the directory, and there is a current list on the table in the narthex. We need your help!

- Do you know anything about people who we do not have address for?
- Do you know of any names on the list who are worshipping somewhere else?
- Do you have recommendations of people who can serve on a committee to update these lists to recommended people for removal?

Thank you for your help! Please contact the office with any questions!

# Happening in June & July



## Fellowship Rides 2026

- June 4.....Buffalo Joe's Roadhouse, Smithland
- June 11.....Smokin Hereford, Storm Lake
- July 2.....Pop-N-Doc's, Decatur, NE
- July 9.....Soak'd, Lake View
- July 16.....Roar Into Harlan, Harlan
- July 23.....Twisted Tail, Beebeetown
- July 30.....Bowling Alley, Odebolt
- August 6.....Level B, Manning
- August 13.....Taproom 1890, Logan
- August 20.....Troy's, Earling
- August 27.....Good Fellows, Woodbine
- September 3.....O'Meara's, Dow City

Final "Ride" is meal only - Meet at O'Meara's

All rides subject to change due to restaurant availability. Check Facebook !

**VBS Decor Sunday Fun Days**  
Starting June 14<sup>th</sup> and for the rest of the month, after church we will be starting to work on VBS decorations. We will meet for an hour and start putting together VBS Decor. Whether you are super artistic or don't have an artistic bone in your body, we need your help! Projects will include everything from cutting things out and putting them on cardboard to painting or building.



**Basement Kitchen Renovations**  
Beginning June 14<sup>th</sup>, the Fellowship Hall kitchen will be under construction to prepare for the dishwasher installation at the beginning of July. There will be no sinks available in the kitchen downstairs, and it will be a bit of a mess for the next several weeks. Please plan accordingly. Thank you for your patience as we make this improvement.



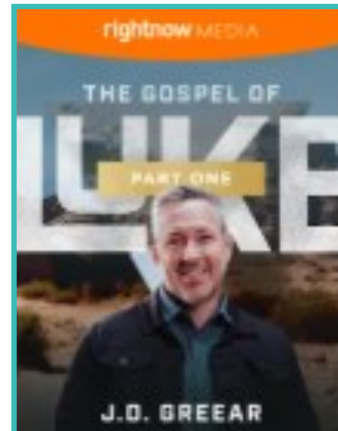
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# more information to share

## ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

**Everyone is Welcome!**



### SUNDAYS

10:15 am Our Savior Bible Study

### THURSDAYS

9:45 am Bible Study @ Our Savior

Bethlehem Bible Study & Sunday School will be taking a break for the summer!  
These classes will resume after Labor Day!

### Temporary Aid Program (T.A.P.) Collection at Our Savior in July

Our Savior will contribute to the Crawford County Temporary Aid Program (T.A.P.) during the month of July. They depend on regular contributions of basic food items and personal care items. A table has been set up in the Narthex for donations to the Temporary Aid Program. The following food items are especially welcome: sugar, flour, soups, crackers, cooking oil, tuna, canned tomatoes, tomato juice, macaroni, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, tuna helper, complete pancake mix and syrup, laundry soap, dish soap, and personal hygiene products. Cash donations are also very helpful as they enable us to buy in quantity and take advantage of sales. Donations can be sent to Temporary Aid Program, P.O. Box 121, Denison, IA 51442. T.A.P. is located at 210 South 25th Street, phone#: 712-263-3538. It is open and staffed by volunteers on Monday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. At other times, please call West Central Community Action: 712-263-3538.

### Bethlehem Food Drive for Dunlap Food Pantry

Starting in June, Bethlehem will begin collecting items for the Dunlap Food Pantry. Items they are looking for include rice, cereal, hamburger helper, soup, spaghetti sauce, ramen noodles (beef & chicken), flour, sugar, shampoo, toilet paper, dish soap, bar soap, toothpaste. They don't take paper towels, and currently have plenty canned fruit and vegetables.



# Flyers to Share

2026  
**Hot SUMMER Nights**  
 UPTOWN DENISON, IOWA

FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

**SAT. JUNE 6**  
 5 PM - 10 PM

RYAN AHRENHOLTZ  
 RENEGADE SOUL

**THURS. JULY 9**  
 5 PM - 9 PM

SCOTT KIRKHART  
 BRAD MORGAN

**SAT. AUGUST 1**  
 6 PM - 11 PM

PARRANDEROS  
 LATIN COMBO

**SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2026**

**2026 IOWA MARCH FOR LIFE LCMS RALLY**

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, DES MOINES  
 IOWA STATE CAPITOL

Come And Join Us For The

**UNITY RIDGE**

**Annual Member Meeting**

**JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

MEETING TIME : 6 O'CLOCK  
 IN THE SCHOOL GYM

**Celebration for Pastor Mahnken**  
 Please join us Sunday, June 28, 2026, as we celebrate Pastor Mahnken's 35 years in the ministry. We will be having a free-will luncheon catered by Staley's at noon in our Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by June 25 to the Immanuel Church Office 712-676-2235 if you plan to join us for the meal so we can give the caterer an accurate count.

**4-PERSON BEST BALL**

**2026**  
**SCHLESWIG GOLF COURSE**  
 904 VALLEY VIEW DR, SCHLESWIG, IA 51461

**AUGUST 1**

REGISTRATION	9:00AM
SHOTGUN START	10:00AM

PER TEAM BEFORE JULY 18 | AFTER JULY 18

**\$200.00** | **\$240.00**

Register in the School Office  
 or scan the QR Code

# 2026 Confirmands



*Gods Blessings to all the 2026 Confirmands!  
Harrison Fink, Paisley Gillmor, Autumn Hansman,  
Addyson Knickman, Mason Koening, Raegan Lambert,  
William Swanson, Landyn Wiese*



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