



!AMIGOS EN CRISTO!

News from IDW Hispanic Ministry in Denison, Storm Lake,
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Palm Sunday in Storm Lake



Missionary Henry Witte joined me for Good Friday services at Storm Lake and Denison.



Children in Denison for the Easter Festival worship service.

HOLY WEEK: A SPECIAL WEEK

God blessed our Hispanic ministry during the weeks of Lent and the final Holy Week leading up to Easter. The pictures at the left are examples of our special worship services in Storm Lake and Denison. The week started with Palm Sunday and special processions with Palms. In Denison we were able to enjoy the beautiful day and process outside of the church.

On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday we had special services in Storm Lake and Denison. Hispanic Missionary Henry Witte, our missionary in Sioux City, came to both churches on Good Friday to preach the Word. So it was a long evening for Henry to get back to Sioux City. We appreciate his friendship and support for our work together.

The highlight of the week was of course Easter. I had been preparing the congregation during the six weeks of Lent about the importance of Easter. For many Hispanics the tradition of Lent and especially Holy Week is very strong in their home countries but the Easter celebration is almost an afterthought. I want to help them appreciate the joys of our wonderful Lutheran traditions of special Easter celebrations.

And thankfully in all of our special services we had above normal attendance. I was especially pleased that in Denison we had almost 60 in attendance on Easter Sunday. Our goal there this year is to have 50 each Sunday in attendance. During this past quarter we had an average of 55 each Sunday. We pray our members will continue to be faithful and bring friends and family.

In Des Moines we also continue to worship each Sunday at 5:00 pm at Our Saviour. While we have only two regular families we have faith that God will bless our plans for this spring and summer to increase our outreach. Please keep this new and very large mission field in your prayers and give me a call if you have friends, family, or contacts in the Des Moines area who speak Spanish and may have a heart for mission work.



LWML RALLY IN ALTOONA

One of the blessings of my ministry is to speak at times at congregational events and services about Hispanic mission work. On March 27 I was able to speak to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at their Spring Rally at Christ the King Lutheran in Altoona. The picture at the left shows the ladies gathering for the event. IDW Missionary Pat Monroe was also there to interpret for the deaf ladies. I have always been a big fan of the LWML as I started my ministry in Florida through a grant from this special mission organization. My prayer is that the LWML convention this summer will pass our mission grant proposal for "Hispanic Bilingual Workers for Mission sites in IDW."

MY TYSON CHAPLAINCY AT THE BEEF PLANT IN DENISON

Again this year I was asked to speak at the Career Day event at IKM-Manning Middle School in Manilla. In the picture I am speaking to 5th and 6th graders about my work as a Lutheran bilingual missionary pastor working with Spanish speaking immigrants. As part of that work I also serve as a Chaplain at Tyson Foods. I spoke to 6 different classes, over 100 students and teachers. I think I met at least 6 children whose parents or relatives work at our plant. The children were eager listeners and asked great questions as did the teachers.



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PLEASE PRAY: + In thanksgiving for growth during the Lenten season and the joys of a special Easter celebration. + For plans for our annual Cinco de Mayo Hispanic celebration in May in Denison. + For our new adult Confirmation classes in Storm Lake and Denison. + For new contacts in Des Moines, the support of area pastors, and for bilingual volunteers to help us develop a network for this new ministry. + For plans in May to begin a new ESL class in Storm Lake. + In thanksgiving for the many individuals and congregations of Iowa District West who are so supportive of this ministry and the many other opportunities for outreach in their own communities.