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## Calendar of Events



### **November**

- 5-7—Rural Ministry Conference, Nebraska City, NE
- 8—IOWAY Banquet, Carroll
- 26-27—Thanksgiving Holiday, District Office Closed
- 27-29—District Youth Gathering, Des Moines

### **December**

- 24-25—Christmas Holiday, District Office Closed
- 28-January 4—IOWAY Mission Trip

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### CALLS RECEIVED

Rev. Jon Dunbar, Algona, to Manning.  
Rev. Paul Frank, Manilla, to Mesa, AZ.  
Rev. Mark Hansen, Deloit/Kiron, to Rock Rapids.

### CALL DECLINED

Rev. Daniel Wagner, Zion, Paullina, to Villard/Grove Lake, MN.

### **Missionary Monroe Update**

One of IDW's missionaries to the deaf, Pat Monroe, was involved in an accident with a semi last month. By God's grace Pat's life was spared, but she did suffer a broken pelvis and other broken bones in the hip and leg area, as well as multiple bruises. Following a week's stay in the hospital, Pat is recovering at home. Please remember her in your prayers and with cards. Her address is 128 N 40th Street, Apt. A, Council Bluffs, IA 51501.

### **Mission Invitations for Children and Youth**

"Amigos en Cristo" (friends in Christ) is the focus of the Sunday school, Midweek, Lutheran School mission project. Children's ministry groups are invited to be partners in this project during this school year. Invite the children to bring Jesus as the Friend of our Hispanic friends and neighbors. Information is included in this "Monthly."

Youth groups are encouraged to tithe their national gathering or District gathering fundraisers or in other ways support the work of Dr. Lo and family in Indonesia. The goal is \$5,000 for this year. Checks can be sent to the District Office or to Mission Central.

### **Well done stewards!**

As harvest time nears, we are reminded of the harvest of blessings. Fall is a great time for stewardship education. Consider "Consecrated Steward," "Excel in the Grace of Giving," "First Fruits Giving Week" or other resources that are recommended through the District Office. Iowa District West has six trained Consecrated Steward consultants ready to serve in any region of the District.

### ***The Parish Paper***

The District staff will continue to monitor the content of "The Parish Paper." Recognizing the growing diversity in our communities, this month's topic "Seven Roads to a Multicultural Congregation" may be helpful to many congregations.

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