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## Calendar of Events

- 6—Labor Day, District Office Closed
- 10-12—Lay Leadership Institute, Fort Dodge
- 16—District Youth Services Committee, Fort Dodge
- 20—Pastors Golf Outing, Ida Grove
- 21—Secretarial Conference, Ankeny
- 27-28—District Pastors Conference, Urbandale



Looking ahead!

**Men's Ministry Breakfast**

November 6, 2010—Denison

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### CALL DECLINED

Rev. Dave Dahlke, West Des Moines, to DeWitt, IA.

### CALL ACCEPTED

Rev. Jon Dunbar, Algona, to Utica, NE.

### **COMMISSIONED MINISTERS**

#### CANDIDATES PLACED

Megan Koziel, Concordia, Seward, to Mt. Olive, Des Moines.

Anna Meyer, Concordia, Seward, to Trinity, Boone.

#### CALL RECEIVED

Paul Johnson, DCE, Manhattan, KS, to St. Paul, Garner.

### **From the IDW Personal Missions Committee**

Among the four prominent generations of American adults, at least 33% (age 64+) and as many as 56% (under age 25) of individuals believe that the Bible, the Quran, and the Book of Mormon contain the same spiritual truths. Do you know what differentiates Christianity in general, and Lutheranism in particular, from the things taught in these other religious writings? Could you articulate the difference in a conversation with an unbeliever? The Apostle Peter instructs us to “always be prepared to give a reason to anyone who asks for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15). The Gospel of Jesus is unlike any religious path or spiritual truth because it centers on what He has done for us rather than what we must do for Him. This is the reason Christians possess a hope that the world can neither achieve nor understand.

### **CELEBRATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS**

❖ The 29th annual Lutheran Summer Music Academy (LSM) took place at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa from June 20 to July 18. Three participants from Iowa District West were among the 149 students accepted into the program. Congratulations to Jocelyn and Laura Hansen of Trinity, Odebolt and Sarah Nolte of Faith, Winterset. LSM 2011 will mark the program’s 30th anniversary and will be held June 26 to July 24 at Luther College. For more information visit [www.lutheransummermusic.org](http://www.lutheransummermusic.org).

### **RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

- ❖ Caring congregations have the opportunity to direct qualifying families to the free and reduced rate health care of the “hawk-i” coverage provided through the Department of Human Services of the State of Iowa. September 19 is “Cover the Kids” day where information is shared and applications are provided. Contact your local DHS office for more information.
- ❖ Students may have graduated from high school but they haven’t graduated from the need to be nurtured by the Word and ministered to by the congregation. Congregations are encouraged to keep in contact with young adults, to regularly pray for them and to connect with them with a Lutheran ministry on campus or in the community.
- ❖ Christ the King, Spencer invites us to the “Christ or Caricature” Seminar to be held on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at the church. The presenter will be Dr. Paul Maier, synodical vice-president and professor at Western Michigan University. Additional information is included with this “Monthly.”

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