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## YES Ministries



### Making an IMPACT

Impact/noun/: the force of impression of one thing or person upon another; a significant or major effect.

“If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The cross of Christ has made an impact on us. He has claimed us through our baptism. He continues to feed us at His table and nurture us through His Word.

“I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ” (Philemon 6).

Because of Christ we are privileged to make an impact on children, youth, and families in our congregation and community.

### Youth gatherings make an impact

“ImpACT is the theme of the fall Youth Gathering. The event will be held on November 27-29 at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines. Registration information has been sent to congregations and is available on the District Web site.

“The King’s Keys” is the theme of the October 31-November 1 Junior Youth Gathering at the Des Moines Downtown Marriott. Iowa West native and Concordia Theological Seminary professor Rev. Jeff Pulse will lead the adventure into the Office of the Keys and Confession. Registration information has been sent to congregations and is available on the District Web site.

Registration for the 2010 LCMS national “We Believe” youth gathering begins this fall. DCEs Cindy Storm and Amy Schmidt are available to assist youth groups in exploring this triennium opportunity. The gathering will be held July 17-21 in New Orleans. Servant events in the greater New Orleans community will be a key part of the event.

### Lutheran schools make an impact

Joyce Hetletvedt, teacher at Zion-St. John Lutheran School, Paullina uses the “Jesus time” to celebrate the blessings of baptism with her kindergarten class. During the past school year students Andrew and Brayden stated, “We’re not baptized.” Home visits and parent-teacher conferences provided

follow-up to their statement. Pastor Daniel Wagner made contact with the families. The conversations and instruction led to a special school chapel service where the two kindergarten students, a mother and two sisters of one student, and the brother of another student where all baptized. The students of Zion-St. John Lutheran School had the opportunity to witness God’s grace at work in these families and to remember God’s grace to them through



their own baptism. Each year numerous children and their families are brought into the family of the church through Lutheran schools and preschools. Praise God!

### Camp VBS makes an impact

“Solid Rock” the 2009 Camp VBS program presented the Rock that is Jesus to 30 District congregations; several settings by the traveling Camp Okoboji program team; six congregations in Los Angeles by the IOWAY team; a mission site in South Korea by a Trinity, Algona mission team; and an Indian reservation in South Dakota by a mission team from Zion, Humboldt. Thank God for the “Solid Rock” organizing team: Rev. David Daumer, Angela Naeve, Kristin Kaldahl, Jill Alliger, Ellie Menz, and Executive Assistant Rev. Bob Riggert. Resources for 2010 are being explored.

### Stewardship Education makes an impact

Many congregations include a fall stewardship emphasis in worship and Bible study. In addition to nurturing disciples, stewardship education also increases resources for ministry in the congregation and beyond. “Consecrated Stewards” is an intensive process developed by Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Six District consultants have been trained and are available to congregations. A sample kit for a three week sermon/Bible study series “Excel In The Grace of Giving” is also available free

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Church, Des Moines, Iowa, Installed July 26, 2009 by Rev. Bill Van Nostrand at Prince of Peace, Fort Dodge.

- Rev. Nicholas Thackery, Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Emmetsburg and Peace Lutheran Church, West Bend, Ordained and Installed August 9, 2009 by President Paul Sieveking at St. Paul, Emmetsburg.
- Rev. John Rutz, Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church, Hastings and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oakland, Ordained August 2, 2009 by Rev. Steve Turner at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Livermore, Iowa, Installed August 16, 2009 by President Paul Sieveking at St. John, Hastings.

### 50th Anniversary

Faith Lutheran Church, Early, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its founding on Sunday, November 8. They will have a regular service at 10 a.m. that morning. They will then have a catered dinner. At 1 p.m. they will have a special afternoon service. They are planning a Sunday School bell choir, historical account and several numbers by the Community Crooners. The afternoon will conclude with refreshments.

Everyone interested is invited to attend the celebration, especially the afternoon program.

Faith Lutheran was started when a number of members of Immanuel Lutheran, Cook Township, decided to start a congregation in Early. Their first service was held on November 1, 1959 in the Municipal Building auditorium. They met in this venue until their church building was completed in 1962.

### 2009 Church Secretarial Conference



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The fall 2009 conference is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009 at First English Lutheran Church in Spencer, Iowa. The planning committee is thrilled to announce that Jenny Herrick is our special speaker for the day. Be sure to reserve this date on your calendar.

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of charge from the District office.

### Men's Ministry Makes an impact

"God in My World" is the theme of the November 14, 2009 Men's Ministry Breakfast hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sioux City. Keynote presenters will be Rich Cohrs who is instrumental in developing the new men's ministry initiatives through Lutheran Hour Ministries and President Paul Sieveking who will share mission insights for our post-modern world.

### Joy in Ministry

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the support of endowments, memorials, and gifts from congregations and individual donors, Iowa District West will provide \$130,000 to support their ministry preparation. Gifts to support these and future workers are extremely important and can be directed to "Joy in Ministry" at Iowa District West. District staff and students are also available to tell the story of ministry recruitment and student support.

### Mission News

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Winterset and look forward to our ongoing partnership in other ways as we work together for the extension of the Gospel within our communities, throughout the District, and into all the world (IDW Mission Statement)!

### Chosen For Service

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these gifts of God were so obvious among the Thessalonians Paul knew they had been chosen by God.

Be assured that He has chosen you, too. This is the greatest comfort and the greatest joy you can know in this life. He has chosen you because He loves you. He has chosen you to be His child and to live with Him now and forever. He has chosen you for service. He has chosen you for works of faith, for labors of love, for endurance inspired by hope.

Thank God... you are chosen!