ZION PROCLAIMER

"Dose of Wisdom"

July 2015

As I write this on June 25th, 2015, today is the 485th Anniversary of the reading of the Augsburg Confession. It is a day where Lutheran Princes and theologians of Germany were forced to either bow their knees in submission to the Roman Catholic Church or defend their faith to the Holy Roman Emperor at the time, Charles V, from Spain. What happened is the Lutherans stood in defiance to the Holy Roman Emperor and read their confession of faith. The emperor could not say no. He let them read their confession of faith in its entirety.

So the question we have is, "What does the Augsburg Confession mean for us today?" that is a very good question. The Augsburg Confession is a statement of faith that explains what we believe, teach and confess as Lutherans. There are 28 Articles in the Augsburg Confession ranging from Article 1 God to Article 4 Justification, to Article 15 Church Ceremonies, to Article 28 Church Authority. These articles lay out for the Emperor and all of Christendom at that time what Lutherans believe, teach, and confess. When we say this is what Lutherans believe, teach, and confess, it is to say this is how we understand the Bible teaches these doctrines.

The Augsburg Confession opened the door to religious freedom. At that time other churches became bolder in their breaking away and offering different teachings than those of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Augsburg Confession had at its heart, the foundation or cornerstone of the Church on earth, Article 4, "Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight. (Romans 3 and 4 [3:21-26; 4:5]. Concordia; The Lutheran Confessions. Pg. 33.

The Augsburg Confession is one of the writings of many that make up the *Book of Concord*. Throughout the next several months I would like to write about the different writings contained in the Book of Concord? Because it is what our church believes, teaches, and confesses. Article III from Zion Lutheran Church's Constitution, "This congregation acknowledges and accepts all the canonical books of the Old New Testament as the revealed Word of God, verbally inspired, and acknowledges and accepts all the Confessional Writings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, contained in the Book of Concord of the year 1580, to be the true and genuine exposition of the doctrines of the Bible. These Confessional Writings are the three Ecumenical Creeds (Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian), the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, Luther's Large and Small Catechisms, and the Formula of Concord."

So in the next few months we will look at the Three Ecumenical Creeds, The Small Catechism, The Large Catechism, The Augsburg Confession, The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Smalcald Articles, Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, and The Formula of Concord. In this world of confusion, darkness, and death, we have something that defines us and gives us light and life. This thing we have is the Book of Concord in it we see what the Bible teaches on various doctrines which give us life.

Blessings and Joy in Christ, Pastor Dose

Zion Lutheran Church

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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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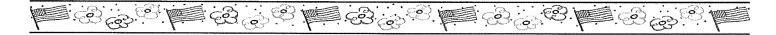
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L.W.M.L.

LADIES AID: The Ladies Aid will be having their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 2nd at 9 am. Hostess will be Lila Thiedeman

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

MARTHA CIRCLE:

Betty Nobiling & Betty Klink CHANCEL CIRCLE:

Cathy Meyer & Diane Witt PARISH CIRCLE:

Julie Liechti & Donna Rickers



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)
- \square *Box of 16 or 24 crayons*
- □ 2 1/2" eraser.

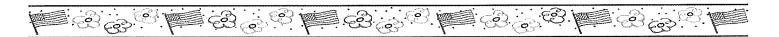
Again so many things we take for granted that are a "God-Send" to students in countries who lack these simple sup plies. Keep these things in mind when you are shopping and possibly include some of these items to bring to church for these projects of the Ladies Aid and Evening Circles.

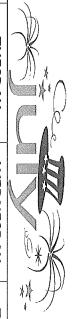


The Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 19th following our morning worship service



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





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

"Camp Discovery"

"Camp Discovery" (CPH) was the theme of the 2015 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 1st –5th . 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 "

"We love because He first loved us" 1 John 4:19

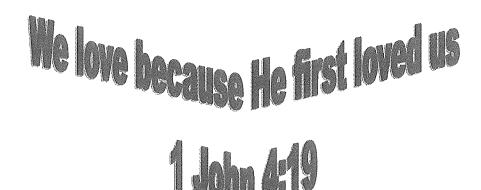
The sessions ran from 8:30 to 11:30 each day with opening and closing devotions in the church led by Pastor Ben Dose and music instruction by Tammy Brunner.

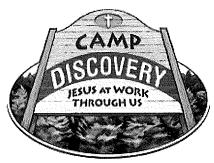
"Our offering collected this year went towards our mission project of "Tools for School" and our L.W.M.L organization. Our local L.W.M.L group will use their portion of offerings to help purchase items still needed for School Kits

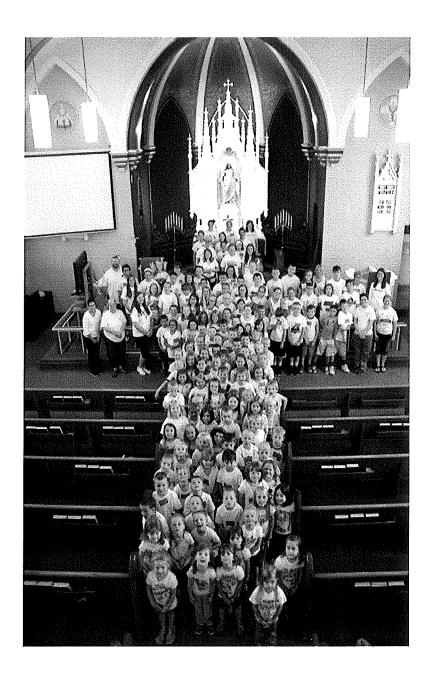
Deb Owen assisted with the secretarial needs and newly confirmed teens, other church members and their friends assisted in all areas of need. Scott Linde and Allan Kock made the woodworking projects along with Al Schurke & Darin Schurke making the crosses,

Krista Koch & Pam Kock provided the craft project ideas. The 5th-8th graders also did an outstanding job of tying **35** quilts this year. Since 1993, VBS students have tied over **680 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.

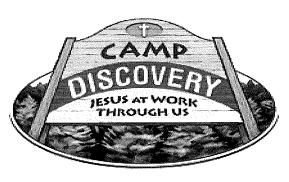






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2015

We love because the first loved us

1 John 4:19



Planting Together

July 2015

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The mission of lowa 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.

Follow-Through



In many sports coaches teach the importance of follow-through; trying to develop the correct form in their athlete's follow-through. Whether it's baseball, basketball, or golf, whether tennis or another sport, athletes are told that it is necessary to develop the right follow-through if their shot or stroke is going to be correct. On the surface, it doesn't make sense that something you would do after hitting or shooting the ball will affect it. And, of course, it doesn't! But the

reality is that the stroke or shot hasn't be executed properly without the type of action that will show itself in the follow-through.

We have now entered the Season of Pentecost in the church, that long period following all the holidays when the altar stays dressed in green. In this half of the year, the Time of the Church, we focus on the life of Christ in His Church as He guides us to grow in "faith toward God and in fervent love toward one another" as we hear in the prayer. In other words, it's the season of our follow-through. It isn't that our actions create saving faith. Faith has been given to us as God made us His child by the power of the Spirit in Holy Baptism. However, your faith reveals itself through your follow-through in hearing the preaching of God's Word and by receiving Absolution and the Lord's Supper. Pay attention to your follow-through in worship and service this summer and let it reveal the faith that you have received.

Rev. Steve Hayden, Executive Assistant-Youth steve.hayden@idwlcms.org

Someone hospitalized in Sioux City or Des Moines?

Call 712-212-5482 (Sioux City) or 515-707-9195 (Des Moines, Chaplain Jim Brammeier) and a pastor will visit and report back to you as an extension of your ministry.

Church Worker Continuing Education Retreat: Session II - July 6-8 Take some time to go a little deeper into God's Word with a summer workshop from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. This three-day class is perfect for pastors, church workers and laypeople. Dr. Mark Rockenbach will lead a workshop entitled "Biblically Responding to Conflict." Cost for the workshop is \$140, which includes Continuing Education Credits from the Seminary. For more information or to register, email ceolize-cell. 314-505-7286 or go to http://www.csl.edu/resources/continuinged/summer-workshop-series/.

"Jesus Painter" Coming to IDW

One of the popular parts of the National Youth Gathering has been the "Jesus Painter." The Message of Christ is shared through art and music. Three events are being scheduled around lowa District West to highlight the ministry of Camp Okoboji and to raise funds for *Discover CAMPaign OKOBOJI*. Two of the "live" paintings will be auctioned off at these events: August 21-Des Moines Area; August 22-Redeemer, Sioux City, and August 23-Immanuel, Spirit Lake area. More information will be released soon. To see more of this great ministry go to http://www.jesuspainter.com/.

LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Training Opportunity

lowa District West is forming LERT teams to respond to disasters. Over 550 members of the District are LERT certified to serve and respond after a natural disaster. There is NO COST for the training.

When: Friday, July 31, 2015

Where: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 805 Garfield Avenue,

Farnhamville, IA

Registration begins at 6 pm (pizza will be served beginning at 6:30 pm)

Facilitator: Ellie Menz, Disaster Response Coordinator

Register online at <u>www.idwlcms.org</u> (under "Calendar") or contact Jill Davis at the District office (515-576-7666).

District Calendar

July 3...Independence Day, District Office Closed July 20-26...IOWAY Mission Trip, Kansas July 31...LERT Training, Holy Trinity, Farnhamville August 14...Early Childhood Conference, Urbandale

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



What is Happening at Your Camp? 1531 Edgewood Drive Milford, IA 51351 712-337-3325

Email: camp@campokoboji.org Web site: www.campokoboji.org

Our Promíse of Jesus at the Lake A friendly, safe, refreshing and relaxing Christian experience An excellent value for you and your family Please list and post the following dates in bulletins, newsletters etc.

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:45am - Check the website for Chaplain list

July 5 Omelet Brunch

July 6-8 Continuing Education Retreat: Session II

July 5-11 Jr. High Camp: Grades 6-8

July 9-12 Ginny DeWall JOY Camp 2 - Special Needs Camp

July 12-18 Concordia Cub Week: Grades 3-6

July 19-25 Youth Week: Grades 8-12

July 26-Aug. 1 Family Retreat I

July 30 Twins Game Trip vs Cleveland (Lutheran Night)

Aug. 2 Omelet Brunch

Aug. 2-8 Family Retreat II

Aug. 9 Annual Golf Outing: Register your foursome!

Aug. 14-16 Adult Retreat: Dr. Paul Maier Topic: 'The Genuine Jesus' Aug. 21-23 "Jesus Painter" Presentations: Des Moines, Sioux City &

Spirit Lake

Register Online at http://www.campokoboji.org for Summer Family Retreat Camps, Jr. High Week, Concordia Cub Week, and Youth Week.

FAMILY CAMPS are great opportunities for generations of families to get together for building family traditions, connecting with children, grandchildren, parents, and grandparents. Consider starting a family tradition this summer!

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Camp Okoboji's 75th Anniversary Continues. For information on anniversary events, and summer camp programs please go to www.campokoboji.org.

Minnesota Twins vs. Cleveland Indians, Lutheran Night Bus Trip Thursday, July 30! Only \$55 Includes ticket, snacks and bus ride! Call Lori Gamble to reserve your seat today! Sign up deadline is JUNE 30.

Fall Adult Retreat - Aug. 14-16

Don't miss this great opportunity to enjoy Dr. Paul Maier. Topic: The Genuine Jesus- New evidence from history and archaeology on Jesus and the early Christians.

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Kathy Troccoli Returns to Camp Okoboji for a concert on Saturday evening, October 10. The perfect conclusion to this year's Fall Women's Refreat

Looking Ahead Spotlight: Look for more information on these events. All Camp Celebration Weekend: Sept. 4-7

Lutheran Schools Outdoor Education: Sept. 23-25 Fall Women's Retreat: Oct. 9-10

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Watch for upcoming events. See pictures of events and more!

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MISSIONARIES FROM GHANA, HASTINGS, NEBRASKA, AND WINTERSET, IOWA VISIT!

What a blessing to welcome Paul and Ali Federwitz from Ghana in West Africa, as they have

served the Lord Jesus there for eight years. They came on June 2, 2015 and were joined on a tour with two special Missionaries - Melissa Schmidt from Hastings, Nebraska, and Kathy Johnson from Winterset, Iowa.

This group came for a tour of the Mission Central facilities. What a blessing to spend time with these dear folks and have some time to pray with them.

Here you see the group in Gary's office with our Boss in the background.



MISSIONARY MOM BRINGS HER DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW TO MISSION CENTRAL

Missionaries always share the "story" with other people. That was certainly the case of Missionary Mom, Lola Ehlers, from Arcadia, Iowa.



When her daughter and son-in-law, Carla and George Robertson, came all the way from Chandler, Arizona, Lola wanted to make sure they visited Mission Central in the middle of the hills of western Iowa!

On June 2, 2015, the group came for a tour of the facilities at Mission Central.

George, Carla and Lola are pictured in front of our Boss in Gary's office. What a JOY to have them come.

DR. KEITH LAMBERT DOES IT AGAIN!

When the "chips are down," the Lord always sends someone to help at just the right time! Once again the Lord provided more MIRACLES for us at Mission Central!

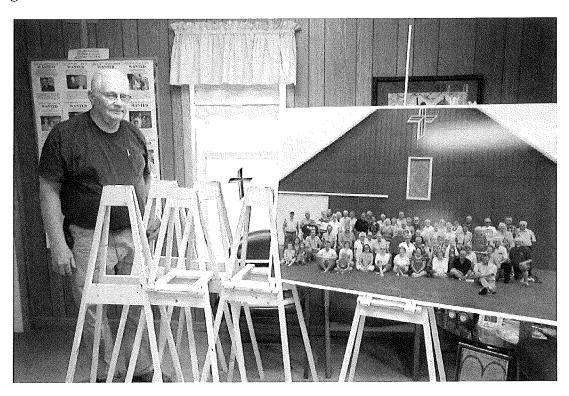
A couple of days ago, some dear friends called from northern Iowa and said, "Gary, we left two hogs up at the meat processing plant at Sibley, Iowa for all the groups that come to Mission Central!" How, could I find a real volunteer to help?

At a time like that, a person has to do some thinking and then I realized that our missionary carpenter friend Keith Lambert lives in Hull, Iowa and maybe he could help!

Keith has been working on another project for us at Mission Central. He is constructing six new holders for our photos that will be displayed at the National LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. Maybe he could pick up the pork and also bring down the new specially made holders for us at the same time.

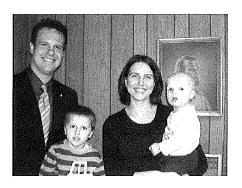
That MIRACLE took place! Not only did we have those hogs delivered (all wrapped and packaged), we also got our new holders for the six pictures.

Here you see Dr. Lambert with the holders and one of the six photos (our volunteer staff members at Mission Central). This is an excellent blessing for us! ONE DAY THE LORD PROVIDED TWO HOGS AND SIX NEW HOLDERS THAT WE REALLY NEEDED! All at just the right time!



Mission Central – LCMS World Mission

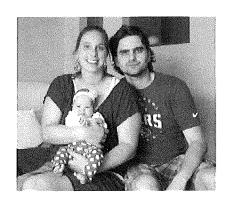
MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Rev. Shauen Trump & Family
Kenya, East Africa
Saturday, July 11, 2015
1 PM

Sara Berta Somogyi & Family Hungary

Tuesday, July 14, 20151 PM





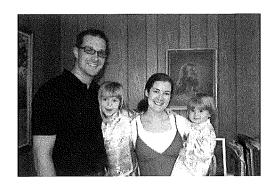
Rev. Kip and Ivy Hoech
Central Asia
Tuesday, July 14, 2015

1:30 PM

Dr. Steve Oliver & Family
Taiwan

Saturday, July 18, 2015 1:30 PM





Rev. J. P. Cima & Family
Asia
Tuesday, July 28, 2015
1 PM

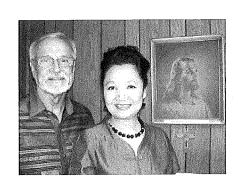
Sharon Owens & Family
Macau and China
Saturday, August 8, 2015
1 PM





Rev. Shaun Daugherty & Family
Asia
Saturday, August 15, 2015
1 PM

Dennis & Boom Denow
Thailand
Thursday, September 17, 2015
1 PM





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:30 Bible Study	2 9:00 Ladies Aid	ယ	4 No worship
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8:30 DW/HC	Shut in visits Carroll		9:30 Bible Study			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:30 DW	Shut in visits Westside/Manning 1:00 Sewing Circle		9:30 Bible Study			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30 DW/HC	Shut in visits		9:30 Bible Study			
9:30 Voter's meeting	Arcadia					
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Kim Brockman

Jim Luetje Mark Rickers

Michael Brockman Roger Liechti

Jeff Luetje Rick Vetter Gene Thiedeman

CHANCEL CIRCLE
Cathy Meyer & Diane Witt

PARISH CIRCLE

Julie Liechti & Donna Rickers

NOTE: There will NOT be a Saturday Worship Service for the month of July

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Divine Worship

8:30 am

