

## The Image

"The MISSION of Immanuel is to glorify God, build the Christian Church, foster Christian fellowship and concern, and join in the worldwide work of winning souls for Christ."



### *From the Pastor's desk – August 2023*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I've wanted to teach, for some time now, a class on the Office of the Holy Ministry. I think what fostered this desire was, most recently, the time we discussed the omission of a comma in our Ephesians Bible Study.<sup>1</sup> I'll add to this some discussions I've had, over the years, with people about the Office. Plus, I'm not sure when the last time an ordination was held at Immanuel for one of your pastors or when you last heard the vows taken by a candidate for the Office of the Holy Ministry. After some thought on all of these, I have concluded that the best way to teach this, albeit in a very introductory manner, is through my monthly newsletter. To that end, I will use the Rite of Ordination found in our Agenda.<sup>2</sup>

The rite begins with invoking, calling, on the name of the Lord. When we call upon Him, He promises to be with us. The presiding minister, usually the district president or circuit visitor, then addresses those gathered:

Beloved in the Lord, [the candidate for ordination] has been called by the Lord of the Church into the Office of Holy Ministry of the Word and Sacraments. He has been prepared for this ministry by careful study and prayer. He has been examined and declared ready to undertake this sacred responsibility, and, by the guidance of God the Holy Spirit, he has in the Church's usual order been called to be Pastor at [the church where the man is called]. According to apostolic practice, he is now presented to be ordained and consecrated to this office established by God.

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<sup>1</sup> Specifically, Ephesians 4:12, which I have written about previously.

<sup>2</sup> The Agenda, formally titled *Lutheran Service Book Agenda*, is an official companion to the pew edition of the hymnal. It contains rites that are necessary for the church, yet not frequently used. This includes both the rites of Ordination and the Installation of the Pastor. When a man is ordained at the church where he is called to serve, the Ordination is immediately followed by the Rite of Installation. They are, however, two distinct rites. The rites are found in the Agenda starting on page 160. Please ask if you would like to peruse the Agenda. A copy is, of course, kept at church.

Note how this address summarizes the core tenets of ordination.

First, the man is called by God. Yes, the Lord uses people to mediate, that is facilitate, the call, but we confess that it is ultimately God who places that man in your midst. This is very important for all of us to note. It is important for me when I am discouraged or in disagreement with the people of the parish. It's important for me to remember, especially in those rough times, God has placed me in my call. And you can see this is also true for you. When you disagree with the pastor, or dislike what he is doing, you should then acknowledge that God has placed the man there. Now, that doesn't mean you cannot question the pastor. He should and must demonstrate that all he is doing and teaching is in accord with Scripture and our Confessions.

Second, the address notes, however briefly, what the pastor is called to do. He is called into the ministry of Word and Sacrament. It's easy for all of us to lose sight of just what a pastor does and should be doing. He's not the chief executive of a little religious business. He is, to use the words of St. Paul, a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God.<sup>3</sup> The Apostles were very careful to ensure they were able to devote themselves to the ministry of Word and Sacrament:

*And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."*<sup>4</sup>

So it should be for the men and churches that have come after them. Pastors are called by God to the ministry of proclaiming the Word and administering the Sacraments. As our Confessions note, the Office of the Holy Ministry is established to do this, and through these gifts that the pastor is steward of, the Holy Spirit establishes and sustains faith. You can also see, with this in mind, why Satan is pleased to busy us pastors with anything but what we are actually called to do. Think about that. A pastor can be very busy with things that look good and might even be necessary to the day-to-day general administration of the church. He can be busy and fill his time with doing anything but what he is actually placed there by God to do. This is something we should all guard against.

Finally, the man is prepared. For what is he prepared? For the above—to be a steward of the mysteries of God. He's not an entertainer, nor is he a motivational speaker. And he has been examined by the Church. For most of us that happens at the seminary. After a rigorous period of training (surprisingly so), he is examined by the Church. Typically, this is the seminary faculty under the supervision of the Council of Presidents of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. This is to ensure that he is apt to teach in accordance with the Word of God.<sup>5</sup>

Okay, this will suffice for now, and I will continue with this, Lord willing, next month. But for now, note that succinct summary of the pastoral office given in the opening sentences of the Rite of Ordination.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski, Pastor

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<sup>3</sup> 1 Corinthians 4:1, St. Paul writes: "This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."

<sup>4</sup> Acts 6:2-4.

<sup>5</sup> See 1 Timothy 3:1-7.

**Below are the total offering and expenses for the last three months.**

We thank you for your continued generosity through this difficult time.

April Offerings - \$16,588.00    April Expenses - \$15,852.00

May Offerings - \$18,036.00    May Expenses - \$16,879.97

June Offerings - \$14,070.00    June Expenses - \$11,906.00

*Expenses for Cemetery Clean-up - \$25,247.00    Special Donations Rec'd - \$11,360.00*



***The date of the next council meeting will be in September and the next Voter's Meeting to adopt a new budget for 2023/2024 will be in October. Exact dates will be printed in the weekly announcements.***

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***RESULTS OF THE VOTERS MEETING FROM JULY 30<sup>th</sup> will be listed in the Sunday Announcements for August 6<sup>th</sup> and in the September 2023 Image.***



**Reminder... each time you enter the hospital, be sure to say you are a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island so that the hospital can call the office. *If you would like the pastor to know immediately, please have a family member or friend call the office and/or Pastor—otherwise we may not be aware of your hospitalization.* The hospitals do not regularly call the churches as they once did.**

Please call the office when someone is ill, hospitalized, or homebound:

**(309-786-3391).**

Please use this email to contact the office: [\*\*ilchurch@mchsi.com\*\*](mailto:ilchurch@mchsi.com)



***Stamps For Missions is a project of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at Immanuel. All can participate! Simply save your used postage stamps. The process is simple. Cut, snip, or tear off the corner of the envelope with the postage on it. Be careful to leave enough edge so the postage stamp will have a small edge to be trimmed.***

Turn the saved stamps into the church office, bring to church and give to an usher, or give to Sandy Kramer.

We trim the stamps and send them, along with other societies, to be sold. The money received is added to "mites" and used to support mission projects.



All adults and youth are invited to participate in any or all Bible studies offered at Immanuel. We are thankful we can gather together around God's Word. You are welcome to attend anytime.

- **Sunday morning Adult Bible class** – 10:15 am in the Luther Room or on Zoom.
- **Adult Bible study** – Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Library or on Zoom.
- **Intergenerational Studies:** 6 pm each Tuesday evening.
- **For the older youth**, there is a Rock Island Circuit Youth Group – see the schedule below.
- **And of course for the younger ones, there is Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Sunday School will begin the Sunday after Labor Day (September 10<sup>th</sup>).**



## Immanuel Youth Group News – Rock Island Circuit Youth Group

Summer/Fall 2023

August 6<sup>th</sup>

Zion Taylor Ridge

- Softball, kickball, sand volleyball 4 pm
- Wiener Roast – 6 pm

Youth Group will be starting up again after Labor Day and Sunday School will begin the Sunday after Labor Day, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Education is considering having a potluck for the 'kick-off' or a possible 'family night' the end of August. Watch the weekly announcements for more information!



## God's Wonder Lab VBS 2023

**\*Key Theme: Jesus Does the Impossible**

**\*Key Bible Verse: He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1 Daily**

**\*Take Home Points: Jesus is God and cares about me! Jesus is with me all the time! Jesus heals me! Jesus saves me and gives me life!**

We had a wonderful week filled with Bible stories, crafts, games, songs and science! We learned about Jesus and His miracles of turning water into wine, walking on water, healing the sick and raising the dead to life. And we learned about His greatest miracle - His death and resurrection - victory over death for us all!

We collected an offering each night to benefit Mission US, an outreach project that sends books about God's love to kids in communities all over the United States. Our offering goal was \$150.00. We quickly met and exceeded that goal with a final collection total of \$217.00! Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you to all the parents and the 13 children who joined us for VBS week. We pray it was a blessing to you and your family. Thank you to the VBS staff for volunteering your time and talents during the months of preparation and the week of VBS. It was a great success and a blessing to our church family.

**Your sister in Christ, Kathy Welch VBS Coordinator 2023**



## Lutheran Women *in Mission*

### Lutheran Women's Missionary League

#### 40TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, also known as Lutheran Women in Mission, welcomed over 3,500 people to their 40th biennial convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22–25, 2023, under the theme "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations." The convention theme was based on Psalm 33:12–13.

#### 2023–2025 Mission Goal and Mission Grants

The Lutheran Women in Mission voting body adopted a \$2,350,000 mission goal for the 2023–2025 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 31 mission grants, as women and men respond in prayer and mite offerings during the next two years. Here is the list of Mission Grant Recipients:

1. Orphan Grain Train Servant Center — Orphan Grain Train, U.S. \$100,000
2. A Healing Space for At-Risk Children — Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota \$100,000
3. Serving God's Children with Special Needs — Journeys Lutheran School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin \$100,000
4. Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment — Lutheran Braille Workers \$100,000
5. Disaster Response Team — Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler, Texas \$50,000
6. Mobile Kitchen — Forged by Fire Services, Gulf Coast Region, U.S. \$85,000
7. Upheld by God's Hand, Mental Health Outreach — LCMS Life Ministry \$96,500
8. Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri \$100,000
9. Equipping Young Leaders — LCMS Youth Ministry \$50,000
10. Set Apart To Serve — LCMS Office of Pastoral Education \$100,000
11. Lutheran Women in Mission Finish the Job — Ministry in Mission, Haiti \$85,000
12. Sharing Christ Crucified with High School Youth — Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans, Louisiana \$35,000
13. Water and the Word — Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya \$80,000
14. Enhancement of Deaf Ministry and Outreach — Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society, U.S. \$47,000
15. Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals — Trinity HOPE \$58,082
16. Care for Street Children of Western Kenya — Capstone Ministries \$50,000
17. Nurturing Faith for the Aging — Lutheran Ministries Media (Worship Anew) \$100,000
18. Zoe's Home Support — Zoe's Home, Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton, Missouri \$75,000
19. Tanzania Children's Homes — Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, Africa \$74,500
20. Sharing Christ with Women and Children in Kazakhstan — Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000
21. Healthy Together: Healthy Workers, Healthy Church — Lutheran Family Services \$106,000
22. Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in the United States — Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000
23. A Legacy of Love for Special Needs Children — Lutheran Special Education Ministries \$100,000

24. God's Word for Central & South American Missions — Lutheran Heritage Foundation \$100,000
25. Bringing God's Word to India — India Bible Translation Project \$100,000
26. Life Connection Events and Kits — Lutherans for Life \$70,000
27. Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry — Hope Lutheran, South Sioux City, Nebraska \$50,000
28. Growing Our Place: Care for Special Needs Students — Our Place After School Care, Inc., Nebraska \$20,000
29. Repairs for St. Paul's Lutheran School — St. Paul's Lutheran School, Cullman, Alabama \$50,000
30. Showering Love on the Least of These — Mercy Holistic Ministry, California \$100,000
31. Breaking Generational Poverty in Detroit— Camp Restore Detroit, Michigan, Partial Payment of \$58,988.62

### **LWML Elects New Leaders to the Board of Directors**

The newly elected officers for the 2023–2027 term are:

- President: Eden Keefe, LWML Kansas District
- Vice President of Organizational Resources: Arlene Naasz, LWML South Dakota District
- Vice President of Special Focus Ministries: Karol Selle, LWML North Wisconsin District
- Treasurer: Anita Werner, LWML Rocky Mountain District
- Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Mark Maas, LWML Wyoming District

### **The LWML Nominating Committee Was Elected for the 2023–2025 Biennium**

The newly elected members of the Nominating Committee are:

- Chairman: Olajumoke Odedele, LWML New Jersey District
- Committee Member: Deaconess Betty Knapp, LWML North Wisconsin District
- Committee Member: Laura Strattman, LWML Central Illinois District
- Committee Member: Melissa Vance, LWML South Dakota District
- Committee Member: Roxanne Pieper, LWML Minnesota South District

### **The LWML Board of Directors Approved Appointed Officers**

The newly Appointed Officers are:

- Strategic Plan Facilitator: Cheryl Mattil, LWML Texas District
- Meeting Manager: Leslie Colligan, LWML New England District
- Public Relations Director: Debbie Yocky, LWML Rocky Mountain District

### **Thank You for Your Generous Support**

Convention offerings, the Mission Pledge Walk, and Tee Up for Mites donations are still being received. Final totals will be announced in an eNews article. Gifts from the Heart donation totals and recipients will also be provided.

### **About LWML**

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the leading women's organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries, and to support global missions. We're a nonprofit organization that encourages women to joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and to honor God by serving others.

## ***NEWS FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE:***



- On July 18<sup>th</sup>, the Church Council approved a bid for \$7,800 to have Midwest Complete Construction build a new entryway into the basement as the other one has fallen into disrepair. Clayton will follow up with MCC to begin construction job.
- Two items going to the Voters (on July 30<sup>th</sup>) are a sound system for gym and cafeteria (working with Finn AV/IT Solutions in Milan) and an electric sign out in front of the building (working with Signs Now in Davenport). Results from the Voters Meeting will follow in the September Image.
- Stained glass window repair in the Sanctuary – “Glass Blast” was contacted and has inspected the windows in need of repair. No formal estimate was received by the date of the Council meeting. More information to follow.

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### ***Cemetery Clean-Up***



The tree damage at the cemetery has been cleaned up. Included on the invoice, the tree company will come back in the Fall to trim the big oak tree. We will be checking into if any further clean-up needs to be done by volunteers.

Ron has contacted Jared at Chippianock regarding stone repairs. There will be a \$50/hour flat fee for the repairs. Ron will discuss this further with Jared at a later time.

If you have any questions or would be interested in assisting with clean-up, please contact Ron Mau – or you contact the office at 309-786-3391 or email [ilchurch@mchsi.com](mailto:ilchurch@mchsi.com) .

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**Membership Changes:**                      **None this month.**

**Changes/Additions to current directory:**                      **None this month.**

**Memorials Received in July:**                      **None**

***We ask God for His blessing upon all our members, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month including:***



*August 2: Payton Mills (15)*

*August 3 – Nancy Herman*

*August 8 – Kelly Cortez, Kylie Cortez, Scott Welch*

*August 9 – Karen Esparza, Bill Wiebel*

*August 14 – Kathy Nelson*

*August 16 – Jordan Copeland, Roger Kramer*

*August 19 – Millie Eckardt (9)*

*August 21 – Stacy Biscontine*

*August 23 – Elena Ayers*

*August 24 – Jameson Ayers (7), Kirsten Byerly-Davis, Janice Rusk*

*August 25 - Zane Ayers (10), Ryker Ayers (10)*

*August 26 – Myron Hazen, Sarah Swift*

*August 27 – Kamdyn Fiedler (2), Brenda Weisenborn*

*August 30 – Jon Ford, Sheila Kiddoo*

*Stephen & Pamela Saunders – August 11, 1973 – Happy 50<sup>th</sup>!!*

*Doug & Ellen Campbell – August 24, 1961*

*Tyler & Carrie Werke – August 31, 2013*



***\*NOTE – Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed to the best of our records. If you find a mistake or any missing information, please notify the office. Thank You!***





## Pregnancy Resources Walk for Life 2023!

**You are part of God's beautiful Mosaic!** Help empower a mom or dad to make an informed decision regarding pregnancy when life hangs in the balance.

**Show your support** for moms, dads, and the preborn!

**Put on your Walking Shoes** and help make Lifesaving & practical help available.

**Be engaged...Take BOLD STEPS. [Register Here](#)**

**Saturday, September 9th, 2023.**

Become a **Fundraising Registered Walker**, or **Sponsor** your favorite **Walker** to support life-affirming services then...

- **Walk Check-in** begins at **8:30 AM**.
- **Walk** with family & friends anytime between **9 AM and 10:30 AM**.
- Enjoy a 2-mile family-friendly walk with scenic river views, live music, and refreshments.

**What can your BOLD STEPS & fundraising provide?**

1. **Pregnancy Testing with full options information** to help a mom make an informed decision.
2. **Life-affirming Ultrasound with a trained R.N.** so a mom or dad can see their child for the first time as life hangs in the balance.
3. **NEW Post-Abortion Medical Screening** – Provide needed Medical Screening for post-abortive women in the weeks after an abortion for their health.
4. Help launch the **NEW brick-and-mortar location** at the Q.C. Mission in East Moline and expand life-saving early pregnancy care.
5. Plus, much more.

Consider how you would like to participate in this year's Walk for Life to help meet the unique spiritual, physical, and practical needs of every mom and dad entrusted to our care.



## Define Your Life by How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relation-ships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others,” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we do not become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)



## The Camp CILCA Lowdown

August, 2023

217-487-7497 / [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org)

4124 Camp Cilca Rd.

Cantrall, IL 62625

### SAVE THE DATE:

- **August 5: Homecoming!**
  - Food Truck, games, swimming, vendors, face painting, swimming, boating, wagon rides, and more. This **free** event is a great way to close out the summer season.
- **September 3: Chicken Fry and Auction**
  - Fresh fried chicken and all the sides.
  - Auction items up for bid. Preview all auction items at [cilca.org/auction-items](http://cilca.org/auction-items)
  - Make a weekend of it and camp out with friends from across the state.

Find out more at [www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org)

*Camp CILCA exists to strengthen and foster faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.*

Find out more at [www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org)



**Dollar for Missions:** A Dollar for Missions invites each of us to contribute one extra dollar per week for designated mission projects in our Central Illinois District. The current project is to help one of our campus ministries, University Lutheran Church in Champaign, to purchase a 12-passenger van. Project cost: \$35,000. [See the short video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTJMrrtQtV8>]

We are grateful the donations that have been given to this point. *As of the end of May, CID has received \$11,706.38 in DFM funds.*

# Christ the King (Cristo Rey) Lutheran Church



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Rev. Pablo G. Domínguez



## Newsletter August 2023



One day, I decided to do some yard work. I had the correct tools and gloves for my hands; so, I started to dig in the soil. I wanted to install an underground water pipe. After only a moment, I felt some little stings on my left arm from ants. I brushed them away and continued to finish my task. Later, I noticed various red marks on my arm and a huge desire to scratch them. Well, my friends, after four days I still have various red marks. How did these little ants have such tremendous power to cause me this much discomfort? They were just defending themselves from me.

This reminds me of people who try to defend themselves by saying that “little sins” or “white sins” are not so bad. Maybe all of us have thought the same thing. Have you ever thought this way? If we are truthful, it is very easy to commit “little sins” or “white sins” every day. And what about the big sins? Do you know how many times you sin every day? They are so numerous we can’t count them! Only Jesus’ blood provides forgiveness for our sins and cleanses us of our evil. 1 John 1:9 says: *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* This is an extraordinary promise! God forgives us when we confess both little sins and big sins. We praise our good Lord for his merciful grace and love to us.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, East Moline.:** CR participated in this event. Volunteers including children, youth, and adults distributed Arch books to the children along the parade route as well as church and activities information to the adults. We participated with the KALA Radio station team. On this radio station is where CR has a live program every Saturday from 7-8 am proclaiming the Gospel to Hispanic listeners.



**Prison Ministry:** On July 6 an inmate at the East Moline Correctional Center was baptized and received into the Christian church after taking classes with Rev. Paul Weber, who is both the center’s Chaplain as well as pastor, at Faith, Kewanee, IL. Bible Study at the center is conducted totally in Spanish and attendance is now 15-17 people. Thank you, Lord!

**Evangelism Course:** During July, I am teaching an Evangelism course in order to motivate CR members to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people they know.

**Beardstown Ministry:** I continue to conduct services in Spanish twice a month at St John Lutheran Church in Beardstown with an attendance of 5-12 people. I ask for your prayers for the families that attended.

**New Logo:** Very soon, CR will have a new church logo! New signs for the outside of the church building will be made using the new logo and updated telephone number.

It has been almost 21 years since I came to the Quad Cities to begin a Hispanic ministry. During all these years we have always received the help of the Central Illinois District, the churches of the RI Circuit, and the Hispanic Council formed by members of the churches of the RI Circuit. At first, only my family of 5 gathered at St John's, EM. Soon we moved to the Christian Activity Center, a store front on 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. in East Moline. As God provided the increase, a former John Deere Credit Union building was purchased and converted into a very nice church building where we are able to proclaim the Good News to the Hispanic Community. God has been leading and guiding the entire way. Throughout all these years, many families have come to church faithfully, but then some stop attending and fall away. We have had ups and downs, and I assure you that if everyone who has come over the years had continued to come, we would have to build a bigger building! We praise God that He has built this church from nothing. There are currently 10 families attending for a total of 35 people, (13 children, 3 youth and 19 adults) All this by the grace of God! Our mission statement still stands: Planting the Gospel's Seed in the QC. **All glory and honor to God!**

**Dear Friends of Cristo Rey, how can we ever thank you for your faithful support of Cristo Rey over the years? This month marks twenty-one years of ministry among the Hispanics in the Quad Cities area.**

**We praise God for what He has accomplished during these years,  
and we thank YOU for your prayers and financial support.**

**Many have been brought to saving faith in Jesus Christ, and His church is growing!  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen and amen!**

#### **Prayers Needed:**

- For the spread of the Gospel among the Hispanic people. Pray that the Gospel seeds will fall on good ground in the hearts of those who hear and read and that the fruits of faith may appear.

*Have you ever visited us at Facebook?  
Please, follow us. Just type: Cristo Rey Lutheran Church.*

FB: FB Live continues Mondays and Fridays at 4:00 pm and visits continue to Beardstown Latino Ministry.

## Free to Die: The Martyrs as Our Christian Heroes

### A DOXOLOGY Seminar

August 12, 2023 — Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA

**Register:** <https://www.doxology.us/event/2023-free-to-die-ia-seminar/>

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### Presenters: Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller & Rev. David Fleming

#### Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller

Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller is pastor of St. Paul and Jesus Deaf Lutheran Churches in Austin, TX. He is the author of *Take They Our Life: Martin Luther's Theology of Martyrdom* (2019), *A Martyr's Faith for a Faithless World* (CPH, 2019), *Has American Christianity Failed?* (CPH, 2016) and *Final Victory: Contemplating the Death and Funeral of a Christian* (CPH, 2010). He is host of **What-Not, The Podcast**, posts videos on YouTube at [wolfmueller1](#), and has a number of other theological projects that all end up on his blog, [www.wolfmueller.co](http://www.wolfmueller.co). Bryan is a member of the DOXOLOGY Collegium. He and his wife Keri live with their four children in Round Rock, TX.

#### Rev. David Fleming

Pastor Fleming is DOXOLOGY's Executive Director for Spiritual Care and a Collegium Fellow. He remains a part time pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, MI where he served as Senior Pastor from 1993-2019. He previously served in Warrenville, IL, a Chicago suburb, and is a 1986 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. He serves on the Concordia University Wisconsin Board of Regents. Rev. Fleming co-wrote "God's Love at Christmas", the 2010 Advent-Christmas resource from Concordia Publishing House. David and his wife, Jo Marie, née Wunderlich, have three children and three granddaughters.

#### Registration:

- Cost: \$20 (\$10 for High School, College, and Seminary students) includes registration, conference materials, lunch and refreshments. (Lunch is guaranteed to those who register through July 31st.)
- Pastors can register for both Saturday's seminar and Friday's preconference for \$20 total.
- First come first served; register NOW for this timely seminar.

**Who should attend:** Pastors, church workers, and all interested laity— everyone!

**Location:** Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 1122 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804. [Click here](#) for map.

**Event flyer, with schedule:** [here](#)

**Lodging:** Area hotel options may be found [here](#)

**Registration closes at midnight on Friday, August 4th.**

Cancellation Policy: Contact [NEwert@doxology.us](mailto:NEwert@doxology.us) for more information.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 9:30 am Bible Study	<b>2</b> 7 PM RI Circuit LCMS Youth Group Planning Mtg.	<b>3</b> 7 pm Youth Group Prog. Bd. Mtg.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 7:15 am Bd. of Elders 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS Youth at Zion – T. Ridge	<b>7</b> 8-4 RICC Home School	<b>8</b> 9:30 am Bible Study	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 
<b>13</b> 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS	<b>14</b> 8-4 RICC Home School	<b>15</b> 9:30 am Bible Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS	<b>21</b> 8-4 RICC Home School	<b>22</b> 9:30 am Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS	<b>28</b> 8-4 RICC Home School	<b>29</b> 9:30 am Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Calendar subject to change. Any changes will be listed in weekly announcements.</b>	



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### **Sunday Schedule**

Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM

Bible Study at 10:15 AM – Sunday School at 10:15 AM

We invite you to join us for worship and Bible Study and the fellowship of Christians who share in the joy of salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**All Sunday services are “live” streamed on Facebook at 9 am Sundays and posted to the church’s YouTube channel at:** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWLcoXZtMq13HOqRo\\_uifqg/featured?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWLcoXZtMq13HOqRo_uifqg/featured?view_as=subscriber).

***Additionally, you can tune in to Pastor’s nightly devotion each evening at 9 pm “live” on Facebook or find it on the church’s YouTube page later.***