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- Weekly Bible Study Inserts (4)
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## Calendar of Events

### October

- 5-6—New Worker Orientation, Camp Okoboji
- 6-7—Board of Directors Retreat, Camp Okoboji
- 12-13—District Pastors Conference, Gloria Dei, Urbandale
- 22-23—Teachers Conference, Gloria Dei, Urbandale
- 31-November 1—Jr. Youth Gathering, Des Moines

### 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



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**CALL ACCEPTED**

DELTO Candidate Gene Krueger, to Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines.

**Cover the Kids**

Jesus covers His kids with His grace! Church and community work together to cover the temporal, physical, and emotional needs of children. The state of Iowa has proposed October 18 as "Cover the Kids" day. Families whose children are uninsured may qualify for the state's Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa. Information is available at the local Department of Human Services office or by visiting [www.hawk-i.org](http://www.hawk-i.org) or calling 1-800-257-8563.

**ImpACT!**

Registrations for the Iowa District West Youth Gathering are to be submitted to DCE Amy Schmidt by October 13. Youth from across Iowa will celebrate the impact of Jesus and their Spirit-directed impact as Jesus' followers. Youth will again have the opportunity to bring toys for the Los Angeles Nehemiah Christmas toy mission outreach. Toys can be brought to the Embassy Suites on Friday or Saturday, November 27-28. Donors can also contact Ellie Menz for other pick-up or delivery sites.

**Connecting to District Chaplains**

Members (and friends) hospitalized in Des Moines and Sioux City are blessed with the spiritual care of Chaplains Rev. Jim Brammeier, Des Moines ([jebrammeier@msn.com](mailto:jebrammeier@msn.com)) and Rev. Steve Benson, Sioux City ([steve.benson@idwlcms.org](mailto:steve.benson@idwlcms.org)). Contact these special partners as special needs arise in these settings.

St. Luke Regional Medical Center and Mercy Medical Center, Sioux City, are offering a special event on Thursday, October 29 as part of "Spiritual Care Week 2009." The event will be held at Mercy Medical Center. Contact Chaplain Benson for more information (see email above).

**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. More information will be coming soon.

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.

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