

## “Dose of Wisdom”

*Isaiah 43:19*

*<sup>19</sup> Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

This month of February there are some new things taking place at Zion Lutheran Church. First of all we will be having a new pictorial directory put together. It has been since the fall of 2008 since we did the last pictorial directory here. There have been many families that have joined us since that time and it is time to do another one. We will be using Lifetouch for this endeavor. The dates for the picture taking will happen from Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> through Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>. The hours are 2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday. If you are not going to be here during that time, there are no problems! Because everything is being done digitally, you can have your picture taken at another location then they can send your pictures to our directory. We will need some volunteers to help with sign ups and such. This is not a huge commitment, but it does take some time to volunteer and be here when things are happening. As with all times we have a pictorial directory there will be an *option* to purchase photos. This is *not a requirement*. Please be aware these are great times to see all the families in the larger family of our congregation. We are blessed as a family of believers here at Zion Lutheran Church. This project is a great chance to see that in action.

Another new thing that is happening is that we have contracted with Chad Wittrock and his company Origin Brothers; Creative Collective & Studio to redesign our Church's Website. This is a place where we will have a web presence. People use the internet these days for everything; this includes finding churches, worship times, and what churches are like. We are extremely grateful to Tammi Brunner and her work on our first website. We as the Church Council thought it was time to expand and take what was already there and run with it to make it pop! So we are thankful for Chad Wittrock and his work in this endeavor. We have so many great things to share with the world and being on the internet is one way to share with the world the message of God “doing a new thing” and “making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:19. So continue to pray for us and the ministry here at Zion Lutheran Church. We are not perfect and we will make mistakes along the way, but we daily repent and seek forgiveness from God and from one another and receive that forgiveness in Christ. LSC Baptism 4<sup>th</sup> Part.

In both of these new things be looking for more and additional information in the weeks to come. This is exciting times for all of us here at Zion.

In addition to these new things taking place. Rebecca and I and our family would like to thank you all for the Christmas cards, gifts, and food. They were a great blessing to us. Thank you once again.

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Dose



# Friendship Sunday --- February 9, 2014

## WE WANT YOU TO INVITE SOMEONE!

You may not have done this before – but this year we want you to! Consider a neighbor, a friend, a relative, someone with whom you work, or see occasionally. They could be new to the area or someone who has been around for years. God wants you to invite them. The front entry of our church with its stain glass windows were designed to make people look, wonder, and want to come in – but the doors alone cannot do this. **WE'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP**; the Holy Spirit will help. Offer to pick them up if there is any way you could work this out.

Come, join us and bring a friend or two! You'll learn some things which may surprise you and all those who come will not go away hungry.

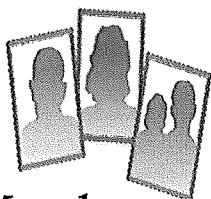
**FRIENDSHIP ABLAZE! MEANS BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS:** Perhaps there is an acquaintance in your life who needs you to build a stronger friendship with him/her. Maybe it is your mechanic, your hair dresser, a neighbor, or a person at work. You are someone who can share the greatest Friend any of us will ever have. Now is the time to intentionally build that friendship. Spend time with that person. Remember birthdays, anniversaries. Share your times of joy and celebration with that person. Seek ways to help and encourage your friendship. This is how we set our friendships *Ablaze!*



Work Hard,  
Do Your Best,  
Keep Your Word,  
Never Get Too Big For Your Britches,  
Trust In God  
And Never Forget a Friend



If you would like to Subscribe or Renew your subscription to the Lutheran Witness, please contact the church office by February 23rd. The cost is \$21.65 for the year



Member  
DIRECTORY  
March 11-15, 2014

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# L.Y.F. NOTES



## Sub Sandwich Sales

They LYF has been taking Sub Sandwich orders for Super bowl Sunday. They will be making the sandwiches on Saturday, February 1 at 9 am. The sandwiches will be available for pick up or delivery. There will be some additional sandwiches made for those who did not place an order or who wish to purchase additional sandwiches. Remember they are great frozen for later use in addition to being served for Super bowl Sunday. Sandwiches are made with Roast Beef, Ham, turkey and 2 types of cheese, They are selling for \$3.50 each. Thank you for your support. It is appreciated.



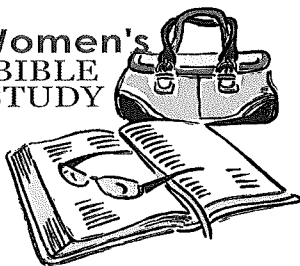
Winter has settled into the Sunday School. Even though it is cold outside we have a lot of warm hearts inside due to the Good News of Jesus Christ being shared by our teachers and students.

February is Friendship Sunday month! We are working on a new song we will be presenting on February 9th along with observing Friendship Sunday on the 9th with special activities for the morning.

Thank-you to everyone that helped with the Christmas Program, The children did an awesome job! We were worried some days but the kids and staff pulled it all together. Special thanks to the parents for making sure the kids were there

As of Jan 30th we have collected from our offerings and Fish Bowl, \$806.80 to be used for our Sunday School Mission Project of sponsoring a child in Hatti for school. What a blessing!!!

Women's  
BIBLE  
STUDY

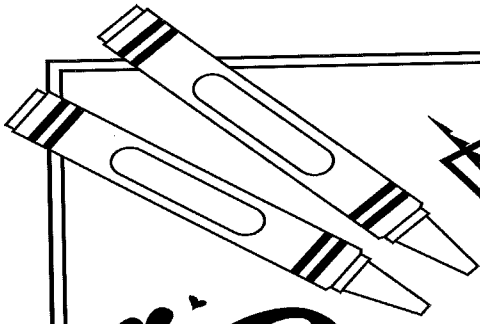


**Our Women's Bible Study will meet on February 10th and February 24th at 6:30 pm. All women are invited to attend. Each lesson stands alone, so come if and when you can.**

**L.W.M.L.**

## EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle will be meeting on Wednesday Feb 5th at 7 pm at the home of Karen Grundmeier. Co-hostess is Marilyn Mumm..



# PUZZLE

## God's Love

We can't measure God's love for us. It starts before we're born and continues for eternity.

Directions: Down the left-hand column, spell out the name of each number. Then write the circled letters on the blank lines in the right-hand column. Read the words on the right, from top to bottom, to see what Psalm 33:22 (NIV) says about God's love.

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PSALM 33:22, NIV

Fourteen.....our  
 Eighty-one.....hope  
 Nine.....in  
 Twenty-four.....you"  
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 Forty.....Lord,  
 Seventy.....even  
 Six.....as  
 Twelve.....we  
 Sixty-four.....put  
 "May  
 Four.....your  
 Ninety-nine.....unfailing  
 Seven.....love  
 One.....be  
 Twenty-eight.... with

Join us as we

# CONNECT our families

Please be a part of our new family directory program—we need YOU to make our new family album complete!

Let's put names with faces. We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members and tell our story.

## Convenient

Lifetouch will photograph at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?

Portraits are valued family keepsakes. Watch for more information coming soon about the opportunity to schedule your portrait session.

We look forward to seeing you!



Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating



Exciting products turn your portraits into cherished memories

*Products may vary*



## Our Church Photography Dates:

**Tuesday – Saturday:  
March 11-15, 2014**

*Weekday Photo Hours\*: 2:00 - 9:00 PM*

*Saturday Photo Hours\*: 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM*

*\*Allow One Hour to complete your session*

### ***HOW DO I SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT?***

You can sign up one of 3 ways:

- 1) **Online Sign-ups!** There is a scheduling link on our church website:  
[www.zionarcadia.org](http://www.zionarcadia.org)
- 2) **Sign Up in the gathering space after services the weekends of:**  
Feb 9, 16, 23
- 3) **Call the church office at 689-2441**

#### *Questions?*

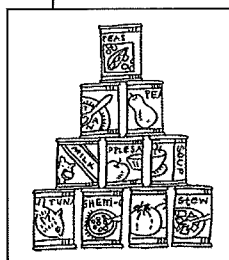
Contact Coordinator: Deb Owen or  
Pastor Dose @ 689-2441 or email at  
[zionluth@netins.net](mailto:zionluth@netins.net)

### **\$10 Off Portrait Order Coupon**

Provide your email address when scheduling your appointment and receive a \$10 off coupon good on any portrait order during your session.

#### **Feed the Need: Serving Others**

Bring a canned food item to your portrait session and receive a \$5 off coupon toward a portrait purchase. Along with the canned goods, Lifetouch will also donate the value of 4 meals to the DMARC food pantry for each family who gets their portrait taken.



**There is no sitting fee  
and no purchase required -**

***Just for participating,  
you will receive a  
complimentary  
8"x10" portrait and  
a FREE pictorial  
church directory!***

***HELP US MAKE THIS DIRECTORY COMPLETE!  
IT WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU!***

**We want to make this a complete  
representation of our church family -  
PLEASE be a part of it!**

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

## VOTER'S MEETING

JANUARY 15, 2014

### PRESENT:

Vernon Ehlers	Merle Witt	Diane Witt	Dawn Luetje
Shirey Ehlers	Sara Skinner	Gene Thiederman	Mark Rickers
Dale Lenz	Kelly Riesberg	Dan Wittrock	Kathy Kraus
Cindy Brockman	Jeff Luetje	Rahn Eischeid	Deb Owen
Pastor Dose	Marilyn Mumm	Al Hunter	Sandy Hunter
Chad Wittrock	Paulette Von Glan		

President Jeff Luetje called the meeting to order.

Pastor Dose opened with a prayer with readings from John 4.

The minutes from the Quarterly Voter's Meeting were read and reviewed. A motion was made by Vernon Ehlers, seconded by Kevin Skinner to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Dose reviewed his report in the Annual Report.

**Elder's Report:** Kevin Skinner reviewed the Elder's report in the Annual Report.

The Elders discussed the proposed new church plant as presented by a member of our congregation at the December 2013 council meeting. After much discussion, it was moved by Merle Witt, seconded by Gene Thiedeman, to approve the following resolution: **"A new church plant was proposed at the December 2013 council meeting by a member of our congregation. The Elders have discussed this with District President Sieveking and with the other Pastors in the Carroll Circuit, and at his time, the Carroll Circuit pastors are unanimously opposed to the new church plant as it has been proposed. Since the Word of God is being purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, and the Sacraments of Christ are being administered according to His institution, the Elders and the Congregation are in full support of Pastor Dose and of our current worship style at Zion Lutheran Church in Arcadia."** Motion carried. Resolution was adopted.

Also, church secretary Deb Owen could not get on the hospital insurance and will need to be on the Church insurance. A discussion was held involving the Endowment Fund in the Church Constitution allowing possibility Endowment Fund aiding in the cost of this insurance for a specified period of time.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cindy Brockman gave the treasurer's report from the Annual Report. Balance on hand in the General fund as of December 31, 2013, was \$8,922.60. Balance of the Memorial Fund was \$9,394.73, Building Fund balance was \$4,770.95 and the Repair Fund balance was 36,850.22. The General fund balance as of January 15, 2014, is \$10,538.29. A motion was made by Al Hunter, seconded by Kevin Skinner, to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Board of Education:** Dawn Luetje announced that Chad Wittrock will be taking over the LYF as their leader this year. Dawn was recognized for her many years as adult leader of the LYF.

**Board of Evangelism:** Marilyn Mumm reported that the "Journey to the Cross" went very well. She will look into starting a new greeter's list again.

**Board of Stewardship:** The proposed budget was presented. Some changes were made... Total budget for 2014 will be \$186,828.04

**Trustee Report:** No Report given.

**Financial Secretary:** No Report given, just reminder to have members pick up their 2014 envelopes.

**Endowment Fund:** Rahn Eischeid presented the end of the year report. He then went over the proposed items for 2014. Discussion was held on the proposed items. Motion by Sandy Hunter, seconded by Al Hunter to approve the proposed projects with corrections. Total amount available in the Endowment Fund for 2014 is \$52,012.47. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** A discussion was held concerning marriages in our church. It was moved by Sandy Hunter, seconded by Al Hunter to change the marriage policy to reflect that only heterosexual marriages in our church be held. This will be in line with most churches in our Synod. This will require a change to our Church Constitution and future voter's meetings will be planned for the change of our Church Constitution concerning heterosexual marriages. Motion carried.

Also discussed was need to get the books audited. We will get a committee to do this.

**New Business:** Deb Owen will look into the cost of backing up our computers on the cloud with Computer Concepts in Carroll

Ladies Aid and Evening Circle met and discussed working funeral dinners. If a funeral is at our Church and will serve less than 100, the Ladies Aid will serve the lunch consisting of drinks and supply the desserts. All other food will need to be catered. All funerals over 100 will need to be held at another location for the meal.

Chad Wittrock will work on a new website for our church. The set up fee will be \$1,591 and this amount will be for 3 years, with minimal fee beyond 3 years. Chad reported that there are many features that could be added to the new website including sermon texts, podcasts of sermons with audio, bulletins, newsletters, pictures, and special events. More than one person will be able to have special access to the website to add items enabling a team approach to managing the site. Chad said he will provide content updates and maintenance as a donation to our Church.

Motion was taken to adjourn, seconded, and meeting was adjourned. Pastor closed with a blessing.

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Secretary-Paulette Von Glan



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Zion Lutheran Church  
118 Tracy Street  
Arcadia, IA 51430

**To Whom It May Concern:**

Funerals for persons attending Zion Lutheran Church in Arcadia, have 2 options for the funeral lunch.

The first one is for funeral lunches where 100 or fewer persons are expected may be held in Zion's church basement if the family desires.

The other option includes any groups of more than 100 persons will be held in a different location chosen by the family.

The lunches will be catered no matter the location of the luncheon.

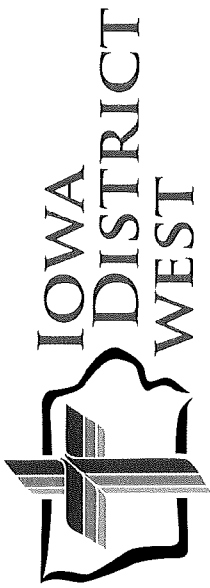
If the Zion Lutheran church basement is to be utilized, LWML Circle ladies MAY be responsible for the kitchen- help set up, and clean up; and MAY provide ONLY desserts, if the family requests.

The contact person for the funeral lunch arrangements will be Deb Owen, 712-689-2441, Zion Lutheran's Church secretary.

# February

Birthdays & anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Camille Mumm
2 Jeremy Ewoldt	3 Spencer Owen Denise Ragaller Kennedy Riesberg Grant Wilken	4	5 Cassie Dirks Paulette Von Glan Leonard & Marilee Reetz	6	7 Hannah Kraus Roger Lee	8 Jeremy Fineran
9 Donna Schurke	10 Mary Lou Kraus	11 Denny Maassen Marilyn Mumm	12	13 Al & Sandy Hunter	14 Trama Vetter Jacob Witrock Roger & Joyce Lee	15 Dylan Vetter Jim & Patty Vetter
16 Calix Goetz Emilie Hanson	17 Brandon Hinnners Lily Julin Ann Whitaker	18 Wyatt Ragaller	19 Tyler Middleton Emily Witt	20 Jane Hagge	21	22 Mary Erps Brian Hausman
23	24 Janice Wilken	25 Doug Kuhl Tony Mumm Gavin Thiedeman	26	27	28 Wilbert Ehlers Emmalee Julin Emily Weller Randy & Mary Bruhn	



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

## Planting Together

February 2014

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.light@idwlcms.org](mailto:sue.light@idwlcms.org)

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

### GERMINATION OF SEED IS MOST INTERESTING!



When farmers plant seeds, some of them take longer to germinate and emerge from the ground and "come to life." Our faith is like a seed. An active faith doesn't happen immediately! The Holy Spirit works faith in our hearts, and it comes at different times in our lives, and no one person is "just the same"....my faith didn't really come to life and fully emerge and spout until I was about 51 years old, and that's when I really "GOT IT." When I fully came to understand what this life is really all about! It is so simple and yet so hard for our human nature to understand...it's ALL ABOUT TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS, OUR DEAR SAVIOR!

We are all "works in progress" and we never really fully mature, as each day we learn more and more about God's plan for us in our lives! Just about when I think I have things figured out, the Lord says, "you got so much yet to learn!" I love the verse of Eph. 2:10, that tells us, "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, to do good works, which He has prepared in advance for us to do!" Each person has work that God has called them to do.

Several days ago, I received an amazing support gift for our dear Missionaries that have to raise 100% of their own funding, and the person said, "You spoke at our church 10 years ago, and I haven't forgotten!" It took 10 years for the seed to sprout, but "just at the right time it happened"....just when we had a missionary family that needed support to go and tell people about Jesus in a land of darkness, where the people never heard the name of Jesus, our dear Savior. Our calling is to just "plant seeds!"

Gary Thies, Mission Development Counselor

### Camp Okoboji

C.H.A.O.S. is 19 hours of organized activity on February 28-March 1 for 6th-8th grade students. Come and be a part of Christians Hyped About Our Savior. Register at [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org).

**Counselor Applications** for Camp Okoboji summer camps should be completed as soon as possible. Go to [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) to download an application. Each applicant will have a background check prior to acceptance as a counselor.

### Mission Grants!

The deadline to apply for a mission grant for 2014 is March 1. Congregations, schools, or circuits are eligible. If you have an opportunity you'd like to create or seize in reaching the unchurched in your community, apply for financial partnership with IDW today! Preference is given to those efforts targeting unbelievers, men, vocations, former LCMS, or utilizing technology. Applications can be downloaded from the District website under "Ministry Areas" - "Missions."

### \$1,000 LCEF Scholarship Available!

One \$1,000 Iowa District West LCEF scholarship will be awarded. Your college choice can be anywhere...as long as it is accredited. Awards are not based upon the type of degree you are pursuing.

Apply before February 28, 2014; a one page essay and letters of recommendation are required. Graduating seniors and current college students should visit [www.lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships](http://www.lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships) for qualification details and application.

### Help Your Favorite Lutheran School Win \$1,000

This February, Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) will be giving away a \$1,000 prize to a Lutheran School in Iowa. Help your school win \$1,000 by taking the "Young Investor Club Challenge." The quiz is 10 questions long and can be taken between January 26 and February 16. LCEF will award the \$1,000 prize to the school based on quiz results. Visit [www.yichallenge.org](http://www.yichallenge.org) to take the quiz.

### LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Training

Iowa District West is forming LERT teams to respond to disasters. There is NO COST for the training. Volunteers will receive a LERT manual.

Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church, 510 15th Street, Ames IA

When: Saturday, February 8, 2014 (Registration 8 am; training 9 am-12 pm)

Register online at [www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org) (under "District News") or contact Jill Davis at the District office (515-576-7666).

### District Calendar

February 24-25...Pastors Conference, Sioux City

For more information on Iowa District West activities, view *The Monthly* at [http://www.idwlcms.org/publications/the\\_monthly/index.htm](http://www.idwlcms.org/publications/the_monthly/index.htm).

## **What is Happening At Your Camp?**

### **Camp Okoboji**

1531 Edgewood Drive  
Milford, IA 51351

Phone: 712-337-3325 Fax: 712-337-3318

Email: [camp@campokoboji.org](mailto:camp@campokoboji.org) Web site: [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)

### **Our Promise of Jesus at the Lake – A friendly, safe, refreshing and relaxing Christian experience**

The **2014 Program Brochure** will be arriving at your church and in the homes of past Camp guests by the end of January. If you do not receive one please request a copy at your church office. It is also at [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) beginning in February. Please check out Camp opportunities and make your reservation early.

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**Early Bird Registrations** at Camp Okoboji are registrations that are **postmarked 30 or more days prior to the start date of the event**. Registrations postmarked less than thirty days prior to start of the event will be an additional \$20. Pull out the Camp Okoboji 2014 Program Brochure now, complete the registration form and mail it in with the required deposit.

**COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS** for Camp Okoboji summer camps should be completed as soon as possible. Go to [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) print it off, fill it in, and mail it (mailing address is on the form). Each applicant will have a background check prior to acceptance as a counselor.

**SUMMER STAFF APPLICATIONS** are being accepted in the Camp office. Application forms are available on Camp's web site at [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org). All applicants must be at least 16 years of age prior to May 1, 2014 to be considered for employment. Summer staff members are hired for housekeeping, food service, camp store, recreation checkout, grounds maintenance, lifeguard, waterfront, and other duties. Upper level college students may apply to be the Resident Assistants in the summer staff quarters. Those wishing to work with the program staff and traveling VBS teams should go to [www.nloma.org](http://www.nloma.org) to apply.

**Summer VBS** - Camp Okoboji has teams of three that will come to your congregation or city to facilitate your VBS! Contact Lori Gamble at the Camp office or by email if you are interested in more information. We still have slots available. Our theme is "God's Love is Higher than the Mountains" (Psalm 36:5-6a).

**FAMILY CAMPS are great opportunities for generations of families** to get together for building family traditions, connecting with children, grandchildren, parents, and grandparents. Look at the 2014 Program Brochure to find four opportunities to participate in family events at Camp Okoboji from Memorial weekend to the second week in August.

**"Affordable, safe, friendly, and memorable"**

Watch [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) for Camp Okoboji opportunities for **Christian families, children, youth and adults to gather together** around God's Word and **strengthen their "God and Me, Me and You relationships."** As a parent or grandparent you can *pass on God's Word and the importance of faith in Jesus Christ as one's Savior*. Camp Okoboji is all about providing opportunities for everyone to look "inside" and check on God's presence in their hearts and lives.

### **FACEBOOK!**

"Like us" on Facebook Watch for upcoming events. See pictures of events and more!

### **Camp Staff Contact Information!**

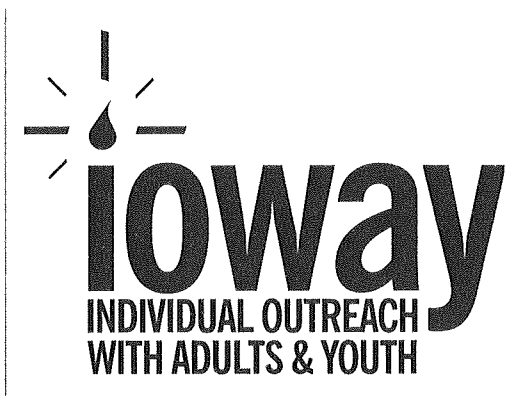
Executive Director: Doug Kading – [doug@campokoboji.org](mailto:doug@campokoboji.org)

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## Pasadena Mission Trip Reflections 2014

God blessed 31 amazing people with the unique experience of being a Petal Pusher. We served God in Pasadena from December 28 to January 4 by decorating the Lutheran Hour and other floats for the famous Rose Parade. While in California, at devotion time on Dec. 31, each person was asked to list their thoughts of what the experience meant to them at that point. I wish space would allow sharing the fantastic comments they wrote.

Following are short excerpts of their reflections:

- People have been surprised by God! He has made things happen that they could never have anticipated or arranged. A group of Iowans have landed in the midst of a Spirit-led program to bring believers and non-believers together.
- Working on the Rose Parade floats is a dream-come-true! I have wanted to do this for years and here I am – wow!
- This is a rewarding experience, the accomplishment of completing the beautiful float for the Rose Parade that millions are going to see.
- Last night going in at 11 p.m. to help with the last minute flowers was unbelievable. It was kind of a rush and it was crunch time. Everyone worked so well together!
- Making the trip even more meaningful has been working along-side fellow Christians witnessing by our actions and through the beautiful Lutheran Hour float.
- It's great to be part of something so beautiful with a great message. Very exciting!
- I love being part of a group of Christians. I love the way people look at us and ask so many questions. What a wonderful way to spread the Word of God.
- The whole experience was super, a "God Stop" experience. I felt on top of the world.
- Intense planning and meticulous tasks have been involved for a year on each float.
- Who knows how many hearts will be touched by the welcoming message, "God Welcomes All," on the Lutheran Hour float and by the song "Amazing Grace" as the float passes by?



Dave and Donna Dose pictured with President Matthew Harrison.

- This trip is truly a dream come true. I never imagined I would have so much fun on a mission trip. I've been given the opportunity to minister and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- This is a very good learning project we can use for the rest of our lives. I am thankful for my wife's encouragement to go.
- May God bless the message on this float as millions see it!



- Being able to also see the Rosemont building was enjoyable because it is so huge and we were able to see more floats close up.
- What a fun way to serve the Lord, being a witness to others with our words and actions and beginning a new year knowing that "Jesus Welcomes All."
- Seeing all the floats being made and working on the floats till 3 a.m. was something I will remember forever!
- The 30 Petal Pushers on this trip have been wonderful. I am beyond thankful the Lord led me to go on this trip.
- Watching the judging of the Lutheran Hour float and hearing "Amazing Grace" played during the judging was very touching and spiritual!
- The whole experience was inspiring and a memory to last a long time!
- Each day has been special, and how people question us about our sweatshirts and we get to witness our faith to them and explain we have the only Christian float in the parade.
- It is a very organized operation, truly an uplifting experience!
- The detailed precision and attention to putting together the floats is just mind boggling.
- Working in the flower tent was an amazing experience. I have never seen so many flowers all together in my life!
- There has been high interest in the Lutheran Hour float and we all had opportunities to witness and share with other workers and observers from all over the U.S.
- People see our shirts and ask questions about what we are doing. It is a great way to share our faith in Jesus Christ!
- Check out the adventures of the team at: [www.servinggodbyservingothers.blogspot.com](http://www.servinggodbyservingothers.blogspot.com)

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# EYES on Youth Ministry

## Educating Youth, Encouraging Servants

### 1 Timothy 6:11-16

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

In the last few days I had the opportunity to represent Iowa District West at the Youth Ministry 2014 Symposium held in St. Louis, dealing with the theme, “Faith, Values, and Millennials.” This symposium focused on research done by Christian Smith, author of the books *Soul Searching; The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers, Souls in Transition; The Religious & Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults*. The book, *Lost in Transition: The Dark Side of Emerging Adulthood*, was presented for the symposium by researchers and co-authors Hilary Davidson and Dr. Patricia Herzog. In all of these books there is research done on what is happening to the millennial generation as they age from teenagers to emerging adults. They do the research on the same youth from their teen years to the emerging adulthood years.

There are five main points the book *Lost in Transition* deals with in regards to the worldview of the emerging adults. Those five worldviews are *Morality Adrift, Captive to Consumerism, Intoxication’s “Fake Feeling of Happiness,” The Shadow Side of Sexual Liberation, and Civic and Political Disengagement*. These were the main topics for the Plenary Sessions by Hillary and Trish. Each time there was a Lutheran response given by Tom Couser a retired DCE from Texas who wrote the book, *Passing the Torch; Sharing Faith and Values with the Millennial Generation*.

There are two main ways to respond to the “dark side” of the emerging adult culture. One is the “Chicken Little” effect where we look around and say like Chicken Little did many times, “The sky is falling,” meaning this is not good and there is nothing we can do and the world is going to end. On the other hand, we can look at the situation with the mindset “There is nothing new under the sun” meaning there is complacency and things will right themselves eventually.

As Lutherans we live with paradoxes! We can view them both and live in them both! We can be about engaging the emerging adult culture with the sound doctrine and catechesis we are known for while being “relevant” with the cross of Jesus Christ! We can catechize the teachings of God’s love and grace which are never changing in Jesus Christ. He continues to meet all people, youth and adults, in the Word and Sacraments in the Divine Service. We have a foundation in Youth Ministry and all ministries that is built, “On Christ, the solid rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand” (LSB 575). We can fight the good fight of faith in the confession we made of Jesus Christ at our Confirmations “in the presence of many witnesses.”

Is it a changing and emerging world? Absolutely! Is it dark and scary what the church is going to be up against in the culture? Absolutely! Do we have to wring our hands and think there is nothing we have to offer the world or our youth from IDW? Absolutely not! Do we bury our heads in the sand and close the doors to the outside world? Absolutely not! We confess Jesus Christ who is the “same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13).

Blessings in Christ,  
Rev. Ben Dose, Chairman of the Youth Services Committee

**Endowment Fund Budget Total to be spent in 2014 ===== \$ 52,012.47**

Approved at Voter's meeting January 15th, 2014

Building Fund	\$ 25,000.00
Pergola @ parsonage	\$ 5,200.00
Lime for farm	\$ 1,500.00
Andy Noble (seminary student)	\$ 4,000.00
Noah's Ark Preschool	\$ 862.47
Okoboji Camp cost	\$ 1,000.00
LYF Junior Youth gathering	\$ 500.00
Spencer Owen mission work	\$ 1,000.00
Zion/Violetta scholarships	\$ 600.00
Zion website	\$ 1,600.00
floor waxing	\$ 1,750.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 200.00
Brent Fredrichs	\$ 200.00
Orphan Grain Train	\$ 200.00
Camp Okoboji	\$ 200.00
Mission Central	\$ 200.00
LWML – Carroll Zone	\$ 200.00
Food Pantry	\$ 200.00
New Opportunities	\$ 200.00
Zion (food/gas/for those in desperate need, \$50 each)	\$ 200.00
Health insurance	\$ 7,000.00
Overrun as needed	\$ 200.00



## The Holy Alphabet

(Whoever came up with this one must have had some Divine guidance!)

**A**lthough things are not perfect  
**B**ecause of trial or pain  
**C**ontinue in thanksgiving  
**D**o not begin to blame  
**E**ven when the times are hard  
**F**ierce winds are bound to blow  
**G**od is forever able  
**H**old on to what you know  
**I**magine life without His love  
**J**oy would cease to be  
**K**eep thanking Him for all the things  
**L**ove imparts to thee  
**M**ove out of "Camp Complaining"  
**N**o weapon that is known  
**O**n earth can yield the power  
**P**raise can do alone  
**Q**uit looking at the future  
**R**edeem the time at hand  
**S**tart every day with worship  
**T**o "thank" is a command  
**U**ntil we see Him coming  
**V**ictorious in the sky  
**W**e'll run the race with gratitude  
**X**alting God most high  
**Y**es, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...  
**Z**ion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

"I AM Too blessed to be stressed!" The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor.  
The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything. Love and peace be with you forever, Amen.

## JESUS, MY SPECIAL FRIEND

When the troubles of this world crowd my  
mind, I turn to Jesus every time  
I tell Him all that in my heart  
So he can do his work of art  
On my thoughts, my fears and doubts  
He dries my tears and drives evil out  
He has never told a secret yet  
An He understands me you can bet

He treats me go gentle and so kind and  
Holds me close to Him at times  
Sometimes I can almost hear him whis-  
per "I love you, please don't cry" He gives  
me strength to carry on  
When I have thought and cried till dawn  
He is the very best kind of friend  
On Him I can always depend

He is never to busy to listen to me and  
He fills my heavy heart with glee  
I hope I can be the kind of friend to Him  
as He has always been to me

*Kay Harrison*



*Jesus*  
*Our True Friend*



*"A friend loves*  
*AT ALL TIMES."*

PROVERBS 17:17, NRSV

## A Friend in Jesus"

Who could I turn to?  
There's no one, but you,  
My Savior who loves me,  
Guides me each day through.

My Savior, who's there,  
When I need a friend,  
Always ready and able,  
For my problems, to tend.

My Savior, who's there,  
When I'm down sick or crying,  
Even when my life's path,  
Full of knots needs untying.

What could I say?  
Your love shines forever,  
Burning in my heart,  
Lighting any stormy weather.

What back, could I give?  
But just words, I love you  
And what back might I ask,  
Knowing you love me too.

Thank you, my Savior,  
You're my real true friend,  
You gave your life for me,  
And on you I can depend.

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# February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:00 LYF/SUBS 6:00 DW/HC
2 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	3	4	5 9:30 Bible Study 2:00 Midweek	6	7	8
9 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW	10	11	12 9:30 Bible Study 4:00 Midweek	13	14 	15
16 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC	17 1:00 Quilting	18	19 9:30 Bible Study 4:00 Midweek 6:30 Elders Meet 7:30 Council	20	21	22
23 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW	24	25	26 9:30 Bible Study 4:00 Midweek	27	28	1st (March) 6:00 DW/HC

**USHERS**

Dwight Ehlers Brad Hinnert  
 Greg Gronau Dale Lenz  
 Steve McCollough

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**ACOLYTES**

2<sup>nd</sup>: Dylan Vetter & Riley Neumann  
 9<sup>th</sup>: Zack Zrostlik & Layne Prichard  
 16<sup>th</sup>: Garrett Cleveland & Sara Schurke  
 23<sup>rd</sup>: Shelby Dirks & Dalton Ehlers

**MIDWEEK SERVERS:**

5<sup>th</sup>: Henry Segebart(2 pm)  
 12<sup>th</sup>: Kim Cleveland  
 19<sup>th</sup>: Peg Hinnert  
 26<sup>th</sup>: Deb Owen (2 pm)

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

# *Friendship Sunday*



# *February 9, 2014*