

# The BEACON

## Holmes Lutheran Church

“The Christian Home”

“For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.” NIV.

What the revival society needs most today is the revival of the Christian home. It is more important than the revival of the church. The home is older in God’s plan. No revival gets far enough or lasts long enough if it does not affect the home. The character of the church is fixed by the home.

While it is of utmost importance to get people to come to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, if it is to last and get the best results, it will be because of parental example and prayer, because of holy influences wielded by a godly father and a pious mother in the Christian home.

The home as institution is fighting for its life. The high cost of living. The rush of modern life, all the fads which claim our time, promising much and giving little, the speed mania, the leisure/recreation mania, all are a menace to the quietness and simplicity of the true home. The table used to be the social center, where all the family met at mealtime but now, it’s often difficult to get everyone together for even one meal a day. The bond of common life in the home is broken.

Regard for the sanctity of the marriage vow has declined. Marriages are not only entered into lightly but also lightly set aside. Divorces can be obtained for any whim and court dockets are congested. Living together has become so common place that it is even tolerated by many who call themselves Christian. The prevalent low views on marriage are another indication of the decline of the Christian home.

There is also a decline of parental authority. The secret of self-control is lodged in the thought of being controlled. But in the average home parental authority is a joke. If your children are ruling the roost, you have been weak enough to permit it. It is bad for you but worse for them. A sense of the value of authority and restraint must be instilled in every child.

There is a decline in religious instruction. Your child’s soul doesn’t stand a chance if he or she has not been taught how to pray and the great truths about God and eternity. What is the religious life in your home? No doubt you provide well for the physical wants. Are you making provision for the spiritual? Is a blessing asked at your table? It is more important that what goes on the table. Do you have a family altar? If you care anything for your home, for the character of your children, for their present or eternal welfare. beware of a prayerless home.

The Christian home is needed for the sake of the nation. We must have leaders who possess strength and courage to stand up for their convictions and citizens whose ideals are high and clean. No nation is better than the home life of its people.

The Christian home is needed for the sake of your children. You love them and would do anything for them. But are you setting a Christian example? Are you sending them out into life with strong Christian principles so they can stand when temptations come? You feel that leaving your children enough money to be independent will be about the best you can do. It may be the worst. Money is least thing you can leaven them. It so often becomes a curse. Have you ever known personal salvation to be a curse? It isn’t money you need to leave your children, but faith in Christ as Lord and Savior, character, will-power, habits of reverence, of industry and devotion to duty.

God help us save our homes! If I had but one message, the chance to say one word to our nation and age, it would be a plea for the revival of the Christian home.

In His Service.

Pastor Jerome C. Nikunen



WRIGHT & FRANKLIN COUNTIES'  
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
PROGRAM

May 6, 2021  
11am - 12pm

LORD POUR OUT YOUR LOVE,  
LIFE AND LIBERTY

We are making some adjustments to our regular format for 2021, including space distancing. It's our desire to create an environment of unity and fellowship, while making each attendant feel secure and safe.

Program bulleting and self serve refreshments will be set at each table. Come in and make yourself comfortable. Please prayerfully consider joining us for an hour of prayer, worship and fellowship.

Dows Community Center  
119 East Ellsworth St.  
Dows, Iowa 50071

"Now the Lord is Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."  
II Corinthians 3:17

## Home Circle

Wed, May 5 @ 1:30pm

Devotion/Lesson-  
Naomi Lette

Hostess-  
Mary Jane Derscheid

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

*Nancy Rosendahl*



**SUNDAY, MAY 2nd**

**Home Circle will be having a Freewill Bazaar offering at the morning service. Most of the money goes to our Mission Budget. Whatever is not designated for the church will go to Home Circle. Thank you and God bless you in your giving.**

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