



# ZION PROCLAIMER

August 2024

*Zion Lutheran Church*

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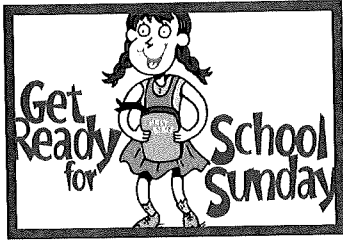
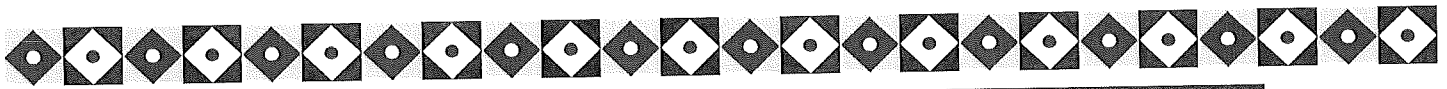
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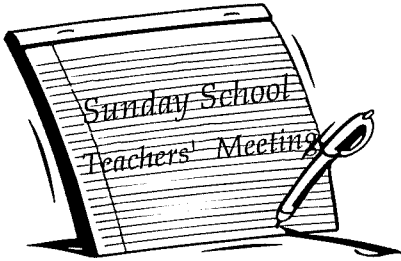
## CHURCH COUNCIL

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**Sunday School begins on  
September 8, 2024  
9:30 am**

**MIDWEEK CLASSES:** Our Midweek Classes will be starting on **Wednesday, September 4 at 3:45 pm .**



We are looking for Sunday School teachers /helpers/ subs for this up coming year. If you would be willing to help, please contact the church office.

**Church Council**

**The August Church Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 11th at 9 am.**

**Youth Gathering**

**IDW YOUTH Gatherings**

The Jr. Youth Gathering (6th-8th grade) will be held on October 19-20, 2024 at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines. Cost is \$175 per person. Registration materials are attached. Forms are due to the office by September 8th. (Church will pay 1/2 of reg fee)



The Senior High Gathering will be held October 5-6th at Camp Okoboji. The theme is One In Christ. **Activities:** Kayaking, Gaga Ball, Archery, Interactive Games, Saturday evening devotion around a campfire, Service Project, Sunday morning worship, and more!  
**Cost:** \$85 - October 5-6 - includes one night lodging, three meals, all programing and activities -or- \$115 - October 4-6 - includes two nights' lodging, four meals, all programing and activities  
**What to Bring:** Bible, bedding or sleeping bag, personal toiletries, towels, gloves and rake for the servant project, closed-toe shoes, snacks, and money for the camp store



This reminder goes out endlessly, but sewing circle is **ALWAYS** in need of sheets, lightweight blankets, and **NEW** material for making quilt tops, middles and backs. A small group of ladies are the core of this worthwhile project. Quilt tops/backs are made at home and the quilts are tied at church. The VBS will be using this project again, and it anticipated that this year's group will assemble 40 or more quilts. This means that at least 120 tops, insides and backs are needed!!! The large pieces of material (especially sheets) speed up the job!



Please watch the bulletin and newsletters for more information.



Sunday, August 25th

10:30 am

worship Service

Zion Lutheran Church

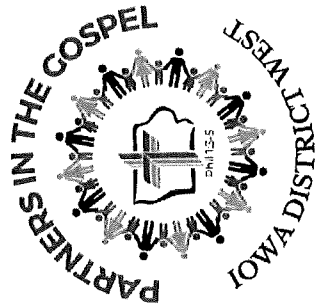
Arcadia, IA

Bring your backpack to church on Sunday, August 25th to have it blessed and we will put a tag on it.

National LCMS

### Youth Gathering

The next gathering will be held next July 19-23rd in New Orleans. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office as soon as possible as registration is due in November 2024. Eligible students are current 8th graders through 12th graders.

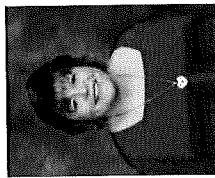


On a Mission  
to Support  
Christ's Mission!

### August 2024

409 Kenyon Road, Suite B — Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501  
515-576-7666 Fax 515-576-2323 [www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org)  
Contact email: [sue@iowadistrictwest.org](mailto:sue@iowadistrictwest.org)

#### NEW BEGINNINGS



August is always associated with new beginnings in the education world. To me, it is very similar to January in the calendar year. Those new beginnings likely include a new grade, new teacher, sometimes new school, new supplies, and new clothes. In our churches, it's a new educational year, too. Youth groups, confirmation classes and Sunday school fall back into a routine and usually include a newness. There is a certain amount of excitement about starting new each year. God gives us that "new" start every day! God's Word in Lamentations says that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, and His mercies are new every morning. What a blessing it is that God, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, gives us a new start every morning. God's Word also declares in 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" That's a newness that lasts! Thank you, Lord for making us new through our baptism and that your mercies are new every morning!

May the Lord bless your educational year in amazing ways – especially as you proclaim the "new life" that Jesus gives.

Rhonda Mohr, Assistant to the President  
[rhonda@iowadistrictwest.org](mailto:rhonda@iowadistrictwest.org)

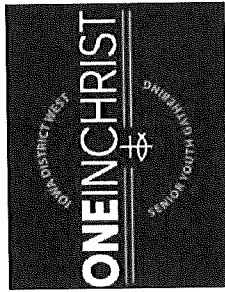
For more information on Iowa District West activities,  
view *The Messenger* at [www.idwlcms.org/publications.php](http://www.idwlcms.org/publications.php)

#### IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)

This summer, Iowa Lutheran schools continue working through year two of the Educational Savings Account (ESA) legislation. The STO program remains intact for 2024 as these funds will provide additional tuition assistance for the 2025-2026 school year. The Iowa legislature made no changes to the STO program this past session but certainly did make changes to Iowa taxes for seniors. Please contact your tax advisor to see how these laws affect your donations to ILSTO. The ILSTO remains a great place for RMD to avoid Federal taxes. Also, the ILSTO has additional tax advantages for corporations. Your continued support of the ILSTO program is greatly appreciated. If you are new to the program, please give me a call to discuss tax advantages of the STO program.

Dewey Torkelson, ILSTO Program Manager  
712-260-2991

#### Senior Youth Gathering – October 5-6



The registration link is live:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SYG2024>

Cost: \$85 for one night, \$115 for 2 nights

Registration deadline: September 5

Friday night check-in begins at 7pm

Saturday morning check-in 8 am-9:15 am;

Events begin at 9:30 am

Weekend ends at 11am on Sunday

#### Junior Youth Gathering - October 19-20

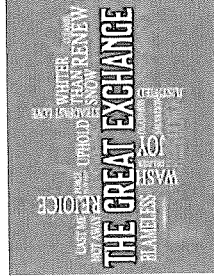
Sheraton – West Des Moines

Theme: The Great Exchange - Psalm 51

Focus: Confession and Absolution

Registration information is being mailed and is also located on the District website.

Cost: \$175



#### Calendar of Events

- August 2...Early Childhood Conference, Gloria Dei, Urbandale
- August 12...Doxology for Educators, German Konferenz Centre, Manning
- August 13...New Pastor/Vicar Orientation, District Office, Fort Dodge
- August 15...District Board of Directors, District Office, Fort Dodge
- September 17...Administrative Assistants Conference, Faith, Adel
- September 23-24...District Pastors Conference, Sioux City



## Education Youth Family Life

Rhonda J. Mohr Assistant to the President 515-573-0010  
rhonda@iowadistrictwest.org

Iowa Districts East and West  
Lutheran Teachers Conference  
October 17-18  
Sheraton – West Des Moines  
Principals will receive registration materials at the  
August 8 Principals Conference.



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The registration link is live and can be found on the flyer included in The August Messenger and on our District website.

Cost: \$85 for one night, \$115 for 2 nights

Registration deadline: September 5

### Registration Check-in

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## Junior Youth Gathering

October 19-20

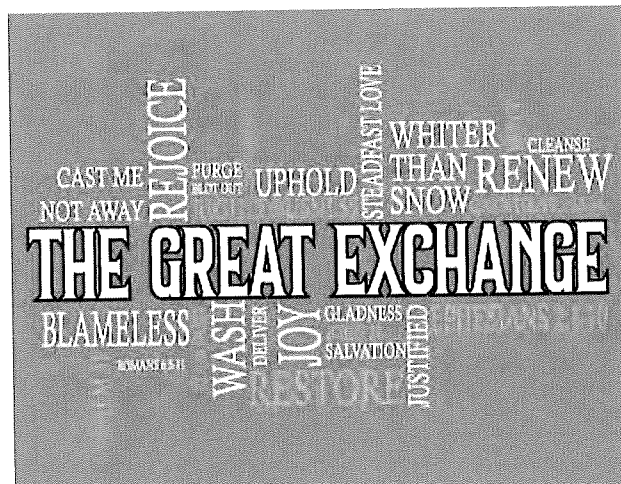
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# Update

We are into our busiest time of year and it's wonderful to have children running around Camp. While it has been a bit of a bumpy summer, we thank God for His goodness and mercy.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**July 28:** 9:00 am Worship with Rev. Ben Dose

**July 28-Aug. 2:** Family Retreat #1

**August 4:** 9:00 am Worship with Rev. James Travis

9:30 am to 1:00 pm: Omelet Brunch

**August 4-9:** Family Retreat #2

**August 11:** 9:00 am Worship with Rev. Jason Letsche

**August 18:** 9:00 am Worship with Rev. Alex Slotter

**August 25:** 9:00 am Worship (Pastor to be determined)

## **Water Damage**

Camp Okoboji sustained water damage to buildings following the significant weather event at the end of June. Also, many of our docks will need to be replaced due to water damage. Please consider making a special gift for water damage repairs by sending a gift to Camp Okoboji, 1531 Edgewood Dr. Milford, IA 51351 or going online at [campokoboji.org/donations.php](http://campokoboji.org/donations.php).



## *Thank You!*

THANKS to volunteers and groups who give so generously of their time and talents in serving Camp Okoboji.

- Many, many thanks to all of the volunteers that helped Camp host the LWML Convention and Minneboji in June, especially our volunteer coordinator Mary Milbrandt. Some of our volunteers put in 8-12 hours each day! It was incredible, deeply appreciated, and we could not have served our guests well without their help.

## **NEEDS/WANTS:**

- 3 office chair mats
- Gas grills
- Outdoor Rocking Chairs
- Laundry soap, bleach and hand soap
- Queen size mattress pads
- New commercial grade vacuums, coffee pots, toasters, crock pots
- Thrivent Action Team Cards (contact Kellie Jones for potential projects; 712-337-3325)
- Also, see our Amazon Wish List at:  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U3MCM8Z6HGPY?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U3MCM8Z6HGPY?ref_=wl_share)

## 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!

### 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.

# ONE IN CHRIST

IOWA DISTRICT WEST

Galatians 3:28

SENIOR YOUTH GATHERING

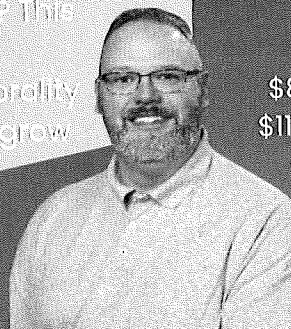
**OCTOBER**  
5-6\* | Option to  
arrive on the 4th

## REGISTER

By September 5, 2024  
[www.surveymonkey.com/  
r/SYG2024](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SYG2024)

## COST

\$85 for 1 night per person  
\$115 for 2 nights per person  
One check per church  
mailed to IDW.







# Junior Youth Gathering Sheraton ~ West Des Moines, Iowa ~ October 19-20, 2024

## Registration Information

### Who may attend the Junior Youth Gathering?

- Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student
- Adult Leaders

### What are the Adult Leader Requirements?

The Junior Youth Gathering requires that congregations send *at least* 1 adult for every 5 youth. Adult leaders must be 21 years of age or older, approved by your pastor, active in church, spiritually mature, and willing to be involved with youth. Congregations also choose one of their leaders as their Primary Adult Leader. Gathering confirmation and all other information will be sent to the information provided for the Primary Adult Leader.

*You are encouraged to have a background check on all adult counselors.* (The Synod recommends Protect My Ministry. For information go to [www.protectmyministry.com/lcms](http://www.protectmyministry.com/lcms).) If you have additional questions, contact Rhonda Mohr at the District office.

### What is the COST?

**Total Cost: \$175 per person (Due by September 15).** There will be no exceptions to these fees and deadlines.

Cost includes 1 night's lodging at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines (arranged through the Junior Youth Gathering Planning Team), 2 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday, a T-shirt, and the total program.

Refunds: The District counts on those registered to keep our commitments as t-shirts, food and hotel rooms must be secured in advance. We strongly encourage finding a replacement for someone previously registered to attend. We will grant a refund if we receive it by October 6. If the cancellation is after t-shirts have already been ordered a refund minus \$10 for the shirt will be granted.

More about the hotel: All rooms at the Sheraton accommodate 2 to 4 people (depending on the room) and will be assigned by our Registrar based on your group's needs. If you are open to sharing rooms or would need more rooms, please contact Jenn Fuller at 712-251-7197 or [Jenn.Fuller@gdlc.church](mailto:Jenn.Fuller@gdlc.church). Please note that additional rooms will be an additional cost to your congregation.

**Pro tip:** Choose a registration deadline for your participants to turn in their forms that is **earlier** than the actual deadline. Put this earlier date on all registration and publicity items. This will give you plenty of time to have a church check written and finalize other details before the Gathering's actual online registration deadline of **September 15**.

### *Registration is open now!*

**After completing your groups ONLINE registration, please send:**

A payment of \$175 per person with **one church check** payable to Iowa District West - JYG

**Mail to:** Iowa District West  
Attn: Roger Curtis  
409 Kenyon Road, Suite B  
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

**Adult / Youth Registration Form**  
(COPY AS NEEDED)

**IOWA DISTRICT WEST JUNIOR YOUTH GATHERING**  
October 19-20, 2024 ~ Sheraton Hotel ~ West Des Moines, IA

Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation & City: \_\_\_\_\_

**T-shirt size (adult sizes):** S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL *(extra small NOT available)*

Do you have special dietary needs: Yes / No Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any medical needs? Yes / No Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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I agree to participate and cooperate in every way at the District Junior Youth Gathering.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE OF YOUTH**

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I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the 2024 Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering and I have completed and signed the Health Form included in this registration. I understand that photographs and/or video/audio recordings made during this Junior Youth Gathering may include my child, and I authorize use of such photographs or recordings at the discretion of the IDW Junior Youth Gathering Committee and/or the Iowa District West.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN**

I have reviewed this form and the Gathering Covenant and certify that they are complete.

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**Health Form**  
*(Please Print)*

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Family member/friend who can be responsible for student if you cannot be reached:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medications:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Special health conditions? \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Title XIX: \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the above medical information on my child is complete and accurate and that I have legal custody of the participant named above. I grant my permission for adult leaders at the Gathering to administer general first aid treatment for any minor injuries or illnesses experienced by my child. In the event of an emergency, I hereby authorize the calling of an ambulance and/or physician at my expense to provide whatever emergency medical or surgical treatment is deemed necessary by a licensed physician.

I authorize release to the above insurance company any information needed to process a claim. I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges incurred.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering Covenant

In our baptism, the sinful self died and was buried with Christ, and the new self has risen with Him. God continues to call, gather, and enlighten us by the power of the Holy Spirit to live the new life of discipleship. At the Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering we celebrate our new life in Christ, and we live as the family of faith. In response to God's love for us, we love one another. This Gathering Covenant guides us to live in love while we celebrate and learn at this year's event.

1. I promise to participate in all Gathering activities as scheduled.
2. I will treat others with love, building each other up.
3. I will offer my respect to the leaders and to other youth. I will be respectful of the feelings of others.
4. I will give everyone and everything a fair chance, approaching each situation with a positive attitude.
5. I will be helpful to other participants and to gathering staff. Sometimes our most helpful response is to simply listen to others.
6. I will use our group leaders to help us resolve problems that may arise between another youth and me.
7. I will ensure one another's privacy by not entering rooms when not invited.  
I agree that NO COUPLES ARE TO BE ALONE IN ROOMS AT ANY TIME and I will obey that rule.
8. As a Christian citizen I will obey rules that are set by our group leaders, the Gathering staff, or other governing authorities for our health and safety. Among those rules are:  
\*No illegal drugs    \*No alcohol    \*No tobacco    \*Lights out and quiet time after 12 midnight
9. I will treat the property of the hotel with care. I understand that any damage caused may be billed to those responsible for the damage.
10. I agree that anyone who violates this covenant will be counseled and disciplined appropriately. A major violation may result in a youth being sent home with a parent.

In response to God's grace given in our Baptism, I promise to live by this Covenant at the Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering at the Sheraton in West Des Moines, Iowa, October 19-20, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE OF YOUTH**

I support the Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering covenant and I have discussed it with my child.

In case of a major disciplinary issue during the Gathering (October 19-20, 2024), I understand that I may be asked to come and take my child home. I can be reached at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE OF PARENT**



# AUGUST

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

## USHERS

Dan Wittrock	Merle Witt	Chancel Circle
Doug Schuette	Doug Ehlers	Carm Thiedeman
Wade Ragaller	Damon Ehlers	Kate Neuman & Rodonna Neumann
Jeremy Ehlers	Paul Ehlers	Parish Circle
		Deb Owen

# AUGUST

*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> Nick & Kelsie Weier	<b>2</b> Damon Ehlers Doug & Mandy Heithoff Kyle & Brooke Lenz	<b>3</b> Jon Branning Cindy Nelson Bonnie Schmitz
<b>4</b> Gary Erps Kiara Lupole	<b>5</b> Mark Hoffman	<b>6</b> Shelli Lenz	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> TJ & Megan Serk	<b>9</b> Doug Ehlers	<b>10</b> Jenna Bauman Valerie Vetter
<b>11</b> Colton Neumann Brock & Rachel Travis	<b>12</b> Brooke Lenz	<b>13</b> Barb Musfeldt Tapscott Gene & Carn Thiedeman	<b>14</b> Jazmyn Vetter	<b>15</b> Seth Nelson Derek Schurke Logan & Jessica Scott	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Blake Bender Diane Schurke Kim & Cindy Brockman Eric & Trama Vetter
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Trevor McNelly	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Alyssa Deroos	<b>22</b> Joy Luejie Gary & Mary Erps	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Henry Segebart Merle & Diane Witt
<b>25</b> Dale Wittrock	<b>26</b> Tayana Guy	<b>27</b> Kurt Grundmeier Deb Kraus	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Doug & Judy Gronau Tim & Erica Ruhland	<b>30</b> Casey Bruch Samantha Himmers	<b>31</b> Olivia Fleming

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