

“Dose of Wisdom”

1 Corinthians 1:21-23

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach^[b] to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ ***but we preach Christ crucified***, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

On August 27th we began another year of catechesis. With this new year of catechesis brings the importance of turning in sermon notes. Sermon notes are ways to make sure catechumens are in church receiving the Word of God and the forgiveness of sins. Secondly, sermon notes are a way to help learn and understand the importance of the two teachings found in the scriptures, Law and Gospel. The 5th & 6th graders are responsible to turn in 4 this year while the 7th & 8th graders are responsible to turn in 10 sermon notes over the course of the year.

The Law is the teaching that reminds us we are sinners. There is God's Law of perfection and we cannot attain that perfection by ourselves. The Law damns us and kills us to make sure that we have no standing of our own. The Law crushes us so that we look to one source of life alone. The Law ***Shows Our Sins***, and there is no one to look to except Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ came to die for us. When God could see that humans had no chance of keeping the Law perfectly, He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ to pay for those sins. Jesus paid the price for sins by dying on the cross. He took our guilt, our shame and most importantly He took our sins to the cross. In the beating, suffering, and dying Jesus paid the price for our sins. God's demand was satisfied. The Gospel ***Shows Our Savior***. It reveals to us the price Jesus paid so that we could be forgiven and free.

It would be good for all people to do sermon notes while in the Divine Service. They are not only for youth, but for adults as well. In the sermon notes we have at Zion, you will see a picture of Martin Luther preaching and pointing to Jesus hanging on the cross. Why is this important? Because it shows the

message of which we as pastors are to preach from the words of Jesus' own mouth in Luke 24:45-47,

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, ***“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.***

Then we have the words from St. Paul about the centrality of the message he preached to the Corinthians and to the other churches as well. 1 Corinthians 1:18-25,

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach^[b] to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ ***but we preach Christ crucified***, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, ***Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God*** ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

So join us in using sermon notes either to help teach your children or to help you learn and grow and understand Law and Gospel; repentance and forgiveness, death and life.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Dose

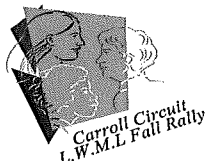
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LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, September 4, at 1:30 pm. Hostess will be Phyllis Kuhl. Christian Life will be led by Gladys Rickers. We will be discussing LWML Sunday which is to be held on Sunday, October 5th

EVENING CIRCLE:

The monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 pm at the home of Carm Thiedeman. Co-Hostess is Jolene Stoelk.



The Carroll Circuit L.W.M.L. Fall Rally will be held at 9:00 a.m., September 13 Trinity Lutheran, Coon Rapids Guest Speaker: Pastor Vogel. Lunch will follow the meeting.

Iowa District West Jr. High Youth Gathering

The Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering will be held October 25-26 at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines. Students in 6th-8th grade are invited to attend this gathering.

Music will be provided by Swen & Dean and the Keynote speaker will be Scotte Hansen. The cost for attending is \$125. The student pays the registration fee of \$62.50 and the church will pay the other \$62.50. Registration deadline is September 13th. Contact the office for further information.

Chicken Supper



The AWW Staff is hosting a Staley's Chicken Supper on Wednesday - September 10 - serving from 5-8 at the

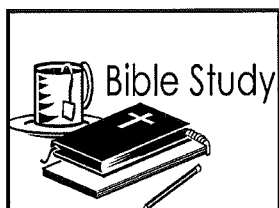
Westside Community Building - - Adults \$9.00 and children 12 and under \$7.00 - - Tickets available at the door and in advance at the school office or with any AWW Staff Member and at the following businesses: The Observer Office / Robin's Salon and Tanning in Arcadia / and the Westside Bank in Vail and Westside.

Money raised from this scholarship will go toward senior scholarships to be presented in the spring



Harvest Supper November 2, 2014

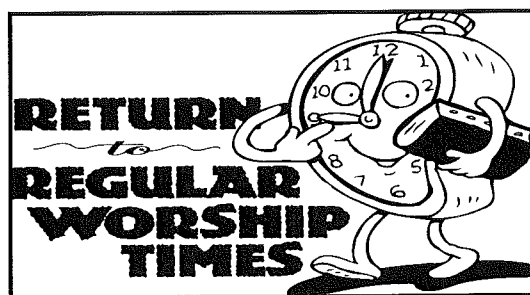
Time to start thinking about the Annual Turkey Supper coming up. If you would like to help with organizing, please contact the office as soon as possible. The supper is scheduled for Sunday, November 2, 2014 at the Arcadia Legion Hall



**ADULT BIBLE CLASS
&
WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE
CLASS**

Our Adult Bible Classes will be held on Sunday mornings at 9 am. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for coffee, fellowship and good bible study.

We also offer a Wednesday Morning Bible Class as well. This class meets at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we study God's word, and share coffee and fellowship



Please note that we are in our Fall
Worship Schedule
**Christian Education and Adult
Bible Class at 9 am
Divine Worship at 10 am**



**Let' get into the WORD! Women's Bible
Study** 2 Mondays a month Contact Rebecca
Dose for more details.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ---

High school students in grades 9-12 and their adult leaders are invited to join others from the Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa West Districts to attend the 2014 LCMS District Youth Gathering—Omaha. Friends of youth group members are invited and encouraged to attend, too! This event will provide an opportunity for our youth to experience a gathering, worship and service with over 1200 fellow brothers and sisters in Christ while colliding with God's Word shared by nationally known LCMS presenters like DCE Jeffrey Mainz, Pastor Leon Jamison, DCE Micah Steiner and DCE Sarah Salzberg, all who were involved in the San Antonio National Youth Gathering. This year's gathering will include an off-site servant event component, giving all participants the opportunity to honor God through service to others in the Omaha community.

The LYF will be having their next meeting on Sunday September 21st We will be holding election of officers at this meeting. We would also like to thank Pastor & Rebecca & family for hosting our Picnic at the parsonage on August 10th.



SINGING

The Sunday School students will be singing on the 2nd Sunday of the month with the exception of December, when we will NOT sing.

Ages 3 to 8th grade

RALLY SUNDAY: We are ready for another exciting year here at Zion Lutheran Church's Sunday School. Classes got started on August 17th. We will be meeting for devotions starting at 9 am. We will be singing and praising God. We will be dismissing our students at 9:50 am each Sunday Morning. Once again we will be giving out attendance awards at the beginning of the school year. Each student is allowed to have 3 unexcused absences. If the child is sick, please send a note for the superintendent the following week and they will be excused. Two year olds may enter the month that they will turn 3. We also request that parents give prayerful thought when sending young children. They must be able to be away from their parents for at least once hour. All parents are welcome to visit Sunday School at any time. God Bless you all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

Once again Sunday School students will have the opportunity to earn attendance awards by regularly attending Sunday School. As in the past, each child is allowed 3 unexcused absences in obtaining their "pin" for attendance at the end of the school year. We do not want students to come to Sunday School if they are sick and really need to be at home. If your child is sick, please keep them home and send a note the next Sunday to be given to their teacher so that the Sunday School Superintendent can be informed that your child was sick and will count the absence as an excused absence. Sickness will NOT affect the child's attendance. If you are out of town and attend a church where you are visiting, bring the bulletin from that church and it will be credited to the student's attendance.



SNACK SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER

3rd	Rebecca Dose	4 pm
10th	Julie Klink	2 pm
17th	Peggy Hinners	4 pm
24th	Lois Dirks	2 pm

There are 22 students and 2 teachers.



- 7th: Madison Owen & Hannah Kraus
- 14th: Drew Schurke & Sara Schurke
- 21st: Henry Segebart & Layne Prichard
- 28th: Dalton Ehlers & Damon Ehlers

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

Please be ready to acolyte by 9:45



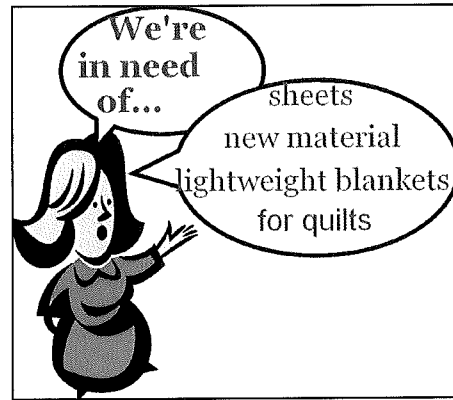
SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

SCHOOL KITS: The VBS kids decorate a cloth bag and into it goes: Paper, pencils, sharpener, ruler, scissors, and crayons. 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.

The "Back to School" sales have started and this is a great time to help the Ladies Aid with their "School Kit" Mission Project.

- 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

Thank you for your help with our
"School Kit" Mission Project.

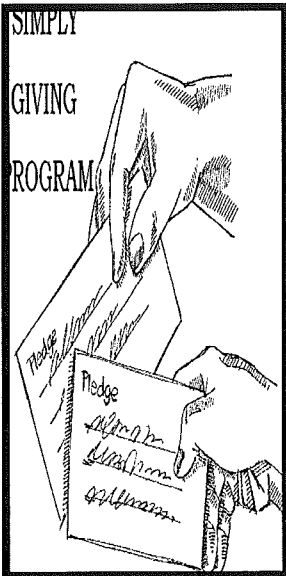


This reminder goes out endlessly, but sewing circle is **ALWAYS** in need of sheets, lightweight blankets, and **NEW** material for making quilt tops, middles and backs. A small group of ladies are the core of this worthwhile project. Quilt tops/backs are made at home and the quilts are tied at church. The large pieces of material (especially sheets) speed up the job!

The Sewing Circle meets on the 3rd Monday of every month. Help is always needed .

Collecting Pop Tabs We are 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 all summer, and deposit in the container in the entry way After the tabs are collected, they will be 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!



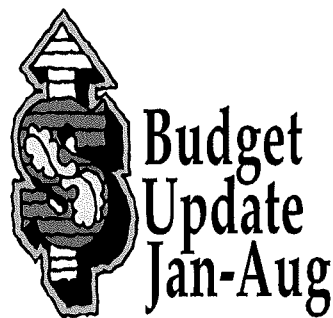
In the busy times we are currently in, handling the finances of our congregation is requiring more and more work. In an effort to save our financial people time we ask that you consider an old idea, that of the Simply Giving Program. To refresh your memory, Simply Giving is a program where once a week, 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 275 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.

Also, if you like, you can sign up for Simply Giving and designate it for the Building Fund

**SIMPLY GIVING
CAN ALSO BE
USED FOR THE
BUILDING FUND**

**FROM A FAMILY WHO USES THE "SIMPLY GIVING
PROGRAM"**

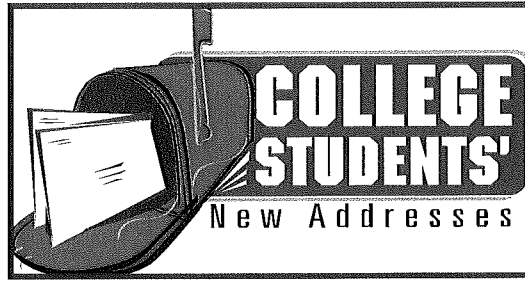
"Simply Giving" is simply easy! If you are hesitant about starting the "Simply Giving" program...don't be! Just decide how much you normally give to church each week (or month) and have it transferred from **your** banking account to the **church's** account. It is shown on your bank statement and you decide when you want to give each month. It frees your mind as you go to church in that you have given your share and don't have to write a check or look for money each time you go to church. You are REALLY putting the **Lord's** work **first**. You will still have the envelopes and can give more throughout the year. If you are gone the church still receives your contribution. Give it some thought. The more who participate gives the church board the financial support in a more orderly fashion as they will know how much to anticipate each month.



INCOME (year to date)	\$ 99,888.14
EXPENSES (year to date)	\$114,167.25
BUDGETED INCOME (year to date)	\$124,552.00
EXPENSE BUDGET (year to date)	\$109,034.80
Balance in General Fund as of 8/28/14	\$ 61.16
We also have a \$5,000 loan at the WSSB	

BUILDING FUND	
Income	\$28,532.67 (includes endowment)
Expenses (loan payment)	\$20,000.00
BALANCE 8/28	\$13,380.58

MEMORIAL ACCT Balance	\$ 7,357.36
REPAIR ACCT Balance	\$24,870.91



We are trying to keep in contact with our young adults who are attending college or are now living on their own by getting their mailing address. We have had several young adults and couples who have moved away and are no longer living in the area and we do not have current addresses for them. We are asking that you please complete the following and return it to the church office or email it to zionluth@netins.net so that we may update our records so all members can be informed of what is happening here at Zion.

We also realize that some birthdays and anniversary dates have been left out or have the wrong information on them. If this is the case, please jot down the correct information and turn it in to the church office or **email us at zionluth@netins.net**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

COLLEGE ATTENDING _____

GOD'S CAKE

This is about the best thing I've ever read for an explanation:

Sometimes we wonder,

'What did I do to deserve this?' or

'Why did God have to do this to me?'

Here is a wonderful explanation!

A daughter is telling her Mother how **everything**
Is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend
Broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and
Asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the
Daughter says, 'Absolutely Mom, I love your cake.'

'Here, have some cooking oil,' her Mother offers.

'Yuck' says her daughter.

'How about a couple raw eggs?' 'Gross, Mom!'

'Would you like some flour then?

Or maybe baking soda?'

'Mom, those are all yucky!'

To which the mother replies :

'Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves.

But when they are put together in the

Right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake! '

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why

He would let us go through such **bad** and **difficult**
Times. But God knows that when He puts these things
All in His order, they always work for good! We just
Have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all

Make **something wonderful!**

God is crazy about you.

He sends you flowers every spring and

A sunrise every morning.

Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen.

He can live anywhere in the universe,

And He chose your **heart**.

If you like this, send this on

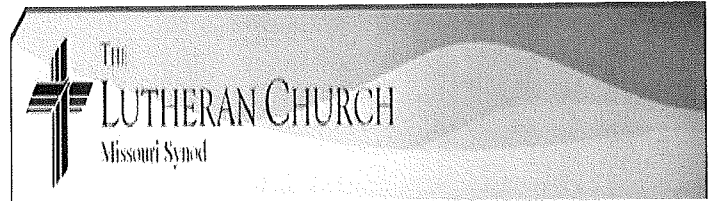
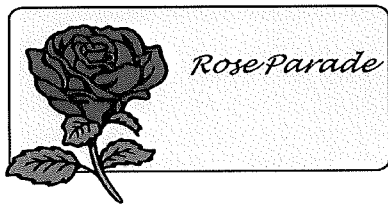
To the **people you really care about**.

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are

Here we might as well dance!

“Ring In” 2015 in California

You are Invited—December 28, 2014-January 5, 2015 to decorate the Lutheran Hour float in Pasadena, the only Christian float, for the famous Rose Parade. For anyone 18 years old and over. Activities: Decorate Lutheran Hour and other floats for the Rose Parade; Enjoy a week of serving God and others in sunny California; Enjoy the Rose Parade in person on Colorado Blvd.; Serve the homeless on Skid Row. Cost: \$1495, includes air fare, 7 days lodging (4-5/room at Residence Inn, El Segundo, CA), ground transportation and some meals. Complete registration form at www.idwlcms.org/ioway.php \$100 deposit required. Registration deadline is November 8, 2014. For questions, email Ellie Menz @idwlcms.org or call her at 515-370-1159.



THE LUTHERAN HOUR

The Lutheran Hour may be heard on Sundays on the following radio stations in our area: KAYL, 990 AM, Storm Lake, 10 am; KDSN, 107.1 FM, Denison, 6:30 am; KDSN, 1530 AM, Denison, 10:30 am; WHO 1040 AM, Des Moines, 7:30 a.m. Also available 24 hours/day on the Internet @ www.lutheranhour.org Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

September 7—"Teeny, Tiny Crosses"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus Jesus bore the weight of the cross and all of our sin. How big is the cross God calls you to carry? (Matthew 16:24-26)

September 14—"That's Just Who God

Is" The journeys of St. Paul teach us how God's message of grace has been translated so that all might believe. (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 1) (Acts 2:1-39)

September 21—"Rome: The Gospel

Comes to Law and Order People" God used the Roman legal system to bring the Apostle Paul and the Gospel message to Rome. (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 2) (Acts 28:11-16, 28-31)

September 28—"Athens: The Gospel

Comes to the Center of Learning" Jesus is Wisdom personified. He redeems us from sin and the world's futility. (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 3) (Acts 17)

L.I.F.E. - Living in Faith Everyday

By Kay L. Meyer, Director of Development

How do we live in faith every day? **Living In Faith Everyday** means we keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and preserver of our faith. It means knowing our Savior, Jesus Christ and what He has done for us. He is perfect. **We are not!**

Thankfully, we have a Savior who forgives us for **all** our sins. He gives us physical **life**, an abundant **life**, and eternal **life** as gifts. We recognize that the forgiveness that Christ offers us didn't come easily. Jesus suffered and died for our sins. Soldiers spit on Him, mocked Him, beat Him, and stripped Him of His clothes. His disciples and friends deserted Him. Peter denied Him three times. Even His Father turned away as Jesus cried from the cross, **"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"** (Mark 15:34) Jesus suffered in our place. His blood covers ours sins. He died. His body was placed in the tomb. It was sealed and guarded. Thankfully, three days later, as He had promised, He rose from the dead. He showed His glorified risen body to the disciples, the women, and to 500 believers at once during the 40 days He remained on earth after His resurrection. Because He rose from the dead, we can be confident that we will also rise and live with Him forever.

Living In Faith Everyday means we understand that we are saved by faith alone (Ephesians 2:8-9), not by our works. But, we also understand that Ephesians 2:10 tells us that God has prepared works for us to do in advance. What work God has prepared for you? Is it helping a woman who is pregnant and alone? Is it ministering to someone who has had an abortion and can't believe that God would forgive her? Is it feeding the hungry? Is it ministering to the sick? Is it helping those who have lost their home in a tornado? Is it sharing God's Word with someone who doesn't know the Lord? Is it offering encouragement and help to those who are Christians, but struggle with drugs, alcohol, pornography, or a myriad of other issues of life? Whatever God has called you to do, do it with joy.

Living In Faith Everyday means we attend worship services, partake of communion, study God's Word,

and pray. We grow spiritually and learn to discern truth from error. With God's help, we grow into the person God wants us to be.

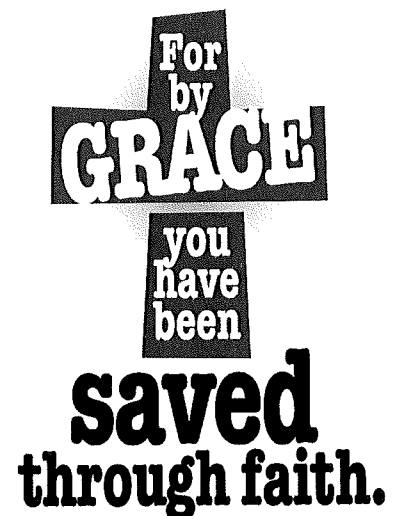
Living In Faith Everyday means learning to say, "I'm sorry, will you forgive me" to the Lord, and to our family and friends. We also learn to say "I'm sorry" in the workplace, to neighbors, and those we meet in the community

Living In Faith Everyday means we are confident that He is risen! He is risen indeed! And it means we know that when we die, because of our faith in Christ, we will go to live with Him forever.

Living In Faith Everyday means we are shining lights for Christ and tell others about the great things that the Lord has done. We tell them about His forgiveness and the grace that He gives us every day.

Living In Faith Everyday means we share the Law and Gospel with those within the Church and those outside of it and speak up for Life! And we remember that it is God who gives us life as a gift.

"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior" (Isaiah 43:10-11).



For by
GRACE
you have been
saved through faith.

EPHESIANS 2:8, NRSV

EYES on Youth Ministry

Educating Youth, Encouraging Servants

When two things collide, at least one of them is not going to remain the same. Ask anyone who's ever run into a sliding glass door that was closed, or went for the same rebound as a teammate, or dropped their cell phone—a collision changes things. Whether it's a bump on the head or a cracked cell phone screen, something is not the same as it was before. The same thing happens every time someone collides with Jesus, they always leave changed. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come."*

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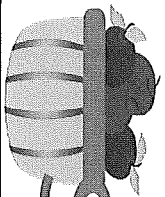
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Each of our congregations should have received registration materials. If you haven't seen them, you may visit www.neyouth.org to find more information and to download forms. The registration deadline for the discounted rate of \$125 is October 17, however registration at the higher cost of \$135 will still be available until October 31.

Please remember that registration for the Nebraska District Gathering works differently from those held in Des Moines. In addition to the registration fees above, you will also need to make separate arrangements for the hotels **and those costs are not included in the registration fee.** See the housing form included in the registration packet for more information. You will also be responsible for meals on Friday night and Sunday afternoon. Your costs will be higher than the \$125 registration fee, so plan accordingly as you communicate with your youth. I hope to see you there!

Pastor Steven Hayden, Executive Assistant for Youth
steve.hayden@idwlcms.org

Birthdays



September

Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Sandy Hunter</i>	2 <i>Clayton Nobling</i>	3 <i>Zack Kraus Roger & Beth Liechti</i>	4 <i>Ryan Ehlers Keith Petersen</i>	5 <i>Jonathan Dose Paul & Peggy Himmers</i>	6 <i>Dalton Ehlers Jenni Middleton Laynie Muhlbauer Isabelle Vetter</i>
7 <i>Jenna Hausman Cara Kraus</i>	8	9	10 <i>Magen Fineran Mandy Heithoff Angie Hess</i>	11 <i>Todd Gronau Blake Liechti Kevin & Sara Skinner</i>	12 <i>Laurie Anderson Kevin Skinner</i>	13 <i>Delby Bruhn Hunter Klink Doug & Doreen Bender Dan & Misty Spoonier</i>
14	15 <i>Chris & Emmalee Julie</i>	16 <i>Matt Dirks Amanda Kraus</i>	17 <i>Michael Brockman Kathryn Himmers</i>	18 <i>Brayden Ewoldt Lisa Gallagher Tanner Hagge Linda Irlbeck</i>	19 <i>Heather Hausman Jamie Hausman Al Hunter</i>	20
21 <i>Dale Lenz Gail & Marilyn Mumm</i>	22 <i>Matt & Kelli Dirks</i>	23 <i>Phyllis Kuhl</i>	24	25 <i>Kristi Hoffman</i>	26 <i>Kalon Cleveland Gary Lenz Misty Spoonier</i>	27 <i>Rich & Christy Hanson</i>
28 <i>Chris Ehlers Neil Liechti</i>	29 <i>Rose Eischeid Darin Schurke Eric Vetter</i>	30 <i>Dwight Ehlers Bryanna Schulte</i>				

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, a member of Zion, Arcadia, and a student at Concordia University, Nebraska. Spencer has been on several IOWAY mission trips the past several years. I asked him to share some of the highlights of 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'll receive a response like, "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.

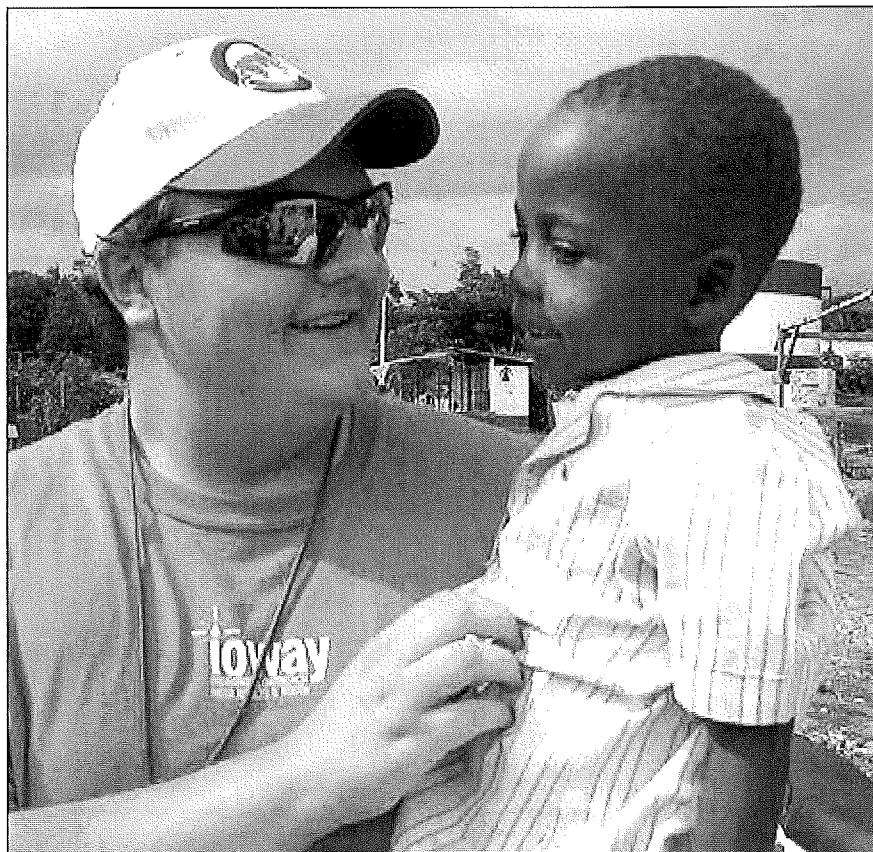
Those complete strangers turned into friends for a lifetime. I met my dear friend Hannah, who attends Concordia University Chicago; Steven, who is a national FFA vice-president; Kayla, who attends Concordia University, Nebraska; Mac, who lives and works in the Des Moines area; and numerous others that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

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 Concordia University, Nebraska, and have enjoyed every minute of it!

I continued to go on mission trips throughout high 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



Spencer Owen with a Haitian friend.

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was broken by the poverty, the need for decent housing and the need for food.

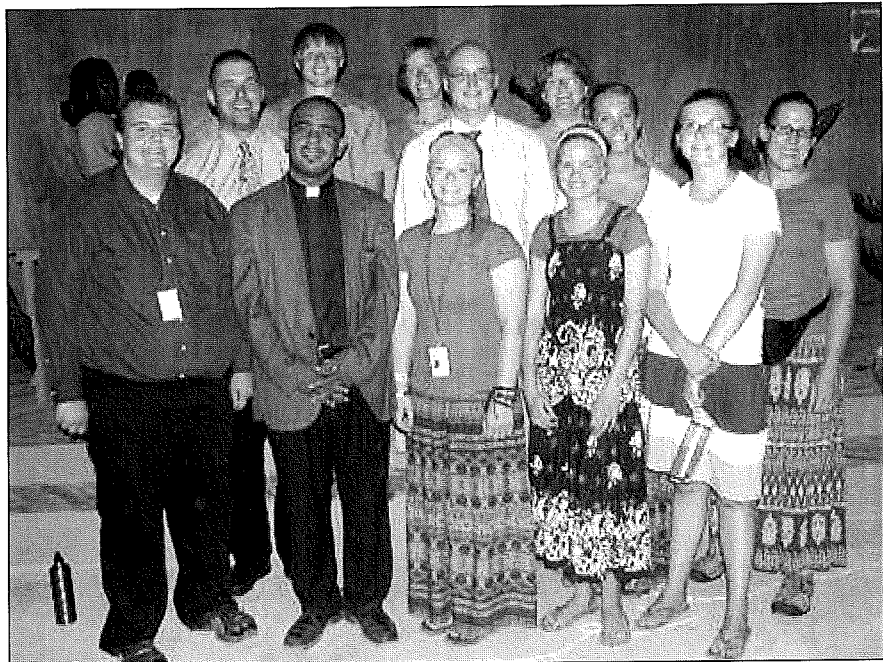
When our team returned to Iowa, we told Ellie, "We have to do something! We have to feed the children!" After much thought and prayer, ETCH (Education To Change Haiti) was set up. Details are at www.idwlcms.org under ETCH. It is awesome that at this time, 115 children have been sponsored by IDW individuals 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 make-shift soccer field was turned into a much smaller plot of land because of new buildings. The new homes are great because:

- ▶ it's someone's job to make the cinder blocks to put up the home.
- ▶ it's someone's job to put the building together.
- ▶ it's someone's job to paint the building.
- ▶ 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 mixing cement, moving blocks, putting cement on the walls, painting and doing everything in between.



The Haiti mission team with Rev. Marky Kessa (second from left, front row), president, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti.

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 hot (enough said), the humidity is 100 percent, the sun is blazing and I was moving shovels full of rock into a 10- by 12-foot 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 as told in Matthew:

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

Join Pasadena mission trip

Do your winter plans include a mission trip? Consider joining the Pasadena winter trip Dec. 28-Jan. 4 to decorate floats for the Rose Parade and work with the homeless on Skid Row.

For more information and to register, go to www.idwlcms.org/ioway.

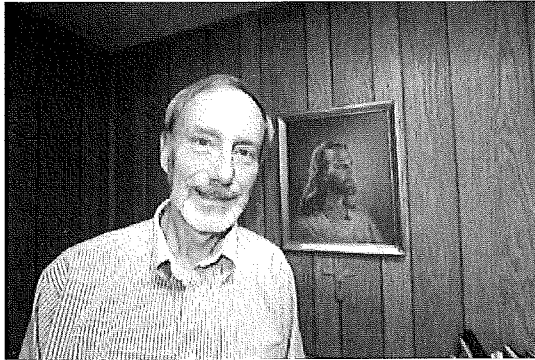
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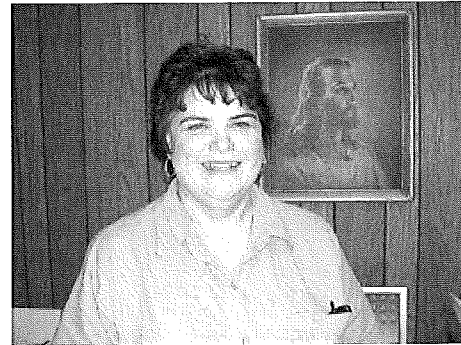
**MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Rev. James Sharp & Family
Uruguay, South America
Saturday, September 6, 2014
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Rev. Michael Parris
Russia & Eurasia
Saturday, September 6, 2014
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Judy Newhouse
Hong Kong
Saturday, September 6, 2014
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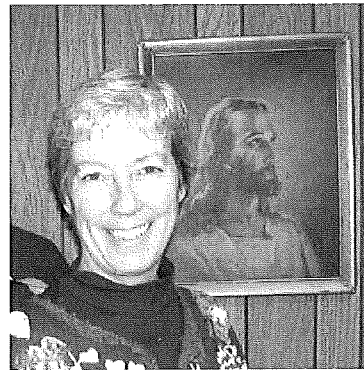


Rachel Powell
Dominican Republic
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Gail Grieser
Indonesia
Saturday, September 20, 2014
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Julie Lutz
Papua New Guinea
Saturday, September 27, 2014
LWML Retreat



Dennis and Monta Denow
Thailand & Asia
Friday, October 10, 2014
1:30 PM

Robin McCoy
Thailand
Tuesday, October 28, 2014
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Planting Together

September 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.

Family POWS and WOWS



Of all the furniture in your house, which is the most important? My vote goes to the kitchen or dining room table and chairs. Why? They bring the family together. What happens at the table can be amazing! When a family takes the time to sit down together, they are off to a great start in building a strong family unit. In our world of meetings, activities, sports, and other things that scream for attention, family time is often the thing that gets cut.

In that time around a table, a family develops a sense of belonging, a sense of worth, a sense of value. It offers a time to decompress, to take a deep breath and to enjoy conversations with the people in your family. I am sad when I hear from youth that they never or seldom have a meal around a table. I asked a mission team member what her family does for supper. She said that everyone is on their own. They grab something from the freezer, pop it into the microwave and eat it in front of the TV. She said it is just too hard to get their schedules to work for everyone to sit around a table for a meal.

It may not be easy, but it is IMPORTANT on so many levels. Families who have a meal together tend to eat healthier and grow closer together. One fun thing to do is to share POWS and WOWS. POWS are things that did not go well and WOWS are the great fun things of the day.

With fall activities starting, it is a good time to think about your family priorities. If you are not having daily meals together, consider making it a priority. The time spent together will have far more benefits than another meeting, an exercise class, another sport activity, etc. Try it! Make time! God bless your family as you invite Jesus to your table and pray together each day, "Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed."

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Wanted: District prayer partners for missions!

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.

Depression

Notice all the talk about depression following Robin Williams' suicide? Is it prominent in your area? Perhaps your congregation could seize the opportunity for mercy ministry. A great FREE Lutheran resource is available at www.darkmyroad.org/the-book.

With summer ending, school is beginning

How about planning a simple teacher appreciation event or gesture? You could provide fruit and rolls in the teachers' lounge, a small gift (see www.ctainc.com for inexpensive, Christian-themed gifts), or even a greeting card signed by the members of your congregation. The school is often at the heart of a community and can lead to great community relations!

National Mission Conference sponsored by LCMS National Rural and Small Town Mission is being held in Kansas City November 6-8. Our own Rev. Ray Smith, part-time executive assistant for rural missions, is one of the presenters! Go to www.lcms.org/rstn for more information. Registration deadline is Sept. 15.

News from Camp Okoboji

◆ **Military Family Retreat - September 19-21, 2014**

Has a member of your family been recently deployed? This retreat is for you! Bring your family for a time to get away, meet with chaplains, meet with other families who have been through some of what you have been through, have time with your spouse and let the kids enjoy the great outdoors of Camp Okoboji! AND because of the generosity of Operation Barnabas, the IDW LWML and others – it is FREE!

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District Calendar

September 1... Labor Day, District Office Closed
September 8... Pastors Golf Day, Ida Grove
September 15-16... District Pastors Conference, Urbandale
September 23... Administrative Assistants Conference, Ankeny
September 27... LWML Iowa West District Fall Retreat, Mission Central
September 27... Operation Barnabas Conference, Carroll
September 27... Clergy Wives Workshop, Fort Dodge

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

What is Happening At Your Camp?

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September 1	Office Closed for Labor Day
September 17-19	IDW Lutheran Schools Outdoor Education
September 19-21	Military Family Retreat
September 20-21	St. Paul – Garner Youth Retreat
October 3-5	Fall Volunteer Weekend
October 5	Omelet Brunch
October 6-7	IDW New Worker Orientation
October 7-8	IDW Board of Directors Leadership Retreat

IDW Lutheran Schools Outdoor Education Retreat is September 17-19! The Prairie Ecology Bus from Lakefield, MN will be here! Brian Young will also be present to share awesome experiments and speak to our students using a creation world view! If you homeschool and have 4th – 6th grade children, you are welcome to join us. Contact Lori Gamble for costs and more information.

Fall at Camp Okoboji. Camp Okoboji is a great place to retreat during the fall months. Cabins are available year round. Call Kellie and see what is available for weekends or even during the week.

Family Ministry Cabins – check out our website to see if we have any Family Ministry Cabins available. Are you planning to attend the Clay County Fair and want a great place to stay – Call Kellie and ask what's available!

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FACEBOOK!


"Like" us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CampOkoboji-LCMS). Watch for upcoming events. See pictures of events and more!

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September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2	3 9:30 Bible Study 4:00 Midweek 7:00 Evening Cir	4 1:30 Ladies Aid	5	6 6:00 DW/HC
7 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC	8	9	10 9:30 Bible Study 2:00 Midweek 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council Meet	11	12	13 3:00 Vetter/Bruch Wedding
14 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW	15 1:00 Sewing Circle Pastor @ IDW Conference	16 Pastor @ IDW Conference	17 9:30 Bible Study 4:00 Midweek	18	19	20
21 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC	22	23	24 9:30 Bible Study 2:00 Midweek	25	26	27
28 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW	29	30				

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Shirley Ehlers & Lola Ehlers

MARTHA CIRCLE

Diane Schroeder & Darleen Linde

ACOLYTES

9/7 Madison Owen & Hannah Kraus
 9/14 Drew Schurke & Sara Schurke
 9/21 Henry Segebart & Layne Prichard
 9/28 Dalton Ehlers & Damon Ehlers

MIDWEEK SERVERS

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 9/10 Julie Klinsk
 9/17 Peggy Himmers
 9/24 Lois Dirks

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Friends Who Care

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

