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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we move into November I'm sure many of you have preparations on your mind. Perhaps you're getting ready for Thanksgiving. There are all sorts of things to prepare there: groceries to buy, cleaning to do, perhaps you even do some cooking ahead of time to save time on the day. And while you're preparing for the big meal, don't forget to prepare for our Thanksgiving Eve service on the 27th.

And that's just Thanksgiving preparations! Some of you I'm sure are already looking ahead to Christmas. I know in our house someone has been wanting to start decorating for Christmas for at least the past month. There are lists to prepare and shop for, cookies to bake or buy, and decorations to put up. And while you're at it, mark your calendars for our midweek Advent services each Wednesday in December leading up to Christmas.

I imagine with all that on your plate that's about enough thinking about preparations that need to be made. But this month there's one more thing we can and ought to be preparing for. As we approach the beginning of Advent, we also draw near to the end of the church year. One of the main focal points of these final weeks of the church year is the end of times. The final Sunday of the church year goes by one of two titles: the Sunday of the Fulfillment, or Christ our King Sunday.

The Sunday of the Fulfillment points us ahead to the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise to return and fulfill ALL the promises He has made to us throughout His Word. Our faith is in our God who keeps His promises. In Deuteronomy 7, God assures us,

"Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations," - Deut 7.9

God keeps covenant. He keeps His promises. Yes, this passage refers to those who keep His commandments, but St Paul reminds us that our obedience is one of faith, in Romans 1 we read,

"[Jesus Christ our Lord], through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations" - Rom. 1.5

We obey by faith and so we are made ready. And of course we have Christ's promise to us directly about the preparations He has made in John 14,

"In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" - John 14:2

What wonderful promises we have to look forward to God fulfilling for us. So let's be prepared for the day He fulfills those promises as we look forward in faith.

That last Sunday before Advent is also known as Christ our King Sunday and this points specifically to Christ and keeps us looking forward to the establishment of His eternal kingdom. We pray for this kingdom every time we recite the Lord's Prayer as we say in the second petition, "Thy Kingdom come." This isn't an earthly kingdom we are looking forward to, not in the sense of nations and governments and things like that. Instead, we look forward to Christ being established as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We prepare for the day when His kingdom comes and all other rule and authority gives way to Christ our King.

Advent of course does some of this as well the disciples greeted Jesus as king as he made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Pilate placed the sign over Jesus as He was crucified naming Him, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." But we know He is much more than an earthly King. He is the one enthroned on high. He is the one to whom every knee will bow in Heaven and on Earth and under the Earth, on the last day. So let us make our preparations, but especially let us prepare to meet the King of Glory when He fulfills His promises.

In Christ, Pastor Nathan Peitsch

Green, comes next in the acronym and is by far the most common color seen during the year. *Lutheran Service Book* calls for its use during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21), also known as Easter Sunday, determines the length of these two seasons. The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays. The season of Pentecost, on the other hand, can last from 22 to 28 Sundays. Green is the appointed color for all but a few of the Sundays during these seasons. Consequently, green may be used an average of six to eight months of any given liturgical year!

White is the color of purity and completeness. The theme for the “great fifty days” of Easter is supported by the use of white. This color, used primarily during these Sundays, assists in bearing the message that “though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow.” Christ's triumph from the grave on Resurrection day is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

In addition to its use during Eastertide, white is the appointed color for such festive Sundays as Christmas and its twelve days; Epiphany (Jan. 6) and the first Sunday following it, observed as the Baptism of Our Lord; the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, also known as Transfiguration Sunday; Holy Trinity Sunday; and twenty-one minor festivals and occasions listed on the church year calendar in *Lutheran Service Book*. In all, white serves as the best festive color for the church year.

ALTAR GUILD FOR NOVEMBER

Zola Kafton

Dawn Paulsen

Janeal Holmes

Season	Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
ALL SAINTS' DAY	Nov. 3 (<i>observed</i>)	All Saints' Day (Nov. 1)	Rev. 7:(2-8) 9 - 17	Psalm 149	1 John 3:1-3	Matt. 5:1-12
	<i>or</i> (Prop. 26)	Twenty-fourth S. a. Pentecost	Deut. 6:1-9	Psalm 119:1-8	Heb. 9:11-14 (15-22)	Mark 12:28-37
Pentecost	Nov. 10 (Prop. 27)	Twenty-fifth S. a. Pentecost	1 Kings 17:8-16	Psalm 146	Heb. 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
	Nov. 17 (Prop. 28)	Twenty-sixth S. a. Pentecost	Dan. 12:1-3	Psalm 16	Heb. 10:11-25	Mark 13:1-13
THANKSGIVING	Nov. 21	Thanksgiving Day	Deut. 8:1-10	Psalm 67	Phil. 4:6-20 <i>or</i> 1 Tim. 2:1-4	Luke 17:11-19
Last Sunday of the Church Year	Nov. 24 (Prop. 29)	Last S. of the Church Year	Is. 51:4-6	Psalm 93	Jude 20-25	Mark 13:24-37



FERVENT CHARITY

Now abided faith, hope and charity, these three but the greatest of these is Charity.

I Corinthians 13:13

HILLBILLY FLOOD RELIEF

Recently a semi trailer was parked at the Mapleton Airport. It was to collect donations for the flood victims in North Carolina. Bert Wessling, a local trucker set up to collect donations of nonperishable food items, paper products, clothing and much more. There was a great response to the donating. The truck was full before Bert thought. What a blessing! Bert will be taking these supplies to the hill country of North Carolina where the poorest and elderly are. He also will be making a second trip with equipment to help with clean up. If you wanted to donate and get a chance you still can. The Shelby County State Bank in Danbury and the Security National Bank in Mapleton are taking monetary donation to help with construction supplies. Or if you donated just know that you are a true blessing. For Jesus said Love Thy Neighbor.

HELPING HANDS QUILTERS

The ladies from St. Matthew quilting group also donated 50 hand made quilts to the flood relief. Praying they will be a blessing to many.

OPERATION BBQ RELIEF

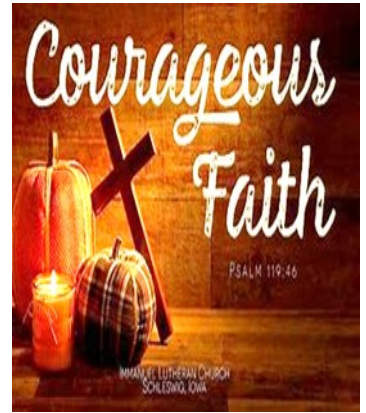
There also is a man from our church that volunteer with a Charity group call Bar-B Que. This charity goes into disaster areas and cooks meals for the miss placed , homeless and volunteers. Operation BBQ Relief began as a disaster relief nonprofit in 2011. Founded by big-hearted Kansas City Pitmasters, we've provided over 10,000,000 hot meals and counting to residents, first responders, and relief workers across the country.

So let us pray for the efforts of these people, that God continues to Bless them.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible Study for women was held on October 29th at 3:30 pm. Nine women attended. We studied. We study about Noah, his family and the world he had to live in.

We will meet again next Tue November 5th at 3:30 pm in the church basement. The study will be about Rahab. Come see what its all about. We have good fellowship as we learn. Hope to see you.



ANNUAL BAKE SALE

(SOME IMNPORTANT CHANGES)

The date had been changed to Dec. 6th from 4pm—7pm in the Community Center. There isn't a craft fair this year but there will be a Community meal where we will be selling our baked goods.

Please help us with some baked goods. We will need them the week before. Your prayers for a successful sale will be very appreciated. Thank you Outreach and Stewardship.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

It will soon be time that we usually get new offering envelopes. But this year continue to use your envelopes until they are gone. Then contact the church and the proper person will be notified and they will get you new envelopes.

We are more than willing to help. Stewardship Board.

IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR PEITSCH WILL RETURN TO THE 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.



ON NOVEMBER 27TH THERE WILL BE A THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT 6:30 PM.

A MISSION MOMENT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE



EMBRACE THE NEW YEAR-THINK POSSIBLE...

But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26)

In the hustle and bustle of life's demands, we often find ourselves juggling various responsibilities and commitments. Sometimes, despite our best efforts, it feels like we're barely keeping up. Yet, in moments of doubt and uncertainty, we are reminded of the words of Jesus - "but with God all things are possible." Perhaps you've found yourself taking on additional responsibilities or even facing new challenges like me. It's easy to feel overwhelmed or anxious. Remember that God is with us every step of the way, guiding us through the twists and turns of life's journey.

As we embrace this new year, let us lean on God's promise of possibility. Trust in His unfailing love and wisdom, knowing He can turn our impossibilities into opportunities for growth and blessing. May we approach each day with faith and courage, believing every day that all things are possible with God and that we can keep thinking POSSIBLE.



WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

THANK YOU to all of our Uber drivers that are presently driving and stepping up to give their time and efforts to do this for St. Matthew and for Pastor Peitsch.

PICKUP TIME ON SUNDAY IS AT 8 AM AND TAKE HOME.

Tuesdays time is 8 am. **(REMAIN THE SAME FOR NOW)**

Unless otherwise stated or notified. Thank you. Questions call the

church. OR contact **Marilyn Hamann 712-870-1947** With the win-

ter weather coming we need some men to help out with the Uber drivers please! Just know that you are very appreciated.

The **Ladies of St. Matthew** are making “apple crisp” and selling it for \$12.00 for a 8x8 pan. They will be taking orders if you like to order in advance just tell one of the ladies or call the Church office.

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Spicy Pretzels

- 1– Bag of Pretzels
- 2– Tbsp Ranch mix
- Popcorn oil 1/3 C
- 1/2 Tsp cayenne pepper
- 1/2 tsp Dill Weed
- 1/2 tsp Black Pepper
- 1-Tbsp Konrik Jalapeno season

Bake 250* 1 hour Stir every 15 min
Cool on Parchment



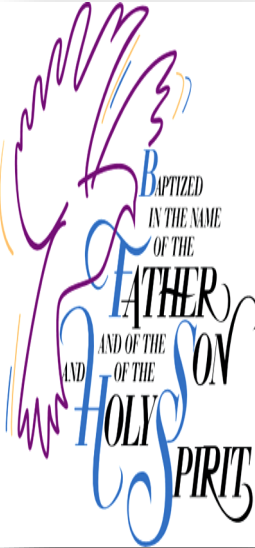
What was the first command from God in the Bible. Gen. 1:28
Answer found on page 11

November Birthdays

Diane	Brahms	1988-11-02
Jason	Divis	1981-11-27
Leo	Erlemeier	1961-11-07
Donna	Goslar	1948-11-30
Maverick	Goslar	2010-11-11
Mary	Greiner	1954-11-30
Chana	Hinrickson	1949-11-06
Vernon	Jahn	1969-11-02
Cole	Jensen	1997-11-13
Andy	Kaderabek	1988-11-06
Dan	Kovarna	1951-11-27
Betty	Kuhlmann	1938-11-19
Emily	Lamb	1979-11-13
Lynette	Larson	1966-11-24
Erika	McGrain	1993-11-23
Jerry	Means	1951-11-16
Trista	Ohlmeier	2006-11-28
Drake	Paulsen	2014-11-02
Chad	Rickert	1980-11-16
Kade	Rotnicke	1998-11-29
David	Schrader	1962-11-24
Selma	Schrader	1929-11-12
Carolyn	Sexton	1939-11-02
Tyler	Soukup	1988-11-22
John	Stacy	1961-11-28
JoAnn	Thoreson	1940-11-07
Beth	Trucke	1968-11-30
Mardelle	Vandevanter	1951-11-26
Ramona	Weber	1961-11-04
Terrance	Wood	1977-11-18

November Baptisms

Darlene	Albers	1952-11-16
Zachary	Arndt	2009-11-07
Belinda	Bartels	1950-11-12
Wendy	Buss	1966-11-13
Michael	Carley	2000-11-04
Robert	Conyers	1955-11-06
Jason	Divis	1981-11-29
Bryan	Fritz	1968-11-03
Delores	Gosch	1939-11-05
Kaitlyn	Goslar	1994-11-13
Kaylee	Goslar	2005-11-20
Ben	Hinrickson	1983-11-20
Roger	Hinrickson	1958-11-16
Michael	Jacoby	1995-11-04
Karen	Krusen	1951-11-04
Clint	Lamb	1996-11-24
Abby	Larson	1995-11-12
JoHannah	Mckibben	2008-11-08
Matt	Mckibben	1969-11-26
Mollie	Mckibben	1995-11-26
TariKay	Miller	1994-11-23
Boston	Paulsen	2018-11-11
Chelsey	Paulsen	2018-11-11
Lawrence	Paulsen	2021-11-07
Chad	Rickert	1980-11-30
Craig	Riesberg	1987-11-15
Harper	Schrader	2018-11-18
Schalee	Schrader	2014-11-02
Donna	Shaw	1958-11-09
Jeffrey	Stoll	1969-11-09
Kathi	Tweet	1937-11-07
Adreana	Wunschel	2022-11-22



November 80+ Birthday

Betty	Kuhlmann	85	1938-11-19
Selma	Schrader	94	1929-11-12
Carolyn	Sexton	84	1939-11-02
JoAnn	Thoreson	83	1940-11-07

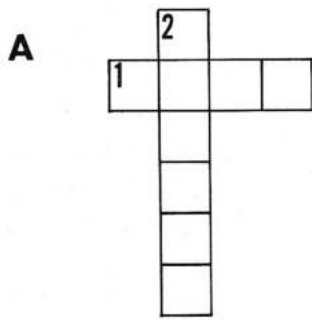


November Anniversary

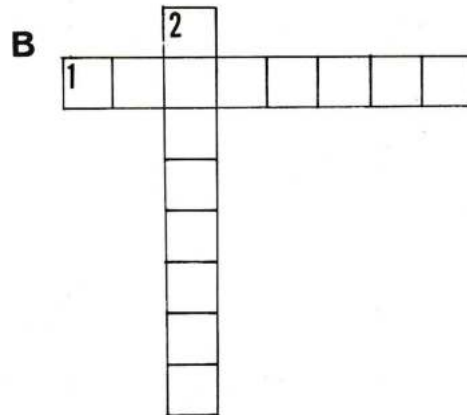
Leo and Shari Erlemeier	45	1979-11-23
Gary and Judy Kuehl	58	1966-11-20

BIBLE MUSIC CROSSWORDS

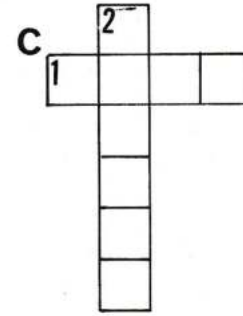
Find out about musical instruments Bible children learned to play by solving the puzzles below.



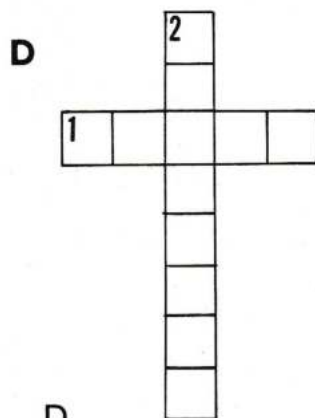
1. A name for harp, rhymes with fire (Revelation 15:2)
2. Tinkling instruments in I Corinthians 13:1



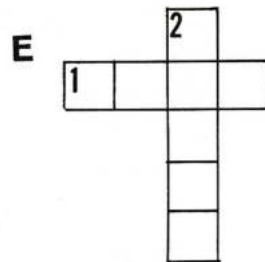
1. Instrument in Daniel 3:10
2. Musical term in the title of Psalm 53



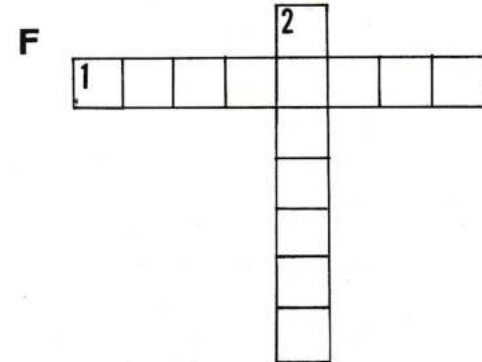
1. Instrument blown (Psalm 75:5)
2. Another instrument to blow (Hosea 5:8)



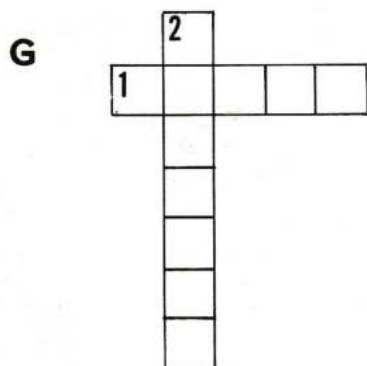
1. Wind instrument (Daniel 3:5)
2. What the priests blew at Jericho (Joshua 6:20)



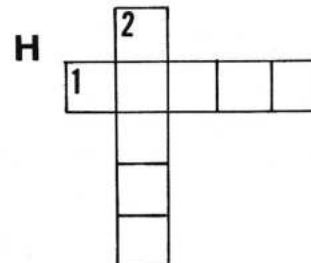
1. What David played (I Samuel 16:23)
2. Jubal's children played it, a church instrument (Genesis 4:21)



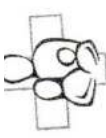
1. Daniel 3:5 instrument
2. Jephthah's daughter played one, a tambourine (Judges 11:34)



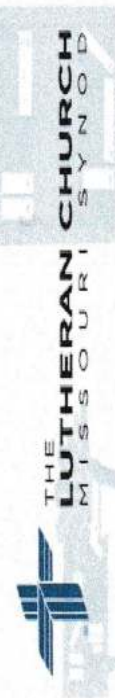

1. Instruments played in II Samuel 6:5
2. Instrument similar to trombone Daniel 3:5




1. On the priests' ephod (Exodus 28:33)
2. Number of priests and trumpets at Jericho (Joshua 6:13)



NOVEMBER 2024 ST MATTHEW CALENDAR

SUN: Pick up 8am Take home after service	MON	TUES: Pick up 8am Take home: 3:30 pm	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						
3 All Saints Day service 9am Elder: Ryan Paulsen Reader: Ryan Paulsen Screens: Dennis Muckey Sun. Sch & Bible Cl. after services	4	5 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Uber: Joan Chandler	6 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	7	8 Pastors Family Day	9
10 25th Sun. a Pentecost service 9 am w/HC Uber: Karla Uhl Elder: Mark Witzel Reader: Karen Kueny Screens: Joe Hogan Sun. Sch & Bible Cl. after services	11 Cleaning at the church 9-11 am	12 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 12N to 3:30 pm Win- kle Conference	13 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	14	15 Pastors Family Day	16
17 26th Sun. a Pentecost service 9 am Elder: Russ Wray Reader: Russ Wray Screens: Mark Witzel Sun. Sch & Bible Cl. after services	18	19 Rev. Nathan Peitsch in office 8:30am-3:30pm Uber: Kay Johnson In the Word 10 am Uber for the Board of Elders 7 pm (Mark Witzel)	20 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	21	22 Pastors Family Day	23
24 Last Sunday of the Church Year service 9 am w/HC Uber: Brian Brown Elder: Mark Greiner Reader: Joe Hogan Screens: Dennis Muckey Sun. Sch & Bible Cl. after services	25	26 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Uber: Janeal Holmes Board of Directors 6 pm Uber: Mark Witzel	27 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm Thanksgiving eve service 6:30 pm	28 Give Thanks to God 	29 Pastors Family Day	30



WATCH
Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.
Mark 13:33 ESV

Last Sunday in the Church Year

ALTAR GUILD
 Zola Kafton
 Dawn Paulsen
 Janeal Holmes

Nov. 3 All Saints Day

Nov. 4-17 Pentecost

Nov. 24 (white) Last Sun. of Church year

*The prayer of a righteous man
is powerful and effective.”*



If you desire a prayer for yourself or someone else, or if you'd like to join the Prayer Warriors, please call, **Alice Miller** at 880-2380.

Help us keep this prayer list up to date! Call the church to add or remove people.

Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek
Fred Fletcher
Joyce Kruse
Mike Wood
Joe Hogan

Selma Schrader
Marlene Phillip
Dora Witzel
Marla Hogan

Myrna Gosch
Sue Kruse
Alice Miller
Zola Kafton

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Ron Kraffle (friend of Marla & Joe Hogan); **Beth Weber**, (cousin of Dean and Ramona Weber); **Tammy Tollfuson**, in 3rd stage heart failure (relative to Dean and Ramona Weber); **Suzie Jacapello**, (sister of Nazaria Kaderabek); **Tim Sanderson** (friend of Dennis Muckey); **Hiedi Zimmer**; P.O. Box 272 Early, IA 50535 (Joan Chander's daughter); **Sandy Donovan**, (Nazaria Kaderabek's mother.) **Jerri Hainfield** (daughter of Marilyn & Duane Hamann); **Paul Lind**, (nephew of Joyce Kruse) **Mortimer Cohen** (Mardelle's Great grandson) **Nadine Friedrichs** (in Ida Grove Hospital sister-in-law) of Rita Lafrentz; **Jared Parsley** nephew of Florice Dose. **Troy & Amy Hamann** (family of Marilyn & Duane Hamann)

PROMISES OF GOD

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.
Psalm 48:14

Answer: Genesis 6-8

Please drop them a line or two, they love getting mail and they would love hearing from their church family.

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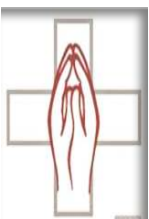
Answer to Trivia: Be fruitful and multiply



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In His Footsteps: Kindness is a virtue given by the Lord, and joy is its reward. He will show you the way and you will be safe and secure.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS By READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE **Mission Central...** www.missioncentral.us **Lutheran Family Service:** www.lfsiowa.org **WEB SITES:** [Iowa District West—www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org) [Camp Okoboji – www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) **“THY STRONG WORD”** is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 am Monday through Saturday on KDSN (104.9 FM) **“THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** can be heard every Sunday on radio station—KDSN-FM (104.9) at 6:30 am and 1530 at 10:30 am. It is available 24 hours a day on the internet in Real Audio. Visit www.lhm.org and click on the Lutheran Hour on the left side of the page **“THE GOOD SHEPHEARD HOUR** airs on the following stations every Sunday: 8 am Fort Dodge-KVFD 1400 AM; 8 am Sioux City—KSCJ 1360 AM; 10:30 am Storm Lake—KAYL 101.5 FM **Lutheran Family Services:** www.lofsiowa.org **MainStreet Living—** is a Television Program that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of the LCMS This program is broadcast on KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM. The first 30 minutes are remastered episode of “This is the Life” The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the area.



Dear Lord, let me use my gifts, and let me help others discover theirs. Your gifts are priceless and eternal. May we, Your children, use them to the glory of Your kingdom, today and forever. Amen.✝