



Our Savior & Bethlehem

"KINDLE"

A Note from Jarryn

Stop!! Before you pass this article thinking it's talking about the Amazon Kindle...it's not I promise!!

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This Kindle is completely different; the full name of the program is Kindle - Fostering & Multiplying Christ-like Servant Leaders. Kindle is a two year program designed to infuse 2nd chair ministry leaders with an organized approach to life that cultivates faith and health and trains individuals to develop leaders around them. The program was started by the Karpenko Institute as the Karpenko Institute for Nurturing and Developing Leadership Excellence (KINDLE) in 2000. Their mission statement is KINDLE fosters and multiplies Christ-like servant leaders to enhance the ministry of congregations in their communities and the world.

At the end of September I started this two year journey. It is a program I have wanted to be apart of for a long time and I have had multiple people, especially one DCE, telling me I needed to join the program for years. Over the next two years there is four onsite learning events, one of which just happened, held in Mundelein, IL at University of St. Mary of the Lake Conference Center. These are week long learning events, and they are full, we spend the majority of our time in learning modules. For these learning modules we sit in what are called our Circles. These Circles consist of five people the circle leader and then four new KINDLE associates. These are the people we will be working with and keep each other accountable for the next two years. As a circle we sit in each module listening to the instructors and working through our workbook. Outside of the onsite learning events is where the circles shine. For next two years we will be meeting every week going over our growth plan, book study, coaching and making sure we are working towards our quarter one assignment, the Servant Leader Gathering.

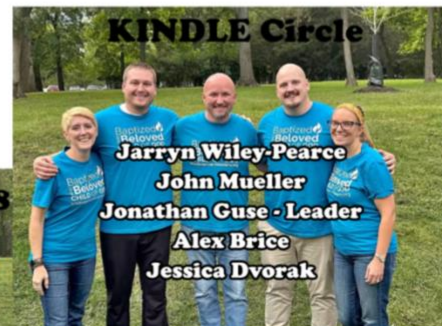
During this first onsite event we walked through the first two strands. We walked through what a Christ-like servant leader is, what the DNA of KINDLE is and what each mark means (there are four obedience, well-being, leadership, and community) and how it effects our ministry, what the tool kit is, what coaching means and is, creating our first growth plan and of course looking at our first quarter assignment, the Servant Leader Gathering. We also learned the name of our chapel buddy! Each day was a long day as we had 8 learning modules to complete over the week. Our schedule was early morning chapel, breakfast, straight into a module, midday prayer before lunch, lunch, afternoon module, restorative time, dinner, evening module, evening chapel/worship. By the end of that is was anytime from 9:30 to 10 pm. We had fellowship time at that point but many were ready for bed or needed time to decompress. I was not one that used that time to decompress, I was playing cards or talking with the others.

Over the upcoming months you will start to hear a lot about this Servant Leader Gathering. I am personally excited to lead this event and begin our journey here into what Christ-like servant leadership means and is. I am honestly stoked to see what God has planned for this congregation. We have such an amazing congregation, I look forward to us growing together and building our congregation over these next couple of years.

If you want to know more about this program feel free to contact me and I am more than happy to share more than I can fit in this space for the newsletter.



Classic KINDLE 26-28



In Christ,
Jarryn Wiley-Pearce



**Sr. High Mini
Lock-in
Sunday, Oct 18
7 pm to Midnight**



We will be having a Sr. High Mini—Lock on a Sunday, yes Sunday this month.

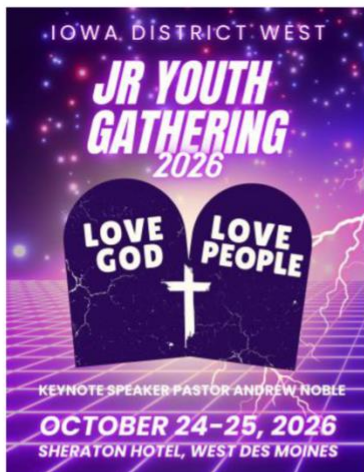
We will be playing games, eating snacks and of course there will be devotion time.

We ask that you please bring a drink and snack to share. Friends are welcome!

Parents I will need adult chaperons for this event. If you need to leave early for work in the morning that is OK.



**Youth Group
Sr. High Connect
@6:30
Jr. High Connect@
4:30
NO Connect Oct 18**



**Date: Oct 24 & 25
Sheraton Hotel West
Des Moines**

Make sure to check the postcard for the schedule and the list of what to bring and not bring.
There will also be a medical release form.
Please fill it out and return it.

**Save the Date
November 6-8
Camp Okoboji**



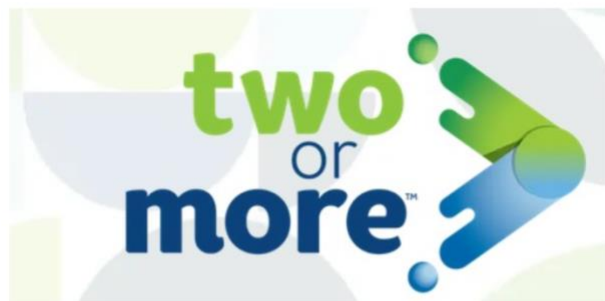
**We Need Your Help Youth
and Parents!!**

**Join us by helping out in various
ways; hosting a trunk, helping in
the kitchen, helping set up and/or
clean up.**

**This is a great event and you
need your help to show Our Savior
to the community.**

Check the bulletin for more youth activities.

Sunday School



Sunday School

Sundays @ 10:15 am

Elementary

Prek—5th Grade Upstairs in the South Classroom

With Two or More we will celebrate how we can help kids to be seen, known, and loved. Just like Jesus taught to a small and large groups, Two or More leads the kids whether it is a small group or large group of kids to share Bible-rich experiences as they grow in faith together.

Youth

6th—12th Grade Downstairs in the Youth Room

We will be working through a study called, 'The Power of Influence' we will be looking how the students are influenced by the world around them. Parents, teachers, coaches, friends, family, the media, etc. have a major influence on young people. Students are often unaware of how those influences affect them. They're unaware how the world around them is shaping, molding and affecting how they think, believe and act. The heart of the series is Isaiah 64:8 – "Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand."

The biggest influence in our lives should be God, our Father. The youth will learn that God designed them to be like clay, allowing Him to influence, mold, and shape them to be more like Jesus in the way they think, believe, and a youth face in today's culture.



Adult Bible Studies



SUNDAYS

9:15am Bethlehem Bible Study & Sunday School

10:15am Our Savior Bible Study & Sunday School

THURSDAYS

9:45am Bible Study @ Our Savior

Trunk or Treat 2026



Our Savior Lutheran
Trunk or Treat
October 31, 2026
2:00-4:00PM



Food, Fun, and Candy
Trunks and Treaters needed!

Bethlehem Lutheran
Trunk or Treat
October 31, 2026
5:00-7:00 PM



Food, Fun, and Candy
Hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, hot chocolate

We have started collecting candy donations for trunk or treat! A table is set up in the Narthex. Please have all candy donations dropped off no later than Wednesday, October 28th.

**OUR SAVIOR
(BOLD & BLACK)**

October 2026

**BETHLEHEM
(BLUE, BOLD, ITALICIZED)**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church Office Hrs.: M – F, 9:00 – 2:00 <i>Communion will be served during this service T</i> <i>Update: 9/30/2026</i>				1 9:45 BBS @OS	2	3 1:00 Orphan Grain Train Workday Guest Preacher Steve Nickodemus 5:30 OS Worship T
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Our Savior Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2026

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

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

Opening devotion by Shari Frazier and prayer by Pastor Chad.

Review of minutes from August 11, 2026 Council meeting - approved as read.

Senior Pastor Report – September 2026

Worship Attendance

Numbers are up across the board. Saturday up 24% and Sunday up 7%, for a combined total of 11.8% increase over 2025. Bethlehem is up 10% over August 2025.

Official Acts

Wedding

Jacob and Karrie Schwade (Manning) – August 1, 2026

John and Calista Waite (My House) – August 5, 2026

Conner and Emily Kenkel (Shelby) – August 22, 2026

Baptisms

Jordan Dennis Schiltz (OS) – August 8, 2026 (Adult Baptism)

Colin Anthony Lansink (OS) – August 23, 2026

Deaths

Attendance Report

I have compiled a report on the state of our attendance from 2019 (pre-Covid) to August 2026 for the three church services. It should be very enlightening for everyone.

Cleaning Up The Roles

I have placed in the Dropbox and have some paper copies of names on our membership list with recommendations from the committee on the list of people who are listed as Inactive Members. I ask the Council and Elders look over and make any notes they might have for these people. This should be on Elders agenda to come to a common understanding moving forward.

Treasurer's Workshop

~~We are scheduled for this event, and I am working with Parish Fellowship to see what would work best for food for this event.~~ Postponed until January by Iowa District West request.

Office News

A little history:

- In February 2025 Lanah Boeck announced that she would be re_iring from the office in March so she could enjoy retirement and take care of some stuff she has been putting off. At that time, we decided to start looking for a new Office Assistant.
- March 2025 – The decision to put off hiring someone until after Easter was made due to the time it would take to reply to applicants through Indeed and schedule interviews.
- In April 2025 we brought in Leslie as a volunteer to help with the offering and some membership database information. At that time, I requested that we put off hiring an Office Assistant until I could better evaluate our needs and take time to see if someone might come forward that might fit those needs.

Now is the time: I believe I have a better understanding of our needs and have someone who is willing to work for this part-time position.

I am proposing that we hire Cassie Reimers as a Director of Communications. Cassie has served as a teacher and most recently as the Early Childhood/Preschool Director at Unity Ridge. She is looking for something that fits into her schedule with small kids at home and a very busy husband. I would recommend bringing her on as a 6 month trial with the option to extend to a long-term position. In the Dropbox there is a Ministry Description for this position as well. I wrote the position as a 15-20 hour a week position, but she would like to start out as about 10 hours a week. I have known Cassie for several years and she will fit into our office dynamics well and is someone who is a hard worker and will also go above and beyond in the job. This will also help with Steph's maternity leave in December. This position is still in the budget because we were always planning on filling it when the right time came.

Needs:

- Would be nice to get her a good working computer to do work in graphics and video. She is also a Mac person (\$2500). If this should wait until next budget cycle, I did just get a Mac Mini through Endowment for another purpose and could use that, just need a new monitor (\$250).
- I would also like to get her a subscription to Adobe Creative Cloud that her and Steph would use together (you can put on two systems). This would run \$100 per month for the suite and asset credits to use royalty free images. If we wanted to link the accounts together to collaborate on projects it is an additional \$30 per month(Business Account). If we were a school or able to use school credentials it is 70% cheaper.
- Her own Dropbox Account: \$120 for year.
- Microsoft Office: \$120 for year
- Add to staff going to Best Practices

Motion by Lisa Weber, seconded by Rachel Greene, to approve hiring Cassie Reimers, as a part-time Director of Communications at \$19 per hour/15 hours per week. Motion carries.

Motion by Michael Phipps, seconded by Eric Martens, to approve the purchase of office needs for the part-time Director of Communications. Motion carries.

Rally Day

We have everything scheduled for Rally Day on September 13, 2026 in Washington Park. Would the elders be willing to grill again this year? Julie is working on the music. I will preach this year. Jarryn will do the Children's Message. The sound system is ready to go. I will need help moving things over and setting up the day of the service in the park.

5th Grade Classroom

Propose that we purchase and install a new TV in the 5th Grade Classroom (South Basement). To get a TV and wall mount similar to what we purchased in the past: Amazon \$447.98. (See Dropbox)

Motion by Alan Suntken, seconded by Sue Feller, to approve the purchase and installation of a TV in the 5th grade classroom. Motion carries.

Confirmation Retreat

We have scheduled the 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat at Camp Okoboji for November 6-8. Pastor Wade will lead most of this retreat. Jarryn and I will attend (I will leave by Noon on Saturday for Saturday worship in Denison) Chuck Downing and possibly Darin Johnson (7th Grade Confirmation teachers) will attend as well.

This is an intensive on the Sacraments (Baptism, Lord's Supper, and Confession/Absolution). We are also requesting several parents to participate.

Confirmation Covenant

We are changing our Confirmation Covenant slightly but are also finding new ways to hold people accountable to the covenant. Example: we have always required church attendance but did not hold people accountable if they did not attend. We are putting a system in place that will allow us to hold them accountable, and they will have to repeat Confirmation if they do not follow the covenant. We are also requiring parents to attend confirmation class a couple of times (as before), but the child will not be confirmed if the parents don't follow through on their commitment. (See Dropbox)

Schedule

September 13, 2026 – Rally Day in Washington Park

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

September 20, 2026 – Sunday School Begins

September 24, 2026 – Hosting LWML Rally at OS

October 4, 2026 - Pastor Nickodemus Guest Preacher (Discipleship Group)

October 10, 2026 – Discipleship Training from Glocal

October 17, 2026 – Carlson Wedding (OS)

October 31, 2026 – Trunk or Treat – 5:30 PM (Grill Hotdogs)

~~November 7, 2026 – IDW Treasurer's Workshop – OS 9:00 am – 1:00 pm~~

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

November 25, 2026 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Bethlehem – 5:30 pm

Our Savior – 7:00 pm

December 12, 2026 – Christmas Cantata (Beth – 7:00 pm) – NO SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE OS

December 13, 2026 – Christmas Cantata (OS) – NO BETHLEHEM SERVICE

December 20, 2026 – Children's Christmas Service (OS)

December 24, 2026 – Christmas Eve Services (Thursday)

Our Savior (Family) – 4:00 pm (Candles, no communion)

Bethlehem (Children's Program) – 5:30 pm (Communion and Candles)

Our Savior (Service of Lesson and Carols) - 8:00 pm (Communion and Candles)

December 25, 2026 – Christmas Day

Our Savior – 9:00 am (Communion)

Bethlehem – 10:30 am (Communion)

January 2-3, 2027 – Missionary Gary and our yearly Mission Update

January 9, 2027 – IDW Treasurer's Workshop – OS 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

January 22-23, 2027 – Life Sunday

February 10, 2027 – Ash Wednesday

February 17-21, 2027 – Best Practices for Ministry

March 28, 2027 – Easter Service (Communion)

Our Savior Easter Lite 5:30 pm (Saturday, March 27)

Bethlehem Sunrise – 7:00 am

Our Savior – 9:00 am

April 28, 2027 – Confirmation Banquet

May 2, 2027 – Confirmation Sunday (Our Savior)

May 22-23, 2027 – New Member/Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

DCE Report – Education for September

Sunday School

We are looking to add teachers to our roster for this school year. We have had one person volunteer so far. We are looking at having a meeting at either the end of this week or beginning of next to look at the upcoming year. There is a postcard going out this week to remind families that Sunday School is starting back up.

Ground Zero

We held an evaluation meeting to look at last year and the upcoming year. There are a few things that are changing mostly with confirmation. The only other big change is a lock going on the kitchenette door and 4th grade will be getting their Bibles so we will start a year earlier.

We are looking for someone or several someone's to lead craft for Foundations WBS. We do need to look at getting a chrome book or the like for Foundations as well, it would help with their lessons as well as music.

We will be looking into doing an end of year party for Ground Zero (a family night).

Everything else is ready to go, curriculum is lined up for all grades.

Steph has been working on getting all folders lined up for the parent meeting.

Sr. High Connect will start a week later just to make sure we have everything and not rush to get to the next thing.

Confirmation Retreat – Nov 6-8

Upcoming/Other

Ground Zero – Sept 16

Sunday School – Sept 20

Kindle – Program will start in September

Volunteer background check is currently in the works to get everything going. Working on getting this finalized

Trunk or Treat – It will be on Halloween from 2 to 4 just to make sure we can get everything cleaned up before church.

Youth for September

Youth Group

Regular Connect will be resuming this month. Sr. High will start on the 23rd & Jr. High on the 20th. Times will be the same as the past on Wednesdays 6:30 to 8 and 4:30 to 6 on Sundays.

Youth Events

Our full lock in was downgraded to a mini due to the lack of coverage. We definitely would have needed help overnight we ended up with around 45 youth and adults here in the building.

Jr. High Rally – Oct 24&25, registration information has been sent out and is due back Sept 20th

Fundraiser

Fundraising for the van will begin this month.

Cookie walk with Zion and Christ is schedule for Dec 5th

Advent Meals will be shared with the 3 churches

We will be looking into various other fundraisers, ex raking leaves

Service Projects
Thankful Baskets in November
Cookies and Cards in December

Upcoming
Home Visits – starting with the new 6th graders
Oct 18th – Sr. High Mini Lock in
Nov 15th – Jr. High Mini Lock in
Confirmation Retreat – Nov 6-8
NYG start to look at – January 2027

Council Board Reports

Board of Elders – Eric Martens
Elders discussed and proposed having Elders and Council meetings on the same night to reduce the amount of meetings each month. Meetings would be held the second Monday of the month, Elders at 6:30, followed by Council at 7:30.

Motion by Lisa Weber, seconded by Rachel Greene, to change Elders and Council meetings to the 2nd Monday of the month. Motion carries.

Education/Youth – Jarryn, see Staff Reports

Missions – No report this month

Discipleship - Rachel Greene
We had a Zoom call with Pastor Steve Nikodemus and his wife about coming to do a workshop on discipleship. How to disciple to others who will disciple to others..... We have him lined up to come in October, so are excited about that. Plans are well under way.
Tracy took cards home to send to the shut ins.
We changed the bulletin board.
That's all. Getting back in the swing of our projects for the upcoming months.

A request from the Discipleship Committee was made to compensate Pastor Nikodemus and his wife for doing the workshop. Elijah funds are available to pay for the workshop on Oct. 10 and for church services on Oct.3-4.
Motion made by Alan Suntken, seconded by Eric Martens, to approve \$1500 from Elijah funds to compensate Pastor Nikodemus. Motion carries.

Parish Fellowship - Lisa Weber & Sue Feller
No events the past month, but some organizing was done in the kitchen.

Property – Alan Suntken
Property committee met to discuss repairs or updates that need completed.
Motion by Michael Phipps, seconded by Lisa Weber, to seal joints in the south parking lot and main drive. Motion carries.
Motion by Alan Suntken, seconded by Sue Feller, to replace the drinking fountain. Motion carries.
Motion by Sue Feller, seconded by Rachel Greene, to replace the precast stairs and railing at the south door. Motion carries.

Stewardship – no report

Treasurer – Terri

The Finance Committee will meet later in September to work on the 2027 budget.

Old Business

- Clarification on cost for those attending Best Practices in February 2027. Staff costs are paid in full, other attendees costs are 50% paid.
- Council and Elder positions that are ending their term: Sue Bergamo, Becky Jacobsen, Alan Suntken

New Business

- Quote for the replacement of the precast steps and railing. Purchase approved in Property report.
- Drinking fountain replacement. Purchase approved in Property report.
- TV and mount for 5th grade Confirmation room. Purchase approved in Property report.

Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Frazier, Council Secretary

Our Savior Women's Guild Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2026

Eight members of Our Savior Women's Guild met on September 14, 2026, for our regular monthly meeting. President Dianne opened the meeting with the LWML Pledge followed by the Common Table Prayer. We enjoyed various snacks brought by members to share. The business meeting began with the Secretary's report by Sandy Johnson, followed by the Treasurer's report by Jan Norgaard. Both were accepted as read.

For Christian Growth, Jan Jacobsen gave a reading from "Stories from the Heart". She then shared a humorous reading, "Autobiography, Five Paragraphs".

REPORTS:

Gracewell: Bingo will be on October 20th. Jan will call for helpers.

Quilters: Remain busy getting ready for their sale. They were happy to welcome a new member, Phyllis Poggensee.

Greeting Cards: Shirley continues to display a variety of religious cards from which we can choose.

OLD BUSINESS:

Our upcoming Rally was discussed at length. We decided on food preparation, various positions that needed to be filled, table decorations, and business meeting necessities. We will meet at 6:30 PM on Wednesday the 23rd to set up the Gathering Room for the Rally. Our speaker will be Megan Torreson, Principal at Unity Ridge School. Ingathering will be various items needed at the school.

We will order fifteen Quarterlies for the coming year.

National Convention will be July 8-11, 2027, in Oklahoma City.

Our LWML Fall Retreat will be at the Perry Lutheran Home instead of at Mission Central on September 19th.

Mite Box was passed. Orphan Grain Train workday will be October 3, from 1-4PM. If you wish to participate, call a Mission Board member for a ride. It is a worthwhile afternoon activity.

Business meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Dianne then treated us with a report on the hymn How Great Thou Art, which began as an 1885 Swedish poem called O Store Gud (O Great God), by Carl Boberg. It evolved through international translations and a British missionary, Stuart Hine. It has been named as one of the greatest hymns in history.

Our next meeting will be on October 12th at 2:00 PM, and we welcome whoever would like to join us.

Sandy Johnson, Secretary



HAPPENING IN OCTOBER



FAMILIES WELCOME!
FAMILIES OF PRE-K THRU 4TH GRADE KIDS JOIN US WEDNESDAY NIGHTS STARTING AT 4PM. WE HAVE AMAZING BIBLE ACTIVITIES, GAMES AND MUSIC FOR THOSE AGE GROUPS!

AFTER THAT ALL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US AT 5:30 PM FOR SUPPER! EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE CHILDREN, WE COULD STILL USE YOUR HELP ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. WE NEED HELP WITH HALL MONITORS OR JUST AN EXTRA HAND IN A CLASS



Join Adult Choir!



Contact
Julie Burhoop for
more information

GUEST PREACHER

Pastor Steve Nickodemus

Creator of a discipleship making movement at Trinity, Hillsboro, and Oregon churches.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
October 3rd & 4th

Our Savior | Saturday, Oct 3rd @ 5:30 pm
Our Savior | Sunday, Oct 4th @ 9:00 am
Bethlehem | Sunday, Oct 4th @ 10:30 am

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN
THE MISSION BOARD'S OCT WORKDAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, IN IDA GROVE FROM 1:00 TO 4:00. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND! IF YOU WOULD LIKE A RIDE PLEASE CONTACT A MISSION BOARD MEMBER.



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October 31, 2026
2:00-4:00PM**

Food, Fun, and Candy
Trunks and Treaters needed!



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Food, Fun, and Candy
Hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, hot chocolate



**October is
Church Worker Appreciation
Month**

Chad Trunkhill - Senior Pastor
Jarryn Wiley-Pearce - Director of Christian Education
Stephanie Hatterman - Administrative Assistant
Leslie Feekes - Office Assistant
Cassie Reimers - Director of Communications
Ron Lechtenberg - Maintenance

SAVE THE DATE
Confirmation Retreat
NOVEMBER 6-8



WE ARE LOOKING TO ADD A FEW MORE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS TO OUR ROSTER! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT SYDNEY, OR JARRYN FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Local Fall Events



Saturday, October 17th

"Wild About Witches at Yellow Smoke Park!!"

Trick or Treat at Yellow Smoke Campground!!

Bring your camper out and enjoy trick or treating at Yellow Smoke Park.

Camping will be free on Saturday, October 17th, for those who decorate their site and provide candy for up to 300 kids.

*Fall Festival from 1-4 p.m.

*Raptor Release at 2:00 p.m.

*Trick or treating from 5-6 p.m.

Parking will be at the campground visitor lot, boat ramp and beach. The campground road will close at 4:45 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Manilla, Iowa Annual**

Fried Chicken Supper

Staley's Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, roll with butter, and a cookie!

**Dine-In or
Drive-Thru**

Only
\$15

**Friday,
October 2nd
4:30-7:00 pm**

**Featuring
Staley's
Chicken!**



Proceeds will be used to support projects within the church, community, and beyond!



MANNING FIRE & RESCUE

OPEN HOUSE and PANCAKE Breakfast

**Sun., Oct. 4
8am-Noon**

PLEASE JOIN US!

FREE WILL DONATION!

Fire Station
700 West St.
Manning, IA

Pancakes
Eggs
Sausage
Drinks

St. John's, Immanuel & St. Paul Hanover Churches present

Fall Soup Supper

**Sunday, October 18
4-7 pm**

**At St. John's Lutheran Church
Charter Oak, Iowa**

Menu

Chicken Noodle Soup
Potato Soup
Chili
Sandwiches
Desserts

**Bring your family,
neighbors, and friends
to enjoy this fun event!**

Free Will Offering
To-go orders available!

For more information call
(712) 678-3312
Proceeds will be given to local charities

Church & Clergy Finance/Treasurer's Workshop

The next Treasurer's Workshop will now be held online on Saturday, November 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Saturday, January 7 program will take place in person at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Denison, with a snow date of the following Saturday. Pastors and all individuals within the church who have financial responsibilities are encouraged to attend. Please register [online](#). If you have any questions, please contact Roger at 515-576-7666 or Roger@IowaDistrictWest.org.



Taxes can be confusing for pastors, and one helpful resource is a Church Law & Tax [online](#) article titled "The Top 3 Confusing Tax Issues for Clergy—and Practical Tips to Handle Them Effectively." It offers practical guidance that many will find beneficial.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 29...Administrative Assistants Conference, St. Paul, **Fort Dodge**

October 2-4...Senior Youth Gathering, **Camp Okoboji**

October 9-11...Clergy Wives Retreat, **Camp Okoboji**

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