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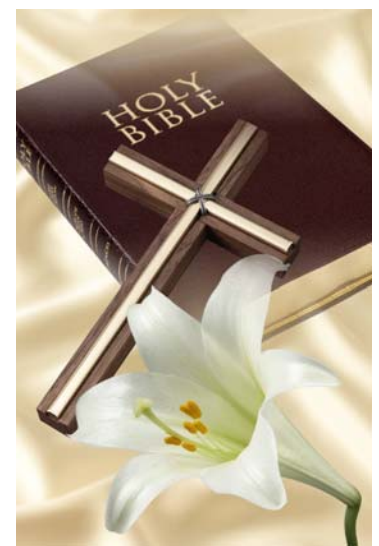
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ALSO INCLUDED . . .

- Weekly Bible Study Inserts (4)
- Pastors Golf Outing

Calendar of Events

- April 2—Good Friday, District Office Closed
- April 8—Sowing Seeds of Faith Seminar, St. Paul, Ames
- April 9-10—Clergy Wives Retreat, Camp Okoboji
- April 12-13—District Pastors Conference, Sioux City
- April 13—Sowing Seeds of Faith Seminar, Redeemer, Sioux City
- April 15—Sowing Seeds of Faith Seminar, St. John, Clarinda
- April 17—Men's Ministry Breakfast, Trinity, Algona



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CALL ACCEPTED

Rev. Jonathan Conner, Sanborn, to Manning.

COMMISSION MINISTER-CALL ACCEPTED

Jonathan Baumgartel, Zion-St. John, Paullina, to Trinity, Cedar Rapids, IA.

Personal Missions Information

64% of non-Christians pray, 60% of them pray daily. This statistic might seem surprising at first, but it should not be. We know that most non-Christians are not committed atheists, and that people today are typically very open to “spiritual” things, but to whom are these 60% of non-Christians praying daily? Because they do not know Jesus, the god they are praying to can be no more than “to whom it may concern.” for those of us who know Jesus, we know also that God is our Father who has promised to hear our prayers for His sake. How could prayer be an open door for you to tell someone you know about Jesus so that they can know to whom they pray and have confidence that they will be heard?

RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ **Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival** invites youth (grades 8-12) to use music as a catalyst for an exploration of personal faith and creativity. Students engage in individual instrument lessons; chamber ensembles; musicianship classes, symphony orchestra, choir and/or band; electives and a culminating Festival of performances. Applications for the academy and for financial assistance for the experiences are available at www.lutheransummermusic.org.
- ❖ **Lutheran Hour Ministries** is now available on satellite radio (Christian Satellite Network). A list of CSN stations is available at www.csnradio.com/stations.htm. The Hour's men's ministry “Men's NetWork” offers a variety of devotional materials and network experiences. Visit www.lhmmen.com for more information.
- ❖ Do you serve, or would you like to server, Spanish-speaking people in your community with the Gospel? Or are you planning a mission trip to Central or South America? If so, the **Lutheran Heritage Foundation** (LHF) has a free resource that will soon be available to you: the Spanish edition of the *Holy Bible*, bound with *Luther's Small Catechism*. To pre-order copies, visit the LHF website at www.LHFmission.org/Spanish_Bible_Poll, where you can also take a poll to help LHF decide how many copies of the Bible/catechism to print, in what version, in hardcover or soft cover. LHF's materials are provided at no charge to those who need them.
- ❖ The fellowship Committee of St. Paul's, Council Bluffs is sponsoring a Fall Tour to Michigan and Indiana (including St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne). Contact the church office (712-322-4729) or Ed Termuende (712-325-6984) for more information. Dates of the trip are September 16-22.

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