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December 2014

"DOSE OF WISDOM"

Advent 2014

This month in December is when the church celebrates the season of Advent. Advent is the time to prepare for the "coming" of Jesus, both as a baby in Bethlehem, but also preparing for Christ to come at the end of the world. As a family prepares the house and gets everything in proper alignment for the new baby to arrive safely into the world, so also that is what the church does for Christ. We prepare to receive the gifts Christ brings to us. How does Christ come to us? Christ comes to us in Word and Sacrament. Christ will come again on the last day when He will return to bring all believers with Him to heaven. This is what Advent is all about. Christ coming to His people, both now and also in the future as well. We repent and prepare for Christ to come and make His home in our lives and hearts.

We will be focusing on the readings from Luke chapter one and we will also be looking at various verses and sections from the Old Testament prophet Isaiah. We will have services at 11:00 and 6:00 p.m. these services will use the service of Matins in the morning and the service of Vespers in the evening. Once again the 5th through 8th grade catechumens have been learning the service of Vespers and will be leading the congregation in how to sing the music for the service of Vespers. Won't you please come and join us as we prepare and look forward to the birth of Jesus Christ in our world.

Also one last thing to mention here is we are going to watch the movie, The Nativity Story while having snacks and appetizers at the Legion Hall in Arcadia. This is open to the public so please invite your friends and family to what should be an enjoyable afternoon, December 14th at 4:00. So come one and come all as we watch the birth of Jesus in this film.

God's Blessings in Christ as you prepare and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Pastor Dose



Remember My Birthday?

As you well know, we are getting closer to my birthday. Every year there is a celebration in my honor and I think that this year the celebration will be repeated. During this time there are many people shopping for gifts, there are many radio announcements, TV commercials, and in every part of the world everyone is talking that my birthday is getting closer and closer. It is really very nice to know, that at least once a year, some people think of me

As you know, the celebration of my birthday began many years ago. At first people seemed to understand and be thankful of all that I did for them, but in these times, no one seems to know the reason for the celebration. Family and friends get together and have a lot of fun, but they don't know the meaning of the celebration.

I remember that last year there was a great feast in my honor. The dinner table was full of delicious foods, pastries, fruits, assorted nuts and chocolates. The decorations were exquisite and there were many, many beautifully wrapped gifts. But, do you want to know something? I wasn't invited. I was the guest of honor and they didn't remember to send me an invitation.

The party was for me, but when that great day came, I was left outside, they closed the door in my face..... and I wanted to be with them and share their table. In truth, that didn't surprise me because in the last few years all close their doors to me.

Since I was not invited, I decided to enter the party without making any noise. I went in and stood in a corner. They were all drinking; there were some who were drunk and telling jokes and laughing at everything. They were having a great time.

To top it all, this big fat man all dressed in red wearing a long white beard entered the room yelling Ho-Ho-Ho! He seemed drunk. He sat on the sofa and all the children ran to him, saying : "Santa Claus, Santa Claus"... as if the party were in his honor ! At 12 midnight all the people began to hug each other; I extended my arms waiting for someone to hug me and do you know no one hugged me.

Suddenly they all began to share gifts. They opened them one by one with great expectation. When all had been opened, I looked to see if, maybe, there was one for me. What would you feel if on your birthday everybody shared gifts and you did not get one ? I then understood that I was unwanted at that party and quietly left. Every year it gets worse. People only remember to eat and drink, the gifts, the parties and nobody remembers me.



I would like this Christmas that you allow me to enter into your life. I would like that you recognize the fact that almost two thousand years ago I came to this world to give my life for you, on the cross, to save you. Today I only want that you believe this with all your heart. I want to share something with you. As many didn't invite me to their party, I will have my own celebration, a grandiose party that no one has ever imagined, a spectacular party.

I'm still making the final arrangements. Today I am sending out many invitations and there is an invitation for you. I want to know if you wish to attend and I will make a reservation for you and write your name with golden letters in my great guest book. Only those on the guest list will be invited to the party. Those who don't answer the invitation, will be left outside.

Do you know how you can answer this invitation? it is by extending it to others whom you care for... I'll be waiting for all of you to attend my party this year... See you soonI love you !

- Jesus



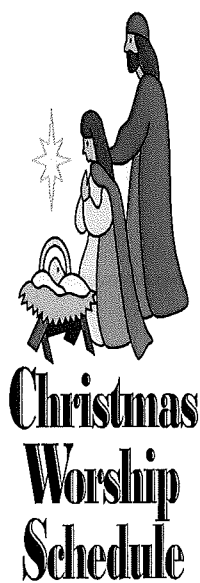
Offering Envelopes



The 2015 Offering Envelopes will be available for pickup during the later part of the month of December. Please stop by the table in the entry way to pick yours up. If you cannot locate yours, please let the office know.

There will NOT be a January newsletter due to the Annual report.

The Annual Voters Meeting will be held on Wednesday January 14th at 7:30 pm.



Wednesday	Dec 3	11:00 6:00	Advent Devotions Midweek Advent Service
Wednesday	Dec 10	11:00 6:00	Advent Devotions Midweek Advent Service
Wednesday	Dec 17	11:00 4:00 6:00	Advent Devotions Sunday School Children Program Practice Midweek Advent Service
Sunday	Dec 21	9:00 10:00	Christian Education Divine Worship/HC
Wednesday	Dec 24	6:00 pm	Sunday School Children's Program
	Dec 24	11:00 pm	Candlelight Service/HC
Thursday	Dec 25	9:00 am	Christmas Day Worship/HC
Wednesday	Dec 31	6:00 pm	New Year's Eve/HC



The Lutheran Hour may be heard on Sundays on the following radio stations in our area: KAYL, 990 AM, Storm Lake, 10 am; KDSN, 107.1 FM, Denison, 6:30 am; KDSN, 1530 AM, Denison, 10:30 am; WHO 1040 AM, Des Moines, 7:30 a.m. Also available 24 hours/day on the Internet @ www.lutheranhour.org
Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

December 7-"We Need Something Stronger" Jesus exchanges our weakness for His strength.
(Mark 1:1-8)

December 14-"In Christ, Unbroken" God's grace restores those broken by sin and grief.
(Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11)

December 21-"Surprised by Grace" God's grace comes as a surprise and blessing to those who deserve none of it. (Luke 1:26-38)

December 28-"Monsters in Our Tomorrows" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus
Unknown monsters lurk in the shadows of the new year but Christ will carry us through.
(Romans 8:37-39)



L.W.M.L.

LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, December 4th at 12 noon for a potluck dinner hosted by the Fellowship Circle. Please bring your soap for Lutheran World Relief in place of a gift exchange. Also, bring along any items for the health kits, school kits, baby layettes or towels for bibs.

EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle will meet on Monday, December 1 at the home of Dawn Luetje starting at 6 pm with M-Z serving. It will be determined that evening what our mission \$\$ will be sent to in lieu of Christmas present exchange.



People who must flee their homes quickly often do not have time to pack essential items. Lutheran World Relief health kits can help children, men and women who are refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile. Our ladies Aid and Evening Circles help with this project by putting together health kits. Items needed for the kits are: bath towel, (dark in color) Washcloth (dark in color) bath-size bar of soap, (any brand & in original wrapping) adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging, wide tooth combs, nail file or nail clippers with file attached, and also band-aids (1/2-3/4") If you would like to help by donating any of these items, please bring them to the church office.



Another project of the Ladies Aid and Evening Circle are School Kits. Items that are needed for school kits include: spiral notebooks, blunt scissors, ruler (need cm also marked) pencil sharpeners, #2 pencils, pink erasers, construction paper, crayons (16-24 count)

A Lutheran World Relief school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war. School kits help parents continue their children's education even while living in a refugee camp, for example. A school kit may also be used in adult literacy classes.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Sunday School Program

Our Sunday School will again be sharing the joyous message of our Lord's birth through a special Worship Service on Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm.

Christmas program practices will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45 am (during our Sunday School Time) Attendance will be taken for Sunday School. The Christmas Eve service will be at 6:00 pm We are requesting all children to be at church by 5:30 pm.

Sunday School Classes will NOT be held on Sunday, December 28th and will resume on Sunday, January 4th at 9 am.



Christmas Party

On Wednesday, December 17th we will be having a Program Practice We will have practice from 4:00-5:30 pm. Preschoolers are asked to be here by 4:30 and meet in their room. The students are able to ride the bus from Westside and get off at the church. A snack will be served right after school for the students.

The Sunday School staff would like to wish all our students and there families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as be celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Christmas Mission Project

In lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts (students to teachers and teachers to students) that the teachers and students bring, hats, mittens, socks, underwear to take to New Opportunities and local schools for their shelves There are also cards are on the bulletin board in the education hallway with needs for our community and the family we are adopting. If you'd like to donate a specific item, please take the card with you, and then return the item with card attached by December 15.

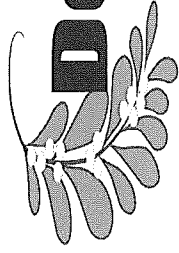


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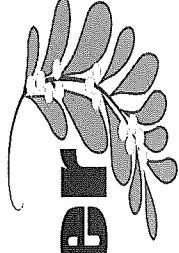
We would like to say Thank You to everyone who helped in any way with the Annual Harvest Supper on November 2nd. Without everyone's help with donating food, money, time and work, we would not be able to pull off such an event.

In looking back our first Harvest Supper was held on October 19, 1991. Approximately 468 people were served and after expenses \$2,600 was raised for the general fund. We charged \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 5-12 yrs.

Birthdays



December



Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Tammy Leiting</i>	2 <i>Doug Hansman</i> <i>Diane Schroeder</i>	3 <i>Eugene Bair</i>	4 <i>Pam Kock</i> <i>Jaylee McNelly</i>	5 <i>Mark & Kristi Hoffman</i> <i>Tom & Marjean Lipton</i>	6 <i>Abby Klink</i> <i>Randy Neumann</i> <i>Rachel Winey</i>
7	8	9 <i>Bret Hinners</i>	10 <i>Bonnie Cornelius</i>	11 <i>Bernice Vetter</i>	12 <i>Melissa Ehlers</i> <i>Daric Teske</i>	13 <i>Andrew Gallagher</i> <i>Eliza Wittrock</i> <i>Sutton Wittrock</i>
14 <i>Cameron Schmitz</i> <i>Jeff Segebart</i>	15 <i>Marjean Lipton</i>	16 <i>Jordan Hanson</i> <i>Danielle Schrad</i>	17	18 <i>Ron Cleveland</i>	19 <i>Gene Thiedeman</i>	20 <i>Wade Ragaller</i> <i>Chad & Shawna Wittrock</i>
21	22	23 <i>Emma Dieter</i>	24 <i>Kyle Lenz</i> <i>Janet Rose</i>	25 <i>Cooper Anderson</i>	26 <i>Drew Dieter</i> <i>Gary Vetter</i>	27
28 <i>Mark & Denise Ragaller</i>	29 <i>Justin Hunter</i> <i>Terry Koch</i> <i>Al Mumm</i>	30	31 <i>Leigh Thiedeman</i>			



Once upon a time there was a girl who had four boyfriends.

She loved the fourth boyfriend the most and adorned him with rich robes and treated him to the finest of delicacies. She gave him nothing but the best

She also loved the third boyfriend very much and was always showing him off to neighboring kingdoms. However, she feared that one day he would leave her for another.

She also loved her second boyfriend. He was her confident and was always kind, considerate and patient with her. Whenever this girl faced a problem, she could confide in him, and he would help her get through the difficult times.

The girl's first boyfriend was a very loyal partner and had made great contributions in maintaining her wealth and kingdom. However, she did not love the first boyfriend. Although he loved her deeply, she hardly took notice of him!

One day, the girl fell ill and she knew her time was short. She thought of her luxurious life and wondered, 'I now have four boyfriends with me, but when I die, I'll be all alone.'

Thus, she asked the fourth boyfriend, 'I loved you the most, endowed you with the finest clothing and showered great care over you. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?' 'No way!', replied the fourth boyfriend, and he walked away without another word. His answer cut like a sharp knife right into her heart.

The sad girl then asked the third boyfriend, 'I loved you all my life. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?' 'No!', replied the third boyfriend. 'Life is too good! When you die, I'm going to marry someone else!' Her heart sank and turned cold.

She then asked the second boyfriend, 'I have always turned to you for help and you've always been there for me. When I die, will you follow me and keep me company?' 'I'm sorry, I can't help you out this time!', replied the second boyfriend.. 'At the very most, I can only walk with you to your grave.' His answer struck her like a bolt of lightning, and the girl was devastated.

Then a voice called out: 'I'll go with you. I'll follow you no matter where you go.' The girl looked up, and there was her first boyfriend. He was very skinny as he suffered from malnutrition and neglect. Greatly grieved, the girl said, 'I should have taken much better care of you when I had the chance!'

In truth, you have four boyfriends in your lives: Your fourth boyfriend is your body. No matter how much time and effort you lavish in making it look good, it will leave you when you die. Your third boyfriend is your possessions, status and wealth. When you die, it will all go to others. Your second boyfriend is your family and friends. No matter how much they have been there for you, the furthest they can stay by you is up to the grave. And your first boyfriend is your spirit. Often neglected in pursuit of wealth, power and pleasures of the world. However, your spirit is the only thing that will follow you where ever you go. Cultivate, strengthen and cherish now, for it is the only part of you that will follow you to the throne of God and continue with you throughout Eternity.

Thought for the day:

Remember, when the world pushes you to your knees, you're in the perfect position to pray

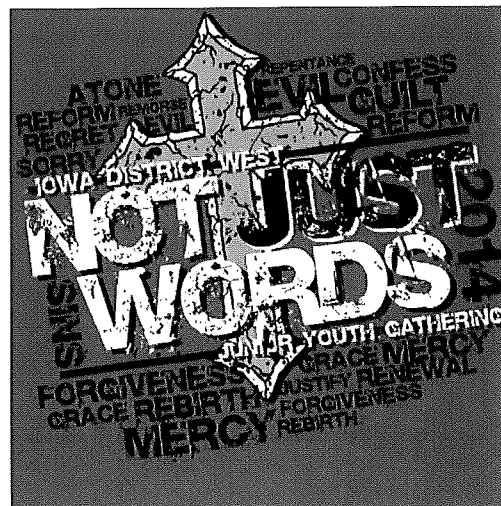
Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect. It means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections.

EYES on Youth Ministry

Educating Youth, Encouraging Servants

On October 25 and 26 junior high students from across Iowa gathered together at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines. It sounds ordinary enough. Students travel for football, baseball, basketball and other sports. Students meet for 4-H events and fair exhibits. What made this event different?

What made this event different from all the others is that 450 students, counselors and leaders met this weekend not just for fun or competition, but to hear the Word of God and grow in their faith and discipleship. What they heard was not just the endless prattle of words that fill up many of our days, but the Word of God which provides forgiveness, life and salvation.



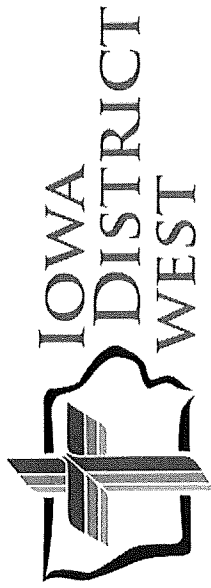
DCE Scotte Hansen reminded those attending of the power of God's Word. God's Word created us and all that exists (Genesis 1, John 1). It is God's Word of absolution and forgiveness that continues to create faith and new life in us. In His love He sends His Son to take our place and bear our sins, so that we, who were guilty, might be forgiven and free. More than just words, the message of God's love is life itself.



On Sunday morning each person attending worship experienced the power of God's Word personally through individual absolution. "It is finished" stopped being just words and became personal and powerful as we understood the impact the cross and empty tomb has for us in our lives. Swen and Dean, our breakout sessions, the in-gathering of toys for missions in Los Angeles, and more all pointed to the reality that God's Word is "Not Just Words" but life itself.

Thank you for your support of 6th, 7th and 8th graders in your congregations. As you listen to them, support them in their activities, and love them, you are helping them realize that God's love is "Not Just Words," but real and active in their lives as well. Thank you to the counselors who volunteered to chaperone the students, who gave of their weekend, who lost sleep, but showed God's love to His children. And thank you to LCEF who provided the gift of a coffee hour to the adult counselors on Saturday night when it was sorely needed.

Pastor Steve Hayden – Executive Assistant for Youth – steve.hayden@idwlcms.org



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Planting Together

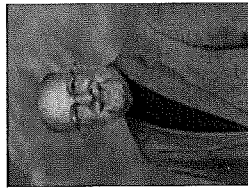
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The mission of Iowa District West is Connecting, Resourcing, Optimizing, Partnering and Serving with the member congregations for the extension of the Gospel within our communities, throughout the District, and into all the world.

Merry Christmas



Every year at this time the factions between “Happy Holidays” and “Merry Christmas” rise to the forefront. My wife and I recently walked through a Hobby Lobby (known for their Christian religious views) and saw every Christmas item on sale for half off. Unfortunately 90% of the Christmas items seemed secular in nature. There is no doubt that the secularization of Christmas looms more and more a reality each year.

One thing remains however, and that is the fact that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life. As the confessional Christians we desire to be, I suppose we can stand out and make our argument about “Merry Christmas” known to the world around us. But more importantly, we can happily, wonderfully and simply proclaim the truth of God’s love and make it even more exciting than all the secular glitz and glamour that saturates the secular culture around us.

In Iowa District West we are blessed to be well-grounded in the joy of Christ’s birth, life, death and resurrection, knowing that it is because of God’s love for sinful mankind that Jesus was sent to this sinful world in the first place. Because of Him we have a mission of making God’s love known to the world and especially to the world around us in Word and in Deed. May God grant us the joy and the wisdom to do so this Christmas season.

Rev. Phill Andreason
Executive Assistant for Stewardship and Chaplain to Church Workers
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District mission supporters!

As you plan your outreach efforts for 2015, don’t overlook the valuable partnership that exists with the District. Part of this partnership is in the form of funds that are available to all congregations and circuits within the District. Mission grants will be awarded next spring. Deadline for submitting an application (available at www.iowamissions.org) is March 1.

Appreciation for LCEF Investors

As we reflect on the gifts God has provided us this year, please know that you are a blessing to Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)! Through your partnership with LCEF, you are empowering ministries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to share the Gospel. Thank you for investing in your faith community through LCEF! Visit www.lcef.org and click on our social media icons to learn more about LCEF and share your story.

News from Camp Okoboji

- ◇ **Family Ice Fishing Retreat AND University of Okoboji Winter Games**—Our Annual Family Ice Fishing Retreat will be held during the University of Okoboji Winter Games weekend, January 23-26, 2015. Pastors Ben Dose and Jim Stogdill will be hosting and serving as devotional leaders. Cost is \$100 for adults (ages 10 and up) and \$80 for children (ages 3-9), 2 and under are FREE!
- ◇ **Family Ministry Cabins** – check out our website to see if we have any Family Ministry Cabins available. Winter at Camp Okoboji can be a beautiful time to rest and relax! Contact Kellie Jones by calling the Camp office or by email.

Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization

Students in our Lutheran schools need your help! The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization is at 20% of its \$815,000 goal as of November 16. You have until the end of the year – December 31 – to mail your gift. We know the need is becoming greater – How can you help? Giving is not limited to Lutherans, church members, etc. The financial benefit to a contributor is a 65% tax credit on Iowa income taxes (which can be carried over for five years) and also a charitable contribution on your federal form. For more information about ILSTO go online to www.iowalutheransto.org or call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.

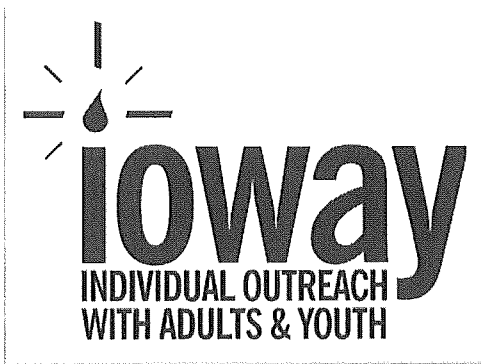
Resource for Advent

“An Advent Devotion for Families” is available from the District’s Family Ministry Committee. The devotional can be downloaded from the District’s website (www.idwlcms.org/familyresources.php).

District Calendar

December 24-26...Christmas, District Office Closed
December 28-January 4...IOWAY Mission Trip to California
December 31...New Year’s Eve, District Office Closed

For more information on Iowa District West activities, view *The Monthly* at <http://www.idwlcms.org/publications.php>.



God's People are Amazing

The mission statement for IOWAY is "Serving God by Serving Others." There are always so many ways that people serve. I am continually amazed by the generosity of God's people in Iowa District West.

Junior High Youth Gathering

Featuring a theme of "Not Just Words," the Youth Gathering included Scottie Hansen as the keynote speaker and music by Swen and Dean. The 450 youth and adults attended sectionals that focused on "Confession and Absolution." The mission sectional included a presentation on homelessness by Hope Ministries in Des Moines, which was followed by each person making Christmas cards that will be given (along with a stamp) to the homeless so they can send it to their loved ones. Hundreds of cards were also given to Chaplain Steve Benson from Sioux City that he will distribute through the Lamplighter and nursing home outreach in the Siouxland area.

As part of the Junior High Gathering, October 25-26 in Des Moines, youth were asked to bring new toys for a service project entitled "Toys for Children in Los Angeles." The 246 toys collected during the gathering have been sent to three LCMS churches in inner city Los Angeles to be distributed to youth after they come to the church in their community and hear the wonderful Christmas story of the love of Jesus.



Another big part of the "behind the scenes" work was done by a group of super high school and college students who volunteered their weekend. They are known as IOWAY "Happy Helpers."

Their many responsibilities helped in making the gathering run smoothly. One of their jobs was to collect and pack the toys for Los Angeles. This was especially meaningful for some of the happy helpers because they have been on mission trips to the churches in Los Angeles where the toys will be distributed. They personally have worked with some of the children who will receive a toy.

Wonderful happy helpers were: Spencer Owen, Chase Juergensen, John Culver, Kelby Brungardt, Garner Rogillio, Shannon Wirtz, Emily Jenssen, Mac Juergensen, Kayla Ronfeldt, Megan Seil and Anna Hansen.

IOWAY Banquet

IOWAY is thankful for the past 13 years of blessings. The 6th annual IOWAY Banquet was held at Carroll County Conservation Center on November 1. It was a time to stop and thank God for the amazing people and the things He has done through them. The evening began with a meal prepared by Hy-Vee in Carroll and hosted by Carole White with LCEF (Lutheran Church Extension Fund).

During the evening we learned how God has taken IOWAY "one step at a time" in many outreaches that are a great blessing to many of God's people.

- Members from last summer's Puerto Rico mission trip shared what the experience meant to them. It was a one week mission trip to paint the only LCMS church in Puerto Rico and to share the love of Jesus with 150 youth along with giving each of them backpacks and school supplies.
- Next summer's opportunity to serve for two weeks in inner city Los Angeles was shared. The IOWAY team will share the love of Jesus by working with four LCMS churches to conduct Vacation Bible School. They will also be working on Skid Row to help homeless at the Union Rescue Mission.



Hablo Espanol?



- A smiling, happy group who enjoyed their experience as Petal Pushers shared the uniqueness of decorating floats for the famous Rose Parade and expressed their thoughts about time spent on Skid Row to work with the homeless.

- Patti Anderson shared the exciting opportunities that God has given us to help His people in Haiti. A Lutheran Orphanage is nearly completed. She will have the joy of being there in December for the dedication. She will also be taking a beautiful handmade quilt and pillow to each of the children in the orphanage! What an amazing gift of love! She also gave us an update on ETCH (Education To Change Haiti) where \$250 per year provides schooling for a youth. I am totally overwhelmed as I think about the fact that because of the IOWAY ETCH program there are now 155 children who are going to school because of the generosity of people from Iowa District West. Without this, they would have no way to receive an education.
- We also learned of the many things that can be collected to serve God's people. Check out IOWAY at www.idwlcms.org. Items to collect and/or make that would be a blessing to many are: pillowcase dresses, shorts from T-shirts, used shoes, purses and belts, new underwear, knit hats, quilts, hygiene items, hygiene towel kits, men's clothes, along with backpacks and school supplies.



Patti Anderson

Iowa District West President Paul Sieveking closed the evening with devotions. Still ringing in my ears is the absolutely beautiful sound of 88 of God's people singing the following praise: "Father I adore you, I lay my life before you. How I love you." I invite you to join them in this praise and commitment.

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2015 Family Ice Fishing Retreat

January 23 - 25, 2015



**At Beautiful Camp
Okoboji!**

**A Retreat for Anyone Who
Loves to Ice Fish!**

Call 712-337-3325
to reserve a room.

This is the 5th Annual Family Ice Fishing Retreat! Come anytime after lunch on **Friday, January 23** and stay through lunch on **Sunday**.

COST:

Adults: \$100 each Children 3-9: \$80 2 & under: FREE

Fees include: All meals, 2 nights lodging, and program!

Devotion leaders will be **The Reverend Ben Dose** and
The Reverend Jim Stogdill.

There will be fishing guides available during the weekend.
This is also the University of Okoboji **Winter Games Weekend**, so there
will be lots to do, even if fishing isn't "your thing"!

Rumor has it there's a fishing contest too!

We always plan for a "fish fry" on Saturday evening!

Bring your Carharts, poles, bait, port-a-shack and ice auger if you have
one & Let's Go Fishin'!

Online registration begins after January 1, 2015:

www.campokoboji.org



How do I register? What Camps are available?



To register for any of the camps:

- * Go to the Camp website, www.campokobojo.org and find our program brochure and registration forms
- * Contact the Camp office by calling 712-337-3325 and request the forms
- * Contact Lori Gamble by Email (lori@campokobojo.org)

Once you have completed the registration forms please indicate on the form that this is an Active Duty Military eligible registration, send **NO Money just the completed form to:**

Camp Okobojo
1531 Edgewood Dr
Milford, IA 51351

Available Camps

Ice Fishing Retreat January 23-25, 2015	Family Camp
Summer Kick-off Family Retreat May 22-25, 2015	Family Camp
Kids Kamp June 5-7, 2015 Grades K-2 & an adult	Family Camp
Adventure Camp June 25-27, 2015 Ages 7-12	Youth Camp
July 4th Family Retreat June 28-July 4, 2015	Family Camp
Jr. High Week July 5-11, 2015 Grades 6-8	Youth Camp
Concordia Cub Week July 12-18, 2015 Grades 3-6	Youth Camp
Youth Week July 19-25, 2015 Grades 8-12	Youth Camp

Family Retreat I July 26-August 1, 2015	Family Camp
Family Retreat II August 2-8, 2015	Family Camp
Adult Retreat August 14-16, 2015	Adult Retreat
Military Family Retreat September 18-20, 2015 Focus — Recently Deployed	Family Retreat

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What is Happening At Your Camp?

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Our Promise of Jesus at the Lake
A friendly, safe, refreshing and relaxing Christian experience
An excellent value for you and your family

December 24-26 Office Closed
December 31 Office Closed

Registration for 2015 ONLINE! All registrations for 2015 will be online. There will NOT be a mailing with registration forms sent to homes and congregations. There WILL BE a mailing with a postcard giving the Camp Okoboji website address. From there you will be able to register for events. The only exception will be the Ginny DeWall Joy Camps.

2015 Camp Theme

**The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;**

Lamentations 3:22 (ESV)



Family Ministry Cabins – check out our website to see if we have any Family Ministry Cabins available. Winter at Camp Okoboji can be a beautiful time to rest and relax! Contact Kellie Jones by calling the Camp office or by email.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

The entire Camp staff would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! As you celebrate the birth of our Savior, please remember to keep Camp Okoboji in your prayers! AND if you are looking for a great Christmas gift, consider giving a Camp Gift Certificate. Contact the Camp office for details.

75th Anniversary Happenings

Several events are being planned for the 75th Anniversary of Camp Okoboji in 2015. The kickoff for the Anniversary will be at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 11, 2015. There will be a special worship service on that day at 9:45 am with Reverend Leroy Riemer serving as the preacher. More events are listed on our website and Facebook page.



2 Corinthians 4:5

For what we proclaim
is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ
as Lord, with ourselves as your
servants for Jesus' sake.

Family Ice Fishing Retreat AND University of Okoboji Winter Games

Our Annual Family Ice Fishing Retreat will be held during the University of Okoboji Winter Games weekend, January 23-26, 2015. Pastors Ben Dose and Jim Stogdill will be hosting and serving as devotion leaders. A fishing guide will be available to give pointers! Camp Okoboji is also in the process of planning a special event for the winter games as well – so, if you don't like ice fishing (or the fish aren't biting) there are plenty of activities you can enjoy! Cost is \$100 for adults (ages 10 and up) and \$80 for children (ages 3-9), 2 and under are FREE!

C.H.A.O.S. 2015 Date

The date for C.H.A.O.S. (Christians Hyped About Our Savior) is February 27-28, 2015! This event is for students in grades 6-8. The Reverend Scott Jensen, pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Mapleton, IA, will again be our Bible study leader. Registration will be ONLINE soon!

NURSES NEEDED

Camp is in need of volunteer nurses for Cub Week and Jr. High Week. For more information contact Lori Gamble at 712-337-3325 or lori@campokoboji.org

FACEBOOK

"LIKE" us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CampOkoboji-LCMS). Watch for upcoming events. See pictures of events and more!

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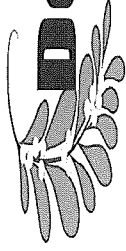
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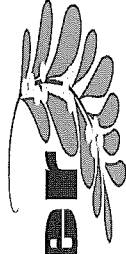
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DECEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:00 Evening Circle	2	3 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Advent Ser 4:00 Midweek 6:00 Advent Ser	4 12:00 Ladies Aid Potluck Dinner	5	6 6:00 DW/HC
7 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC	8	9	10 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Advent Ser 2:00 Midweek 6:00 Advent Ser	11	12	13
14 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW 4:00 Movie @ Legion Hall	15	16	17 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Advent Ser 4:00 SS Christmas Practice 6:00 Advent Ser	18	19	20
21 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC	22	23	24 6:00 Children's Christmas Eve 11:00 Candlelight Service/HC	25 9:00 Christmas Day Worship/HC	26	27
28 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW	29	30	31 6:00 New Year's Eve Worship/HC			

USHERS

Merle Witt
Ron Cornelius
Doug Ehlers
Tyler Ehlers
Doug Schuette

CHANCEL CIRCLE

Beth Wittrock & Deb Weller
Shirley Ehlers (Christmas Eve)
Darleen Linde (Christmas Day)
Darleen Linde (New Year's Eve)

ACOLYTES

7th: Katelyn Hinners & Layne Prichard
14th: Makayla Hinners & Sara Schurke
21st: Garrett Cleveland & Jonathon Dose

MIDWEEK SERVERS

3rd: Dayna Teske
10th: Steph Hinners

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Pat Branning & Lola Ehlers

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FRIENDS WHO CARE

<i>Christian Education</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<i>Divine Worship</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>
<i>Christmas Eve—Sunday School Program</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>
<i>Christmas Eve Candle Light /HC</i>	<i>11:00 pm</i>
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>

