

ZION PROCLAIMER

September
2024

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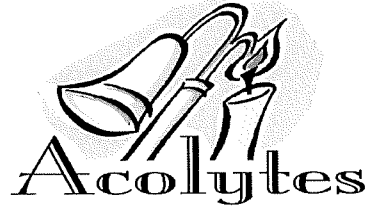
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Ages 3 to 8th grade

RALLY SUNDAY:
We are ready for another exciting year here at Zion Lutheran Church's Sunday School. Classes get started on September 8th which will be our Rally Sunday. Classes will begin at 9:30 am.



- 9/8 Audrey Hill & Kash Riesberg
- 9/15 Lacey Middleton & Tyler Middleton
- 9/22 Laynie Muhlbauer & Amelia Schmitz
- 9/29 Marissa Schrad & Macie Schrad

Remember it is **YOUR** responsibility to find a substitute if you are unable to be here on your assigned Sunday.

Please be ready to acolyte by 10:15 am

L.W.M.L

EVENING
CIRCLE:

Will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday, September 4th here at the church. Co-Hostess is Marilyn Mumm

L.W.M.L Sunday will be October 4th.

PARISH
CIRCLE:

- Beth Wittrock
- Cindy Brockman

CHANCEL
CIRCLE

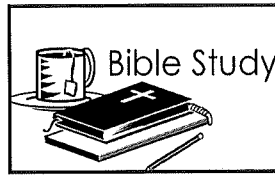
- Beth Wittrock
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LWML FALL RETREAT

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Mission Central
40718 Highway E 16
Mapleton, IA 51034

Registration 8:30 am
Program 9 am to 1:30 pm
Ashley Lehr, missionary to
Puerto Rico
Lunch provided
\$15 registration Fee



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Our Adult Bible Class is held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. The Bible narratives are going to be the same lessons so that youth and adults can speak this faith to each other outside of classes. Catechesis is a lifelong process beginning at infant baptism until entering into eternal glory. Come and join us!

Youth Gathering



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ---

The IDW Sr High Youth Gathering will be held October 4-6th at Camp Okoboji. Registration forms are due to the office by Sunday, September 1.

Iowa District West Jr. High Youth Gathering

The IDW Jr High Youth Gathering (grades 6-8th) will be held Saturday-Sunday, October 21-22nd at the Sheraton Hotel in Des Moines. Registration forms and \$87.50 are due to Deb by September 6th. The cost is \$175 per person. The church will cover 1/2 of the cost.

Harvest Supper



The Annual Turkey Supper will be held on **Saturday October 19th at the Westside Community Building.** Serving will be from 4:00-7:00 pm. Cost is \$15 each meal. All meals will include: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green beans, Corn dinner roll, salads, and a piece of dessert (apple or Pumpkin) This will be a eat in or drive through event.

AWV STAFF SCHOLARSHIP STALEY'S CHICKEN SUPPER "DRIVE BY STYLE:

WHEN: Wednesday, 9/11/24
TIME: 5:00-7:30 pm
MENU: Staley's Chicken
Baked Potato with butter/& sour cream
Corn
Coleslaw
Dinner Roll & Ice Cream Cup

COST: Adults (ages 9 & up) \$14

LINEUP will start on Main Street at the Westside Park and continue North toward the Community Building. AWV staff and members of the senior class will collect tickets or money and deliver dinners at your car.

For advance tickets, call the AWV school at
712-663-4311

Chicken Supper



**What if we began to treat our Bibles
the way we treat our cell phones?**

What if we...

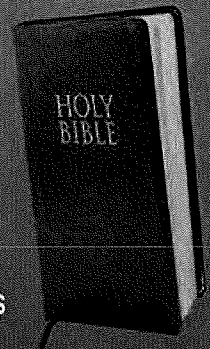
...carried it with us
everywhere?

...turned back to get it if
we forgot it?

...checked it for messages
throughout the day?

...used it in case of an
emergency?

...spent an hour or more using
it each day?



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ENDOWMENT PROJECT SUGGESTIONS

Once again the council is asking the congregation for suggestions on how to spend the money made available from the endowment fund. The endowment fund was started approximately 34 years ago when the Mildred Kasperson estate gave Zion approximately \$100,000 in cash and 160 acres of farmland. At that time it was decided to only spend the interest generated from that cash, and the farm rental income, and to never invade the principle of those funds. **The spending of those funds is not to be used for normal budgeted items.** Over the years this has been a wonderful blessing to our congregation and the council wants all our members to know that anyone may donate to the endowment fund and any time. This year we will have approximately \$78,000 in unrestricted and \$1,500 in restricted (mission projects) to spend from the endowment fund. Your input is welcomed and encouraged!

SUGGESTION

AMOUNT REQUESTED

NAME _____

(not required, but helpful in case the Council has questions)

Please return to church office by Sunday, September 29, 2024



SEPTEMBER
Birthdays and Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Sandy Hunter	2	3 Zack Kraus Thea Schurke Roger & Beth Liechti	4 Ryan Ehlers	5 Paul & Peg Himmers	6 Dalton Ehlers Jessica Hensel Jenni Middleton Laynie Muhlbauer	7 Justin & Caity Heiman
8 Jenna Hausman Sebastian Kraus Cara Rosener	9	10 Mandy Heithoff Magen Fineran	11 Todd Gronau Blake Liechti Rachel Mohr Kevin & Sara Skinner	12 Laurie Anderson Kevin Skinner	13 Delby Bruhn Hunter Klink Doug & Doreen Bender Nate & Casey Bruch Dan & Misty Spooners	14 Andrew & Kelsey Lupole
15	16 Matthew Dirks Amanda Kraus	17 Michael Brockman Katelyn Himmers	18 Tanner Hagge Lisa Gallagher Linda Irbeck Nic & Cara Rosener	19 Jamie Hausman Al Hunter Clayton Vetter	20	21 Dale Lenz Kestie Weier
22 Baylee Travis Matt & Kelli Dirks	23	24 Andrew & Megan Myers	25 Kristi Hoffman Chandler Nelson	26 Kalon Cleveland Gary Lenz Misty Spooner Jace & Kelsea Hawley	27 Rich & Christy Hanson	28 Chris Ehlers Neil Liechti
29 Darin Schurke Willars Scott Eric Vetter	30 Dwight Ehlers					



On a Mission
to Support

Christ's Mission!

September 2024

409 Kenyon Road, Suite B — Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501
515-576-7666 Fax 515-576-2323 www.idwlcms.org
Contact email: sue@iowadistrictwest.org

Why Do We Tell Other People About Jesus?



Every Sunday, we rejoice in the forgiveness of sins that our Lord Jesus delivers to us in Word and Sacrament. We celebrate the eternal life that is given to us as a free gift because of the death and resurrection of Jesus. But what if there were no Jesus?

What if there were no Savior who lived a perfect life in your place, as your Substitute? What if their were no Redeemer who bled and died on the cross to take the horrible punishment for all of your sins? What if there were no victorious Lord who rose from the dead to give you a new life with Him that will last forever? What if you had never heard about Jesus?

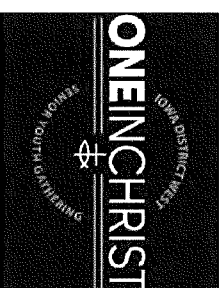
There are only two kinds of people in this world — those who trust in Jesus and those who trust in something else. Satan doesn't care what the "something else" is, he just doesn't want you trusting in Jesus. There are millions of people in this world who are trusting in something else that brings them nothing but doubt and fear, hopelessness and despair. They need Jesus!

That's why we tell other people about Jesus. We tell our children and grandchildren, our friends and our neighbors about Jesus! We send missionaries around the world to tell people about Jesus, **because we want them to have what we have!** We want them to have the comfort and joy, hope and peace that we have in Jesus. That's what Mission Central is all about. It's all about Jesus! This blessed assurance is ours, so let's share it!

Rev. Steve Schulz, Pastoral Advisor & Assistant to the Director-Mission Central
steve.schulz@icrms.org

IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)
For this school year, 2024-2025, over \$275,000 in tuition assistance from 2023 donations was awarded for the first semester to Lutheran students in Iowa through the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization. Another \$250,000 will be awarded to new students in the second round of ILSTO funding before the start of the school year. We would like to increase this amount for 2025-2026, but we cannot without your help. Donations are currently at 5% of our 2024 goal. Now is the time to contribute for the next school year so we can continue this great program. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkeison at 712-260-2991. You may also download a donor form at www.iowalutheransho.com

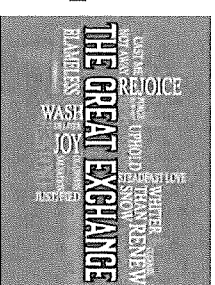
Senior Youth Gathering – October 5-6



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

September 7... IDE & IDW School Board Training, Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines
September 17... Administrative Assistants Conference, Faith, Adel
September 23-24... District Pastors Conference, Sioux City

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

AT CAMP OKOBOJI

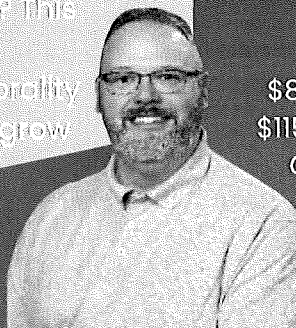
This year's gathering will be **different** – different month, different location, different schedule, and different cost, but the **same GREAT QUALITY event!**

Activities:

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

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

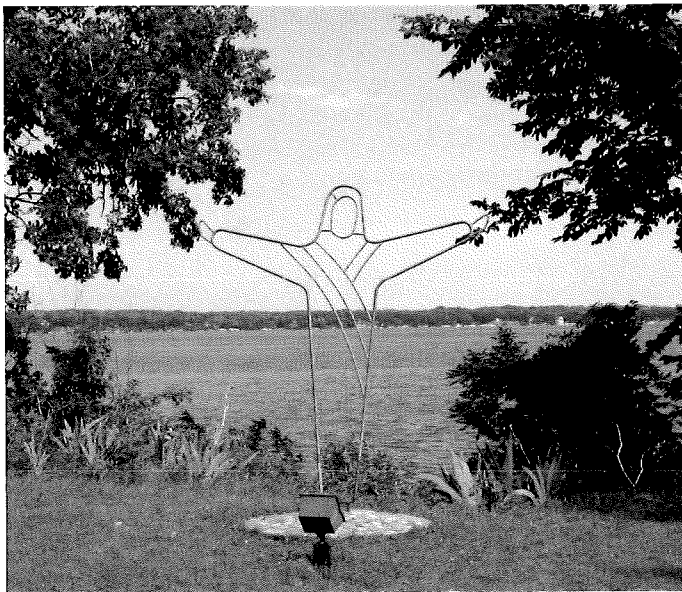
By September 5, 2024
www.surveymonkey.com/r/SVG2024

COST

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

CAMP OKOBOJI VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKEND October 11th-12th

Come join in the mission of camp for a weekend of service this fall! We have projects for everyone!



Can't make it for work weekend?
Individuals or Church groups are welcome to come out to camp and do a service project at any time! Contact the office if you are interested.

Call or email camp for information



camp@campokoboji.org



(712) 337-3325



Update

We have completed our last week of our summer programs. What a summer it has been! We're excited to have seen an increase in our camper numbers over last year, thanks be to God! I give thanks that more campers have connected with God and His Creation, and that is thanks to the many congregations and church leaders that encourage youth to attend and support them financially. What a blessing!

A special thanks to everyone who has donated to help Camp Okoboji following the water damage in June. We received an incredible amount of support. Thank you to everyone who helped spread the word about our needs.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Aug 11: 9:00 AM WORSHIP: Reverend Jason Letsche will lead our worship.

Aug 18: 9:00 AM WORSHIP: Reverend Alex Slotter will lead our worship.

Aug 25: 9:00 AM WORSHIP: Reverend Joel Lintner will lead our worship.

Sept 1: 9:00 AM WORSHIP: Reverend Robert Zellmer will lead our worship.

9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM OMELET BRUNCH: Join us after worship for good food and fellowship.

Oct 4-6: IDW Senior High Youth Gathering

Oct 6: 9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM OMELET BRUNCH

October 11-12: CAMP OKOBOJI VOLUNTEER WEEKEND

Volunteer Weekend is a great way to share your time and talents while you enjoy God's Creation at Camp Okoboji. Help prepare Camp Okoboji for the upcoming winter. Room and board will be provided for volunteers. Please save the date and make plans to come and help! For room and board accommodations, please call the office at (712) 337-3325.

Oct. 11-13: IDW Pastors Wives Retreat

Personnel Updates

Summer Staff: Our Summer Staff has started to leave us. It was a small, but mighty crew this year. We were greatly blessed with the Summer Staff we had and pray they were blessed as they served their Lord at Camp Okoboji. It's never too early to begin recruitment for next summer. Please encourage youth (at least 16 years of age) and college students to consider serving with us.

Thank You!

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

- A very special THANKS to all the volunteers who served as Youth Camp Deans, Staff and Counselors! You are greatly appreciated!
- A huge "thank you" to all of the volunteers who help with our monthly omelet brunches. We've had a great season so far thanks to their commitment and hard work!

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

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1 10:30 DW/HC (Pastor Roehrig)	2	3	4 3:45 Midweek 7:00 Evening Cir	5	6	7
8 9:00 Council 10:30 DW/HC (Pastor Roehrig))	9	10	11 3:45 Midweek	12	13	14
15 10:30 DW (Vicar Simon)	16	17	18 3:45 Midweek	19	20	21
22 10:30 DW/HC (Pastor Roehrig)	23	24	25 3:45 Midweek	26	27	28
29 10:30 DW/HC (Pastor Roehrig)	30					

USHERS

Dale Wittrock	Gary Lenz	Chancel Circle
Jake Wittrock	Kurt Branning	Beth Wittrock
Kyle Lenz	Doug Gronau	Alison Ehlers
Kelly Riesberg	Ty Muhlbauer	Parish Circle
		Cindy Brockman
		Beth Wittrock

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Standard Mail

Friends Who Care

Christian Education	9:00 am
Adult Bible Class	9:00 am.
Divine Worship	10:00 am

