

Dose of Wisdom

Here we are in the middle of Lent. We are focusing this year on Return from Exile. It is a journey we take from being exiled from God's presence to being in His presence by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I encourage you to come on Sundays as we focus our attention on this series during the sermons. It is a blessing to be together for this Lenten journey as we come together for the Easter celebration on April 1st—no fooling, Easter is on All Fools' Day. It is no fooling around that Jesus is raised from the dead and we will be "Home."

Also in this month of March we will have 6 catechumens confirmed. This is a yearly thing. It is a recognition of them confessing the faith. It is the faith they confess, not their faith as if it is something they possess. They don't possess it, they confess it. The faith is something which has been handed down for centuries. It is the faith we confess in the Creed. It is the faith that people have died defending. Catechumens learn by catechesis. The goal of catechesis is faith in Christ. It is this faith in Christ that they will continue to practice their entire lives. They will continue after confirmation to attend the Divine Service, listen to preaching, pray prayers, and continue to learn by heart the catechism and scripture verses. Catechesis isn't only for 5th-8th graders it is a lifelong process from infant baptism to eternal glory. Catechesis is for all people in the congregation. It is why we continue to produce and give to everyone the Congregation at Prayer in the bulletins. This is lifelong learning and growth of faith in Christ. Please continue to pray for these catechumens who be confirmed here on March 25th; Jonathan Dose, Damon Ehlers, Jordan Hanson, Bret Hinnners, Jaggar Luetje, and Will Ragaller. Come and join us on the day they are confirmed so you can remember your own confirmation day and those promises you made as you confessed the faith before God and many witnesses. As we spoke of before the faith is passed down from generation to generation by you being present at their confirmation it shows the faith is being passed on once again. Please come and join us.

God's blessings to you as you continue to walk through this Lenten Season looking forward to the death and resurrection of Jesus.

God's Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dose

WOMEN IN MINISTRY L.W.M.L.

LADIES AID:

The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, March 1st at 1:30 pm. Hostess will be Shirley Ehlers. Christian Life will be led by Shirley Wlade

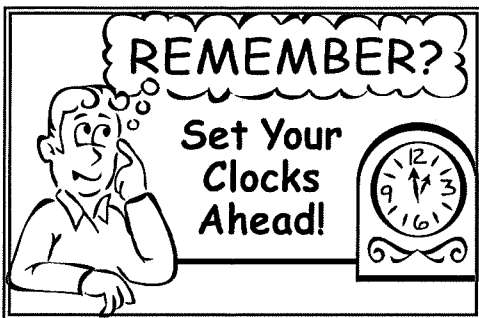


EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, March 7th following the Midweek Lenten Services. We will be working on the confirmation banners Co-Hostess is Lajeane Shoney.



World Day Of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 2nd at St. Paul, Carroll with fellowship & coffee starting at 9 am and service to follow at 10 am



Daylight Savings time officially begins on March 11th this year. So remember to set your clock **AHEAD** 1 hour when you retire on Saturday evening, March 10th.



We would like to congratulate the Ar-We-Va Boys and Girls basketball teams on a great season this year.

Church Cleanup

It's time for a good old fashioned church cleaning!!

- When:** Sunday, March 18th immediately after church (lunch will be provided)
Who: LYF and anyone who would like to help



There are all kinds of projects that need to be done in and around the church. This is a fantastic service project. If you cannot come on that day, but wish to participate, please indicate on the sign up sheet when you completed your task. (sign up sheet on board by Deb's office)



Palm Sunday with Rite of Confirmation
 Sunday, March 25th 10:00 am

Maunday Thursday with Holy Communion
 Thursday, March 29 11:00 am
 6:30 pm

Good Friday
 Friday, March 30 11:00 am
 6:30 pm

Easter Vigil
 Saturday, March 31 6:30 pm

Easter Services with Holy Communion
 Sunday April 1 7:00 am
 (please note there is only 1 service on Easter Morning)

Easter Breakfast following the 7 am worship service.

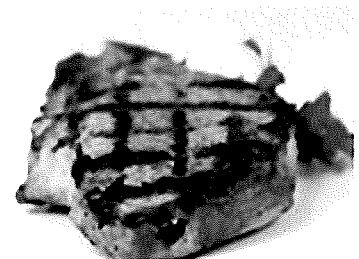
The LYF will be serving an Easter Breakfast following our 7am worship service. On the menu will be scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy , rolls and muffins This is a free-will donation



A reception for our New Confirmads will be held on Wednesday, March 21st , following our Midweek Lenten Service. Everyone is invited to attend.



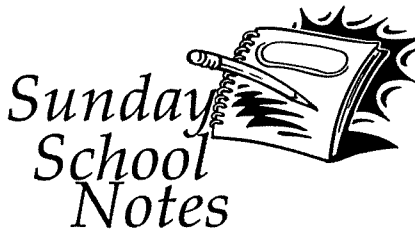
Midweek Lenten
 SCHEDULE



March 07	11:00 am	Worship	11:30 Lunch
	6:30 pm	Worship	
March 14	11:00 am	Worship	11:30 Lunch
	6:30 pm	Worship	
March 21	11:00 am	Worship	11:30 Lunch
	6:30 pm	Worship	

The United Church of Westside invites you to join them on Saturday, March 24th for their Annual Windsor Chop Supper at the Westside Community Club serving from 5-8 pm.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



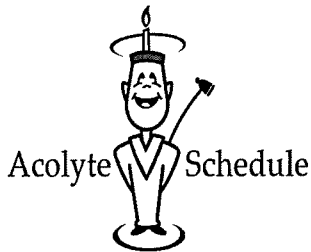
The Sunday School celebrated Friendship Sunday on February 11th

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

March 7	4 pm	Kim Cleveland
March 14	4 pm	Rebecca Dose
March 21	4 pm	Denise Ragaller



Midweek Snack List



4th: Jaggar Luetje & Cody Bair
7th: Will Ragaller & Karlie Muhlbauer (Wed)
11th: Sammi Hinnens & Wade Ragaller
14th: Kyelar Cleveland & Kendra Schuette (Wed)
18th: Payton Henningsen & Jaxson Henningsen
21st Sammi Hinnens & Wade Ragaller (Wed)
25th: Jamie Hausman & Maggie Ragaller
Crucifer: Timothy Dose

RECEPTION: On Wednesday, March 21st a reception for the 2018 confirmads will be held following our Midweek Lenten Service. All are welcome and encouraged to attend

Thrivent Financial Members

If you have not designated your 2017 Thrivent Choice dollars, do it now! The March 31 deadline is fast approaching.

FREE Road Trip

Concordia University in Seward, NE



All high school students are invited to a "college visit" on Friday, March 16, 2018

You will not be asked to make a commitment. This is just a visit. Check it out. See what Concordia has to offer.



Since the activities begin at 9 AM we will need to go to Seward the evening of Thursday, March 15. We plan to leave after school on Thursday and we will be staying at Cobblestone Inn at Seward. We will also be touring dorm rooms, thanks to the courtesy of IDW students.



There is NO COST for transportation, main meals (bring own snacks) or lodging. (Compliments of Iowa District West) Carpooling will be arranged.

CUNE (Concordia University Nebraska) has the following planned for March 16:

9:00 – Check in

9:30 – Welcome

9:55 – Campus tour

11:00 – Chapel

11:30 – Meet and greet professors and coaches

12:00 – Lunch

1:00 – Concordia Experience

1:25 – Student Panel

2:05 – Concordia Difference

2:35 – Meet and mingle with admissions counselors

RELAX

5:00 – 7:00 Eat and chat at Godfather's Pizza with current Iowa District West students

7:00 Head back to Iowa



Please share this invitation with all high school students. (Parents and pastors are also welcome to attend.)

To register for the college visit, contact:

Ellie Menz

515-370-1159

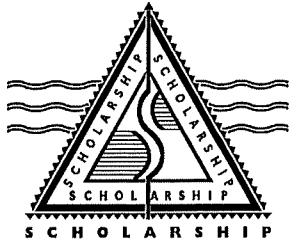
ellie@iowadistrictwest.org

Please register by March 9, 2018

Participating adults include:

Rhonda Mohr, Fort Dodge

Ellie Menz, Jefferson



“Train a Child in the way he should go...”

Proverbs 22:6

What better way to train a child than to give them an opportunity to join the fun for Cub Weeks at Camp Okoboji in July! The Camp Okoboji Auxiliary is again giving away scholarships for a week at Camp for children ages 9-13.

The path is so easy. Stop by the church office and pick up an application. Applicants do need to be members of a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church.

They must in their own words—100 or less—tell our selection committee why they would love to go to camp this year. The Auxiliary will pay the child’s cost and we will also pay the way for one of their pals to go with them.

Applications must be received in the Camp Office no later than March 29th. The committee will review the applications and make the selections. Please note that preference will be given to campers who have not previously won

The children selected will be announced at the Camp’s Annual Meeting that will be held on April 22nd. They will be individually notified later and will receive the necessary information to complete their application for Cub Week

If you have any questions or need help with the application, you can contact Rebecca Dose.

CUB WEEK CAMP FOR 2018

July 15-20, 2018





March 2018 (Please Copy, Post, and Share)

Camp Okobojo News

What is Happening at Your Camp

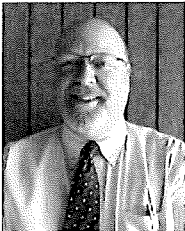
Friends Grow Camp

For More Info. / Fliers / Schedules
And to Register Online
www.campokobojo.org

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Our Promise of Jesus at the Lake
A friendly, safe, refreshing and relaxing Christian experience
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In the Spotlight



Kirk Warnke
Named New Executive Director
Camp Okobojo is excited to share the news and welcome Kirk and his family into the Camp Okobojo family. Please read the letter of introduction on the reverse side.



Mournful Celebration
Lois Kuhl, Trinity-Boone, passed on to glory this past fall. Camp Okobojo lost one its greatest cheerleaders. Lois was one of the few people who could boast attending the 1940 dedication of Camp Okobojo. Her involvement spanned from that day all the way to the groundbreaking in 2016 and the dedication of the Discover Center last May.



To God all Praise and Glory for all the ways she touched those with **Jesus at the Lake**.

Mark Your Calendar!

April 7 Annual Meeting and Basket Auction

This will be a historic meeting. The more congregations attending the better. Appoint your delegates!

April 20-22 Spring Women's Retreat

Speaker: Lauren Jensen
Topic: Strength in the Struggle
Based on Psalm 73:26
Cost: \$180 (Register online)

May 17-20 Spring Men's Retreat

Enjoy the great outdoors with fishing, archery, golf and shooting ranges (indoor and outdoor)! Check the website for more information.



Winter Wonderland:

For 24 hours, Camp Okobojo became a hub of activity during the U of O Winter Games Celebration on Jan. 27-28. Over 300 parents and kids (and kids at heart) enjoyed a bounty of games, food, fellowship, and competition. Activities included sleigh rides, inflatables, a ping pong tournament, bingo, carnival games, and crafts. A Saturday meal and an Omelet Brunch on Sunday meant you did not go away hungry. We thank all the volunteers that made this event a success.

We look forward to continued growth of this event as it showcases Camp Okobojo not only as a summer destination, but as a winter opportunity as well.

Summer Employment Opportunities



College Students: Access the National Lutheran Outdoor Ministry website at www.nloma.org to download and fill out an application.

High School Youth: Contact Camp Okobojo for an application form. Min. age requirement: 16

For more information contact the Camp Office 712-337-3325 or go to www.campokobojo.org
Get Ready For An Amazing Summer!



2018 Camp Programs and Events
Full Schedules Available
Make Plans Now!
Check the Camp Website!
www.campokobojo.org

Camp Staff Contact Information

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“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

Hebrews 11:1

Introducing Kirk Warnke

Camp Okoboji is pleased to announce Kirk Warnke as its new Executive Director. Kirk began his duties on February 12, with an official designation to occur at the Camp Okoboji Annual Meeting April 7, 2018. Kirk will be transitioning into the Executive Director position as Doug Kading will be retiring. Doug has served as the Executive Director for 30 years.

A thorough hiring process was conducted by the Executive Committee of Camp Okoboji’s Board of Directors. The process provided a pool of 10 qualified applicants who were objectively screened, with three candidates being formally interviewed. After further deliberation and prayer, the Executive Committee recommended Kirk Warnke to the Board of Directors as the next Executive Director. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the recommendation.

Kirk Warnke served as Vice President at Heartland Bank in Somers, Iowa since August 2003. Other experiences included opportunities to develop a history of management within the banking industry and in private enterprise as controller and CFO.

Kirk is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pomeroy, Iowa. At Immanuel, he has served as President of the congregation, Board of Directors member, Elder, Finance Committee, Education Committee, Trustee, Sunday School teacher, Usher, Camp Okoboji delegate, and Iowa District West Convention delegate. He has served on the Board of Directors at Camp Okoboji for 20 years and as its Treasurer for 15 years. He is presently serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Iowa District West Endowment and Legacy Committee.

Kirk and Delaine have been married for 33 years and have 3 grown children and 3 grandchildren. In his free time, Kirk enjoys golf and time with family. He is excited to be named the next Executive Director and is preparing to meet the challenges of continuing growth, development, and legacy building at Camp Okoboji. He also looks forward to developing relationships throughout Iowa District West and the surrounding areas that are and can be served by Camp Okoboji.

Please help us welcome Kirk and his family to Camp Okoboji. He would be very interested in discussing Camp Okoboji with you. Feel free to contact him at:

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2018 Program Offerings

- April 7** Annual Meeting/Basket Auction
- 20-22** Spring Women’s S.P.A. Retreat
- May 3-5** Spring Volunteer Weekend
- 11-12** Youth Volunteer Weekend
- 17-20** Spring Men’s Retreat
- 25-28** Veterans’ Retreat
- June 1-3** Kids’ Kamp
- 7-10** JOY Camp I (Special Needs)
- 10-15** Technology Camp
- 10-16** Girls’ Sports Camp
- 17-23** Minneboji Youth Camp
- 23** Minnesota Twins Bus Trip
- 23** Paul’s Bike-a-thon Challenge Ride
- 24-26** IDW District Convention
- 28-30** LWML District Convention
- July 1-6** July 4th Family Retreat
- 7** Auxiliary Annual Quilt Auction
- 8-14** Jr High Week
- 12-15** JOY Camp II (Special Needs)
- 15-21** Concordia Cub Week
- 22-28** Youth Week
- 29–Aug 3** Family Retreat I
- August 5-10** Family Retreat II
- 10-12** Hispanic Family Retreat
- 19** Golf Outing
- 24-26** Adult Retreat
- September 19-21** IDW Lutheran Schools Outdoor Ed.
- 27-30** Fall Volunteer Weekend
- 29** Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- October 5-7** Fall Women’s Retreat

**On Site
 Day Camps**
 June 4-Aug. 3
 (M-F)

Omelet Brunches First Sundays of the Month: May-November

Camp Okoboji's Spring Women's SPA Retreat! April 20-22, 2018



**Bible Study Leader
Lauren Jensen**

**Topic: Strength in the
Struggle**

Psalm 73:26

Cost: \$180 which includes all meals, snacks, lodging, towels, linens and program.

SCHEDULE

Friday

- 5:00-7:00 pm Check-in (Dinner will be served during this time at Ginny DeWall Dining Hall)
- 7:00 pm Welcome & Orientation
- 7:15 pm Opening Devotion & Sing to the Lord!
- 8:00 pm Spiritual Session 1
- 9:30 pm Relaxation & Social Time!

Saturday

- 7:30 am Wake up!
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:45 am Sing to the Lord
- 9:00 am Spiritual Session 2
- 10:15 am Break
- 10:45 am Spiritual Session 3
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 pm Spiritual Session 4
- 2:15 pm Spiritual Adjustment with Jesus AND Physical Adjustment Time
- 5:30 pm Sing to the Lord!
- 6:00 pm Dinner & Free time
- 7:00 pm Entertainment
- 8:30 pm Relaxation & Social Time

Sunday

- 7:30 am Wake up!
- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 am Spiritual Session 5
- 9:45 am Worship Time
- 10:45 am Brunch
- 11:30 am Closing/Good-byes/pack up and travel home!

**For more information and to register go to
the Camp Okoboji website**

www.campokoboji.org

Camp Okoboji Men's Retreat May 17-20, 2018

Calling all men! Men's Retreat at Camp Okoboji!

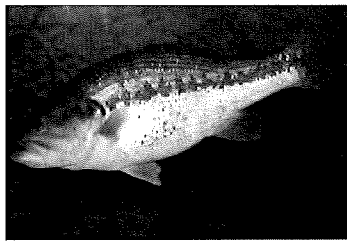
Full Package deal—\$160, includes lodging on Thursday; Friday supper and lodging; all meals and lodging on Saturday; Sunday Breakfast; towels, linens, and program fee.

Friday-Sunday Package—\$135, includes all of the above except Thursday lodging.

What to Expect: Options for indoor and outdoor shooting, fishing, archery and golf! Plus campfires, fellowship, and spiritual growth! Hanging out with other men, doing the things that men do! There will also be plenty of time to relax, play lawn games, canoe and other camp activities.

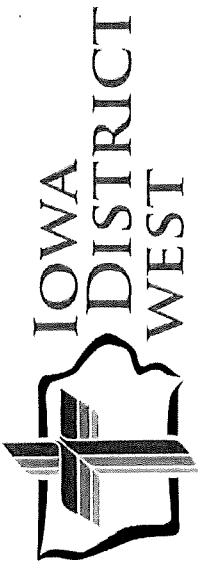
What to Bring (depending on the activities you choose to participate in): Fishing poles/tackle, pistols or rifles, ammunition, golf clubs, etc. Many of these items can be shared or rented.

For more information and to register online, go to www.campokoboji.org



Our Experts for the Weekend!

Luke Timm—Shooting, Ben Dose—Fishing, Marty Eby—Archery



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March 2018

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Ministry Safety and Security Seminar

April 23, 2018—9am-4:15pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Manning. Are you prepared to protect the people in your ministry? Consider attending this conference presented by Brotherhood Mutual and hosted by American Church Group of Iowa/Nebraska. You'll learn best practices for utilizing volunteer church safety and security teams, how to respond to an active shooter, how to help protect children from predators in the ministry setting and how to raise the bar in your volunteer screening process. If you have questions contact Roger Curtis at the IDW office (515-576-7666 or roger@iowadistrictwest.org).

Joy in Ministry Banquet

Mark your calendar for June 3, 5:30-8:30pm for our 2018 Joy in Ministry Banquet. It will take place at the Carrollton Inn in Carroll. Our 2018 Joy in Ministry Banquet desires to have a recruitment focus. Help the district identify students who should be encouraged to consider full time church work and be invited to attend this special event. Pray with us about this event - pray that young people would respond to the Holy Spirit's prompting to work in our churches and schools. More details will be shared in the coming months.

Church Worker Scholarships

Iowa District West offers substantial scholarships to those students who are going in to full time church work or those attending one of our Concordia Universities. Applications for the 2018-2019 scholarship are located on our Iowa District West website under the tab resources and forms and links. Applications are due by June 1. Rev. Tom Schlund, Senior Pastor at Trinity, Algona, is our new Director of Student Financial Aid. We thank Rev. David Loesch for his many years of faithful service as Director.

Creation Theater at Mission Central

Mission Central is now ready to receive tour groups to see the Lord's Creation Theater where they will hear the REAL STORY of how our God made the world in 6 days! Due to the number of people coming to Mission Central, it's important to contact them for available tour times. Come and see what the Lord has done at this place in the middle of nowhere as it will "blow your socks off" and will truly be a "once in a lifetime experience." Contact Mission Central at 712-882-1029 or email Gary at Gary.Thies@lcmcs.org.

Calendar of Events

March 15-16...Concordia-Seward College Visit
March 17...Parish Nurse Convocation, District Office
March 30...Good Friday, District Office Closed

For more information on Iowa District West activities,
view *The Messenger* at www.idwlcms.org/publications.php

SAVE THE DATE! MAKE A DIFFERENCE! VOLUNTEER SATURDAY, APRIL 21!



YOU are invited to be part of an exciting IOWAY outreach to hundreds of children and parents at Moulton Elementary School on **Saturday, April 21, from 8 a.m. - Noon at 1541 - 8th Street, Des Moines.** Of the 515 elementary students (K-5) a large majority of them are refugees and immigrants from many countries. There are currently **27 languages** spoken in the school!



Be part of bringing a few hours of fun, food and games into their lives. **Bring your kindergarten age (and older) children and grandchildren and/or your youth group to be part of the adventure.** This will provide a unique opportunity for all ages.

We need MANY ADULT VOLUNTEERS because we have no idea how many children and parents will come. Register online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/moulton_elementary and let us know your volunteer preference of sports, music, crafts or food.

- 8 a.m. Volunteers arrive and set-up (come in northwest door)
- 9 a.m. Students arrive and are served a quick breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. – 11 a.m. Judy Newhouse and ISU music students will conduct a Music/Crafts Camp and Pastor Aaron Hannemann, the Sports Camp.
- 11:00 a.m. Serve lunch, clean up and finish by noon

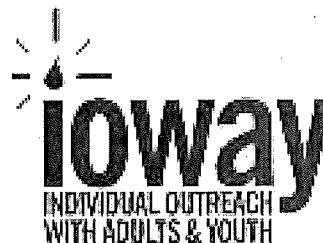
- Food: Sponsored by Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company American Church Group (through IDW Group Partnership Program)
- **Items needed by the students: hygiene items, mittens, sweatpants, socks and underwear** for ages K-5th grade. Please bring April 21.

Please register online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/moulton_elementary or contact Pastor Aaron Hannemann at 515-554-4615 or Ellie Menz at 515-370-1159 or ellie@iowadistrictwest.org



Making Adjustments

The day began with a few flakes of snow in the air and before long, our world turned white. It snowed heavier than we had seen in years; and it didn't let up until late afternoon when there was at least six inches of the cold white stuff covering our world. Cars were sliding on the streets and getting stuck and traffic accidents were happening around the state, some tragically.



A man in a delivery van drove down our long driveway as he has done many times before. This time, there was snow with criss-crossing tracks snaking through it. Instead of getting out of his normal delivery routine, the driver did what he always does. He turned the corner from our circle drive back onto the lane towards the street. The back wheels began to spin. Instead of moving forward, the vehicle slid sideways and came to rest against a large tree. He didn't adjust for the new driving conditions. If he had made more of a square corner on his turn, the problem could have been avoided. He had to call a tow truck to get back on the road.

What about our life? Do we make adjustments when things change? Do we go day-to-day doing the same things we have done for years? For example, when you learn about mission opportunities, do you read them and put them aside? Do you think someone else will probably go? Do you think you could be the one to go? Please consider the following amazing **mission opportunities**. Contact me for additional details on these and other opportunities.

- Des Moines, April 21: Sports, Crafts and Music Camp at Moulton Elementary School. You can show God's love by helping refugee and immigrant children. Please register at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/moulton_elementary or, consider collecting socks, undies and sweatpants for the little ones at Moulton.
- Hong Kong, July 11-30 or July 11-23 or July 20-30: Teach VBS in English to eager children.
- Omaha, August 10-12: Reach out to the homeless
- Pasadena, December 28- January 4: Decorate floats for the famous Rose Parade and work with the homeless in Los Angeles.
- Collect items for the homeless in Des Moines, Fort Dodge and Omaha.
- Make quilts or assemble hygiene kits for the homeless.
- ETCH (Education To Change Haiti): Be the person who makes it possible for one precious child in Haiti to go to school for a year. Cost is \$250 for a year.

You could do what Brynlee Grieme from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller, Iowa did. Sharri Hansen shares what Brynlee did to serve others. "Every Sunday I talk to my 1st and 2nd graders in Sunday School about helping others. I tell them that there are children and adults who are homeless or just don't have as much as what God has blessed us with. One little girl who is the sweetest little girl really listens and she asks questions about it. I mentioned saving soaps if they go to a hotel. Soon Brynlee brought a little set of soaps from a hotel.

"I thanked her and gave her a bag that she could keep at home and bring back later. She asked if she could have two bags. I gave her two and in a few weeks she brought both bags full of items

for children. She received a new toy for Christmas that was a duplicate. Her mom thought Brynlee would exchange it for new toy. Nope. She told her mom she had plenty toys and that she wanted it for homeless kids. This little girl knows what it means to follow Jesus. The best part is that she asked for two more bags to fill.”

Sharri also shared that St. Paul’s Sunday school is sponsoring two children in Haiti and learning more about ETCH from Larry and Cheryl Olofson. To learn more about the ETCH outreach, please contact Larry and Cheryl Olofson at 515-298-0884.

So there you have it, a number of mission opportunities! You are the driver down the road of life. What will you do? If you don’t change your routine and “drive the road” a little differently, you won’t be part of any of these God adventures. You hear about opportunities at your church to serve as Brynlee did. I encourage you to pray about and look for ways to serve.

Will you drive a different road once you see the landscape has changed? Will you drive a different road when you are aware of service opportunities? Or, will you take the same road, and do the same routine you have always done? The adventure is up to you. I challenge you to make an adjustment. Consider a mission adventure. Drive that new road. Avoid sliding into trees!

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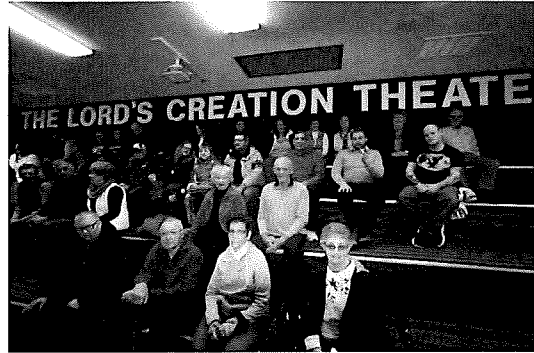


CONGREGATIONS FROM ODEBOLT AND MALLARD, IOWA COME TO VISIT!

Missionary Pastors David Viggers and Paul Schulz from Odebolt and Mallard, Iowa brought the members of their congregations to see the new addition at Mission Central called "THE LORD'S CREATION THEATER." What a blessing to welcome these two congregations to spend the day hearing the story of how the Lord created ALL of the animals on the 6th day and made each and every one of the animals very unique and different! They enjoyed the story of Genesis 1:1, and what a blessing then to move up to the Barn Museum where the "Word became flesh and dwelt among us!"

Pictured are the people who came to "experience" what God is doing in the middle of a cornfield with an old set of farm buildings. They enjoyed the lunch served by our volunteer ladies. What a blessing to have them see the story of two of our missionaries in the Republic of Congo and Uruguay in South America!

This group of people went home different than when they came, and now these people are truly NOT NORMAL!



NOT NORMAL CPAs FROM SIOUX CITY COME TO VISIT MISSION CENTRAL

What a special JOY and blessing to welcome our long-time friends from Sioux City, Iowa, the Honorable Dr. John Williams and Annette Goetsch, for a tour of the world famous Mission Central.

Yes, old Missionary Gary and Dr. Williams have been friends from Gary's former life in the banking industry, and have been working together for more than 40 years!

Williams and Goetsch are two of the finest, qualified and capable Certified Public Accountants in the United States! They had NEVER been to Mission Central, and came on the morning of January 2, 2018! They received a "mini-tour" and were invited to come back and bring their family and friends. Their CPA Firm, "Henjes, Conner and Williams," is located in Sioux City, Iowa. These Christian people were very amazed at what the Lord has done here in the middle of "nowhere"what a blessing to have them come and see!



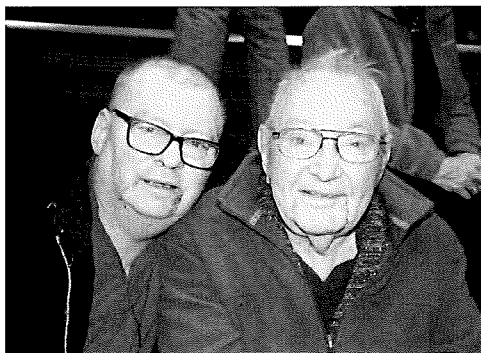
These dear friends are pictured in front of our Boss at Gary's office. It was indeed a special day.

96 YEAR OLD MISSIONARY COMES TO VISIT MISSION CENTRAL!

Yes, God sends special people at "just the right time" to Mission Central. Saturday, January 27 was a very special day because we had a wonderful group of people from all over Iowa come for a tour of the world famous Mission Central.

On this day the Lord sent Missionary Jerry Johnson, who is 96 years young, to Mission Central. He and his son Tim were our special guests. Jerry and Missionary Gary have been friends for over 20 years. Jerry wanted to see The Lord's Creation Theater! They much enjoyed their tour of the Theater and the Barn Museum. They also heard about the Freese Family in the Republic of Congo and the Sharp Family from Denison, Iowa in Uruguay South America.

Here you see Jerry and his son Tim....sitting right in the front row!



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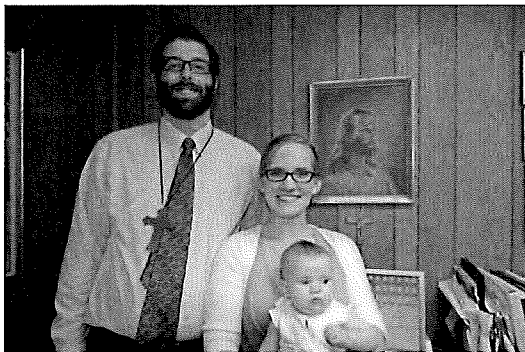
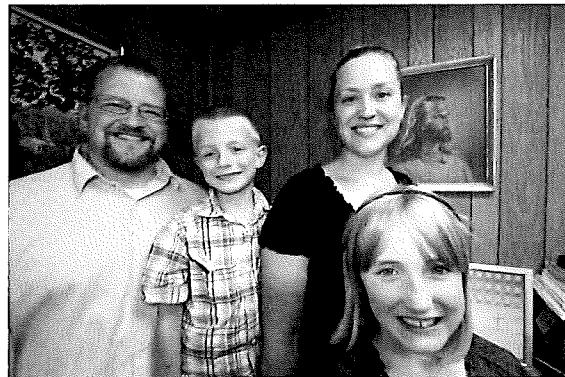
**MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Rev. Eddie Hosch & Family

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Saturday, March 10, 2018

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Rev. Andrew Schlund & Family

Mexico

Saturday, March 17, 2018

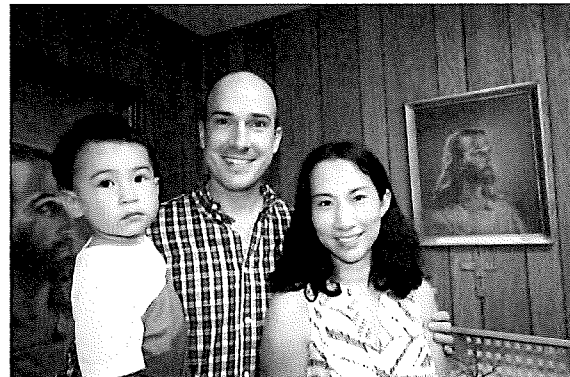
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Josh Lange & Family

Asia

Saturday, April 7, 2018

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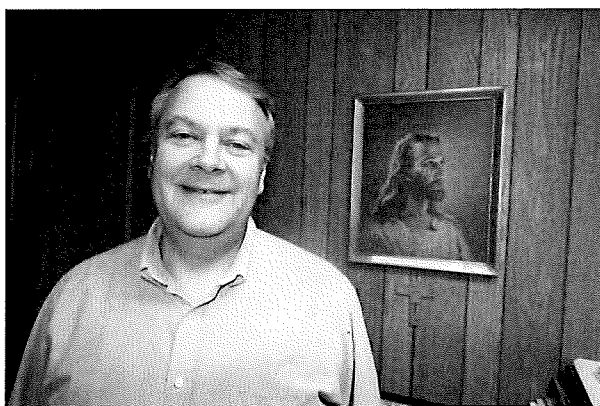
Rev. Eddie Hosch & Family

Lima Peru

Saturday, April 21, 2018

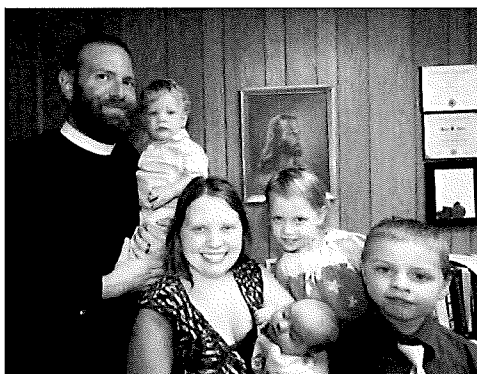
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Caitlin Worden
Lima Peru
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Rev. Lawrence Rast, President
Concordia Theological
Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN
Ascension Service
Thursday, May 10, 2018
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Rev. Jon Clausing & Family
Kenya East Africa
Saturday, June 2, 2018
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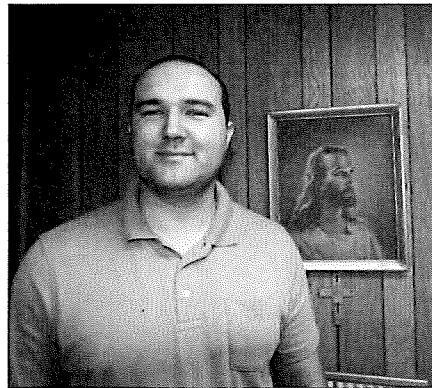
Rev. Ryan McDermott & Family
West Africa
Saturday, June 2, 2018
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Krista Young & Family
East Africa
Wednesday, July 11, 2018
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Rev. Jacob Gaugert
Togo West Africa
Saturday, August 11, 2018
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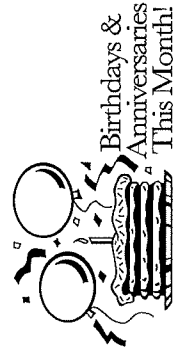
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March Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 <i>Lydia Dose Mark & Jolene Stoelk</i>	3 <i>Susan Ehlers</i>
4 <i>Norma Luetje Ryan Neumann Irene Stark Dale & Nicky Lenz</i>	5 <i>Kurt Branning</i>	6 <i>Wyatt Neumann</i>	7 <i>Garrett Cleveland Merle Witt</i>	8 <i>Jeff Luetje Patty Vetter</i>	9 <i>Leta Jensen</i>	10
11 <i>Kyelar Cleveland Shane Kraus Lajean Shiney Dwight & Melissa Ehlers</i>	12	13	14 <i>Timothy Dose</i>	15	16 <i>Chad Wittrock Jeff & Cheryl Vetter</i>	17 <i>Pat Branning Myra Luetje Karlie Muhlbauer Jim Vetter</i>
18 <i>Luetta Meggers Scot Muhlbauer Cheryl Vetter</i>	19 <i>Kash Riesberg</i>	20	21 <i>Cat Luetje Katelyn Wittrock</i>	22 <i>Derrick Cornelius Jane Vetter</i>	23	24 <i>Gloria Popp Andrew Skinner Gary & Shelli Lenz</i>
25 <i>Sharil Lawler</i>	26	27 <i>Keith & Jane Petersen</i>	28 <i>Heather Cornelius Maggie Ragaller</i>	29 <i>Brooke Bass Scot & Stacie Muhlbauer</i>	30	31



March 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 1:30 Ladies Aid	2	3
4 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	5	6	7 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Lenten Serv 4:00 Midweek 6:30 Lenten Serv. 7:30 Evening Cir	8	9	10
11 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW 11:00 Council Meeting	12	13	14 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Lenten Ser 4:00 Midweek 6:30 Lenten Ser	15	16	17
18 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	19	20	21 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Lenten Serv 4:00 Midweek 6:30 Lenten Serv	22	23	24
25 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 DW/Rite of Confirmation/HC	26	27	28 9:30 Bible Study 4:00 Midweek Class	29 11:00 & 6:30 Maunday Thursday/HC	30 11:00 & 6:30 Good Friday Service	31 6:30 Easter Vigil

USHERS

Keith Vetter
 Jeff Luetje
 Jim Luetje
 Rob Klink
 Michael Brockman

PARISH CIRCLE

Jolene Stoelk & Diane Witt

CHANCEL CIRCLE

Diane Witt & Shirley Ehlers

MIDWEEK SNACK LIST

7th: Kyelar Cleveland
 14th Timothy Dose
 21st Maggie Ragaller

ACOLYTES:

4th: Jaggar Luetje & Cody Bair
 7th Will Ragaller & Karlie Muhlbauer (Wed)
 11th Sammi Hinners & Wade Ragaller
 14th Kyelar Cleveland & Kendra Schuette (Wed)

ACOLYTES

19th: Payton Henningsen & Jaxson Henningsen
 21st Sammi Hinners & Danica Ehlers (Wed)
 28th: Jamie Hausman & Maggie Ragaller
 Crucifer: Timothy Dose

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FRIENDS WHO CARE

Christian Education	9:00 am
Divine Worship	10:00 am

