

Gratefulness is the best lesson

Now that school is in session, the hopes of parents and grandparents are being realized.

Some hope their children will learn math and science so they will get good jobs. Some hope they will learn history and social studies so they will be good

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citizens. I hope they will learn to be grateful, so that they will be happy. When children are grateful for all that their parents do for them, the family unit is stronger, expectations are reasonable, and sharing is easier.

Schools, of course, can't teach gratefulness. This must be taught at home, as it is modeled by the parents. The parents should learn gratefulness at church.

Scripture teaches us that all we have comes from God. Grateful members are generous in their time, talent and treasure. They also bring to the congregation a warm, grace-filled, forgiving attitude. Congregations with grateful members are grateful themselves, participating in Christ's mission through Mission Support.



As congregations model grateful generosity to families, so parents are models to their children — because parents and grandparents are the earliest and best of teachers.

— *Pastor Mark Anderson*
Assistant to the Bishop

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Donate to Iowa Tornado Relief

Donations are still being accepted to help the Lutheran Disaster Response team respond to tornadoes that hit Marshalltown, Pella and Bondurant on July 19. The statewide LDR Team is a partnership of Lutheran Services in Iowa and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA.

Marshalltown and Pella were struck by EF-3 tornadoes, with winds reaching up to 144 miles per hour. Bondurant was struck by an EF-2 tornado.

No lives were lost, but at least 50 people were injured, and many families have been displaced. The damage to businesses — including a hospital and city buildings — homes, and vehicles is extensive.

Please consider donating to this relief effort and lifting up in prayer those affected by these storms.

To mail a donation, designate “2018 Iowa Tornado Relief” in the memo line of the check and mail to: *Lutheran Services in Iowa, Attn.: 2018 Iowa Tornado Relief, 106 16th St. SW, Waverly, IA 50677.*

Donations can also be made online at <https://lsiowa.org/disasterrelief>.

Two Safeguarding Workshops Offered

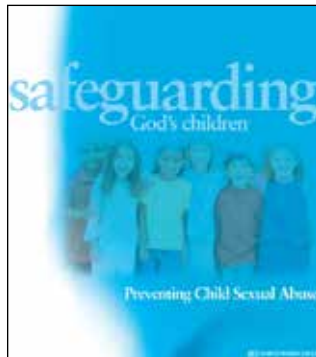
Two free training sessions of the “Safeguarding God’s Children” program will be offered in September. The sessions will provide information to help church staff and volunteers learn how to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and in their church ministries.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018

Nazareth, Cedar Falls, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
To register, call Nazareth at 319-266-7589.

Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018

St. Paul Lutheran, Volga, 1 - 4 p.m.
To register, call St. Paul at 563-933-6127.



OBITUARY

Pastor Bob Browne died on Aug. 14, 2018, at the age of 75. He was ordained on July 26, 1992. He served as pastor at Zion, Readlyn, and as associate pastor at Our Savior's, Waterloo. He retired on Jan. 1, 2010.

A memorial service is pending at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Waterloo.