

# ZION PROCLAIMER

## **“Dose of Wisdom”**

July 2014

I would like to pick up where I left off last month talking about and teaching on FCPTC (first communion prior to confirmation). I would like to add the following paragraphs to discuss with you on the topic of FCPTC from Lutheran Catechesis written by Rev. Peter Bender from Peace Lutheran Church, Sussex, WI.

“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:

### **1. All catechumens learn by heart the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord’s Prayer.**

The primary text of the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord’s Prayer are to be learned by heart before a catechumen begins to commune. It is also recommended that children learn the six chief parts of the catechism and their explanations by heart before communing for the first time. The reason for this is that the Small Catechism becomes a tutor for them in the faith as they continue to gain maturity. Adults, too, should continue to learn the catechism after they begin receiving the Sacrament, not only the primary texts of the catechism, but also their explanations. The point of such “learning by heart” is not that a certain body of knowledge is required for worthy reception of the Lord’s Supper, but that such learning promotes repentance and faith in Christ. Luther said, “Those who refuse to learn are to be told that they are denying Christ and do not belong to Him. They are not to be admitted to the Sacrament, accepted as sponsors at Baptism, or allowed to exercise Christian liberty in any way” (Preface to the Small Catechism)

### **2. All catechumens are examined.**

All catechumens are examined by the pastor according to the outline in the “Christian Questions with Their Answers.” All questions in this section need not be asked, but they should include the following: “Do you believe that you are a sinner? How do you know this? Are you sorry for your sins? What have you deserved from God because of your sins? Do you hope to be saved? In whom then do you trust? Who is Christ? What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him? How do you know this? Do you believe... that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?” The pastor exercises great pastoral care in admitting catechumens to the Lord’s Table. The point is always, “Does this catechumen have faith in Christ that enables him to receive the Sacrament worthily?” If so, then the catechumens should be admitted to the Sacrament. Obviously, a developmentally disabled person may not have the same capacity as others to learn the catechism by heart. They should not, for that reason, be excluded from the Sacrament. It is rejection of Christ and a refusal to receive His Word that bars a person from receiving the Sacrament. It is recommended that there be no arbitrary age at which a person may begin communing for the first time. Any baptized Christian who confesses the faith as outlined here should be allowed to commune, regardless of age. The goal of catechesis and preaching is always worthy reception of the Sacrament.

### **3. All catechumens are absolved.**

All catechumens are absolved by the pastor according to Christ’s mandate to forgive the sins of penitent sinners. Holy Absolution should be given by the pastor to a catechumen in the context of his examination before he receives the Sacrament. The purpose of the examination is to hear the catechumen’s confession of faith: “I am a sinner. I cannot save myself. Christ is my Savior. He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of all my sins.” Whoever confesses this

faith in the context of an examination by the pastor should receive Holy Absolution. "Son, be of good cheer. I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The reception of Absolution in the context of a catechumen's examination strengthens his faith against a bad conscience, teaches him to rely upon the Word of God from outside himself, and gives him an even greater hunger for the Lord's body and blood. This recommendation squares well with the Lutheran Confessions: "The Sacrament is offered to those who wish for it after they have been examined and absolved (*Apology of the Augsburg Confession* XXIV, 249:1)." (Bender 13, 14)

Please once again if you have some questions or comments let either the elders or me, your pastor know. We want to hear what you are thinking.  
Blessings,

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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### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

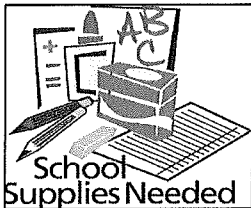
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# L.W.M.L.

**LADIES AID:** The Ladies Aid will be having their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 3rd at 9 am. Hostess will be Shirley Ehlers.

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

**MARTHA CIRCLE:**  
Shirley Ehlers & Betty Nobiling  
**CHANCEL CIRCLE:**  
Cathy Meyer & Donna Rickers  
**PARISH CIRCLE:**  
Julie & Nicole Liechti



## SCHOOL KITS ..

- 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.

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.

## Health Kits

- 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

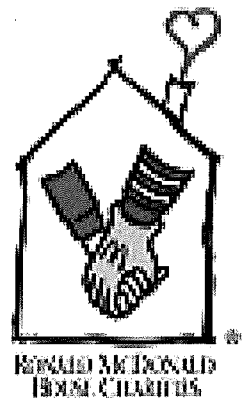
## Collecting Pop Tabs

We will be collecting pop tabs here at Zion, to send to the Ronald McDonald House. So, if you have any pop tabs you would like to donate, please bring them here to the church this week and all summer, and deposit in the container in the entry way.

Aluminum tabs seem to be an odd item to collect for charity, but information from the Ronald McDonald House says collecting pop tabs is a great way to teach kids about philanthropy and the importance of recycling while raising funds to help children and their families at the same time. The tabs are easier to collect and store and also more hygienic than entire aluminum cans. The program is an easy way for people of all ages to support Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC).

After the tabs are collected, they are delivered to the Ronald McDonald House which is being supported (there are nearby houses in Omaha, Des Moines, Sioux City and Iowa City). The tabs are sold to a recycling center, and the RMHC chapter receives a check. Some of the local chapters receive upwards of \$30,000 from the sale of tabs each year.

Here at Zion, we can make a difference one tab at a time!



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 18, 2014**

**PRESENT**

Shirley Ehlers Owen	Mary Bruhn Pastor Dose	Dwight Ehlers Marilyn Mumm	Jeff Luetje Spencer Owen	Rahn Eischeid Paulette Von Glan	Deb Glan
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President Jeff Luetje called the meeting to order.

Pastor Dose opened with "Persecution: Good for the Church" and a prayer.

The minutes from the May meeting were read and reviewed. A motion was made by Deb Owen, seconded by Mary Bruhn, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Dose reported that Vacation Bible School was a great success. Pastor has a class July 7<sup>th</sup> thru July 9<sup>th</sup> in South Dakota. The August 10<sup>th</sup> service will be held in the Arcadia park as a fund raiser for Spencer Owen for some mission projects he would like to attend. The Owens family will supply the meat and the congregation will supply salads and desserts.

**Elder's Report:** No Report

**Treasurer's Report:** Deb Owen gave the treasurers' report (attached) for Cindy Brockman. As of June 17, 2014, the balance in the general fund was \$169.09.

**Board of Education:** No report given. It was noted that Chad Wittrock will be taking over as leader of LYF as of July 1, 2014.

**Board of Evangelism:** Marilyn Mumm reported that she had taken muffins, cinnamon rolls, etc. to Arcadia Limestone.

**Board of Stewardship:** Shirley Ehlers had no report.

**Trustee Report:** Dwight Ehlers noted the window in the sewing room was closed up on the outside of the building. The pergola has been built at the parsonage. Jeff Luetje will visit with Rick Vetter concerning the air conditioning as it is holding up other projects.

**Financial Secretary:** Mary Bruhn had no report.

**Endowment Fund:** No report was given.

**Old Business:** Per Shirley Ehlers, forget about purchasing any more tables for downstairs.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Mary Bruhn to purchase a new Advent Wreath and candles in the amount of \$2,735.44. The family of Wally Jensen is making a memorial donation of \$1864.74 for the wreath and holders. The memorial fund will cover the rest of the cost of the candles at approximately \$890. Motion carried. The Voters Meeting will be held at 10:00 after church on Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Dwight Ehlers, seconded by Marilyn Mumm, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Secretary-Paulette Von Glan

## “Gangway to Galilee”

“Gangway to Galilee” (CPH) was the theme of the 2014 Vacation Bible School at Zion Lutheran Church in Arcadia. The goals for the annual program are to fulfill the reaching, teaching and discipling mission; to involve members to grow as Christians; to provide Christian education for our church’s children; and to encourage children to bring their friends to learn about Jesus. It was held the week of June 2nd-6th. Students who are four years old (preschool) by the first day of VBS through the eighth grade were enrolled. A total of 145 youngsters were involved throughout the week. The Bible theme for the week was “

*For by grace you have been saved through faith.  
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.  
Ephesians 2:8*

The sessions ran from 8:30 to 11:30 each day with opening and closing devotions in the church led by Pastor Ben Dose and music instruction by Tammy Brunner.

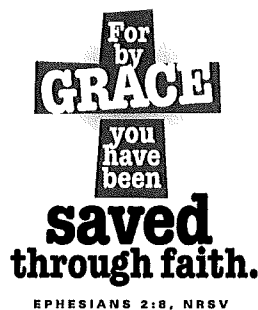
*“Our offering collected this year went towards our mission project of “Gospel Nets” and our L.W.M.L organization. With our help The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod can help new churches around the world get the things they need to tell people about Jesus. All churches need to be able to wash people with Holy Baptism, teach the Word of God so people believe and feed them with the Lord’s supper. Together through your support of Gospel Nets, we can join our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world and be fishers of men! \$5 can provide a Bible in another language; \$25 can provide Sunday School materials; \$100 can provide bicycles to help pastors travel between churches; \$500+ can provide roofs for new church buildings.*

*Our local L.W.M.L group will use their portion of offerings to help purchase items still needed for School Kits and Health Kits and to also help with shipping the items This amounted to \$860.95. Other health kit items, undergarments, school backpacks and shoes were collected.*

Betty Nobiling & Denise Ragaller served as co-director and Deb Owen assisted with the secretarial needs. Newly confirmed teens, other church members and their friends assisted in all areas of need. Scott Linde and Allan Kock made the woodworking projects along with Al Schurke & Darin Schurke making the crosses,

Spencer Owen provided the craft project ideas. The 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders also did an outstanding job of tying **35** quilts this year. Since 1993, VBS students have tied **640 quilts**. The ladies prepare all the materials for the quilts and the students tie them using the two frames that keep all the helpers hopping. There are **many, many** helpers who volunteer each day both with the crafts and the snacks.

It is truly appreciated how everyone comes forth each year for the week of Vacation Bible School. Thanks again to Lila Thiedeman for the fresh bread on Monday L & E construction for the rolls on Tuesday and to Darleen Linde for all the juice drink. Parents assisted with other food snacks throughout the week...including Rice Krispie Bars and cookies. The ice cream sandwiches provided by the Ehlers’ family are a real treat on Friday. It is a fun week and hopefully, memories are created that will last a lifetime.





**Tying quilts**

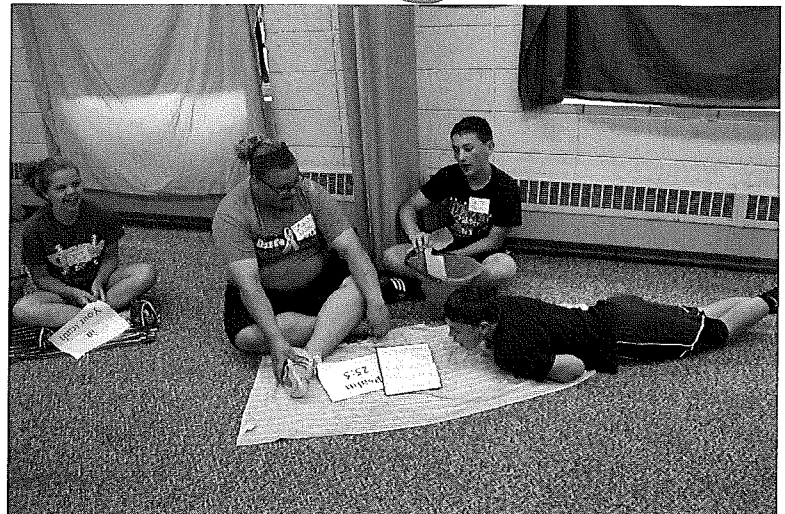
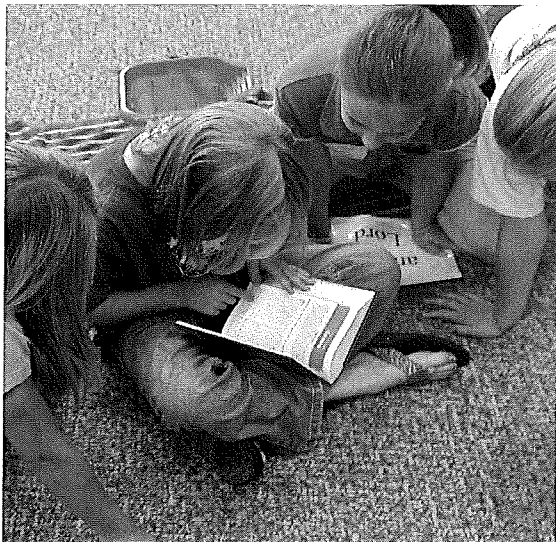


**Rolling bandages**

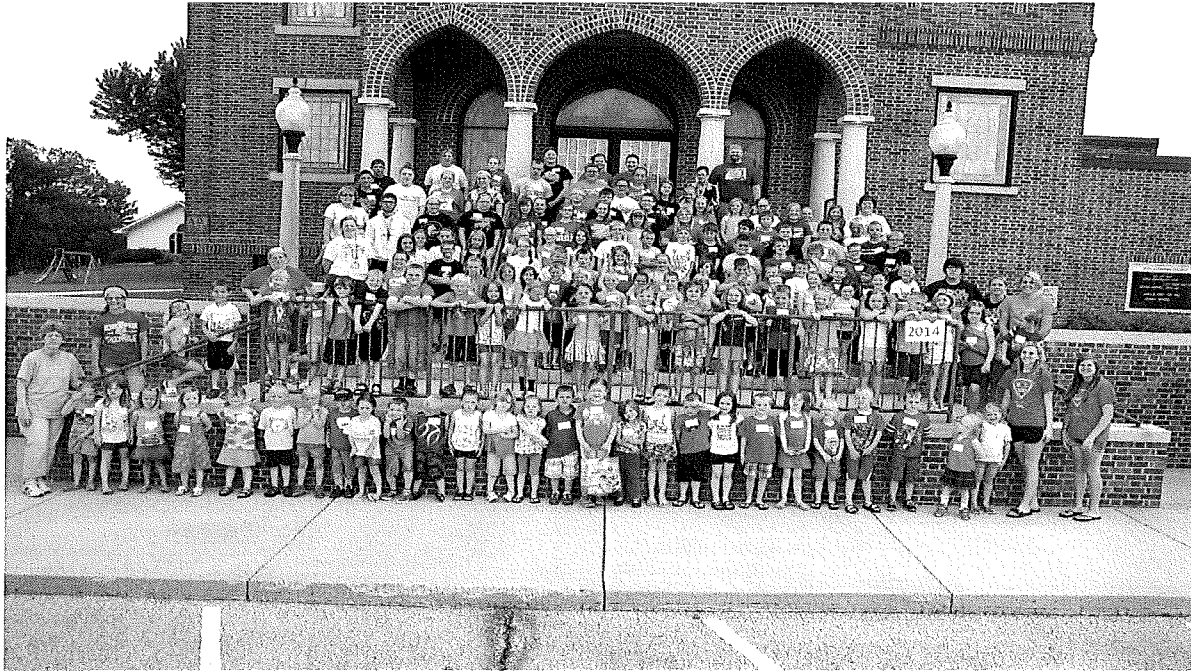


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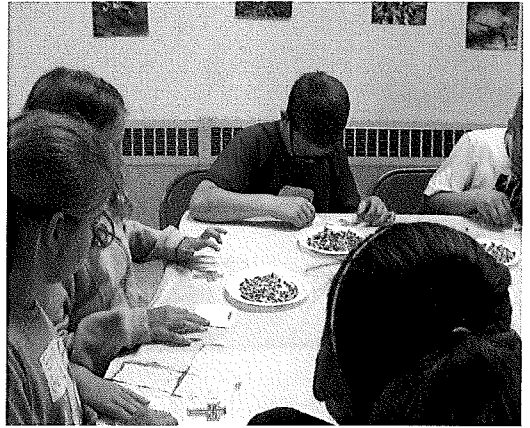
## **Bible Challenge**







**craft time**



**"Singing"**



**2014 Lutheran Night  
at Target Field!  
July 21, 2014**

**Cost: \$55 per person**

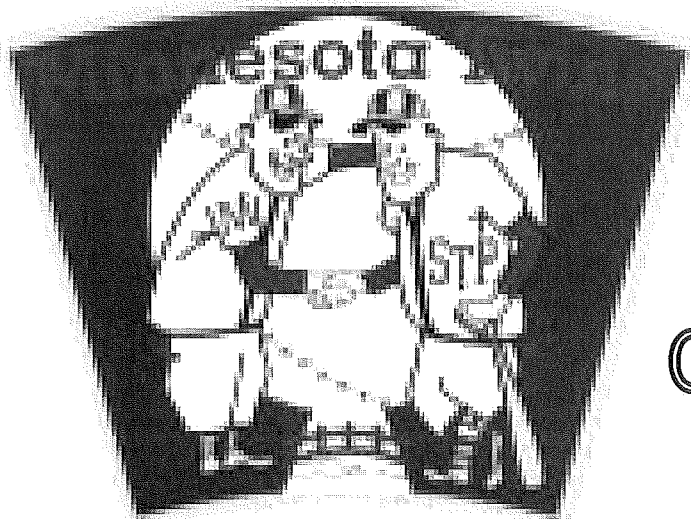
**Bus Leaves**

**First English Lutheran Church**

**@ 11:45 am**

**Camp Okoboji @ 12:30 pm**

**HWY 169/9 @ 2 pm**



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## Me? A Missionary?

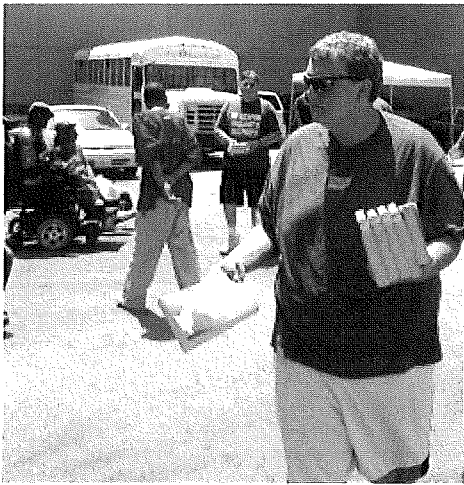
In the past 13 years of leading IOWAY mission trips I have had the honor and privilege of working with truly amazing youth and adults. One of these amazing people is Spencer Owen. Spencer, a member of Zion-Arcadia and a student at Concordia Nebraska, has been on several IOWAY mission trips through the past several years. I asked him to share some of the highlights from his mission trips along with how missions have influenced his life.

Spencer shares, “Missionary – a word that we often don’t associate with ourselves. When I ask people what they think of when they hear ‘missionary’ I receive responses such as ‘A full-time person dedicated to spreading the Gospel overseas’ or something along those lines. But what if I told you that you are a missionary as well, regardless of your vocation, regardless of your age, and regardless of where you live?”

Prior to the fall of 2010 I wouldn’t have considered myself a missionary either, but I met Ellie Menz and she invited me to go to California with her on the IOWAY mission trip. The trip truly changed my life. I didn’t know anyone going on the trip and, to be honest, was a little nervous about spending two weeks with total strangers.

Those complete strangers turned into friends for a lifetime. I met my dear friend Hannah, who attends Concordia Chicago; Steven, who is a national FFA vice-president; Kayla, who attends Concordia Nebraska; Mac, who lives and works in the Des Moines area; and numerous others that I still think about every day.

The people who went on the trip are great people to know, but the people we worked with also had an impact on my life. I remember working on Skid Row, where there are around 7,000 homeless people, a man came up to me and we talked a little. He said, ‘The best thing you can do for yourself is to keep your faith and graduate high school.’



Spencer distributing Bibles on Skid Row

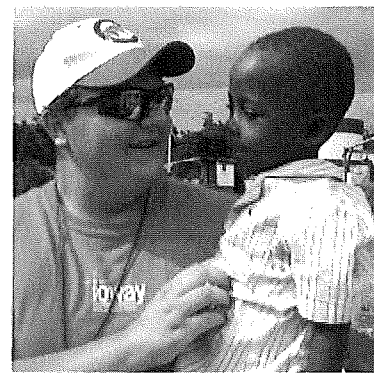
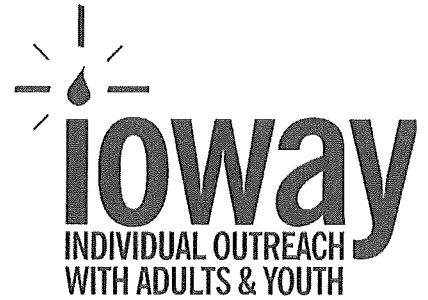
school. I went to California two more times and was part of the first IOWAY group to go to Haiti. I fell in love with the country and the people who had been devastated by so much. My heart was broken by the poverty, the need for decent housing and the need for food.

“When our team returned to Iowa, we told Ellie, ‘We have to do something! We have to feed the children!’ After much thought

“Interesting words from a homeless man! I didn’t take the words to heart at first, but later that night I thought about the conversation we had. Being only a sophomore in high school at the time, I had no plans of dropping out of high school, but I thought to myself what could I do to help others keep the faith and show them the importance of education.

“I thought about being a teacher, but that really wasn’t for me. I am going to be a Director of Christian Education (DCE) because I like the educational aspect of the ministry. I am a student at CUNE (Concordia at Seward, NE) and have enjoyed every minute of it!

“I continued to go on mission trips throughout high



Spencer with his new friend in Haiti

and prayer, ETCH (Education To Change Haiti) was set up. Details are at: [www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org) under "Ministry Areas-IOWAY-ETCH." It is awesome that at this time 115 children have been sponsored by IDW individuals and/or churches. Please consider sponsoring a child. It will change their life!

"I just returned from my second trip and was amazed at the improvement.

"When we first drove up the road to the guesthouse I was in shock at the new buildings that had been or were in the process of being built. What I remember as a large open field where Haitians who lived in the neighborhood played, a makeshift soccer field was turned into a much smaller plot of land because of new buildings. The new homes are great because 1) it's someone's job to make the cinder blocks to put up the home; 2) it's someone's job to put the building together; 3) it's someone's job to paint the building; 4) a family gets a new house to live in.

"Jobs are important in Haiti.

Haitians are very hard workers; the problem is many don't have anything to do. While in Haiti, our team put the finishing touches on a new orphanage. There were many Haitians working on the project, some of whom were there to volunteer because it was something to do. You could see Haitians (some of them were young) mixing cement, moving blocks, putting cement on the walls, painting, and everything in between.

"While we were waiting for the painter to bring paint, some of us helped the Haitians sift rock/sand that was being mixed into the concrete. They had these big piles of different size rock that had to be hand sifted to get the right texture (thick for foundation cement, smoother for finishing walls). Imagine this – it's over hot (enough said), 100% humidity, a blazing sun, and I was moving shovels full of rock into an 10" by 12" screen that a 14-year-old Haitian was operating. Needless to say, he could sift faster than I could move the rock. What an experience!

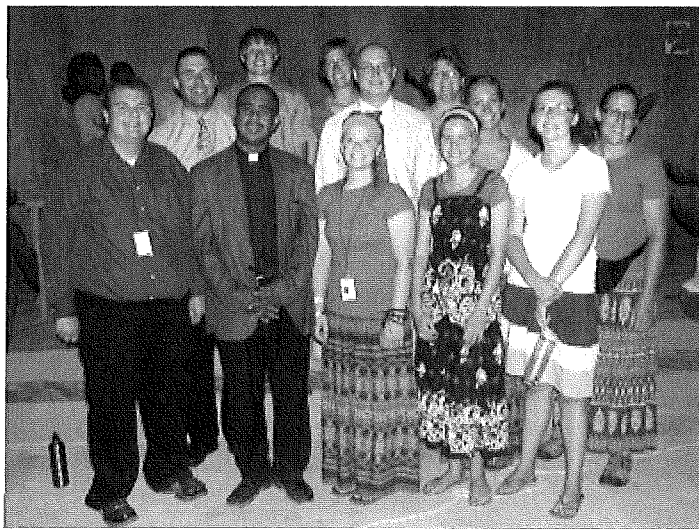
"I'm looking forward to what the Lord has in store for me in the future, but the Lord has big things in store for you as well. Wherever you are in life, we are called to serve the Lord - we are all missionaries in the Lord's kingdom. Remember the Great Commission from the words of Matthew – 'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.'"

### **Pasadena Mission Trip**

Picture yourself as a Petal Pusher! Do your winter plans include a mission trip? Consider joining the Pasadena winter trip: December 28-January 4 - Decorating floats for the Rose Parade and working with homeless on Skid Row.

For information and to register, go to [www.idwlcms.org/ioway](http://www.idwlcms.org/ioway)

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IOWAY team dressed for church in Haiti



January 2014 IOWAY Petal Pushers



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

## Planting Together

July 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.

### What if . . . ?



What one building often serves as the center of much of the activity in Iowa communities, particularly in the smaller towns? What one building is it that the residents will fight to keep within their town? What one building sees the majority of our impressionable youth within its walls? While fifty years ago many might have answered the church, today most would agree that it's the school.

With summer in full swing and school starting before we know it, it's a great time to do some visioning. What if our congregations and members saw the local school as a mission field? What if they approached the principals to find out where they could use volunteers? What if they identified ways in which they could demonstrate God's love or appreciation to the staff and workers? What if they began spending time in the school buildings and at activities, loving and serving the children and staff? What if they each wore a shirt with the church name and logo on it? What if God's love through them began to touch the hearts and lives of the students and staff? What if the children and others began to wonder why all the members were doing these things?

*[God] is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us. (Ephesians 3:20)*

*Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)*

What if we began to change the wondering to reality?

Rev. Mark Gerken, Executive Assistant for Missions and Human Care

### Adopt a school?

Reggie McNeal in Missional Renaissance says, "Adopting a school—asking how you can help—is the quickest way I know to become connected to the community beyond your church." With budget cuts facing most school districts and the importance of the local school, imagine the possibilities if your members listened and then responded by serving and loving those in the local school! Summer provides a great time to sit down with local school officials and plan for this fall!

**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).

### Military Tribute Concert at the Iowa State Fair

The Military Tribute Concert will take place on Monday, August 11 at the Iowa State Fair. This musical tribute gives honor to those who have served or are serving our country. Musicians are needed. For more information go to [www.militarytributeconcert.org](http://www.militarytributeconcert.org) or call Julie DenHerder at 515-240-1626.

### Ministering to the Hispanic/Latino Family

This workshop will be hosted by Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, West Des Moines, July 31-August 3. Prof. Mark Kempff, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis will lead the workshop. To register go to [www.csl.edu/resources/continuinged/sws14](http://www.csl.edu/resources/continuinged/sws14).

### News from Camp Okoboji

- ◆ Our **Adult Retreat** is coming up August 15-17, 2014. Ted Kober from Ambassadors of Reconciliation will be our topic leader! Contact Camp for more information.
- ◆ **Scholarships Available:** Our District offers funds up to half the cost of Cub Week, Jr. High Week and Youth Week for IDW church members. Talk to your pastor or youth leader. Forms are available at [www.IDWLCMS.org](http://www.IDWLCMS.org) (Click on Resources, Click on Forms, Click on Youth Events Financial Aid).

### District Calendar

July 4...Independence Day, District Office Closed  
July 26-August 4—IOWAY Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

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



## What is Happening At YOUR Camp Okoboji!

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Please reproduce the following in bulletins and post where appropriate. Thank You.

### Quick Calendar:

June 29-July 5 July 4 Family Retreat  
July 6 Omelet Brunch  
July 6-12 Junior High Week  
July 10-13 Ginny DeWall Joy Camp II  
July 13-19 Concordia Cub Week  
July 20-26 Youth Week  
July 20-21 RAGBRAI in Okoboji  
July 27-Aug. 2 Family Retreat I

**2014 Summer Programs:** It's not too late to sign up for camp! Lots of program choices for young and old and families alike. Look for summer brochures, on Camp's website, or call Camp.

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**Save Even More \$\$:** Get your registration in 30 days prior to the program start date to take advantage of the \$20 Early Bird discount. Registration forms available in the Camp Okoboji Summer Program booklet or online.

### Our Promise of: "Jesus at the Lake"

A friendly, safe, refreshing and relaxing Christian experience-  
An exceptional value for you and your family.

**Family Retreat Camps and Family Ministry Cabins:** Connecting families across generations and with other Christians is so important today; and Camp Okoboji does it better than most! Consider joining these growing programs.

**Family Retreat Camps** involve leadership, summer staff, and camp programs to enjoy at your leisure. Meeting other families and creating camp memories in a Christian setting is the main focus.

**Family Ministry Cabins** are available for families wanting to "do their own thing" and are ideal for reunions and connecting with your family.

**RAGBRAI Coming to Okoboji:** On July 20 the Okoboji area will be hosting thousands of bikers. Camp Okoboji wants to welcome our IDW bikers and their friends. Help spread the word of this housing and meal opportunity. Enjoy and relax at Camp while enjoying each other's company.

Cabin Housing: Call Camp for availability and rates

Tents: \$10 per tent

Campers: \$15 per unit (no utilities)

Sunday Supper 6-8pm: \$8 per person, \$6 per child age 9 & under

Monday Breakfast 5-7am: \$6 per person, \$4 per child age 9 & under

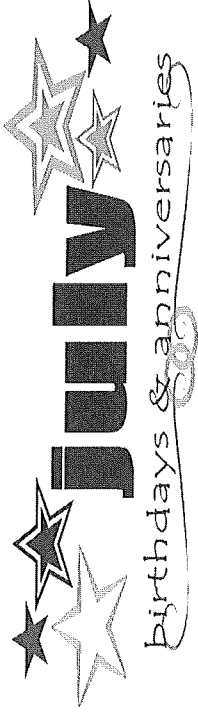
**Adult Retreat!** Our Adult Retreat is coming up August 15-17, 2014. Ted Kober from Ambassadors of Reconciliation will be our topic leader! Contact Camp for more information.

**Ginny DeWall Dining Hall Update:** Groups are rejoicing at the improvements (especially the AC). We are getting close, but... gifts are still needed for siding, insulation, south dining room and many smaller items. Memo "Ginny DeWall" on your gift. **Thank you for your support!**

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** Camp Okoboji wishes to thank all the Thrivent members quietly giving to Camp through this program. Many new supporters have "signed on" over the last several months. We are truly grateful, as are the many summer campers that benefit from **YOUR** gift.

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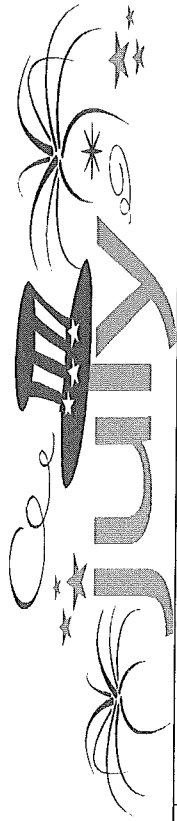
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**July**  
birthdays & anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Matthew McNelly Aubrey Prichard Mark & Diane Schurke Dennis & Dianne Vetter	<b>2</b> Ashley Eggers Michael Hoffman Jill Koenck Mary Ann Musfeldt	<b>3</b> Scott Linde	<b>4</b> Corey Erps Rahn & Lori Eischeid	<b>5</b> Dawn Luetje Gary & Jane Vetter
<b>6</b> Tyler Ehlers	<b>7</b> Andrea Gronau Betty Klink Fred & Rodonna Neumann	<b>8</b> Devon Ehlers Carolyn Sander	<b>9</b> Colton Heithoff Steven Koch Joel & Clarae Mumm	<b>10</b> Nolan Schmitz	<b>11</b> Connie Bradshaw	<b>12</b> Jane Petersen Darin & Donna Schurke
<b>13</b> Sophia Koch Dianne Vetter	<b>14</b> Gladys Noelck	<b>15</b> Zelda Anderson	<b>16</b> Dan Wittrock	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Gene Kuhl Jay Luetje Randy Stoelk Rick Vetter	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Brad Maasen	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Steve Leiting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Kathy Kraus	<b>25</b> Emily Bruhn Mark & Donna Rickers	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Kevin Koenck Lane Kraus Dave Teske Denny Vetter	<b>28</b> Wanda Erps Joe Ewoldt Dawn Noble Nick & Krista Koch	<b>29</b> Doug Gronau	<b>30</b> Lola Ehlers	<b>31</b>		





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 9:30 Bible Study	3 9:00 Ladies Aid	4	5 6:00 DW/HC
6 9:00 DW/HC	7	8	9 9:30 Bible Study	10	11	12
13 9:00 DW 10:00 Voters Meet	14	15	16 9:30 Bible Study	17	18	19
20 9:00 DW/HC	21 1:00 Sewing Circle	22	23 9:30 Bible Study	24	25	26
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**USHERS**

Kim Brockman  
 Jeff Luetje  
 Roger Liechti  
 Kyle Liechti  
 Gene Thiedeman  
 Michael Brockman

Jim Luetje  
 Rick Vetter  
 Blake Liechti  
 Neil Liechti  
 Mark Rickers

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Julie & Nicole Liechti

**CHANCEL CIRCLE**

Cathy Meyer  
 Donna Rickers

**MARTHA CIRCLE**

Shirley Ehlers  
 Betty Nobiling

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 Complete all info. for each golfer. Thanks!

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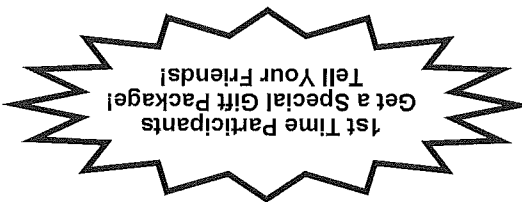
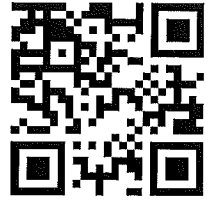
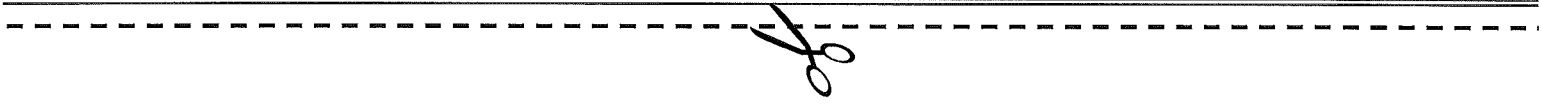
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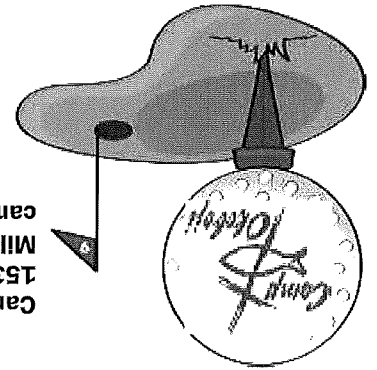
**- To Register -**

Complete and mail with a min. \$75 payment to Camp Okoboji by July 31 (place an \* by first time participants)

Golfer(s): \$75 each  
 Okoboji View Member(s): \$35 each  
 Dinner Only: \$30



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OKOBOJI VIEW  
 GOLF COURSE  
 Sun. Aug. 17, 2014

Registration &  
 Sponsorship Info.

# CAMP OKOBOJI

## Fourth Annual Charity

# GOLF OUTING



# An invitation for you ...

Please join us and be part of the fun at Camp Okoboji's 4th Annual Charity Golf Outing at Okoboji View Golf Course on Sunday, August 17, 2014. 1:00 pm shotgun start, play 18 holes, using a four person best-shot format. Enjoy a steak dinner and awards banquet at 5:00 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to show your support for Camp and The Annual Fund, while relaxing and enjoying a round of golf, a great meal, lots of prizes, great fellowship and fun! The Annual Fund helps move forward key aspects of the camp: Camperships, Projects, Special Needs, etc. Thank You!



1st Time Participants Get a Special Gift Package!  
Tell Your Friends!

### Contests Include:

## \$10,000 Hole-in-one contest on #6!

*(Must be witnessed by our observer and in writing by the entire foursome.)*

### Other Contests with Men & Women Winners:

- Closest to the Pin on Initial Drive      Closest to Pin from off the green
- Longest Drive      Longest Putt Made
- Closest to Pin on 3<sup>rd</sup> Shot (Men)      Closest to Pin on 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot (Women)

### Special 19th Hole Contest Opportunities

All Golfers receive 18 holes of golf with a cart, a sleeve of golf balls, a certificate to redeem for a free golf club, a chance to win other prizes

Check our website

## campokoboji.org

for updates, information, print registrations and pay on-line!  
Questions? Call 712-337-3325

Check Out All the Sponsorship Opportunities!!

Join the fun and reserve your spot by registering today!



### - To Sponsor -

#### Major Sponsor:

Event: \$2,000      Prize/Gift: \$1,000  
Banquet: \$1,000      Hole in One: \$250

#### Sponsorships: (Please check level)

#### Bogey (Up to \$50):

Help offset Golf Outing costs by providing a financial gift.

Par (\$100): Listing in the golf packet and other printed material

#### Birdie (\$150): The above:

Plus- Your name and/or company logo on a sign at a Tee / Hole.

#### Eagle (\$200): All the above:

Plus- Special recognition during the banquet.

Donate a Prize: Gifts of services or merchandise to be used as prizes. Gift: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my sponsorship in the amount / Value of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

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State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions?: Call 712-337-3325

Mail Completed Form and Payment To:

Camp Okoboji Golf Outing  
1531 Edgewood Drive  
Milford, Iowa 51351

Thank You For Your Support!

To the saints of Zion Lutheran Church,

It's amazing to think that my vicarage year is almost at an end. My last day as vicar at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Everett, Washington is on July 15<sup>th</sup>. This year has truly come and gone way too fast. But it has been an amazing, eye opening, and educational year for my whole family. Thank you so much for all of your support, both financial and spiritual. Your prayers have meant the world to my wife and I, and we are forever grateful for your continual support. This year has shown me the amazing efforts of what the body of Christ can do for each other. The Lord has blessed me in so many ways. I am undeserving, but I am thankful. Thank you!

Along with the close of another year, comes the excitement of the next chapter in my seminary journey. Anna and I will be back in St. Louis in late August. We will spend the month of August with Anna's family in Iowa. We are doing so because I have been given the opportunity to take a class in Israel through the Seminary. Only 18 students were chosen. I am really excited. I have always wanted to visit Israel, but never thought I would make it. There is a congregation in California that is funding a majority of this trip – just another example of the selflessness of the Church.

We will be in Israel for two weeks, studying and visiting the places Christ himself has been. The class is designed to help us experience the area so that we may better teach the church about the daily lives of God's people. I am really looking forward to visiting all of the major sites. It's going to be a wonderful opportunity for me to grow both in faith and knowledge. I can't wait to tell you all about it.

Anna and Malachi are doing great. Malachi is growing so fast. He is now four months and about 15 pounds, and definitely has his own personality. Thank you once again for your gifts and cards and letters. I hope we were able to send everyone a thank you card. We have received so many letters and cards through the mail that we might have lost track of a few. But you have not been forgotten. We have told Malachi about all the wonderful people who have reached out and taken care of our family in so many ways.

Anna and I look forward to returning to St. Louis. It has been a wonderful year, but we are looking forward to returning to the seminary community, where many of our friends are. I'm surprised how much I am looking forward to sitting in a class room again. I don't miss the

homework and all the assignments, but I am excited for all the things I still have to learn. Being out in the “real world” for a year as a vicar has truly opened my eyes. For the first two years in the seminary, I sat in a classroom and learned about what it means to be a Lutheran pastor and what to expect. During vicarage I had the chance to experience the life of ministry and how the church works from the inside-out. Now, for my fourth and final year, I get to reflect on my experiences and better prepare myself for the ministry. I am more mature in my faith and have a better understanding of my abilities as well as my passions. I can’t wait to see what God has in store for my family.

With Christ,



Andrew, Anna, and Malachi

1. 1. 1. Anna and I will be moving in August. Because of my class trip to Israel, and our apartment not being ready until later in August, Anna (and Malachi) will be staying with her parents in Iowa until I get back from Israel. So if you plan on sending us anything, please wait until late August/early September. Our new address in St. Louis will be:

**1009 Kuhs Place, St. Louis, MO. 63117.**

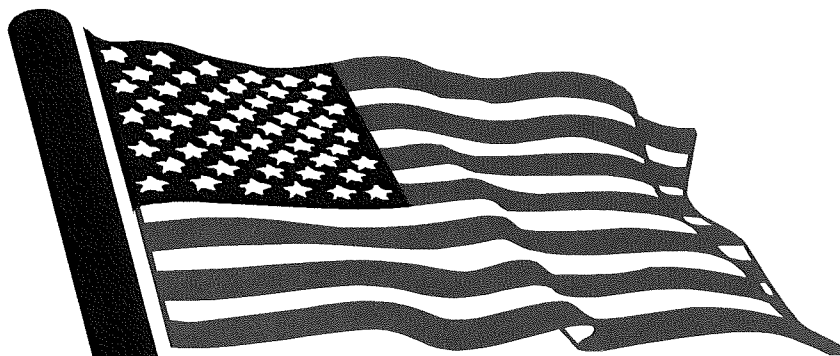
<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:3-9)



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