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A Word from the Dean

Promises, Promises, Promises

If ever you've spoken this threefold litany, it is likely because someone whom you had trusted, or at least wanted to trust, had broken a promise. And you likely know how you feel when someone breaks a promise to you: betrayed, angry, disappointed, devastated.

But if ever you have been on the receiving end of the litany, it is because you have broken a promise. And I would guess that it is equally likely that you know how you feel when you break a promise: ashamed, guilty, miserable, unlovable.

A few weeks ago, I stood in the front of our church while four youth made promises to me, to the church, and to God. And as I looked them each in the eye as they made that promise, I could detect nothing but sincerity there. And yet, there was a part of me that remembered what it was like to be 14 years old and making promises when I was confirmed. I remember what it was like to be 23 and making promises when I was married. Heck, for that matter, I know what it is like to be my current age, making a promise. What is a promise but an opportunity to prove our human limitations?

When's the last time you made a promise that you've broken? I promise to lose some weight. I promise to quit smoking. I promise to exercise more. I promise to attend church more. I promise to read through the Bible this year. I

promise not to miss your concert this time. I promise to have just one drink. I promise I'll never look at another man. I promise I'll never look at another woman. I promise I'll never hit you again. I promise I'll stop looking at porn on the internet. I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us. I promise that I will have no other gods.

Promises, promises, promises. Look at yourself honestly: if the promises you have made will be the measure upon which your eternal future is based, what will that eternal future look like? If you're anything like me, and knowing what I know about human nature you are, it doesn't look good, "*for all sin and fall short of the glory of God*" (Romans 3:23).

In the end, thanks be to God, it is not the strength of the promises of those fourteen-year-olds, or the strength of your promises or the strength of my promises that will matter, but the strength of the promises of the one Who is our Lord, our Savior. "*If we are faithless, Christ Jesus remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself*" (2 Timothy 2:13). It is this Truth that can set you free to live as the Child of God He has made you to be. And it's a promise you can take to the world.

*Pastor Christopher Staley
Dean, Iowa Mission District*



Running with Perseverance: *Persevering in Christ's Love*

Pastor Barbara Wills
Peace Lutheran Church
Northwood, IA

As most of you are aware by now, our Iowa Mission District theme for this year is “Run with Perseverance”. The phrase comes from Hebrews 12:1-2: *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...”*

Although the author of this letter has not been identified, much of the message sounds a lot like the teachings of the Apostle Paul. For example, in Philippians 3, Paul encourages the church to remain steadfast and faithful. He writes, *“Brethren, I do not consider that I have made [the resurrection from the dead] my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”* (verses 13-14) Both writers emphasize the effort involved in remaining faithful to Christ, and the sins and other obstacles in our path as we seek to follow in the footsteps of our Lord. But we can’t do this on our own. It is Christ our Lord, and the “great cloud of witnesses” who help and support us, and it’s also necessary to keep our eyes on the goal—*“forgetting what lies behind”*; *“straining forward to what lies ahead.”*

With such encouragement, we might be tempted to think of Jesus as the lead runner who is setting the pace and shouting encouragement as He runs ahead of us; and to think of that “great cloud of witnesses” as our cheering section, peeking over the edge of the clouds and urging us on. While this may be something of an exaggeration, focusing on ourselves as the “performers” of the task carries the temptation to think we’re the ones doing this for Jesus, rather than Jesus being the one doing this through us as we put our trust and faith in Him. Of course, if we read these Scripture passages in their full context, we will realize that that this is not what the writers of these letters mean at all. Throughout Paul’s writings, He not only reminds us that it’s not our effort, but the death and resurrection of Christ that clothes us in righteousness, and those efforts we make to remain faithful grow out of our love for Christ and for one another. Our Lord had given the Apostles the “new commandment” to love one another as He loves us. (John 15:12) This is not simply to love each other as we love ourselves, but to love as He loves—to be willing to lay down our lives for one another. (verses 16-17) Paul picks up on this

idea in his letter to the Ephesian Christians when he prays that Christ may dwell in their hearts and that they may be “rooted and grounded in love”. (Ephesians 3:14-17) This is not only love for Christ, but love for one another, as he so eloquently describes in 1 Corinthians 13.

This great love is also not love as the world knows it. In the world, “love” is a bit slimy and shifts around. Love for things and love for people get mixed up, and too often people *love* food, physical objects and their own ideas and prejudices while they too often *use* and discard God and people when they no longer see a need for them or when they become displeasing. When we fail to put Christ first, we tend to draw weird lines in the sand—“if you love me you’ll love my cat (or dog or car or bad manners, or whatever)”. “If you love me, you’ll agree with my world view”. “If you love me, you’ll accept without question everything I say or want, and if you don’t, you’re a bad person and not worthy of respect or consideration.” None of these “definitions” of love is real love. The love Jesus and Paul and the writer of Hebrews are talking about is sacrificial love that puts the Lord first, above every other person or being of idea—including ourselves. This love calls us to forgive even seventy-times-seven offenses, and it can withstand criticism, hatred, abuse, and indifference. It is not “doormat” passivity, it’s not indifference. Instead, it’s rooted in the love of Christ, who laid down His life for us, “even while we were yet sinners”. (Romans 5:8) This love, rooted in Christ and following His example, *“is patient and kind; ... is not jealous or boastful; ... is not arrogant or rude does not insist on its own way; ... is not irritable or resentful; ... does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right, ... bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends....* (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a) To persevere in the “race” of faith requires stamina greater than any human is capable of, and it requires both humility and strength greater than our own. But thanks be to God! We do not run alone! Our Lord runs each step of the way beside us. When we fall, He lifts us up; when we stumble, He forgives; and when we’re weary, He feeds us with His Word and His own Body and Blood. We never run alone—and we never run in vain. May we always hold fast to Christ so that we may indeed run the race set before us with perseverance and faith.

This and That From Around the Iowa Mission District

The Iowa Mission District (MD) Council met Saturday, April 26th, with Pastor David Klappenbach leading us in devotions. Reports from the Disaster Response, Youth, Secretary, Communicator, and Dean were approved.

A discussion was held concerning how our Mission District might be more invested in helping our mission starts. Pastor Doug Hedman volunteered to lead a break-out session at our Convocation in September on this topic. Plans are underway for the upcoming Pastors' Retreat on May 19/20 at the Okoboji Resort and Retreat Center. Pastor Julie Smith will be the speaker.

Discussion was held regarding the break-out sessions at the Convocation. In addition to the one on mission starts, Pastor Solveig Zamzow will lead a session entitled "How to walk with faith and joy through a pastoral vacancy. Pastor Marshall Hahn, Pastor John Saethre and Debbie Saethre will lead sessions following their recent trip to Ethiopia. Bishop Dan Selbo will also be leading sessions with a topic yet to be decided.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the role of the Dean. The outcome of the discussion was included in an article in the May issue of this newsletter. Our next meeting will be at 9:00 am at Cabin Coffee, Mason City, on Saturday, September 27th.

Pastor Christopher Staley, Iowa Mission District Dean

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### **Left:**

These seven young people from Trinity Lutheran, Avoca, IA, completed their First Communion instruction and received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday amid sirens and storms. The new communicants are (*first row*) Liberty Plum, Everett Hansen, Blakely Maassen, Andrea Immanuel, (*second row*) Jade Brockhoff, Bodee Winter, and Autumn Boysen. Pastor Matt Bahnfleth, standing behind them, is their pastor.



**Right:** Six young people at First Grace Lutheran, Osage, IA, received their First Communion on Easter Sunday. The Easter service was held at the local movie theatre and over 200 people were in attendance! First Grace also recently sponsored the "King of Kings" movie by providing free tickets for anyone who wanted to see it. 620 free tickets were redeemed for the movie Easter weekend! They are gearing up to send 20 + people on a mission trip to North Carolina for hurricane clean up May 31-June 8. **Left:** An invitation to participate in their Bible Camp in July. The contact number for most information is 641-832-8275.



## Biographical Information of Nominee - 2025

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Position for which you are being nominated:

\*Co-Dean - West \_\_\_\_\_ (3 year term)

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ (3 year term, clergy or lay person)

Council Rep. - Clergy (3 year term) \_\_\_\_\_

Council Rep. – Lay (3 year term) \_\_\_\_\_

Congregational Member at: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us something about yourself (*family, hobbies, etc.*)

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How do you understand your faith?

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How have you been active in the church?

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Please list one of your favorite Bible verses and tell why it has meaning for you.

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Please sign below to indicate you are willing to serve if elected and mail this completed form to:

*Pr. Solveig Zamzow, Secretary  
Iowa Mission District, NALC  
619 Elm Avenue, #309  
Story City, IA 50248*

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Signature

\*Any ordained NALC pastor residing/serving a congregation west of I-35 is eligible to be nominated for the position of Co-Dean – West.

## Iowa Mission District Convocation Registration

*Saturday, September 20, 2025*

**St. John's Lutheran Church**

201 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. NW, LeMars, Iowa 51031

The 2025 annual Convocation of the Iowa Mission District will take place at St. John's Lutheran Church, LeMars, Iowa, on Saturday, September 20, 2025. Our theme is "Running with Perseverance" from Hebrews 12:1-2: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.* We are pleased to have the Reverend Dan Selbo, Bishop of the North American Lutheran Church, as our keynote speaker. The Convocation is our opportunity to gather as brothers and sisters in Christ for the purpose of fellowship, worship, learning and sharing of ideas and to hear up-dates on the work and mission of the NALC. We will also have a business session to conduct the necessary business of the Mission District. **As you prepare for the convocation, please be thinking of nominations for Iowa Mission District Co-Dean (West), Mission District Secretary (this can be either a clergy or lay person), one Lay Representative and one Clergy Representative to the Mission District Council. Each is for a three-year term. A nomination form is included in this month's Iowa Mission District News. Please get permission from the nominees before submitting their names. The nominees will need to complete the nomination form and mail it to Mission District Secretary, Pastor Solveig Zamzow (619 Elm Avenue, #309, Story City, IA 50248).**

Please Note: According to Article 4.01 of the IA- MD Constitution: "*Delegates with voting privileges at a Convocation shall be the ordained ministers of the NALC within the territory of this Mission District and [two] lay delegates from the member congregations*". In addition, we strongly encourage congregational participation beyond the delegates—visitors are welcome! There is no cost for the event other than a free-will offering for lunch. A worship offering will also be taken and designated to the NALC Disaster Relief. The day will begin at 8:00 am with registration and a time for fellowship with coffee and refreshments. A service of Holy Communion will begin at 9:00, and the closing of the convocation will be around 4:00 pm. Break-out sessions will include conversation with Bishop Selbo, a session with Pastor Zamzow on dealing with pastoral vacancies, a report from Pastors Hahn and Saethre, and Debbie Saethre on their trip to Ethiopia, and Pastor Hedman will lead a session to help established congregations build stronger relationships with mission starts.

To help with planning, and so that we may have appropriate name tags for delegates and visitors, we ask that you fill out the registration form below and mail to Kathy Scharnhorst, Registrar, at 1594 Garden Avenue, Waverly, IA 50677. It is most helpful in keeping track of registrations if each person being registered is listed on a separate sheet. If you wish to submit your registrations via email, please fill out the form and send the information as an attachment to [kscharnhorst51@gmail.com](mailto:kscharnhorst51@gmail.com).

*(Please fill out a separate form for each person.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and/or email: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation & Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy \_\_\_\_\_ Lay Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Visitor \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_





## Names for Jesus: *Wonderful Counselor*

Pastor Barbara M. Wills

When I was in high school 60+ years ago, I had a wonderful high school counselor. He was the one who suggested courses to take and listened patiently to my various interests and ideas about “what comes next?” after graduation. Although my life took an unexpected turn following high school graduation, and it was a about fifteen years later before I settled into college, followed by theological seminary, I remember this kind man with gratitude. He was a patient listener, a man of wisdom, and he gave me the space I needed to make my own decisions without feeling that I was somehow a huge disappointment or mentally flawed.

In Isaiah’s prophecy concerning the Messiah who was to come, he says, “*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor...*” (Isaiah 9:6) As we consider the many names given to our Savior, “Wonderful Counselor” may seem a bit unexpected. Mighty God, King of kings, Lord of lords, Good Shepherd, and other titles and terms are more familiar, and they may seem to fit the Son of God better. After all, Christ Jesus is Lord of the whole creation. Every knee will bow before Him, He has overcome every evil force in all existence through His death and resurrection, and He will reign eternally. No matter how wonderful a counselor may be, the term itself suggests one who listens instead of directs; one who suggests rather than commands, and one who waits patiently for the “counselee” to accept or reject the counsel given.

One of my favorite Psalms is Psalm 4. It begins this way: “*Answer me when I call, O God of my right! Thou hast given me room when I was in distress.*” (RSV) This Psalm has comforted me many times during my life, and the most comforting thing is that God *gives us room!* When we’re grieving, we need some space; we need *time* to sort things out and come to terms with our loss. When we’re facing a difficult decision, we need *time* to consider the possible consequences and outcomes. When we’re suffering from an ailment, we need *time* to heal or to come to terms with the long-term meaning of this major change in our lives. Some other translations say, “you gave me relief”—sorry but that’s not really helpful. I don’t even know what that means because it suggests some action that God takes to either change our feelings or modify the conditions of our pain. But God doesn’t do that. He waits patiently—He *gives us room*; He sits quietly with us and lets us experience His love in the midst of the reality we’re facing. If we’ve ever been on the receiving end of well-meaning friends who think they’re giving us relief by reminding us of how much worse other people have it, or who have suggested we’ve had enough time and need to

get over this and move on, then we can truly appreciate the value of our Wonderful Counselor who sits beside us and waits—who gives us *room* to be where we need to be, while still loving us and offering us His presence in the midst of our suffering.

In Jesus’ ministry, He also showed this side of His love in many encounters. We love the stories of Jesus taking charge—healing lepers and lame folks, restoring sight to the blind, and driving the money changers from the temple with a whip of cords. But there were other people who didn’t get instant relief, and some who were allowed to go their own way despite the obvious love Jesus had for them.

- ▲ In John 11 we have the story of the death and resuscitation of Lazarus, brother to Martha and Mary. When Jesus got the news that Lazarus was dying, he waited two days before making the trip to Bethany. Lazarus had been in the tomb three days when Jesus arrived. He didn’t rush into the house and hug the grieving sisters, and He didn’t rush to the tomb and immediately call Lazarus forth. Instead, He let the sisters come to Him, as each was ready. He gently reminded them that He Himself was the Resurrection and Life. He wept with these two beloved women. And only then did he walk with them to the tomb of their brother, prayed, and called Lazarus back to finish his course in this earthly life.
- ▲ In Matthew (19:16-22), a rich young man comes to Jesus seeking advice on how to gain eternal life. When Jesus lays out the bare facts—getting rid of everything that’s coming between you and the Lord—the young man went away filled with sorrow. And Jesus let him go. No doubt Jesus’ heart was also filled with sorrow because He loved this young man. But coercion cannot elicit faith, and no one can have two masters. It was necessary that this young man have the *room* to consider and grieve. I’ve always hoped that he eventually figured things out and got rid of his extra baggage so he could embrace his Lord—his Wonderful Counselor.

Our Lord Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly. Sometimes that means intervening and fighting off the wolves, and sometimes it means sitting and holding us—giving us room to be in distress. Ultimately, it meant going to the cross and taking our sins upon Himself so that He could destroy sin, death and the devil. Thanks be to God for giving us our Wonderful Counselor who is also our risen Lord, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who in His perfect time will come and take us to Himself in heaven.

# Announcements

When sending **correspondence and donations** to the NALC please use the following address:

North American Lutheran Church  
2113 Harwood Road, Suite 309  
PMB 409  
Bedford, TX 76021-4703

*Donations to NALS, Disaster Relief, Great Commission Society, etc. are to be made out to the NALC with the specific fund written on the memo line of your check.*

## Pastors available for pulpit supply:

Pastor Kristine Dohrmann—515-802-2539  
Pastor Natacha Kemp—507-785-0412  
Pastor Andrew Loomis—712-298-6587  
Pastor Jack Miller—507-798-2408  
Pastor Mike Wikstrom—480-203-1556



Pastor Tim Nappe is also available for pulpit supply. His primary focus is his ministry with “Reaching the Unreached”, and he will share information about this mission work whenever he does pulpit supply for a congregation. Contact information: 712-331-4245. Or email at [pastortim.milford@gmail.com](mailto:pastortim.milford@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

**June 14 – Church building dedication** – 2 pm – Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Rochester, MN. There will be a reception afterwards with food, desserts, and soft drinks, and everyone is welcome. Color of the day will be RED for any pastors who would like to participate (please email me to let me know). Please [RSVP HERE](#).

**June 15 – Installation of Pastor Chris Martin** – 4 pm - St. Paul Lutheran, Sheldon, IA. Pastors are invited to vest. Red is the color of the day

**July 20–28, 2025—Iowa Mission District Youth Trip**—Burnsville, NC

**August 3-8, 2025—NALC Luther Week**—Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA

**September 20, 2025—Iowa Mission District Convocation**—St. John's, Le Mars, IA

NOTE: Nominations are needed for several positions in the Mission District. The form is on the 4th page of this newsletter. Please prayerfully consider nominating people to serve our Mission District.

## Donations and Correspondence

Checks sent to the Mission District for support should be made out to the **Iowa Mission District, NALC**, and mailed to:

**Mrs. Belinda Borchardt**  
**Iowa Mission District Treasurer,**  
**PO Box 105,**  
**Grafton, IA 50440.**

Correspondence should be sent to:

**Pastor Solveig Zamzow**  
**Iowa Mission District Secretary**  
**619 Elm Avenue, #309**  
**Story City, IA 50248**

Items for the Mission District newsletter (pictures, news, etc.) are best sent via e-mail to

**Pastor Barbara Wills** at  
[barbaramwills@gmail.com](mailto:barbaramwills@gmail.com).

## Mission District Pulpit-Supply Guidelines

In October of 2022, the Mission District Council voted to recommend that congregations pay a visiting pastor \$200 for a worship service in addition to the current IRS mileage rate. At a subsequent meeting, we also decided to recommend that congregations do the same for a visiting pastor who performs a wedding or a funeral. Any honorarium that the family might want to give to the pastor would not be deducted from this, as the pastor is providing a service to the congregation. We also recommend that a congregation which has more than one worship service in a day, pay an additional \$50 to the pastor for each additional service. (The 2025 IRS rate is \$0.70 per mile.)





## ***Congregations of the Iowa Mission District***

Ackley: **Our Saviour's**, Dan Buhs, Lay Minister  
Avoca: **Trinity**, Pastor Matthew Bahnfleth  
Badger: **Badger Lutheran**, Pr. Scott Meier  
Boyden: **St. John**, Pr. Jeremy Winter  
Cedar Falls: **Nazareth Evangelical**, Self Study  
Des Moines: **Unity Evangelical Lutheran**,  
Pr. Donna Joseph; Pr. Diane Joseph  
Dorchester: **Waterloo Ridge**, Pr. James Glesne  
Eagle Grove: **Evangelical Lutheran**, Call Process  
Eagle Grove: **Samuel Lutheran**, Call Process  
Ellsworth: **Trinity**, Pastor Jon Rollefson  
Emmons, MN: **Emmons**, Call Process  
Gilmore City: **First**, Tracy Nerem, Lay Minister  
Grafton: **Emmanuel**, Call Process  
Greene: **St. John, Vilmar**, Pr. Tamara Keen  
Gunder: **Marion**, Pr. Marshall Hahn  
Harlan: **Bethlehem**, Pr. Ronald Rasmussen  
+Huxley: **Shepherd of the Prairie**,  
Scott Licht, Lay Minister  
Irwin: **St. Paul**, Pr. Ronald Rasmussen  
Laurens: **Bethany**, Pr. David Klappenbach  
LeMars: **St. John**, Pr. Steven Broers  
Manchester: **First**, Call Process  
Monona: **Faith**: Call Process  
Northwood: **Peace**, Pr. Barbara Wills  
Ottumwa: **First**, Pr. Brad Miller, Interim  
+ Osage: **First Grace**, Pr. Christopher Staley, Interim  
Palmer: **St. John's Lizard Township**,  
Marlene Nimke, Lay Minister  
Plainfield: **St. John, Western Douglas**, Call Process  
Readlyn: **St. Matthew**, Pr. Jean Rabary  
Readlyn: **Zion**, Pr. Jean Rabary  
Robins: **Servants of Christ**, Pr. Ronald Voss  
+Rochester, MN: **Emmanuel**—Pr. Khrystle Sullivan  
Ruthven: **Zion**, Eric Patten, Lay Minister  
St. Ansgar: **First**, Pr. Christopher Staley  
+ St. Charles, MN: **Trinity**, Pr. Douglas Hedman  
St. Olaf: **Norway**, Pr. Marshall Hahn  
Sheldon: **St. Paul**, Pr. Christopher Martin (6/15/25)  
Spencer: **Trinity**, Pr. Renae Behrends  
Strawberry Pt.: **Mission in Christ**, Call Process  
Thor: **Ullensvang**, Call Process  
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