

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER



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From Your Pastor

My mother, Louise Mahnken, fell asleep in Jesus Tuesday, March 3, 2026. We were blessed as her family, even as she was, with the certainty that the Lord received her soul to Himself to rest in joy and peace until the great Day of Resurrection!

As her family we were richly blessed by her faith throughout our lives together. Even on the day of her home-going we witnessed the compassionate kindness of our Lord through the words and action of those who came to be with us as they heard her earthly life was coming to an end. Let me share one moment that was very precious.

Mom's sister—and now the only remaining child of a family of eight—Vivian was brought to visit her by her daughter. After chatting with us a bit, Vivian asked if she could approach our Mom's bedside. "Well, sure, of course," we said. We helped her roll her wheelchair as close as possible. Taking our Mom's hand and talking with her for a bit, she began to sing—in German—*Mude bin ich, gehe zur Ruh*, which is an evening hymn translated in our hymnals as *Now the Light Has Gone Away*. Here are the first three verses—in English—

Now the light has gone away;
Father, listen while I pray,
Asking Thee to watch and keep
And to send me quiet sleep.

Jesus, Savior, wash away
All that has been wrong today;
Help me ev'ry day to be
Good and gentle, more like Thee.

Let my near and dear ones be
Always near and dear to Thee;
O bring me and all I love
To Thy happy home above. (LSB #887.1-3)

Their mother had died when my Mom was twelve-years-old and Vivian was eight. Later that same year their house burned down. The two of them and a younger brother, Norbert, who was only six at the time, went to live with an older sister, her husband and family. We learned that day that our Mom and Vivian had sung that hymn to

Norbert, in German, to help him go to sleep in that troubling time. We also learned that the two of them had sung it at the bedside of their older brother as he lay dying just a few years ago.

It will not surprise you to learn that our Mom and Dad taught that those hymn verses to my brother, my sister, and I as one of our bed-time prayers. Chris and I taught it to our daughters as one of their bed-time prayers. I can still quote it for you at any time and often pray it myself.

A family heritage of faith is such a precious thing! From the cradle to the grave this prayer—and others like it—have nourished our faith in Jesus our Savior and guided us to our only Source of forgiveness, protection, and direction in life. If you do not pray such prayers with your children and grandchildren, *please* begin today! If you need help in finding good prayers, *please* ask me! I can help. Then pray them regularly—daily or whenever you are with them. Secure those words deeply in their heads and hearts so the Holy Spirit can bless them now, and every day, and even when they lie dying!

One of my cousins—one of Vivian's daughters—asked, "Who is going to sing that hymn with us when we are dying?" Well, I hope I'm there and I can—maybe only in English—but my point is that any one of us could and should be ready with words and prayers of faith to encourage each other every day and even when our last hours come.

Holy Week is rapidly approaching as I write these words, with the glorious celebration of Resurrection on Easter. Come together with your family and your church family to be enriched in the blessed truths of our Savior Jesus' dying love for us and His rising from the dead. Hear and sing these blessed words together—and let them take deeper root within you—for your living and your dying and your eternal life: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Your fellow-servant for Christ,

Pastor Mahnken



- April 1.....Amanda Bruhn
Shandi Steinkuehler
- April 2.....Weston Bremser
Hannah Mahnken
Mindi McKibbin
Brian Otto
- April 4.....Kelsey Clausen
Joyce Miller
- April 6.....Ryan Ernst
- April 8.....Carol Teut
- April 9.....Doug Fredericks
Lydia Hennings
Daryl Pedersen
Jonna Pingel
- April 10.....Jayton Bral
Dick Fredericks
Korbin Palmer
- April 12.....Jason Bubke
Neil Wilken
- April 13.....Aubriella Mallinger
- April 14.....Jeremy Rohlf
- April 16.....Madison Baker
Tim Hennings
- April 17.....Donna Koch (93)
Reed Meseck
- April 19.....Lynette Aldag
Cody Clausen
Mary Claussen
Val Teut
- April 20.....Taylor Teut
- April 21.....Kara Korner
Kris Schultz
- April 23.....Tyler Kline
- April 24.....Everett Lee
Isla Meseck
Susan Schulz
- April 25.....Jesse Boell
Craig Teut
Derek Teut
- April 26.....Kye Bielenberg
- April 28.....Jerod Petersen
- April 30.....Heath Whitenack

- Wayne & Joyce Miller April 5, 1959
- Scott & Kelly Korner April 9, 1983
- Matt & Ashley O'Brien April 12, 2024
- Dane & Payton Treiber April 15, 2023
- Alan & Kathy Weiss April 16, 1994
- Karl & Sandy Wittorf April 16, 1988
- Tim & Jennifer Hennings April 17, 1993
- Brandon & Rachel Jacobson April 18, 2009
- Jason & Amy Schultz April 20, 1996
- Jordan & Jessica Thistle April 21, 2012
- James & Mary Claussen April 22, 1967
- Glenn & Jerrie Wigg April 24, 1971
- Nathan & Nicole Teut April 25, 2010
- Gaylen & Jayne Jepsen April 27, 1985

Please notify the office of any omissions or corrections.



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- March 29 Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
- April 2 Holy (Maundy) Thursday
Worship w/HC 7:00 p.m.
- April 3 Good Friday Worship w/HC 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship w/HC
- 7:45-8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast
- 8:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class
- 9:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/HC



If you'd like to donate a lily to beautify our Easter cross, please call the Church Office, at 676-2235.





PLEASE JOIN US FOR
**EASTER
BREAKFAST**

At Immanuel Lutheran Church
5th & Glad Street

April 5, 2026

Following the 6:30 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Service



Serving —
Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Sausage,
Biscuits & Gravy, Cinnamon Rolls,
Fruit, Orange Juice, and Coffee

Free Will Offering

Sponsored by Immanuel's Sr. LYF
Take out meals are available
Call the church office: 676-2235

EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunrise Worship at 6:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Classes at 8:15 a.m.
Easter Worship at 9:30 a.m.

2026 Immanuel Confirmation Class

*Brenna Kae Bubke
Ty James Jacobson
Morgan Belle Jepsen
Reed Edgar Meseck
Gavin Lee Schneider*



2026 Faith-Deloit Confirmation Class

*Zoie Arlene Ferguson
Jaxson Joseph Lee Green*

Questioning:

Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m.
There will be a small reception to follow.

The Rite of Confirmation:

Sunday, April 26 9:00 a.m. Worship

CAMP OKOBOJI 2026

Discipleship Programs

May 29-31 Kid's Kamp
June 4-7 Joy Camp 1
June 14-18 Cub Week 1
June 28-July 3 July 4th Family Retreat
July 5-11 Jr High Week
July 9-12 Joy Camp 2
July 12-18 Cub Week 2
July 19-25 Youth Week
July 26-31 Family Retreat #1
August 2-7 Family Retreat #2

Other Events

January 23-25...Family Ice Fishing Retreat
May 1-2...Spring Volunteer Work Weekend
June 10-13...Iowa West District LWML Convention
June 20...Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Quilt Auction
June 21-27...Minneboji Lutheran Camp
May 24-September 6...Sunday Worship
1st Sundays of the Month (May-October)...Brunch
October 9-10...Fall Volunteer Work Weekend

For more information and to register, visit
campokoboji.org



As You Spring Clean ...



Bring your old eyeglasses, sunglasses, even non-prescription reading glasses and all cases!

There is a box in the narthex under the mail boxes. LWML thanks you!



Please consider donating any unwanted items to our church garage sale held in conjunction with the annual Schleswig City-wide Garage Sales May 28-30.

The proceeds help support our Mission projects. Items can be brought to the church garage in late May. We are grateful for your support!

~The Mission Board

Mercy Meals

On Saturday, February 28 a group of us went to Mercy Meals of Siouxland and joined with members of Faith-Deloit.

During our 10:30 am shift we packaged 17,712 meals making a total of 32,532 for the day! Thank you to everyone who joined us!



SMALL ACTS.
BIG IMPACT.



~ THE LWML INVITES
ALL LADIES ~



Our LWML has many projects and activities coming up this spring. We will be serving the meal for the March 11th Lenten service. The planning committee includes Becky, Cheryl, Marlene and Karen.

Spring Rally will be held April 16 at 9:00 am at Zion in Denison. The speaker will be from Lutheran Family Service.

The Gracewell Appreciation Tea will be on April 23rd at 2:00 pm.

Coming up in June is the District Convention. Cheryl and Loretta will be the delegates, with Peggy and Coleen as alternates. They will be voting on Mission Projects for the next 2 years at that time. Our group will vote on their preferences at the next meeting.

It will soon be graduation time. As in previous years, we are purchasing gifts for our Immanuel High School graduates. Also, we will provide gifts to our Preschool students at their graduation.

Donna Harm, Secretary



**LWML Iowa West District
42nd Biennial Convention**

June 11-13, 2026 Camp Okoboji—Milford



Keynote Speaker
Linda Reiser
Past LWML President








Proclaimer
Rev. Ben Dose
Trinity Lutheran Church
Algona, Iowa &
St. John, Burt, Iowa



Bible Study Leader
Deaconess Betty Knapp

***Celebrate the Lord
and share the light of Christ!***

-  Thursday Evening Church Service
-  Mission Walk
-  Servant Events
-  Variety Show
-  Sisters in Christ Prayer Partners



From Your library . . .

“Have we got a book for you!”



**The Daughters of Harwood House
By Sally Laity and Dianna Crawford**

I hope whenever you are looking for a book to read you don't shy away from “thick” books! We have on our shelf a book entitled “The Daughters of Harwood House.” This is a trilogy about three sisters written by two Christian authors, Sally Laity and Dianna Crawford, and is a “thick” book.

Upon finding out that their family is falling upon extremely hard financial times in England, the three sisters sacrifice themselves for the sake of their family and enter themselves into indentured slavery in Colonial America.

ROSE HARWOOD: Rose feels responsible for her sisters as she is being dragged across mountains deep into Indian territory where she is the only white woman. Frontiersman Nate Kinyon is captivated by this young bondswoman, but sacrificing his own freedom to secure his might be too much to ask.

MARIAH HARWOOD: Mariah rides away with a plantation owner's son, Colin Barclay. But Colin's plans regarding Mariah are soon interrupted by duty and danger. Mariah and Colin have a hard lesson to learn about life.

LILY HARWOOD: Lily, who is young and vulnerable, joins a family settling in the heart of Pennsylvania, untamed Pennsylvania. Despite her strong faith amid the mounting tension during the French and Indian War, she is caught between love and sorrow, her only hope lies in the promises of God.

Sally Laity, one of the authors, enjoys being a Christian author, but also enjoys her favorite pastimes of quilting for her church's Prayer Quilt Ministry and scrapbooking, while the other author, Dianna Crawford, is active in her church, takes joy in writing, and spending time with her four daughters and grandchildren.

Spring may be just around the corner, but there is still going to be some rainy days (God willing) and quiet nights when settling in with a good book could be quite fulfilling—try it!

—Submitted by Karen Wood



We all have a favorite thing. It might be a favorite shirt, person, or movie. It might be because that person or thing reminds you of a special memory which conjures up all sorts of joy. It could be as simple as it tastes delicious so it became your favorite dessert. Regardless, having a favorite something or other can be a wonderful thing.

Well, I have favorite themes to teach throughout the school year. It's most often because I've had the pleasure of watching the children's responses to various topics. Some of my favorite lessons include the unit on America, St. Patrick's Day, and Christmas. However, I seem to have an absolutely solid front runner. Can you guess? It's EASTER! I absolutely LOVE watching the children's awe as they walk the journey of Holy Week.

The morning class began learning about Palm Sunday last week while the afternoon class began today. I can't even tell you how engaged they all were during the story. The first story was a wonderful account of Palm Sunday, but the children were so fired up about the second one. It was entitled Howie's Broken Hee Haw. Every time Howie hee hawed, he would say "hee haw" and then "hee ha ha la le lu jah." It didn't take long before I had a room full of helpers "hee ha ha la le lu jah-ing" with me. What is so comical is that I sent this same book to my grandchildren last week and the report back was a bit boring. I think they just need grandma to come and read it in her preschool voice.

What strikes me the most about the next few weeks of Easter learning is the power of the Word. I have no power to keep the children engaged or interested in the least. No, I don't, but Jesus does. The Word of God is alive and active. It is powerful. It is amazing to me how quickly it can grip the children and how hungry they are for the written Word. It brings my heart such joy to know they are storing up oil (Matthew 25:1-13). We know God's Word

will not return void. As it takes root in their hearts, I pray it will be just the beginning of their faith journey. I hope they spend the next 100 years falling more in love with their Savior. The very Savior who allowed Himself to be nailed to a tree and take our sins upon His shoulders. The One who went to the grave, descended into hell, and rose again three days later. He is just as much alive today as when He walked physically upon the earth. The best news of it all is that He loves you (and me) and the children like crazy.

We've begun our registration process for next fall. The enrollment is strong (we do have a couple of spots left if someone comes along) and we are grateful for the Lord's provision. It would be welcomed if prayers already began ascending for next year's students.

Our annual fundraiser will be held April 10th. If you skip lunch that day, maybe you'll have room for two steak sandwiches. The bouncy houses will be back along with carnival games. We'd love for you to join us and invite your friends!

I don't know if you'll read this before or after Easter. Regardless, I pray you have an incredible time celebrating the resurrection of our Savior. What a gift we've been given!

Serving Him with you,
Mrs. Gustafson



Friday, April 10

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m

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STEAK SANDWICH BASKET \$15

HOT DOG BASKET \$5

DAIRY QUEEN ICE CREAM \$2

ADMITTANCE TO CARNIVAL W/OUT A MEAL \$4

THANKYOU!

My family and I thank you, members of Immanuel, for your prayers and words of encouragement upon the death of my mother, Louise Mahnken. As many of you know she preferred the money often spent on flowers that fade away to be rather directed to sources that promote the spread of the living and enduring Word of God—our Lord's saving Gospel and His ministry among us. Your gift as a congregation of \$250 to her (and my) home congregation of Salem Lutheran in Farrar, Missouri was a wonderful demonstration of your kindness and support. Others of you directed memorials to Mission Central. She would have been delighted, for the support of our missionaries was dear to her heart. We thank you also for those of you who made sure details were covered here while we were gone.

The texts for her funeral included Psalm 23, Lamentations 3:22-33, 1 Peter 1:3-9, and John 5:24-27. She selected the hymns we sang: *Thine Forever, God of Love* (LSB #687), *When Peace Like a River* (LSB #763), *Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light* (TLH #148, selected verses), *Asleep in Jesus, Blessed Sleep* (TLH #587), and *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* (LSB #563). These selections were a beautiful testimony of her faith and hope, given by faith in Jesus her precious Savior! It was a beautiful service!

Below are the words we sang of *Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light*. Thank you again and may God's peace fill us all! Pastor & Chris Mahnken & family

Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light,
My Strength by day, my Trust by night,
On earth I'm but a passing guest
and sorely with my sins opprest.

Far off I see my Fatherland,
Where thro' Thy blood I hope to stand.
But ere I reach that Paradise,
A weary way before me lies.

Oh, let Thy holy wounds for me
Clefts in the rock forever be
Where as a dove my soul can hide
And safe from Satan' rage abide.

And when my spirit flies away
Thy dying words shall be my stay.
Thy cross shall be my staff in life,
Thy holy grave my rest from strife.

Renew this wasted flesh of mine
That like the sun it there may shine
Among the angels pure and bright,
Yea, like Thyself in glorious light.

Ah, then I'll have my heart's desire,
When, signing with the angels' choir,
Among the ransomed of Thy grace,
Forever I'll behold thy face!



Chris and I thank you, our family in Christ, for surprising us to observe our 40th wedding anniversary with us!

The cake served after worship on March 22 (our wedding day) and the gift card to eat out were unexpected and are much appreciated! Thank you also to all who remembered our anniversary with cards and personal greetings.

The text for our wedding included the verses of 1 John 4:10-11, "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the payment for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." We were richly blessed through you on our anniversary even as we have been by our faithful God throughout our married life!

~ Pastor & Chris Mahnken



AFRICAN RADIO MINISTRIES—NEWS

We celebrate God’s work through you, our African Radio Ministries partners and the saints serving in God’s vineyard in Africa.

Ethiopia Kingdom Growth in February:

- ♦ New Converts: 140
- ♦ Baptized: 12
- ♦ Calls: 80
- ♦ Bibles: 36
- ♦ Listening Groups: 5
- ♦ Confirmed: 76
- ♦ in Confirmation: 633

56 Inmates Complete the Discipleship Course

At the Shashemene Prison, the women’s worship hall was built and completed. After its completion, for the first time, a record number of 22 female inmates completed the Discipleship Course. From the men’s side, 34 men inmates completed the course.

A local church donated food items, including over 300 kgs of rice, pasta, and macaroni, for children who are living with their mothers in the prison. Children in Ethiopia often go to prison with their mothers, primarily because there are no alternative caregivers available.

Joyful Returns: Communion and Wayward Brothers

Reverend Melkamu visited the Arkesha Preaching Point, and it was truly inspiring to see the growth of preaching points in Jinka-praise God! Nevertheless, there’s an ongoing need for more ordained pastors to help facilitate this explanation.

During the visit, a significant milestone was marked as 20 individuals were confirmed, and for the first time in many months, Holy Communion took place. Additionally, three members who had stepped away from the church were welcomed back with open arms. Their heartfelt commitment to rejoin the Jinka church family was embraced with love and grace.

West African Kingdom Growth in February:

- ♦ New Members: 9
- ♦ Baptized: 5
- ♦ Calls: 108
- ♦ Listening Groups: 5
- ♦ Visitations: 62

Maryland County, Liberia

“My name is Gabriel Nyesuah, I thank God for being in the presence of His people. After hearing the message on the radio, I began coming to worship God so I could follow Jesus. Today is a new day in my life! I thank God for this radio program, so I can hear the teaching and preaching from the pastor who led me to join the church today. I pray that God help me to understand His words and do the things He wants me to do. I am so happy to be in the church today. I thank God for Rev. David Bardue, who prayed for us and is teaching us.”

Your partners in the harvest.



Missionary Linda Kurtz
John & Kathy Duitsman

Update: Kathy began chemotherapy on Feb. 3 and is in great spirits. We are grateful for the ARM supporters, a great medical team, and a loving God.
~John & Kathy

!AMIGOS EN CRISTO and GRACIA!

News from *Las Iglesias Evangélicas Luteranas*
Amigos en Cristo in Denison and Gracia in Storm Lake
Pastor Pedro Lopez

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we prepare our hearts for the Easter season, I give thanks for the many ways the Lord continues to bless our ministry.

We remain joyfully engaged with our members, those exploring the faith, and our friends through ongoing Bible studies and home visits. Fellowship and openness continue to be a source of encouragement.

In Deloit, we are grateful to remain connected with several families from the fall ESL session. We will soon gather with our volunteers to discern the best path forward for continuing this important ministry.

As St. Paul-Carroll, our Saturday evenings of Praise, Prayer and Bible Study continue to be a blessing. This year, we have also enjoyed monthly times of fellowship with our friends. We look forward with excitement to beginning our Spring ESL class on April 7, 2026. We were also thankful for the opportunity to join St. Paul in serving tacos during their Lenten meal. We hope to share photos next month.

As St. Paul-Hartley, ESL classes are paused for the spring, and we look ahead with hope to resuming them in the fall.

At St. John-Storm Lake, we continue to support the Swaddling Clothes program each second Saturday of the month, and we remain active in Sunday worship at Grace. We also continue home Bible studies with our families, giving thanks for these meaningful moments in God’s Word.

Prayer Requests:

- * The Family of Juan Morales—whom we recently upheld in prayer—as he was called to Glory on March 3, 2026. Remember his wife, Yolanda, his daughters Jocelyn and Natalie, and his son Lalo in prayer.
- * The immigrant community we serve, as well as the many new individuals the Lord has brought into our lives through ESL and other ministries.
- * Our Hispanic ministries and all the communities we are blessed to serve.
- * Paquita’s sister-in-law and her brother as they face health challenges.
- * My wife and me, that the Lord would strengthen, guide, and equip us for the work He has entrusted to us.

Bendiciones,
Pastor Lopez



**Concordia
Seminary**
ST. LOUIS

Newsletter from Nicholas J. Vukalovich



SEMINARIANS

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church:

I want to thank you for your continued support of my education and pastoral formation here at Concordia Seminary. Even though I may not know you personally, knowing that the synod is comprised of people who are willing to support the church and its future pastors brings me great comfort.

For the past four weeks I have actually been out of school, and in the hospital. Beginning in late January I drove up to Rockford, where my family lives, to have a surgery done, in which I had ten lipomas cut out of me. This was a precautionary procedure that was done to make sure that the more recent lipomas were not anything else. However, as the theory goes, though still unknown, the doctors, and I mean, many doctors, believe that during this surgery I either aspirated or a bacteria from my mouth was introduced into my lungs, from which I had gotten pneumonia. This was no ordinary pneumonia. It eventually became infected and much infectious liquid begun forming around my left lung, which caused me to be hospitalized...twice. Once at Mercy hospital for five days, and later, St. Mary's for two-and-a-half weeks. While at Mercy they had given me a bronchoscopy, and at St. Mary's they had given me three surgeries, one of which I was awake and under fentanyl, and the other two under general anesthesia. And as the hospitalist made mention to me, this was one of the worst pneumonia cases they had seen. For around two weeks in total, I had a pair of tubes, twice, inside of my chest and around my lung draining the infection. For a while they thought I was going to need to have a small part of my lung cut out and stapled together. Thank God it did not come to that.

Since then, I have been released and discharged from the hospital and am now back on campus with a picc line, in which I self-administer my antibiotic through. Although this was indeed a traumatic turn of events for me, and for this semester, the seminary and the local community, as well as my field work church, was nothing but class and caring for me during this time. Almost every night, or second night, I would have a visitor or visitors who would come and bring me the Word of God, and minister to me in this time of sickness. I have deeply appreciated this community and wish to convey this to you also. I am deeply thankful that you continue to support this community, for it supported me in an amazing way when I needed it most.

So thank you. Thank you for all that you do for me, and this seminary, and for the church at large. Know that your work is not done in vain. Amen.



**Lutheran
Family Service**

What Kind of Life Are You Looking For?

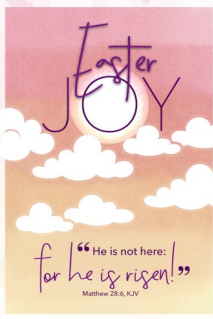
Loving, lasting marriages...strong families...happy and stable youth...healthy church workers...people who aren't just enduring but living the abundant life God intended. Imagine how blessed our world would be if more people lived this way. Together

with you, we celebrate those who are thriving with sufficient support. And with your partnership, LFS walks alongside those who need help.

Marriages on the brink of divorce are being restored. Families are growing stronger. Babies are being saved from abortion, and life is being protected. Families are being formed through adoption. Church workers are staying in ministry. Children and adults are finding hope as they work through trauma, depression, anxiety, complicated grief, and other challenges. This work happens every day, built on a foundation of faith in God—the One who designed marriages and families, grants life to each of His children, and desires that their lives be abundant, not merely endured.

The next time you make a partnership gift, begin a monthly pledge, or include LFS in your long-term financial plan, consider doing so in honor of someone God has placed in your life who reflects His good design. We will recognize that person, couple, family, or church worker in a future GoodNews Letter. A planned gift made in your loved one's name becomes a lasting expression of the values that inspired you to honor them. You may create a fund in their name and direct which area of LFS ministry it supports. You can also choose how you would like to fund your gift—through appreciated stock, property, life insurance, or even a portion of an inheritance you received from that loved one.

To explore options that may work best for you, contact Wanda Pritzel at 515-570-2310 or via email: wpitzel@LutheranFamilyService.org.



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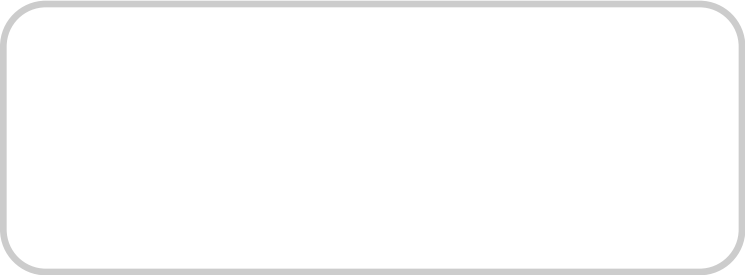
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Preschool Mon., Tues., Thurs.: 8 a.m.—3 p.m. Wed.: 11:45 a.m.—3 p.m.</p> <p>Confirmation: Wednesday's 5th & 6th grade: 3:30 p.m.—5:15 p.m. 7th & 8th grade: 6:15 p.m.—8:00 p.m.</p> </div>			<p>1 Passover Begins</p> <p>6:30 Bible Study</p> <p>9 a.m. Preschool Grandparents' Day</p> <p>No Confirmation</p>	<p>2 Maundy Thursday</p> <p>No Preschool</p> <p>1:30 LWML</p> <p>7 p.m. Worship w/HC</p> 	<p>3 Good Friday</p> <p>7 p.m. Worship w/HC</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>No Worship</p>																																																	
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