

# ZION PROCLAIMER

July 2024

**CALL COMMITTEE:** Members of our congregation are needed to serve on the call committee to select our new pastor. If interested please submit your name. Members should know this committee will require a substantial number of meetings and paperwork to review possible pastors and the time required to do this is unknown. Please contact Jeff Luetje at 712-830-5826 or Chris Toft at 712-790-6313. Names will need to be received by July 21st so Board of Elders can review the submission

**NOMINATION PAPERS:** Nomination forms are available for members to submit Lutheran Church Missouri Synod pastors to possibly be called to serve as our next pastor. Forms must be picked up at the church office and completed and signed by the person nominating a specific pastor. The forms must be received by the Church office by August 1st. Forms are available at the church office.

A congregational survey will be handed out during the first 3 Sundays of July. The purpose of the survey is to identify strengths and opportunities of our church and the expectations we have for the new pastor. These surveys need to be submitted to the church office by July 21st.



Dear Zion-Arcadia Family,

Thank you for your love and support throughout the past 16 years. Special thanks for the gifts, cards, prayers, and well wishes extended to us as we transition from Arcadia to Algona. The recognition dinner and desk plaque were a beautiful reminder of the love we will share from here into our eternal home in Heaven.

*Love,  
The Dose Family  
Pastor Ben, Rebecca, Jonathan, Timothy, Lydia, and Hannah*

# Zion Lutheran Church

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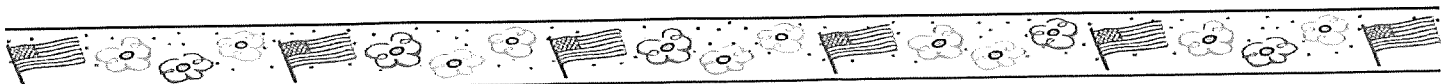
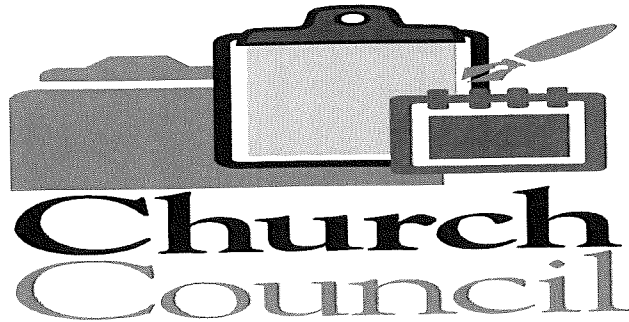
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*Please feel free to contact any member of the Elder Board about any aspect of our ministry here at Zion.*

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

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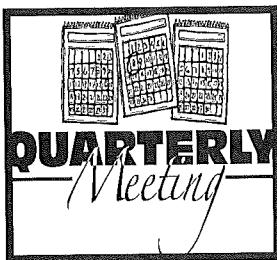
L.W.M.L.

“Serve the  
Lord with  
Gladness”

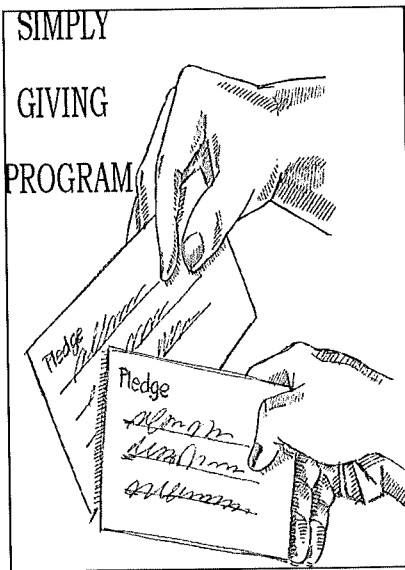
**MARTHA CIRCLE:**  
Marilyn Mumm  
**CHANCEL CIRCLE:**  
LaJean Shiney & Diane Witt  
**PARISH CIRCLE:**  
Marilyn Mumm & Donna Rickers



On Sunday, July 14th the Evening Circle will be having their Noisy Offering. All offerings received will be sent to Greenfield for disaster relief.



The Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 14th at 9 am Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend



In the busy times we are currently in, handling the finances of our congregation is requiring more and more work. In an effort to save our financial people time we ask that you consider an old idea, that of the Simply Giving Program. To refresh your memory, Simply Giving is a program where once a week, once a month, or twice a month, your offering is automatically deducted from your checking account and automatically deposited into the churches account. All you will need to do is once a week (or whatever you choose) is to record the amount in your check register. That is all there is to it. The amount is set by you and doesn't change unless you request it to be changed or discontinued. Special services like Advent, Lent, Christmas, etc are **NOT** automatically deducted and we would encourage you to use your offering envelopes for those services just like in the past. For each person our Financial Secretary has to handle 52 envelopes and bookkeeping entries per year, and when you multiply that by approximately 200 envelope numbers, that is a significant amount of work that could be avoided by using the Simply Giving Program. An additional bonus would be that our giving throughout the year would be more consistent. We prayerfully ask that you consider making this small change that would be of big help. To learn more about this program, please contact the church office



## **“Celebrate the Savior”**

Celebrate the Savior (CPH) was the theme of the 2024 Vacation Bible School at Zion Lutheran Church in Arcadia. The goals for the annual program are to fulfill the reaching, teaching and discipling mission; to involve members to grow as Christians; to provide Christian education for our church's children; and to encourage children to bring their friends to learn about Jesus. It was held Tuesday to Friday, June 4-7, 2024.

Students who were 3 years old (preschool) by the first day of VBS through the sixth grade were enrolled.

A total of 90 youngsters were involved throughout the week. The Bible theme for the week was

***“Oh Come, let us sing to the Lord:  
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of  
our salvation!”***

**Psalm 95:1**

The sessions ran from 8:30 to 11:30 each day with opening and closing devotions in the church led by Pastor Ryan Roehrig and music instruction by Tammi Brunner

*“Our offering collected this year went towards our mission project of the Disaster Relief in Greenfield, Iowa*

***“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.  
(Proverbs 22:6)***

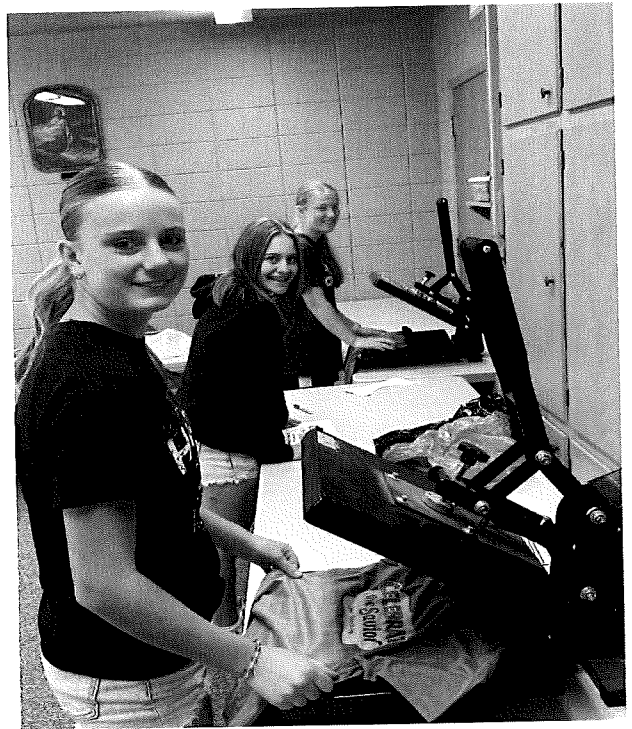
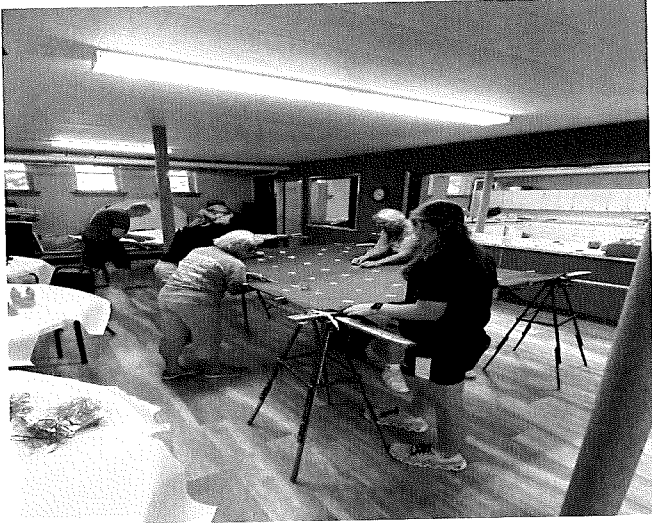
Deb Owen assisted with the secretarial needs and newly confirmed teens, other church members and their friends assisted in all areas of need. Shawna & Chad Wittrock provided the craft project ideas. The 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders also did an outstanding job of tying **over 50** quilts this year. Since 1993, VBS students have tied over **1,000 quilts**. The ladies prepare all the materials for the quilts and the students tie them using the two frames that keep all the helpers hopping. There are **many, many** helpers who volunteer each day both with the crafts and the snacks.

It is truly appreciated how everyone comes forth each year for the week of Vacation Bible School. Thanks to all who helped the week of VBS whether it be in the kitchen, teacher, helper, crafts or games, it is a fun week and hopefully, memories are created that will last a lifetime.

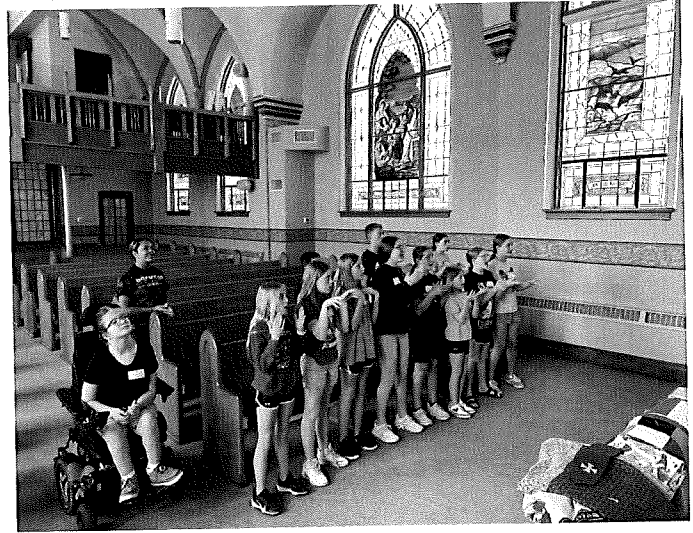
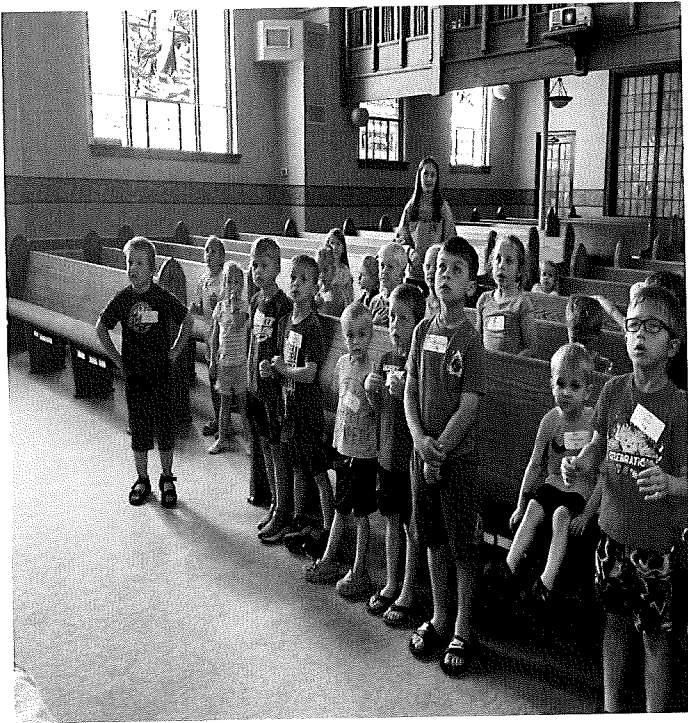
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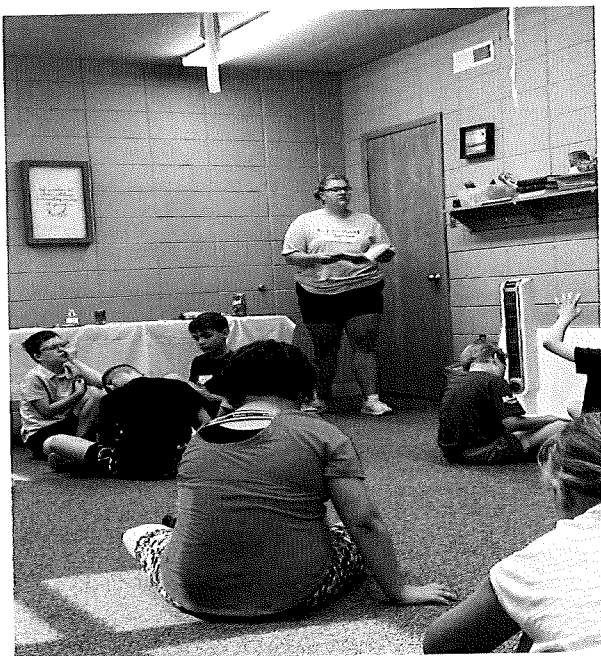
# Tying quilts & Crafts



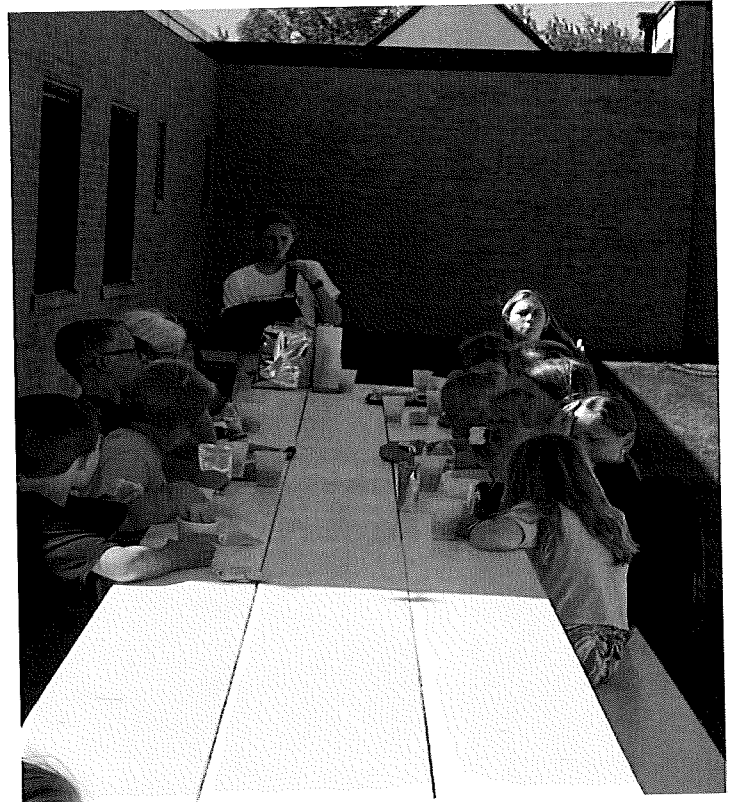
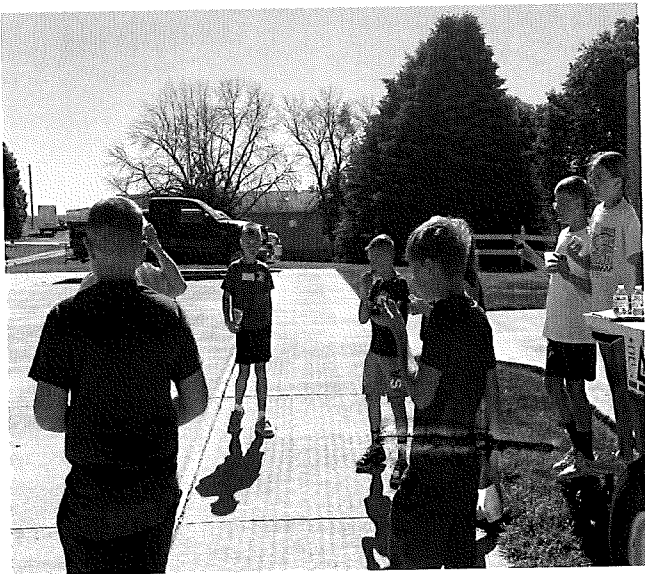
# Music



## Bible Challenge & Story Telling



# Games & Snacks





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Let us make a joyful noise to the  
rock of our salvation!”*

Psalm 95:1





**NORMAL LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday: 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 Friday: 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 p.m.

**DURING SUMMER READING PROGRAMS**

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**2024 SUMMER READING PROGRAMS**



**Wednesday, July 10, 2024**

**TULIP & FRIENDS**

Tulip combines her skill of magic and puppetry to educate and entertain kids!

Programs  
last 45-60  
minutes.

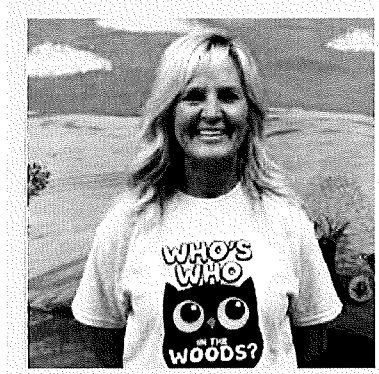


**Wednesday, July 17, 2024**

**ALAYNA HANSEN**

Alayna integrates creative lessons, hands-on projects and programs to learn all about agriculture!

Summer  
Programs start  
at 6:30 p.m.

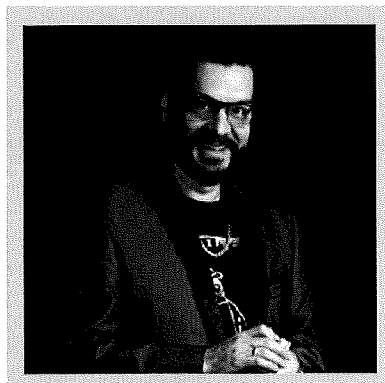


**Wednesday, July 24, 2024**

**NATURALIST, KELLY SONNICHSEN**

Kelly brings her love of animals as she educates and explains all about them and their surroundings!

All  
programs  
are FREE!

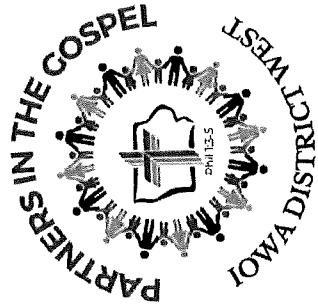


**Wednesday, July 31, 2024**

**MAGICIAN, JONATHAN MAY**

Jonathan entertains children, while engaging and entertaining adults in his high-energy show!

**SHOWS ARE OPEN TO ADULTS & CHILDREN!**



On a Mission  
to Support  
Christ's Mission!

July 2024

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**Why Grace is Amazing?**



The thought that hit me this month was grace. At its core, grace is about God's love for humanity. God cares so deeply for a fallen and broken world that He offers it a solution, a way out. God provides grace for a guilt-ridden world. The message of grace is connected with forgiveness and healing spoken in our churches and through the mouths and lives of those who are followers of Jesus. Our prayer is to allow us, Lord, to live grace-filled lives among those unconnected and those who are beaten down by the effects of sin. Grace is clearly revealed in Paul's letter to a young group of believers in Corinth, "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation" (1 Corinthians 5:19).

Grace is revealed also in the waters of Holy Baptism. As Tertullian once shared, "How mighty is the grace of water, in the sight of God and His Christ, for the confirmation of Baptism! Never is Christ without water: He who is Himself in water (Matt. 3:13-17) inaugurates in water the first display of His power when invited to the wedding in Cana (John 2:1-11); in His preaching, He invites the thirsty to His own eternal water (John 7:37-38; John 4:6ff). And when He is wounded, after His death, water bursts forth from His side that had been pierced with the soldier's lance (John 19:34)!" If you want a daily visible reminder of God's grace, it is found around you everywhere in the form of water. May you be a refreshing drink to the souls of those around you as you live out this year filled with grace.

Rev. Dr. B. Keith Haney, Assistant to the President  
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**IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)**

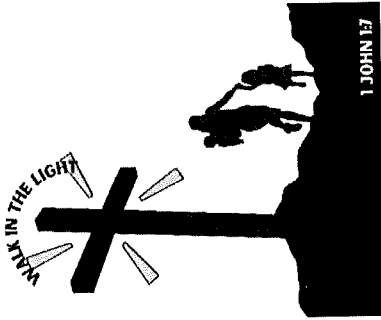
We need your help to fully fund ILSTO for 2024. Next May, ILSTO will be able to award almost \$1 million to our Lutheran school students across the state of Iowa for the 2025-2026 school year. This can only be awarded if we have that amount of donations. Please help grow our Lutheran schools. Take this message to your congregation to be sure that Lutheran students receive the maximum amount set by law. Iowa Tax laws have changed so please consult your tax advisor about ILSTO and Iowa tax credits. For more information, contact Dewey Torkelson, Program Manager for ILSTO, at 712-260-2991.

**Iowa Lutheran Early Childhood Conference**

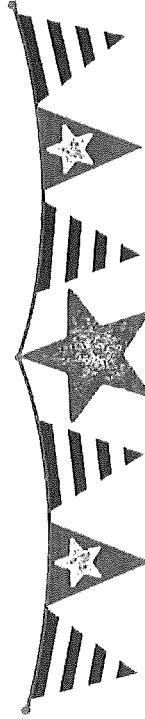
**Date:** August 2, 2024  
**Location:** Gloria Dei, Urbandale  
**Keynote:** Dr. Drew Gerdes, Concordia Nebraska  
**Cost:** \$50 per person (includes lunch)

**Register by July 12, 2024**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IDWECC2024>

More information can be found on our District website [www.iowadistrictwest.org](http://www.iowadistrictwest.org).



Pastors of Preschools are encouraged to attend.



**Calendar of Events**

July 4... Independence Day, District Office Closed

**Save the Dates**

August 2... Early Childhood Conference, Gloria Dei, Urbandale  
September 17... Administrative Assistants Conference, Faith, Adel  
September 23-24... District Pastors Conference, Sioux City  
October 4-6... SR Youth Gathering, Camp Okoboji  
October 11-13... IDW Pastors Wives Retreat, Camp Okoboji  
October 19-20... JR Youth Gathering, Sheraton, West Des Moines

For more information on Iowa District West activities, view *The Messenger* at [www.idwlcms.org/publications.php](http://www.idwlcms.org/publications.php)



## AT CAMP OKOBOJI

This year's gathering will be **different** – different month, different location, different schedule, and different cost, but the **same GREAT QUALITY event!**

### Activities:

Kayaking, Gaga Ball, Archery, Interactive Games, Saturday evening devotions around a campfire, Service Projects, Sunday morning worship, and more!

# ONE IN CHRIST

IOWA DISTRICT WEST

Galatians 3:28  
SENIOR YOUTH GATHERING

### Keynote: Pastor Paul Dare

It's a challenging world for Christian youth. These days, up is down and down is up. What is a youth to believe? Causing particular difficulty is a new vocabulary that has entered education and mainstream thinking. Words like victim, privilege, social justice, and many others are regularly used. What do these words mean? In addition, people seem to be divided into groups of "good" and "bad" based on gender, race, heritage, and even physical health. What is a Christian youth to think about this? This year's youth gathering, "One in Christ," will examine the origin and goals of this new morality and division from a biblical standpoint and grow into the truth of how God has made us one through His Creation and gracious work of redemption in Christ Jesus.

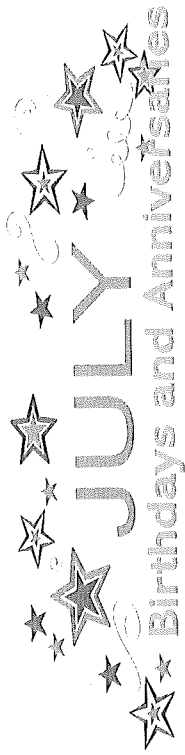
**OCTOBER**

5-6\* | Option to arrive on the 4th

**COST**

\$85 for 1 night  
\$115 for 2 nights





# JULY

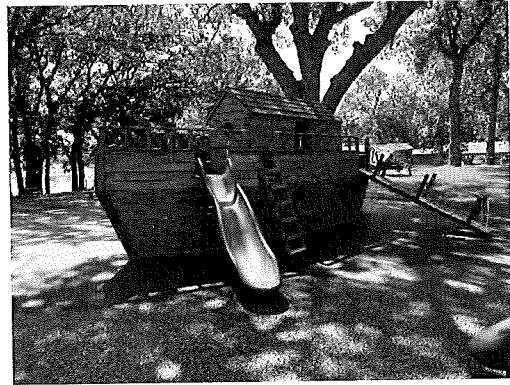
Birthdays and Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Matthew McNelly Mark & Diane Schurke Dennis & Dianne Vetter	<b>2</b> Ashley Eggers Levi Lenz	<b>3</b> Scott Linde	<b>4</b> Corey Erps	<b>5</b> Dawn Luetje Gary & Jane Vetter	<b>6</b> Tyler Ehlers Ann Peterson
<b>7</b> Andrea Gronau Betty Klink	<b>8</b> Devon Ehlers Carolyn Sander	<b>9</b> Colton Heithoff Steve Koch	<b>10</b> Maren Myers Nolan Schmitz	<b>11</b> Connie Bradshaw Blakely Bruch	<b>12</b> Brooklyn Brockman Darin & Donna Schurke	<b>13</b> Sophia Koch Dianne Vetter
<b>14</b> Ross & Michelle Schuette	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Chase Eggers Ellie Eggers Dan Wittrock	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Jay Luetje Randy Stoelk Mason Stork Rick Vetter	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Brad Maasen
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Steve Leiting	<b>23</b> Justin & Holly Hunter	<b>24</b> Kathy Kraus	<b>25</b> Mark & Donna Rickers	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Lane Kraus Caden Travis Dennis Vetter
<b>28</b> Wanda Erps Dawn Melton	<b>29</b> Doug Gronau	<b>30</b> Lola Ehlers	<b>31</b> Kyle Bass			

## UPDATES FROM CAMP OKOBOJI

*We are off and running for the summer season at Camp Okoboji. We have had our annual Camp Auxiliary Quilt Auction, Kids' Kamp, JOY Camp #1 and many other great group gatherings. Our playground is completed now, the rubber base is all set and Noah's ark is assembled. It's exciting to see children playing on our new equipment!*

### NEW AND IMPROVED PLAYGROUND



**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!** Camp Okoboji hosts worship each Sunday between Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend at 9 am in the Christian Life Center. If you're in the Lakes area, join us!

**OMELET BRUNCHES** will be held the first Sunday of the month, May – October from 9:30am – 1 pm in the Ginny DeWall Dining Hall. Our next Brunch will be Sunday, July 7. Join us!

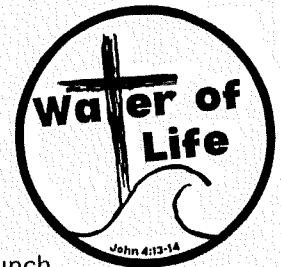
## CAMP OKOBOJI SUMMER 2024

### Discipleship Programs

May 31-June 2...Kids' Kamp  
June 7-10...JOY Camp #1  
June 23-27...Cub Week #1  
June 30-July 5...July 4 Family Retreat  
July 7-13...Junior High Week  
July 11-14...JOY Camp #2  
July 14-20...Cub Week #2  
July 21-27...Youth Week (High School)  
July 28-August 2...Family Retreat #1  
August 4-9...Family Retreat #2

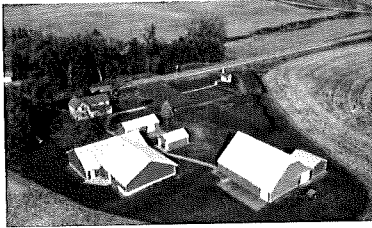
### Other Events

January 26-28...Family Ice Fishing Retreat  
May 3-5...Spring Volunteer Work Weekend  
June 1...Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Quilt Auction  
June 16-22...Minneboji Lutheran Camp  
June 23-27...Living Proof Dance Camp  
May 26-September 8...Sunday Worship  
1st Sundays of the Month (May-October)...Brunch



For more information and to register, visit [campokoboji.org](http://campokoboji.org)





# MISSION CENTRAL

Mission Advancement  
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

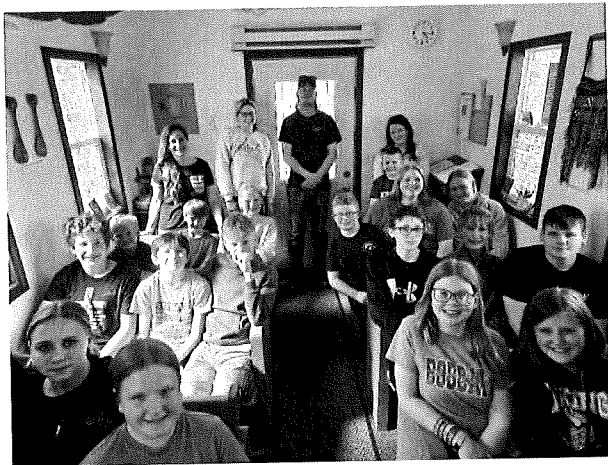


Missionaries Gary Thies & Rev. Steve Schulz  
Mission Development Counselors

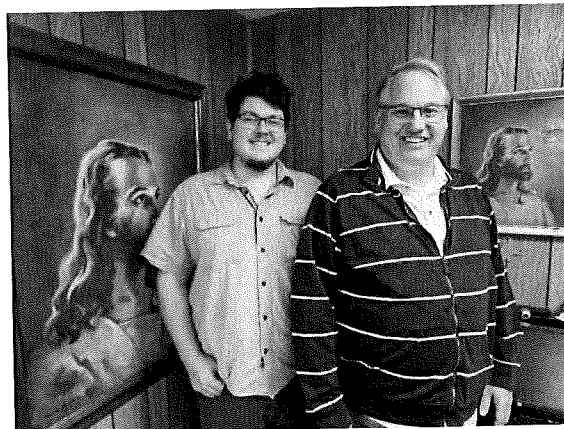
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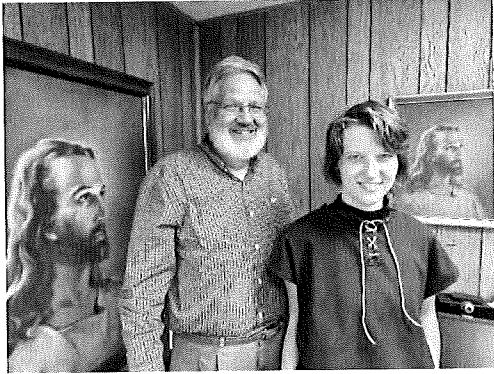
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What a JOY and BLESSING to welcome 35 students and adults from Charter Oak, Iowa on Wednesday, May 8. The entire group was "sworn in" for the rest of their lives as missionaries for the Lord Jesus! These young people were so attentive and so interested. We hope and pray that some of them will be pastors and church leaders, and we know that the Lord will guide and lead these dear young missionaries all the days of their lives!



On May 29, 2024, we welcomed Vicar Ethan Boester (left) and Pastor Brent Hartwig (right) all the way from Iowa City, Iowa where they serve our Savior at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church! It was such a joy to provide these dear friends with a complete tour of our Mission Central facilities. The time went so quickly, and we are so honored to have had the opportunity to spend time with these truly special servants of the Lord Jesus!



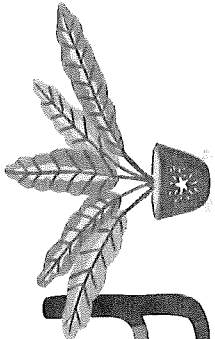


On Monday, June 3, the Honorable Missionary Rev. Dr. Hans Trinklein from Seward, Nebraska came with his daughter, Abi, for a special visit to Mission Central. Rev. Trinklein served many years on the mission field in Seoul, Korea and is now a full-time instructor at Concordia University at Seward, Nebraska. It was such a joy to see these dear friends and unite with them in person after all these years.

It was a glorious day to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Mission Central (June 1, 1994-2024) as we welcomed the Fedder family from Romania and the Lehmann family from Puerto Rico. Pastor Fedder reported on his extensive mission work throughout the Balkan region and into Greece and Italy while Pastor Lehmann shared with us what a "typical week" looks like in the life of a missionary in Puerto Rico as they continue to plant Lutheran congregations on the island. People came from all over Iowa and Nebraska to rejoice with us, and it was a wonderful day that we will never forget.



# july



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:30 DW (Vicar Sutcliff)	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9:00 Voters Meet 10:30 DW (Vicar Sutcliff)	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 10:30 DW/HC (Pastor Roehrig)	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:30 DW (Vicar Sutcliff)	29	30	31			

## USHERS

**Rick Vetter**    Keith Vetter  
**Jeff Luetje**    Gene Thiedeman  
**Kim Brockman**

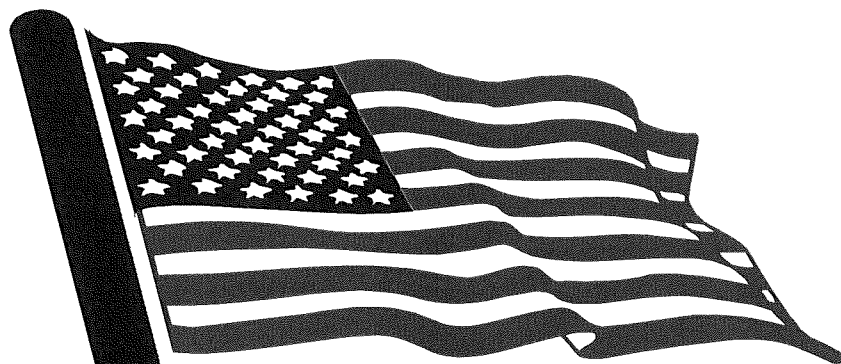
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**Diane Witt**  
  
**Parish Circle**  
**Marilyn Mumm**  
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Friends who care	
Divine Worship	10:30 am



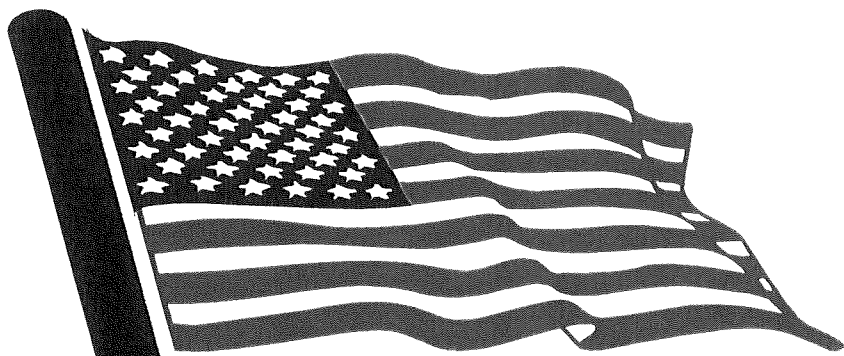
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