

June 2014

# ZION PROCLAIMER

## "DOSE OF WISDOM"

I would like to begin to talk about something that you might make you scratch your head and say, "This is something different. This is something we have never done before." I hope you wrestle with this. I hope you ask hard questions of me and the elders. I want to talk about something that is called First Communion Prior to Confirmation. I want Zion to start to look at (not necessarily adopt), but begin the discussion on first communion prior to confirmation (from here it will be referred to FCPTC). First let's look at the theory of FCPTC.

There is recognition in the LC-MS that in theology and practice there has arisen great debate and discussion about when a Christian should receive the Lord's Supper for the first time. Being a student of *Lutheran Catechesis* by Rev. Peter Bender, I would like to add his voice and understanding of this topic here.

***"Only baptized Christians are admitted to the Lord's Table.*** In addition to this, Martin Luther gives pastoral advice in the preface to the Small Catechism that no one should be admitted to the Sacrament who does not know, at the very least, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer, and how they serve the Christian in his life. The Ten Commandments show us our sin. The Creed shows us our Savior from sin. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to trust in our Savior for everything we need. A communicant should be able to confess this simple faith, know the words (primary texts) of each of these parts by heart, and believe that the Sacrament is the true body and blood of Christ given and shed for the forgiveness of all his sins. A catechumen should also have the desire to receive the Sacrament before he is admitted to the Lord's Table.

Lutherans do not wish to make a law out of the gospel gift of the Sacrament of the Altar, but for the sake of faith in Christ and worthy reception of the Lord's Supper, the following is recommended before catechumens commune for the first time." (Bender, 13, *Lutheran Catechesis*)

I want to stop there and pause for you to have this sink in and think about it for a month before we take it up again in the next newsletter article. As I said above if you have questions or thoughts about this please let me or one of the elders know about what you are thinking. We want this to be a slow process to look at and uncover some of the great blessings there is to receiving the Sacrament of the Altar in the life of the youth here at Zion.

Thank you.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dose

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**Women's Bible Study...6:30 pm on 2nd & 4th Mondays of the Month (does not meet during the summer)**

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study.....9:30-11:00**

On the 3rd Tuesday of the month Pastor Dose is out of the office due to Carroll Circuit Pastor's Meeting.

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

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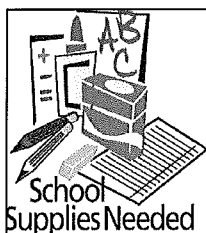
**LADIES AID:** The Ladies Aid will be having their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 12 at 9 am. Hostess will be Shirley Walde.

# L.W.M.L.

“Serve the Lord with

**EVENING CIRCLE:** The Evening Circle will be meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, June 5th at the home of Diane Witt. Co-Hostess is Donna Rickers

MARTHA CIRCLE: Gloria Popp & Darleen Linde  
CHANCEL CIRCLE: Karen Grundmeier, Pat Branning  
PARISH CIRCLE: Lila Thiedeman & Gladys Rickers



**SCHOOL KITS** are also assembled. The VBS kids decorate a cloth bag and into it goes: Paper, pencils, sharpener, ruler, scissors, crayons and construction paper. Again so many things we take for granted that are a “God-Send” to students in countries who lack these simple supplies. Keep these things in mind when you are shopping and possibly include some of these items to bring to church for these projects of the Ladies Aid and Evening Circles.



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/back 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!

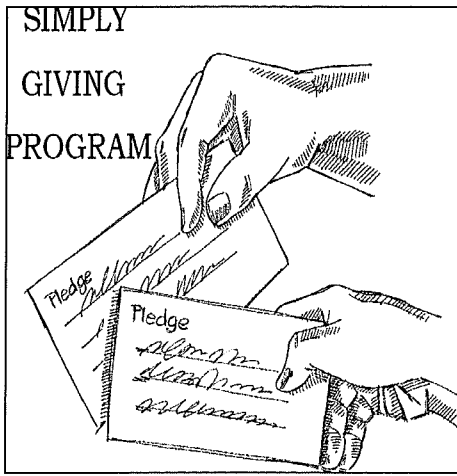
## SCHOOL KIT ITEMS NEEDED

- 70 count notebooks (wide or college ruled)
- 30 centimeter ruler (can have inches on other side)
- Pencil sharpener
- Blunt scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel)
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 1/2” eraser.

## HEALTH KIT ITEMS NEEDED

- 20x40 light-weight bath towel (dark color)
- Bath size bars of soap in original wrapping
- Adult size toothbrush in original packing
- Sturdy comb
- Metal nail clippers

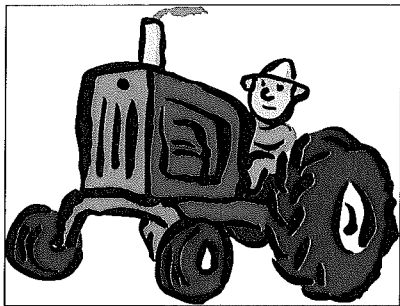
Also needed are white sheets to make bandages for 3rd World Countries.



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 250 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



### HARVEST ACCOUNT

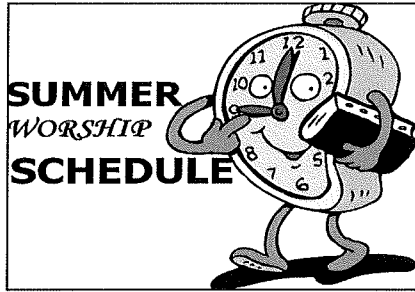
As in the past several years many members of Zion have offered their thanks to the Lord at harvest (or anytime) by presenting a part of their harvest to the Lord. If you would like to offer a gift to the Lord you can do so by letting the Arcadia Elevator know how many bushels of corn or beans you would like to give and that it is for Zion's Harvest Account



### DADDY'S HANDS

I remember daddy's hands folded silently in prayer  
 And reaching' out to hold me, when I had a nightmare  
 You could read quite a story in the callous' and lines  
 Years of work and worry had left their mark behind I remember dad-  
 dy's hands how they held my mama tight  
 And patted my back for something done right  
 There are things that I'd forgotten that I loved about the man  
 But I'll always remember the love in daddy's hands . Daddy's hands  
 were soft and kind when I was cryin'  
 Daddy's hands were hard as steel when I'd done wrong  
 Daddy's hands weren't always gentle but I've come to understand  
 There was always love in daddy's hands. I remember daddy's hands  
 workin' 'til they bled  
 Sacrificed unselfishly just to keep us all fed  
 If I could do things over, I'd live my life again  
 And never take for granted the love in daddy's hands

By Holly Dunn



Our Summer Worship Schedule will have Divine Worship Services being held at 9:00 am each Sunday through the month of August. There will be NO Adult Bible Class or Sunday School Classes during the months of June, July & August. There will be Saturday services this year on the 1st Saturday of the month.

# schedule change

Due to the VBS Closing Program on June 7th, our Saturday Service for June will actually be held on Saturday, May 31st at 6 pm.

## SCHOLARSHIP

We would like to offer our congratulations to Daric Teske who received the Violetta M. Anderson scholarship and to Michael Brockman, Jacob Wittrock, Nicole Liechti and Cassie Luetje who were each given a Zion Memorial Scholarship. Congratulations to all of you

## WINNERS

# V.B.S

# June 2-6, 2014

# 8:30-11:30 am



# V.B.S

Greetings to all students and friends of Zion. This is a reminder that V.B.S. will be held the week of June 2nd-6th. Our theme this year is "Gangway to Galilee; Amazing Grace Adventures" Our classes will begin with opening devotions at 8:30 am (so plan your arrival accordingly) and will end with closing devotions at 11:30 am. All children ages 4 (By June 2nd) through the 8th grade are invited and encouraged to attend. (class you will be in this fall)

**REMINDERS:** 1) Students are reminded that "good" clothes should NOT be worn as some craft projects can be kind of messy. 2) Daily offerings will be taken and given for a special mission project. 3) There will be sign up sheets for the moms (or dads) to bring treats.

This year, all classes (except for Preschool & Kindergarten) will meet in the church. If you are NOT attending this year, or are new to the program, it would be appreciated if you could let the church office know as this makes a difference in the number of materials that we order.

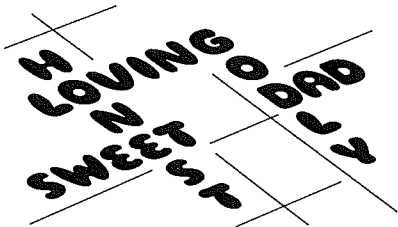


**BACKPACKS & SOCKS:** This year along with collecting the "used" book bags and making the school kits, we will also be collecting socks. Kids in some countries must wear socks to school and cannot go if they have none. SO...we will have a collection point for socks. They can be new...and not so new (but must be clean and have no holes!!!) Just a note about the backpacks. A group of Iowans will be taking backpacks to the Los Angeles area again this summer. If you have an idea that you will be getting a new backpack for school in the fall, please bring your old backpack to the church. Kids out there are very appreciative of receiving a backpack and any school supplies. Think of these students as you finish the current school year. Also, bring along any school supplies that you would like to share with these students.

# "Jesus Gives Amazing Grace"

# A WORD COLLAGE FOR Dad

Create this artwork to express your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

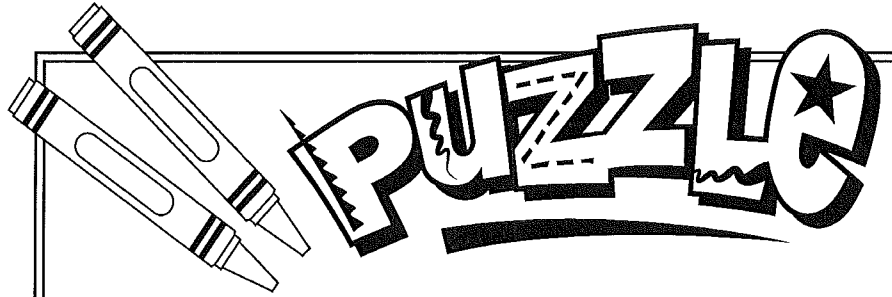


### What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers (or foam letters and glue)

### What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his titles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange words in a crossword style, both horizontally and vertically.
3. When you have a design you like, stick the words onto the blank canvas or board.
4. Present the gift to your dad or another special man on Father's Day. He'll enjoy this reminder of your love and appreciation.



## A FATHER'S LOVE

Psalm 103:13 (NIV) describes what God the Father feels toward us:

"As a father has \_\_\_\_\_ on his children, so the LORD has \_\_\_\_\_ on those who fear him."

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the line to complete the Bible verse above.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| • Shem, Ham and Japheth = M | • Rachel and Leah = S   | • Cain, Abel and Seth = O   |
| • Solomon = O               | • Isaac and Ishmael = P | • Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, Naphtali, Asher and Dinah = S |
| • Jonathan = I              | • John the Baptist = N  |   |
| • Jesus = C                 | • Jacob and Esau = A    |   |

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|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| <b>God:</b>       | "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."   | <u>  C  </u>      |
| <b>Adam:</b>      | God gave him another son because his older killed the younger.   | <u>          </u> |
| <b>Noah:</b>      | His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth.  | <u>          </u> |
| <b>Abraham:</b>   | God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descended from these two sons.               | <u>          </u> |
| <b>Isaac:</b>     | His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. | <u>          </u> |
| <b>Laban:</b>     | He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger very beautiful. Both married Jacob.                | <u>          </u> |
| <b>Jacob:</b>     | Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter.   | <u>          </u> |
| <b>Saul:</b>      | His son was David's best friend.   | <u>          </u> |
| <b>David:</b>     | He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple.       | <u>          </u> |
| <b>Zechariah:</b> | His son, a cousin to Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance.  | <u>          </u> |

## **'Well, kiddo, it's you and me!'**

T.J., a boy with developmental delays, is featured in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Children With Special Needs*. T.J. and his father, who'd long yearned for a son, settled into a routine of daily outings.

Stacey, one of T.J.'s sisters, was moved when she realized how much their father loved that together time. One day, as their dad made T.J. laugh, "T.J. stopped and reached up to softly touch our father's face," Stacey writes. "My dad looked down at him and said ... 'Well, kiddo, it looks like it's you and me for the rest of my life.' There wasn't a sense of sadness or burden in my father's voice, only acceptance and unconditional love."

Our Father God says the same to each of us: "Well, kiddo, it's you and me forever!" No matter our weaknesses, our differences or even our tendencies to avoid time with him, God speaks with complete acceptance and love. He loves being with us — just as we are — and rejoices to be our Father forever.

### **A father's love**

In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part.

There's always a place for him deep in your heart.

And each year that passes, you're even more glad,

More grateful and proud just to call him your dad!

—Author unknown

This age-old refrain of young travelers is followed by a second question: "How much longer?" How similar those queries are to the psalmist's oft-repeated cry, "How long, O Lord, how long?"

(Psalm 6:3b, NIV).

Patience is an uncommon virtue these days. We're anxious to get where we're going or to get what we want. But think how much we miss while wishing we were elsewhere! In our rush to reach a destination, we fail to grasp lessons that can be learned only along the way. What blessings might you be overlooking in the here-and-now and the right-where-you-are?

—Kari Myers

### **What is a Christian family?**

**A CHRISTIAN FAMILY** is one in which parents so live the Christian life, and practice the presence of God that children come to accept God as the greatest reality of life.

**A CHRISTIAN FAMILY** is one in which each member is accepted and respected as a person having sacred worth.

**A CHRISTIAN FAMILY** is one that accepts the responsibility of worship and instruction to the end of developing the spiritual life of each person.

**A CHRISTIAN FAMILY** is one that manifests a faith in God, observes daily prayer and grace at meals.

**A CHRISTIAN FAMILY** is one that is committed to behavior in keeping with Christian ideals for family relations, community life, and national and world citizenship.



Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014

Join us in Glidden, IA at Peace Lutheran Church for a burger (see our poster for the list of grilled items) and multiple salads as provided by the LLL Board and the members of Peace Lutheran.

Free will offering!

Join in this fellowship on June 21<sup>st</sup>, while helping us with the rising costs of the materials and of renting the "space" in the Varied Industries Building during the Iowa State Fair.

We estimate that 20,000 to 50,000 walk past our Lutheran Laymen's League booth each year, and have an opportunity to grab (totally free of charge) any and all of the materials produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries.

And if you'd like to hear a bit more about the latest Lutheran Hour Ministries "Outreach" from around the world, stick around for our 45 to 50 minute meeting / presentation, starting at about 1:30 p.m.

See you at Peace Lutheran Church on June 21<sup>st</sup>!

*Garry W. Gruhn*

# Burgers for Booth!

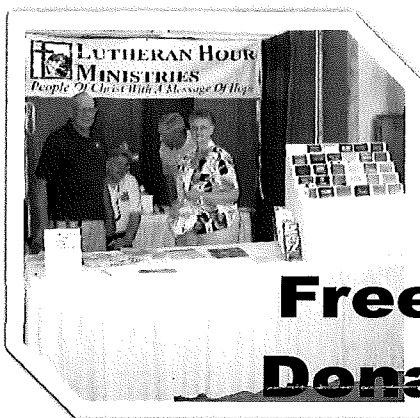
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## Peace Lutheran Church

Glidden, Iowa on Hwy 30

**Saturday - June 21**

**11:30 am - 1:30 pm**



**Freewill  
Donation**

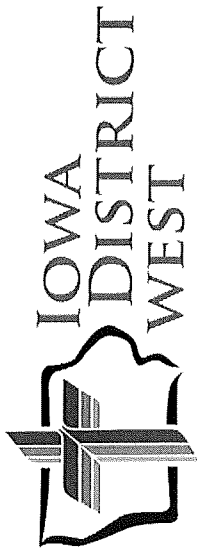
Beef &  
Pork  
Patties  
Brats &  
Ballpark  
Hotdogs



# Support the LLL State Fair Booth

## Christian Outreach at the Iowa State Fair!

*...in the Varied Industries Building*



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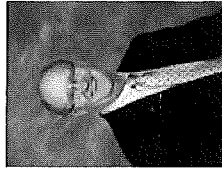
## Planting Together

June 2014

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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.

### God's Push



God is pushing the congregations of Iowa District West into new ministries in our communities, to do things we have never done before, to show our neighbors His mercy and grace. He pushes us toward people we've never noticed before, strangers, foreigners, and people who aren't like us. He pushes us to invite and welcome them in His name...to serve and love them as He loves us.

We need His push when we become focused on ourselves and content that our church is here to serve us, our faith is strong enough, our lives are righteous enough, our works are good enough. He pushes us toward the cross to confess our stubborn resistance to do His will, our coldness to serve our neighbors, our selfishness, and our weak faith. He pushes us toward the cross that we know His love and forgiveness. His power for our lives, and the joy of His salvation.

Recently, every congregation in IDW received a check for approximately one dollar per baptized member. These "Joy in Salvation" funds come from the operating results of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. They are intended to bless your congregation's mission vision to reach your community and to push you into new mission fields. Along with the grant came a response card to report how this gift was used and its mission impact. Your congregation's new mission energy may provide a push, an example, and encouragement for others. We hope to tell some of these stories at the 2015 District Convention as we meet together around the theme, "Joy in Salvation."

Rev. Paul G. Sieveking, President

### Operation Barnabas

Chaplain Jim Buckman serves as the Deputy Wing Chaplain for the 379<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing at Al Udeid Air Base in Doha, Qatar. The base serves about 10,000 people including all branches of the US military. He has requested some specific things that will be a blessing to his ministry. Perhaps, you, your Bible class or church group can become involved by providing; new *Luther's Small Catechisms*, beef jerky, candy, and baby wipes. For details on shipping items to Chaplain Buckman see the Operation Barnabas page in the June *IDW Monthly*.

**District prayer partners for missions wanted!** We're recruiting people around the District who are willing to regularly pray for the mission efforts of our District and congregations. Prayers will be solicited from the pastors and shared with the prayer partners on a regular basis. These are prayers strictly for the mission efforts within IDW and not those for healing, safety, comfort, etc. for which we regularly pray in worship. If you're willing or have questions, please contact Rev. Mark Gerken at 515-570-2331 or [Mark.Gerken@idwlcms.org](mailto:Mark.Gerken@idwlcms.org).

### News from Camp Okoboji

- ♦ 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 Booklet to find four opportunities to participate in family events at Camp Okoboji from Memorial Weekend to the second week in August.
- ♦ We have lots of room in all of our youth camps! Have you registered your child for Cub Week, Jr. High Week or Youth Week? Registration forms are online. Fill them out, print and mail them in today! Financial Assistance is available for LCMS members from Iowa District West and Camperships are available for any camper from Camp Okoboji.

**English speakers wanted!** The International Student Ministry at Memorial, Ames still has openings for volunteers to serve one Wednesday between June 18 and July 23. It includes a free lunch! For more information contact Hannah Moore at [ism.mlchurch@gmail.com](mailto:ism.mlchurch@gmail.com) or 515-460-5110.

### District Calendar

June 19-21...District LWML Convention, Camp Okoboji

For more information on Iowa District West activities, view *The Monthly* at <http://www.idwlcms.org/publications.php>.

## What is Happening At Your Camp?

### Camp Okoboji

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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

June 1	Omelet Brunch
June 1-7	Okoboji Girls Basketball and Volleyball Camp
June 8-11	Ginny DeWall Joy Camp Session 1
June 15-18	Adventure Camp
June 19-21	IDW LWML District Convention
June 22-28	Minneboji
June 28	Cycling for Ginny
June 29-July 5	July 4 Family Retreat

**Early Bird Registration** dates are 30 days prior to the start of each camping event. Completed registrations arriving in the camp office 30 days or more prior to an event **can save you \$20**. Please check with your church office for Camp Okoboji program booklets or go online to [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org), print the registration form for the event which you would like to attend and send it in right away.

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**“Cycling for Ginny”** - A Bike-A-Thon challenge to raise funds for the Ginny DeWall Dining Hall. Paul Golke, Ministry Advancement Director, is looking for sponsors to challenge him on a 100 mile bike ride. If you like to bike, join him on June 28 as he participates in the U of O Cycling Classic Campus Ride. You can also sponsor him to help raise funds for the Ginny DeWall Dining Hall renovation project. Contact Paul by calling the Camp Office or by emailing him at [paul@campokoboji.org](mailto:paul@campokoboji.org).

### Volunteer Weekend Thank YOU!

Thanks to ALL who helped at the Spring Volunteer Weekend Event! Much work has been completed! We can always use volunteer help. Contact the camp office if you would like to get on our Volunteer Contact list.

**Camp Okoboji tours available** - Camp Okoboji staff members are always available to provide a tour of the retreat facilities. Tours can provide an enlightening view of the accommodations, the staff, campers and facilities in session. If your family or your child will be attending a future event, call (866) 449-3326 and arrange for a tour during another event and see firsthand how the camp operation flows.

**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.

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**“Affordable, safe, friendly, and memorable”** - [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)

### FACEBOOK!

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

### Camp Staff Contact Information!

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Ministry Advancement Director: Paul Golke - [paul@campokoboji.org](mailto:paul@campokoboji.org)

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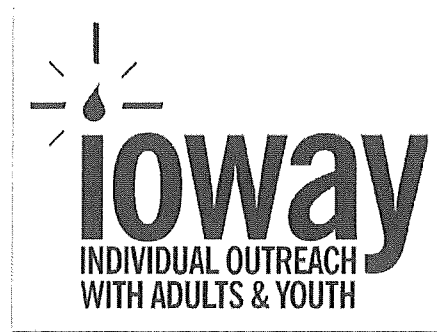
Bookkeeper: Karrie Mullenberg - [karrie@campokoboji.org](mailto:karrie@campokoboji.org)



## Serving at Hope Ministries in Des Moines

Four youth and seven adults from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll recently were “God’s hands and feet” as they experienced serving the homeless at Hope Ministries in Des Moines.

Deb Schmidt shares, “I was very impressed with the program of bringing Christ to the homeless and supplying them with the tools they need for success in finding ways to fulfill God’s purpose that He has for their life. The facility was extremely clean and well kept. I can’t imagine how much organization it takes to manage all the donations of food, clothes, money, etc.”

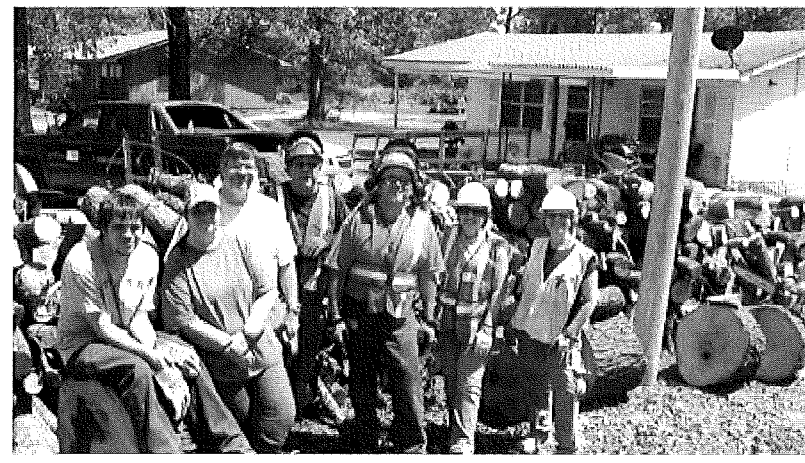


Deaconess Elizabeth Watson shared, “Visiting Hope Ministries and learning about their mission in Des Moines was very eye opening. The youth, parents, and other adults who participated in this service project served lunch and talked with people currently in Hope Ministries’ programs and those who came in off the street. God has given us so many opportunities to serve our neighbors in our communities and many times we don’t even realize it.”

## Iowans Serving God in Arkansas

Tracy Stetzel (St. John Lutheran Church, Casey) and Lisa Mayer (Peace Lutheran Church, Marcus) became “God’s hands and feet” in helping with the disaster in Arkansas.

They shared, “We left Sunday, May 4, for Arkansas, where a tornado had caused much destruction in the towns of Mayflower and Vilonia. Sadly 11 lives were lost as the tornado tore through these communities. We arrived in



nearby Conway, AR and checked in with Rev. John Gierke at Peace Lutheran Church. Due to our late arrival, we were not assigned any work that afternoon. On Monday we received our assignment from Lutheran Church Charities staffers. We then had to get ID badges from Team Rubicon, a disaster aid group started by former military personnel. They had assigned over 4,600 volunteers over the weekend prior to our arrival. We were assigned to work with a chain saw crew at a home in Mayflower, about six miles

away. Much damage could be seen along the main road through Mayflower, with some buildings appearing unharmed, and others totally destroyed. When we reached our assigned neighborhood, a fairly new and affluent one, it was easy to see the path of the tornado. We stopped to talk to a man and his son who were standing in what had been his yard. He had survived by taking refuge in a closet during the storm. Only the front wall of his home, including the closet, was left standing. He shared that he was a man of faith. We learned that a woman at the north end of this development had lost her life in the storm, when the door to her "safe room" blew open. The family of five who we helped had been spared by staying in their 'safe room.' The winds were estimated at 200 mph. They had four huge oak trees near their yard, but thankfully, little damage to their home. We worked with a chainsaw crew from Illinois, Kentucky and Conway. As the men cut trees, we stacked firewood and made branch piles. The family fed us lunch, and made sure we had cold drinks, as it was very hot, about 90 degrees, and there was little shade with all the trees down. During our day we were able to visit with the home owner about his faith and he



freely expressed his certainty that God had spared his family. He was very appreciative of our help.



"Tuesday we were assigned to a home in Mayflower. This was a poorer neighborhood. A lady and her elderly, disabled mother had survived the storm in their small home. They had no means of cleaning up the huge fallen trees in their yard, and expressed thanks to our volunteer team all through the day. We were stacking wood and hauling brush again, but this time we had to watch out for vines with thorns and old barbed wire and other debris that was on the site prior to the storm. We saw several signs posted in the community giving thanks to God and volunteers. Most people were comfortable sharing their faith and openly expressing thanks to God for sparing their lives.

"Prior to leaving Wednesday morning, we stopped at Peace Lutheran Church to drop off donations and gift cards. We learned that a central distribution center was going to be organized that day, and we both wished we could stay, but we started for home. We both are thankful to have had the chance to help, and would encourage others, with or without LERT training, to consider going to the area, as there is an unimaginable amount of work to be done. We want to thank our farmer husbands for willingly being 'bachelors' for a few days during the hectic planting season. Thanks also to all who supported us with prayers, and to those who gave us gifts to purchase our gas and to buy supplies and gift cards to be given to storm victims."

To serve at Hope Ministries in Des Moines, Estes Park in CO or in Arkansas, please contact me.

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### **IOWAY Summer Mission Trips**

Do your summer plans include a mission trip? Consider one of the following IOWAY trips:

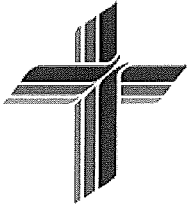
Los Angeles: July 8-21 - VBS in four churches and working with homeless on Skid Row

Puerto Rico: July 26-August 4 - VBS and work projects

Pasadena winter trip: December 28-January 4 - Decorating floats for the Rose Parade and working with homeless on Skid Row. LWML sponsorships are available.

For information and to register for the mission trips, Check out <http://www.idwlcms.org/ioway.php>

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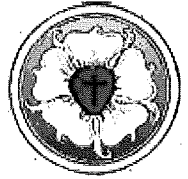


## !AMIGOS EN CRISTO!

News from the IDW Hispanic Ministry of **Missionary/  
Pastor Daniel Vogel** in Denison and Storm Lake, Iowa

Iowa District  
West, LCMS

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In Denison our children gathered for an Easter photo after our 'traditional' Easter egg hunt in the Zion school gym. Below the little ones lined up according to age to find the eggs. Above them is the Easter Piñata, a tradition no matter what the occasion.



Easter egg hunts are not traditional among Hispanic countries but the kids of all cultures sure love it. Hispanics have proven to be very flexible and willing to adapt to many American cultural activities.

### EASTER CELEBRATIONS

The wonderful celebration of Easter came to Storm Lake and to Denison with the declaration of the season: "He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed" (Ha Resucitado, Ha Resucitado en Verdad!). In any language Easter is special as we experienced in worship, and with traditional and cultural activities. We worshipped in Storm Lake with family and friends in a special festival service. As part of that service we met a new family, Carlos and Teresa, who have since been worshipping with us. Teresa had never been baptized and so she is studying with me to become a member by baptism and adult confirmation. Easter blessings!

In Denison as you see at left we also had a big day. Following the worship service with 60 in attendance we had an afternoon celebration of family fun and fellowship. We began with our annual Easter egg hunt in the school gym. All kids found plenty of treats. Then we had our traditional Piñata with more candy followed by a delicious fellowship meal of Hispanic foods. Easter blessings for all!

### PRAYING FOR PASTOR MOELLER FOR STORM LAKE

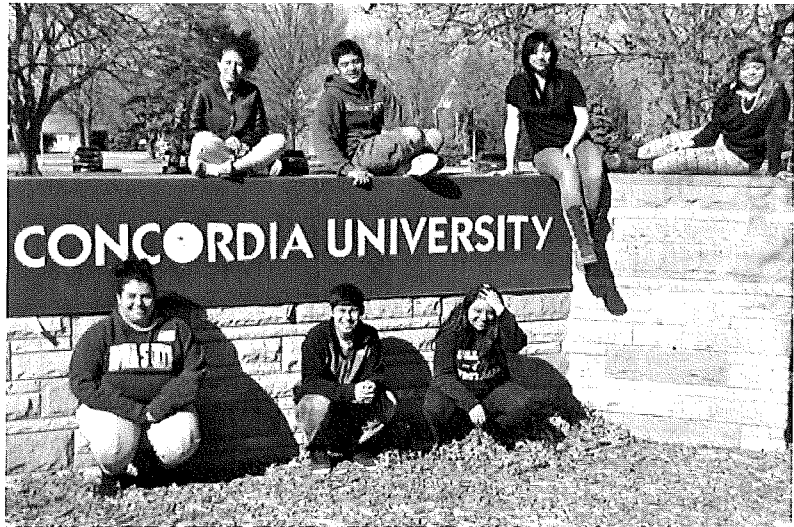
As I wrote in my newsletter last month Grace Lutheran in Storm Lake called Pastor Eric Moeller on behalf of our Hispanic ministry. During the past month we have been praying for Pastor Eric Moeller to accept our Call to serve as Pastor and Chaplain. We are working with the Storm Lake Tyson pork plant to hire him as Chaplain of the plant (see my Tyson report on the back). It's an exciting time for our mission among Hispanics in Storm Lake!





## OUR HISPANIC YOUTH VISIT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IN SEWARD:

In April, seven of our high school youth from both Storm Lake (Cinthia, Jacilin, Ronald, Kimberly) and Denison (Azucena, Kevin, Jocelyn) traveled with District youth to Concordia. Thanks to Ellie Menz & IOWAY for this free trip for District youth. Let us pray that these youth consider studying at Concordia and even consider studying for a church career.



## MY TYSON CHAPLAINCY AT THE PLANTS IN DENISON & STORM LAKE:

*“WORKING WITH HR:* The picture at right shows me with Will Sager, the Storm Lake Human Resource manager, and Irma Ardon, Tyson’s Community Liaison. Both are my supervisors as they are responsible for managing the Chaplaincy program at the plant. Both are a blessing to work with and I give thanks that they both are members at Grace Lutheran. Will attends the English service and Irma is part of our Hispanic ministry. They are now interviewing candidates for the Chaplain position at Storm Lake. We are praying it will be Rev. Eric Moeller as we have now called him to our Hispanic ministry. All Tyson Chaplains are pastors of a local church and need the permission of their local church and denomination. God bless our faith in the work place!



**GARAGE SALES:** Join us for these special sales on June 6-7 in Denison at the Zion gym, and on June 14 in Storm Lake at Grace. Donations are welcome. Funds raised will be used for the summer retreat and scholarships. For more information call me at 712-309-1292.

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**Ministry  
Prayers**

**PLEASE PRAY:** + In Storm Lake for Pastor Eric Moeller to accept our Call to serve our mission and to work at Tyson. + For a special teen in Denison as she struggles with emotional problems. + For the process of incorporating our mission in Denison with new leaders. + For my temporary work as Chaplain at Tyson in Storm Lake and the opportunity there to meet many special people from all over the world. + For my efforts to organize a Pro-Life Hispanic group in Denison. + For summer plans with fundraisers and special events. + *In thanksgiving for the mission hearts of the many individuals and congregations of Iowa District West who monthly support the Lord’s work among Hispanic immigrants.*





**ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM DENISON, IOWA VISIT MISSION CENTRAL!**

It was indeed one of those SPECIAL DAYS! It was such a blessing to welcome the students and teachers from Zion Lutheran School, Denison, Iowa to Mission Central for Mission Education!

What a JOY to welcome the entire school from the kindergarten class to the 8th graders, and what a blessing to have them all take part in the action and activity. Our new Ministry Center was nearly full! During lunch the students learned about some of the pictures in the Ministry Center. The students were so respectful, and we were happy to have the teachers there also.

After lunch, the students moved to the Barn and the Museum. It was a special day for everyone. We had the privilege of the students helping to demonstrate some of the clothing and items from around the world. At the close of the program all of the students were officially sworn in as missionaries for the Lord Jesus.



Pictured are the activities, the buses and the happy students as they left Mission Central. What a blessing to have these young missionaries see first-hand and hear the stories of how important it is to tell more and more people about our dear Savior Jesus.



## CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLE GROUP COMES TO MISSION CENTRAL

It was a beautiful day to have special “NOT NORMAL” guests come to Mission Central. Two different groups of the Christian Motorcycle Association visited Mission Central on May 3, 2014.



Pictured is The Harvest Riders Group from Council Bluffs. They were such a happy and wonderful group. They provided a large gift for the sending of the Rev. Micah Wildauer Family going to Togo, West Africa.



What a blessing to give them a tour of the barn, the chapel, and the new ministry center. We were able to have them be a part of sending a missionary to Togo in West Africa and we had the honor to feed them.



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

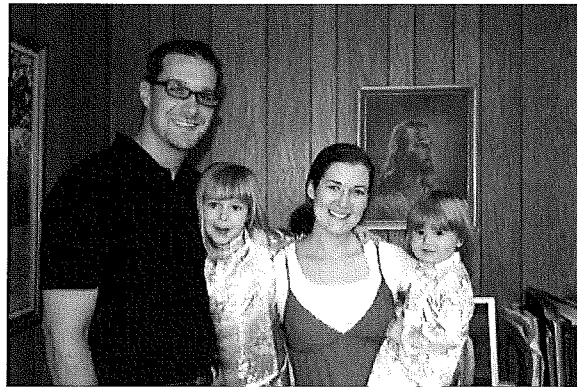
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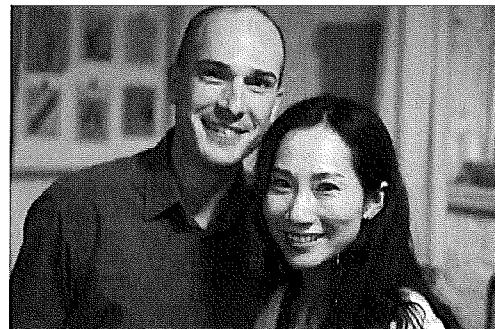
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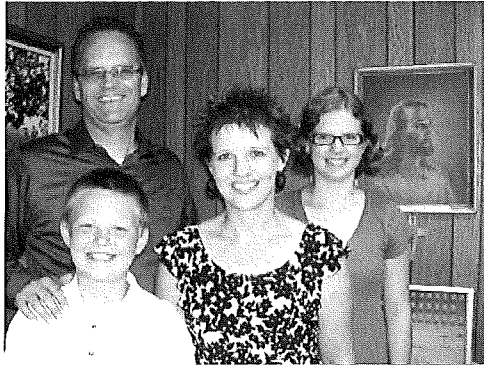
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Enoch Petersen and Family

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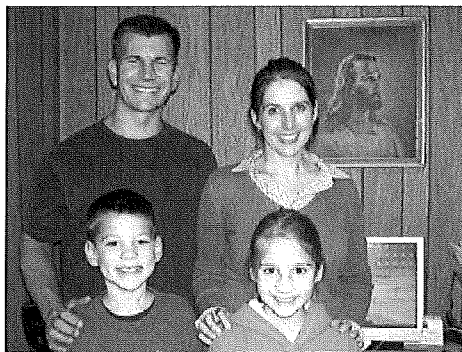
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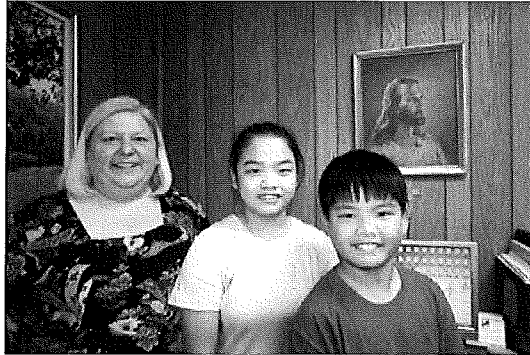
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Sharon Owens and Family

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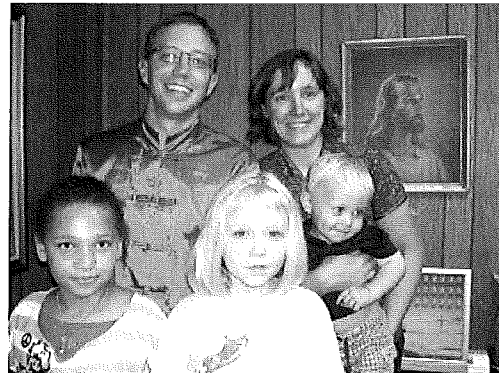
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# EYES on Youth Ministry

## Educating Youth, Encouraging Servants

In Ben Freudenburg and Rick Lawrence's book, The Family Friendly Church (Vital Ministry 1998), Ben begins a chapter with this story:

When my oldest daughter, Cori, was very young, she called me "bye-bye"...**The truth is if we are to nurture faith in our children, if we are to pass on our values and wisdom, we must be willing to spend a quantity of time in a quality way.** It's often during quantity time that quality time emerges...so many kids in our culture don't get what they want most—their parent's time. In place of that precious resource, kids often get a hollow substitute—money or stuff. (various pages 36-39-original author's emphasis)

The preacher writes in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.*

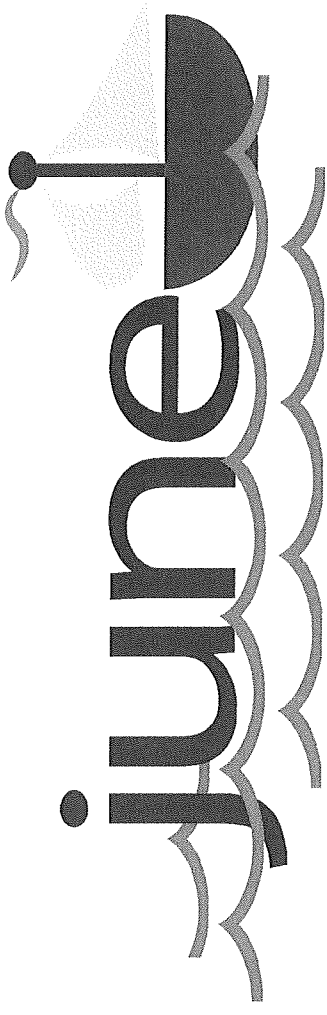
Is there time for your children and family in your days and weeks? If we want to nurture faith in our children, we must be willing to recognize that God gives us the time to be faithful in the vocations He has called us to—including the vocation of parenthood.

### Servant Ideas

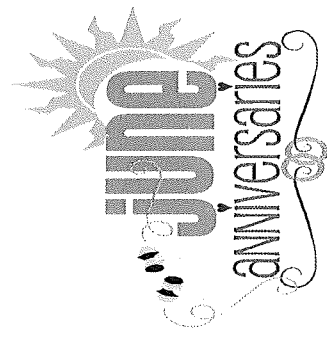
Need another service idea?

Not everyone carries an umbrella when it rains, but everyone gets wet walking in the rain. Collect volunteers and large umbrellas and the next time it rains on a Sunday morning, offer umbrella coverage into the church. Some people may need only a few steps if they are dropped off by the door, others may need full coverage from where they park their car until they get inside the church. Perhaps your youth group can offer this as a "thank you" event for the support they receive from the congregation.

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# June



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Terry Koch, Jr Marilyn Muegenberg Anna Schuette Cara Schuette Steve & Tammy Leiting	<b>2</b> Rachel Stoelk Wilbert & Carolyn Ehlers	<b>3</b> Denny Bradshaw	<b>4</b> Lois Dirks Caroline Niehaus	<b>5</b> Andy Leiting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Trent Nelson Stan & Karen Grundmeier Randy & Jill Kasparbauer Jeff & Dawn Luetje
<b>8</b> Penny Ewoldt Marilee Reetz	<b>9</b> Rachel Lenz	<b>10</b> Colter Himmers Sara Skinner Duane Bald	<b>11</b> Mitchel Rickers Doug & Beth Hansman	<b>12</b> Darleen Linde Doug Schuette	<b>13</b> Julie Liechti Denny & Connie Bradshaw	<b>14</b> Tasha Bair
<b>15</b> Rodonna Neumann	<b>16</b> Mary Erps Jon Vetter Larry & Jean Jons	<b>17</b> Dayna Teske Dale & Beth Wittrock	<b>18</b> Adam Vetter	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Jessica Hausman Dale Young	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Mary Bruhn Dale Musfeldt	<b>23</b> John & Bernice Vetter	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Carm Thiedeman Don & Betty Nobiling	<b>26</b> Marcus Brockman Dan & Deb Wittrock	<b>27</b> Don Grundmeier	<b>28</b> Duane & Shirley Bald Nick & Danielle Schrad
<b>29</b> Delaney Schurke Kyle Segebart Gene & Julie Liechti	<b>30</b> Kim Brockman Collin Koch Ross Schuette					

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:00 DW/HC	<b>2</b> 8:30-11:30 VBS	<b>3</b> 8:30-11:30 VBS	<b>4</b> 8:30-11:30 VBS 7:00 Evening Circle	<b>5</b> 8:30-11:30 VBS	<b>6</b> 8:30-11:30 VBS	<b>31</b> 6:00 DW/HC
<b>8</b> 9:00 DW	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	<b>12</b> 9:00 Ladies Aid	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 DW/HC	<b>16</b> 1:00 Sewing Circle Pastor Dose gone	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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<b>29</b> 9:00 DW	<b>30</b>					

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