



Zion Lutheran Church

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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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ZION PROCLAIMER

"Dose of Wisdom"

August 2015

In last month's Dose of Wisdom I wrote about the Augsburg Confession as it was the 485th Anniversary of the reading of that document before Emperor Charles V from Spain in Augsburg, Germany. The Augsburg Confession is one of many writings contained in a larger book called **The Book of Concord**. This book is the book which defines what it is we as Lutherans believe, teach, and confess from the Holy Scriptures. As I attended the Installation of Pastor Wagner at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lidderdale on Sunday I heard once again these questions given to the pastor and congregation at an Installation of a Pastor; (my emphasis added)

(To The Pastor)

P Do you **believe and confess the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?**

R *Yes, I believe and confess the canonical Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.*

P Do you **believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?**

R *Yes, I believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds because they are in accord with the Word of God. I also reject all the errors they condemn.*

P Do you **confess the Unaltered Augsburg Confession** to be a true exposition of Holy Scripture and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? And do you **confess that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, and the Formula of Concord—as these are contained in the Book of Concord—are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith?**

R *Yes, I make these Confessions my own because they are in accord with the Word of God.*

P Do you **promise that you will perform the duties of your office in accordance with these Confessions, and that all your preaching and teaching and your administration of the Sacraments will be in conformity with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions?**

R *Yes, I promise, with the help of God.*

P Will you **faithfully instruct both young and old in the chief articles of Christian doctrine, will you forgive the sins of those who repent, and will you promise never to divulge the sins confessed to you? Will you minister faithfully to the sick and dying, and will you demonstrate to the Church a constant and ready ministry centered in the Gospel? Will you admonish and encourage the people to a lively confidence in Christ and in holy living?**

R *Yes, I will, with the help of God.*

P Finally, will you honor and adorn the Office of the Holy Ministry with a holy life? **Will you be diligent in the study of Holy Scripture and the Confessions?** And will you be constant in prayer for those under your pastoral care?

R *I will, the Lord helping me through the power and grace of His Holy Spirit.*

(To the Congregation)

P Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture says, “Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.”

P You have heard the solemn promise of him called to be your pastor. Will you receive him, show him that love, honor, and obedience in the Lord that you owe to the shepherd and teacher placed over you by your Lord Jesus Christ, and will you support him by your gifts and pray for him always that in his labors he may retain a cheerful spirit and that his ministry among you may be abundantly blessed? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

C We will, with the help of God.

P Will you honor and uphold your pastor as he serves Christ in all his **God-pleasing responsibilities**? Will you aid him as he cares for his family? Will you be diligent to “put the best construction on everything,” recognizing that “love covers a multitude of sins”? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

C We will, with the help of God.

So we see in these questions and answers that the Pastor is to pledge himself to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. The congregation is to help and pray for him to do his God given responsibilities within the congregation meaning to stay true to the Holy Scriptures and The Lutheran Confessions. We looked at last week how the Constitution of Zion Lutheran Church explained the importance of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions in Article 2. *“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 next week we will look at the Three Ecumenical Creeds. I also strongly encourage you to read through this little explanation below. (Once again my emphasis added.)

**CONFESSONAL SUBSCRIPTION:
AN EVANGELICAL ACT**

Lutherans have always held that creeds and confessions are necessary for the well-being of the church. Just as Christ’s church and all Christians are called upon to confess their faith (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9; 1 Peter 3:15; 1 John 4:2), **so the church, if it is to continue to proclaim the pure Gospel in season and out of season, must for many reasons construct formal and permanent symbols and confessions and require pastors and teachers to subscribe these confessions.** It is impossible for the church to be a non-confessional church, just as impossible as to be a nonconfessing church. And so today and ever since the Reformation Lutheran churches over the world have required their pastors to subscribe the Lutheran Confessions.

What does this mean? **With her confessions the church is speaking to the world, but also to God, who has spoken to her in His Word—speaking to Him in total commitment, speaking to Him by an unequivocal, unconditional response in the spirit of, “We believe, teach, and confess”** (FC Ep, Rule and Norm, 1). **This response is Scriptural, taken from Scripture itself.** How often do we read in our Confessions that the teaching presented is “grounded in God’s Word”! **And so the Confessions are no more than a kind of “comprehensive summary, rule, and norm,” grounded in the Word of God, “according to which all doctrines should be judged and the errors which intruded should be explained and decided in a Christian**

way” (FC Ep, Heading). This would be an **unbelievably arrogant** position to take, were it not for the fact that all the doctrine of our Confessions is diligently and faithfully drawn from Scripture.

And so when the Lutheran pastor subscribes the Lutheran Confessions (and the confirmand or layman confesses his belief in the Catechism [LC, Preface, 19]), this is a primary way in which he willingly and joyfully and without reservation or qualification confesses his faith and proclaims to the world what his belief and doctrine and confession really are. Dr. C. F. W. Walther, the father of the Missouri Synod, long ago explained the **meaning of confessional subscription, and his words are as cogent today as when they were first written.** [From Walther’s essay delivered at the Western District Convention, 1858.]

An unconditional subscription is the solemn declaration which the individual who wants to serve the church makes under oath (1) that he accepts the *doctrinal content* of our Symbolical Books, because he recognizes the fact that it is in full agreement with Scripture and does not militate against Scripture in any point, whether that point be of major or minor importance; (2) that he therefore heartily believes in this divine truth and is determined to preach this doctrine.... Whether the subject be dealt with expressly or only incidentally, an unconditional subscription refers to the whole content of the Symbols and does not allow the subscriber to make any mental reservation in any point. Nor will he exclude such doctrines as are discussed incidentally in support of other doctrines, because the fact that they are so stamps them as irrevocable articles of faith and demands their joyful acceptance by everyone who subscribes the Symbols.

This is precisely how the Confessions themselves understand subscription (FC Ep, Rule and Norm, 3, 5, 6; SD, Rule and Norm, 1, 2, 5).

Needless to say, **confessional subscription in the nature of the case is binding and unconditional. A subscription with qualifications or reservations is a contradiction in terms and dishonest.**

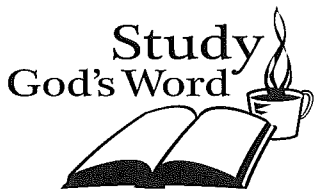
Today many Lutherans claim that such an unconditional subscription is legalistic. Sometimes they assert that such a position is pompous and not even honest.

We might respond: **What can possibly be wrong about confessing our faith freely and taking our confession seriously? For it is the freest and most joyful act in the world for those of us who have searched these great confessional writings and found them to be Scriptural and evangelical to subscribe them.** Of course, to force or bribe or wheedle a person into subscribing them would be an awful sin and a denial of what our Confessions are, namely symbols, standards around which Christians rally willingly and joyfully in all their Christian freedom.

From Robert D. Preus, *Getting into the Theology of Concord: A Study of the Book of Concord* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1977), 15–16. For more information, see *Doctrine Is Life: Robert D. Preus Essays on Justification and the Lutheran Confessions* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2006), 195–212.

**CHURCH
COUNCIL**

**The August Church Council Meeting will be held on
Sunday, August 16th following our worship service.**



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

Please if you are able, both men and women, join us for our Wednesday morning Bible Study The study meets from 9:30-10:30 with coffee and refreshments.

Thanks
Many Thanks
Thanks
Thanks

We would like to thank Harold Ehlers for remembering Zion Lutheran Church in his will. Harold, a former member of Zion left the church a memorial sum of \$9,485.

L.W.M.L. NEWS

The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, August 6th at 9 am. Hostess will be Shirley Walde and Christian Life will be led by Gloria Popp.

MARTHA CIRCLE: Betty Nobiling & Betty Klink
CHANCEL CIRCLE: Darleen Linde & Phyllis Kuhl
PARISH CIRCLE: Darleen Linde & Phyllis Kuhl

CARROLL HEALTH CENTER BINGO:



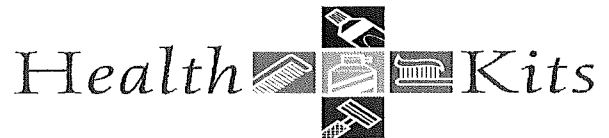
BINGO
 Carroll Health Center
 August 4, 2014

On Monday, August 3rd the following Ladies Aid and Evening Circle members are to assist and furnish 10 prizes for **BINGO** at the Carroll Health Center. This event begins at 2 pm so plan to arrive around 1:45 pm. Those participating are: Donna Rickers, Deb Weller, Phyllis Kuhl, Darleen Linde, Shirley Ehlers, Karen Grundmeier, Betty Nobiling, Gloria Popp and Deb Owen & school kids



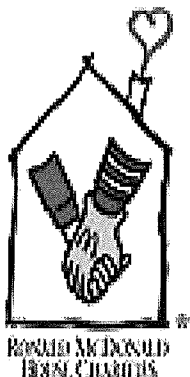
Again so many things we take for granted that are a “God-Send” to students in countries who lack these simple supplies. Keep these things in mind when you are shopping and possibly include some of these items to bring to church for these projects of the Ladies Aid and Evening Circles.

- 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.



- 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.

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!

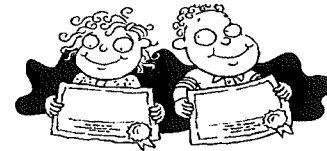


**Sunday School begins on
August 23, 2015
9:00 am**



On August 30th we will present the 3rd graders with their Bibles to be used for Sunday School and Midweek Classes.

Presentation of Bibles
August 30, 2015

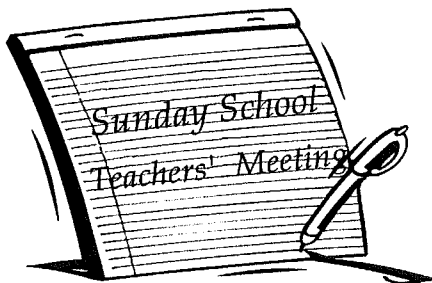


**Awards
Sunday
August 30, 2015**

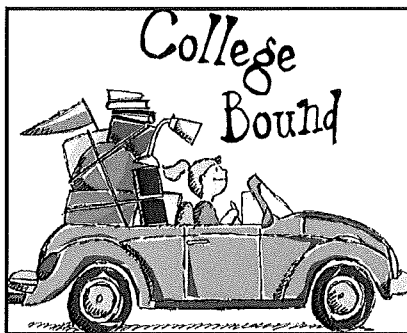


There will be a meeting of the Midweek Students and their parents on Wednesday, August 19 at 7 pm

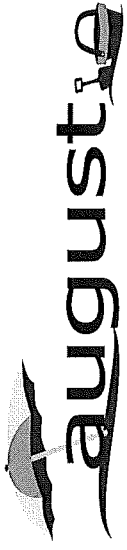
MIDWEEK CLASSES: Our Midweek Classes will be starting on August 26th at 4 pm. There will be a meeting for all 5th-8th grade parents on Wednesday, August 19th at 7 pm. We will be going over the Midweek guidelines for the year.



We are also looking for Sunday School teachers for this upcoming year. If you would be willing to help, please contact the church office. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, August 19th at 6 pm.



With many students leaving for college and school this month, we here in the church office are asking for your child's address for this next year so that we may keep them informed with a copy of the newsletter and also any other items that might involve them. They to are a vital part of our family here at Zion and should be kept informed of these. So when you receive your student's address, please let the office know.



August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 9:00 DW/HC	3 Shut in visits Carroll 2:00 CHC Bingo	4	5 9:30 Bible Study	6 9:00 Ladies Aid	7	8 6:00 DW/HC
9 9:00 DW	10 Shut in visits Westside/Manning	11	12 Pastor Gone	13 Pastor Gone	14	15
16 9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Church Council Meet	17 Shut in visits Arcadia 1:00 Sewing Circle	18	19 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 SS Teachers 7:00 Midweek Parents Meeting	20	21	22
23 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW	24	25	26 9:30 Bible Study 4:00 Midweek Classes begin	27	28	29 3:30 Luetje/ Ruhland Wedding
30 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC Rally Sunday	31					

USHERS

Merle Witt
Dan Wittrock
Doug Ehlers
Tyler Ehlers
Jarod Greene

Ron Cornelius
Paul Ehlers
Jeremy Ehlers
Derrick Cornelius
Doug Schuette

CHANCEL CIRCLE

Darleen Linde & Phyllis Kuhl

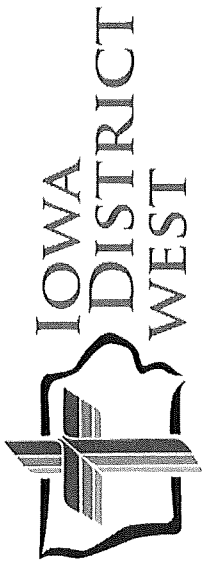
PARISH CIRCLE

Darleen Linde & Phyllis Kuhl

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Damon Ehlers Doug & Mandy Heithoff Kyle & Brooke Lenz	3 Jon Branning Cindy Nelson Bonnie Schmitz	4 Gary Erps Jamie & Staci Spittler	5 Mark Hoffman	6 Shelli Lenz	7 Leonard Koch	8
9 Doug Ehlers	10 Val Vetter	11 Colton Neumann	12 Brittney Vetter	13 Barbara Tapscott- Musfeldt Gene & Carm Thiedeman	14	15 Seth Nelson Derek Schurke Merlin Wiebers Gene & Phyllis Kuhl
16	17 Blake Bender Lois Brockman Diane Schurke (cont below)	18	19 Trevor McNelly	20	21 Vinson Bruhn Alyssa Liechti	22 Pastor Dose Joy Luejfe Gary & Mary Erps
23 Makayla Hinners	24 Henry Segebart Merle & Diane Witt	25 Staci Spittler Dale Wittrock	26 Tatyana Guy	27 Kurt Grundmeier Deb Kraus	28 Kevin & Jill Koenc	29 Don Nobiling Doug & Judy Gronau
30 Casey Bruch Andrea Erps Samantha Hinners	31 Olivia Mumm					

17th cont:

Ralph & Caroline Niehaus
Kim & Cindy Brockman
Eric & Trama Vetter



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

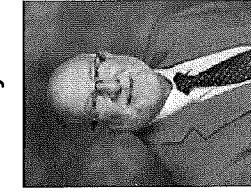
Planting Together

August 2015

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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.

Be Ready in Season and Out of Season



In 1963 Nat King Cole recorded one of his greatest hits entitled, "Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer." But those lyrics in light of God's Word fail to fit the culture of His Church here on earth.

In Mark 6 Jesus took the disciples, not to some summer resort where those lazy, hazy, crazy days could be spent doing whatever they wanted, but rather to a solitary spot for some quiet time which failed to be that for them. Crowds gathered, they had to be fed, the disciples worked delivering food and cleaning up after the crowd even as the Lord graced them with a multitude of blessings that came out of His Word and a few fish and some bread. How important that the Church of this modern age lives in the same manner. While we might want to fall back and relax in the summer months, this is really a time to be reaching out and looking ahead to those things God desires to happen in His Church with the blessing of His grace.

Paul often spoke of an urgency to make Christ known to this world. To Timothy he wrote, "I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, ... preach the word; be ready in season and out of season..." There is never a time for the Church to step back and simply take on the culture of the world living in a hazy, lazy or crazy manner. Christ needs to be made known at all times. Enjoy August doing just that by the grace of our God who is able to do immeasurably more than we can even ask or think.

Rev. Phill Andreason, Executive Assistant-Stewardship
phill.andreason@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.

Military Tribute Concert at the Iowa State Fair

The Military Tribute Concert will take place on Monday, August 17 at the Iowa State Fair. This musical tribute gives honor to those who have served or are serving our country. For more information call Julie DenHerder at 515-240-1626 or go to www.militarytributeconcert.org.

"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 Iowa District West to highlight the ministry of Camp Okoboji and to raise funds for **Discover CAMPAIGN OKOBOJI**. These events will take place August 21 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Des Moines; August 22 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sioux City; and August 23 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake. To see more of this great ministry go to www.jesuspainter.com.

LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Chain Saw Certification

When: **Saturday, September 12, 2015**

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, 801 West Lincoln Way, Jefferson, IA

Registration begins at 8:30 am (lunch will be served at noon)

Facilitator: Ellie Menz, Disaster Response Coordinator

Register online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/chainsaw_certification or contact Ellie at 515-370-1159.

Operation Barnabas Conference

Iowa District East and West Operation Barnabas invite you to attend the third annual conference and "Get Connected." Find out what is happening worldwide in our Ministry to the Armed Forces. Find out how YOU can help! Join us on Saturday, September 26 (9:30am-3:30pm) at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ankeny. More information will be sent to all churches in mid-August.

District Calendar

August 3...Iowa Lutheran Principals Conference, Cedar Falls

August 7-9...IOWAY Mission Trip, Omaha, NE

August 14...Early Childhood Conference, Urbandale

August 20...District Board of Directors, 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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Email: camp@campokobji.org Website: www.campokobji.org

Our Promise of Jesus at the Lake

**A friendly, safe, refreshing and relaxing Christian experience
An excellent value for you and your family**

- Aug. 2 Omelet Brunch 9:30 am – 1:00 pm
- Aug. 2-8 Family Retreat II
- Aug. 7-9 Hispanic Family Retreat
- Aug. 9 Camp Okoboji Golf Outing
- Aug. 14-16 Adult Retreat with Dr. Paul Maier
- Aug. 21-23 Jesus Painter Events
- Sept. 5-7 All Camp Celebration and Reunion

Still Time!

There is still time to register for the Golf Outing! Contact the Camp office if you are interested! Even if you don't have a foursome – we can get you on a team! Call the Camp office.

Don't Miss this opportunity!

We still have space available for the Adult Retreat featuring world renowned speaker Dr. Paul Maier! Daily rates are available. Please check the website and register online at www.campokobji.org.

Jesus Painter Ministries coming to Iowa District West in August!

- Friday, August 21**, 7 pm at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Des Moines – 5625 Franklin Avenue
- Saturday, August 22**, 7 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sioux City – 3204 S. Lakeport Street
- Sunday, August 23**, 3 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake – 2300 27th Street

All three events are Benefit Performances for *Discover CAMPAign* Okoboji. There will be a free-will offering taken plus an AUCTION of paintings and other items! Bring the entire family!

All Camp Celebration and Reunion September 5-7!

Are you looking for something to do Labor Day Weekend? We have just the thing! Camp Okoboji is celebrating 75 years of ministry this year and

one of our goals has been to reunite campers, leaders, staff members, family ministry cabin people and so on. We invite you to come, share your memories, spend time at Camp, see the improvements, and hear what is coming up! Reverend Bob Riggert will lead worship on Sunday morning! Costs for the weekend beginning Saturday afternoon through Monday breakfast are: Adults \$75; children ages 5-9 \$50; and children ages 4 & under FREE! This includes lodging and meals. Call the Camp office or go online to see what great things we have planned for that weekend.

Fall Women's Retreat!

This year's fall women's retreat will be October 9-10, 2015. The main event for the weekend will be our closing on Saturday night which will include a concert by Kathy Troccoli! Please watch the website for details as they become available!



2 Corinthians 4:5

For what we proclaim
is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ
as Lord, with ourselves as your
servants for Jesus' sake.



FACEBOOK!

"Like" us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/CampOkoboji-LCMS

Watch for upcoming events, see pictures of events and more!

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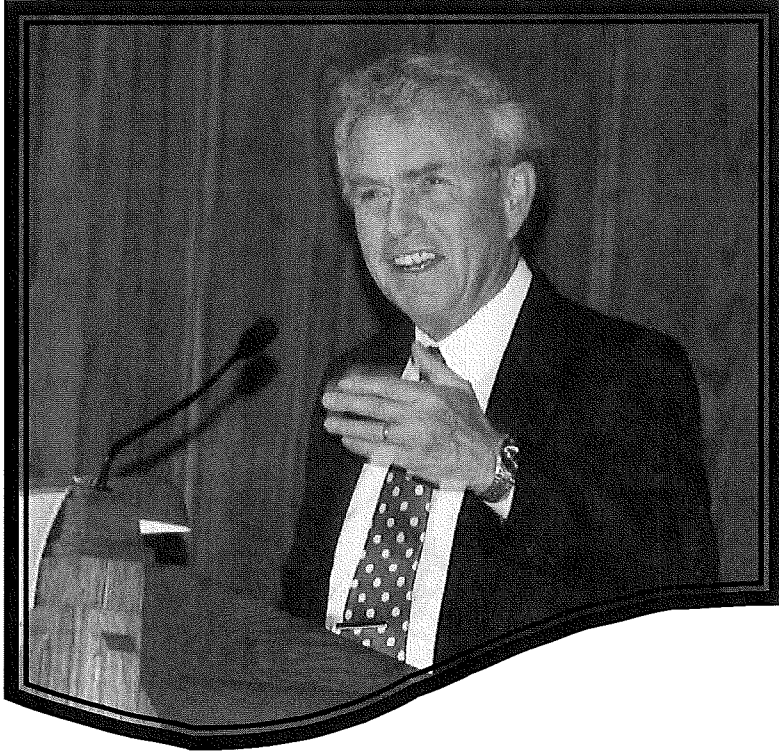
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Coming to Camp Okoboji Dr. Paul Maier!



August 14-16, 2015

A Retreat for

Adults of ALL AGES!

Topic: THE GENUINE JESUS— NEW evidence from History and Archeology about Jesus and the early Christians

Cost Options

- † \$175 per person, includes room, meals, & program fees
- † \$30 program only
- † \$30 + cost of meals

To register go to www.campokoboji.org (Look under Adult Retreats)

Or contact:
Camp Okoboji
1531 Edgewood Drive
Milford, IA 51351
712-337-3325



2015 Adult Retreat Schedule

Friday, August 14, 2015

- 6:00 Arrive and settle in (Light supper available as a come and go)
- 7:30 Getting to Know You, Getting to Know All About You
- 8:00 Session I
- 9:00 Prayer for the End of the Day
And Fellowship

Saturday, August 15, 2015

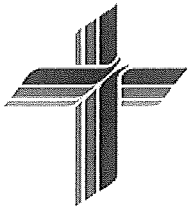
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Morning Prayer
- 9:15 Session 2
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 Session 2 Continued
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Session 3
- 2:30 Enjoy the Day
(hot tub; golf at area courses; meditation trail; canoeing or kayaking;
bicycle/walking trail; nap; read)
Other activities TBA
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:00 Session 4
- 7:30 Concert
- 9:00 Fellowship
Chocolate Fountain and accompanying "goodies"
Hot tub
Movie
Cards
Board Games

Sunday, August 16, 2015

- 7:30 Continental Breakfast
- 8:15 **Wrap Up with Q & A time with Dr. Maier**
- 9:45 Worship
- 10:45 Brunch
- 11:30 Depart

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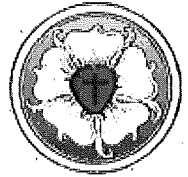


!AMIGOS EN CRISTO!

News from ***La Iglesia Evangelica Luterana Amigos en Cristo: Friends in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church:***
Pastor Daniel Vogel, Denison, Iowa

Iowa District
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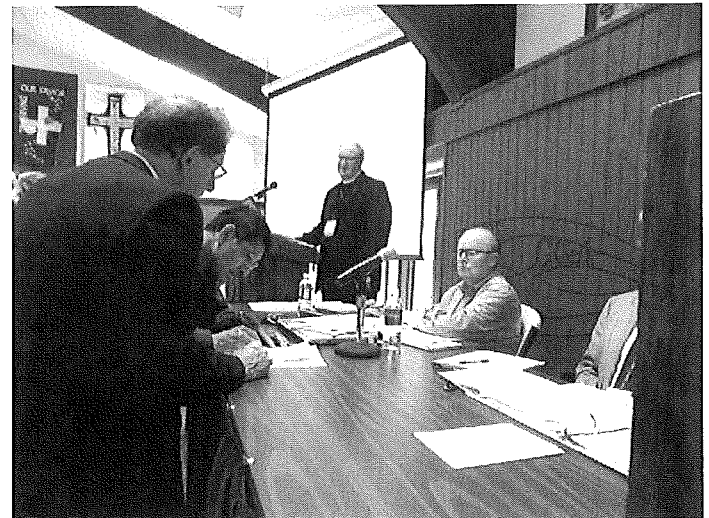
IT'S OFFICIAL! WE ARE NOW AN IOWA DISTRICT WEST CHURCH

After 15 years of mission work in the Denison Hispanic community, God has blessed our congregation with the joy of becoming part of Iowa District West. Our church received the approval of the District Convention on June 22 at Camp Okoboji. As the pictures at the right show, our representatives came forward as the delegates voted by voice vote followed by singing the Doxology. It was a great moment for our church and for the District as this is the first Spanish language church to be received into membership in Iowa District West. We thank President Sieveking, Missions Executive Mark Gerken and all the District churches for the years of support for our ministry. That work was evident at the Convention as another resolution was overwhelmingly passed by 98% of the delegates to "Bring Christ to the Hispanic People of Iowa District West."

The representatives of our congregation were the following two families: Jose Domingo Mendoza and wife Marbella, daughter Adriana and granddaughter, Yamilet. They are originally from Mexico. The other family (with the same last name but not related) was Marcia Mendoza and her children, Moises, Jasmin and Laura. They are originally from El Salvador. Both families made special sacrifices to be present for this ceremony. It has been a long process to reach this milestone, a process that our Hispanic members have never experienced. Now the work begins as we develop leadership, stewardship plans, evangelistic outreach and much more. At present we have 28 confirmed members and 50 baptized members with an average attendance of 25-35. May the Lord continue to bless.



Above: Representatives of our congregation were invited to the stage for the voice vote of the delegates of the Convention. Following the vote all sang the Doxology in thanks to the Lord. **Below:** President Jose Domingo Mendoza and Treasurer Marcia Mendoza are signing the District documents to include our congregation on the roster of Iowa District West churches. President Sieveking and Assistant Secretary/Parliamentarian Albert Buelow are observing the ceremony.



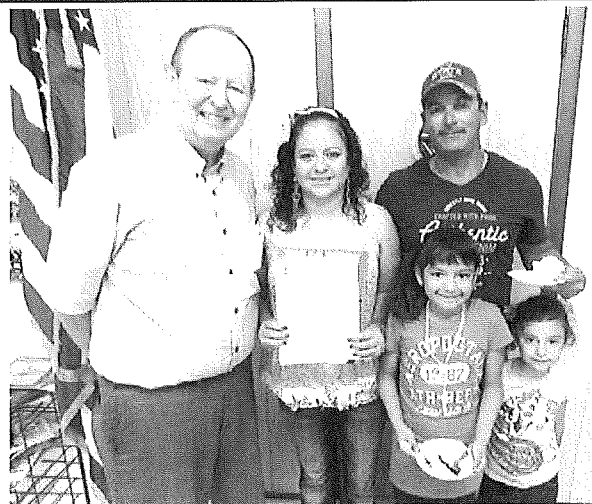
PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT our new church.

**For our mission friends, financial support checks should now be sent to
Amigos en Cristo Lutheran Church, 1004 1st Ave. South, Denison, IA 51442**



NEW YOUTH GROUP

Last month Paula and I started a new group with our Hispanic kids and their friends to help them live out their Christian faith. Below are the four of the five who came for the first gathering. Jasmin (eating pizza) and brother Moises (not pictured) from our church are helping us to organize this new group. The girls below all come from different religious backgrounds. With pizza, games, and God's Word, we pray God will bless and grow our group to serve this special group.



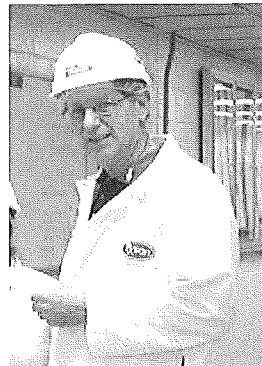
ALONDRA: A NEW AMERICAN CITIZEN

Last month Alondra Gallegos (pictured with her husband and daughters) passed the U.S. citizenship exam and became an American citizen. Mike Segabart (at left) is our English and Citizenship class teacher. God bless Alondra and family!

MY TYSON CHAPLAINCY AT THE PLANT IN DENISON:

"SUMMER CHALLENGES"

Summer at the plant has its special challenges. In addition to new workers learning the system and workers on "light duty" with injuries or ailments, the summer heat makes the work on the production floor much harder. These challenges have given me more opportunities to share the Gospel with those in need. And I seek them out as I know they appreciate someone to talk to who is not responsible for evaluating their work. Many times they just need someone to listen to their frustrations, not just about work but also family and other concerns. Workplace chaplaincy understands that we are not just a "worker" but we come to work with a history, a family and so many other needs.



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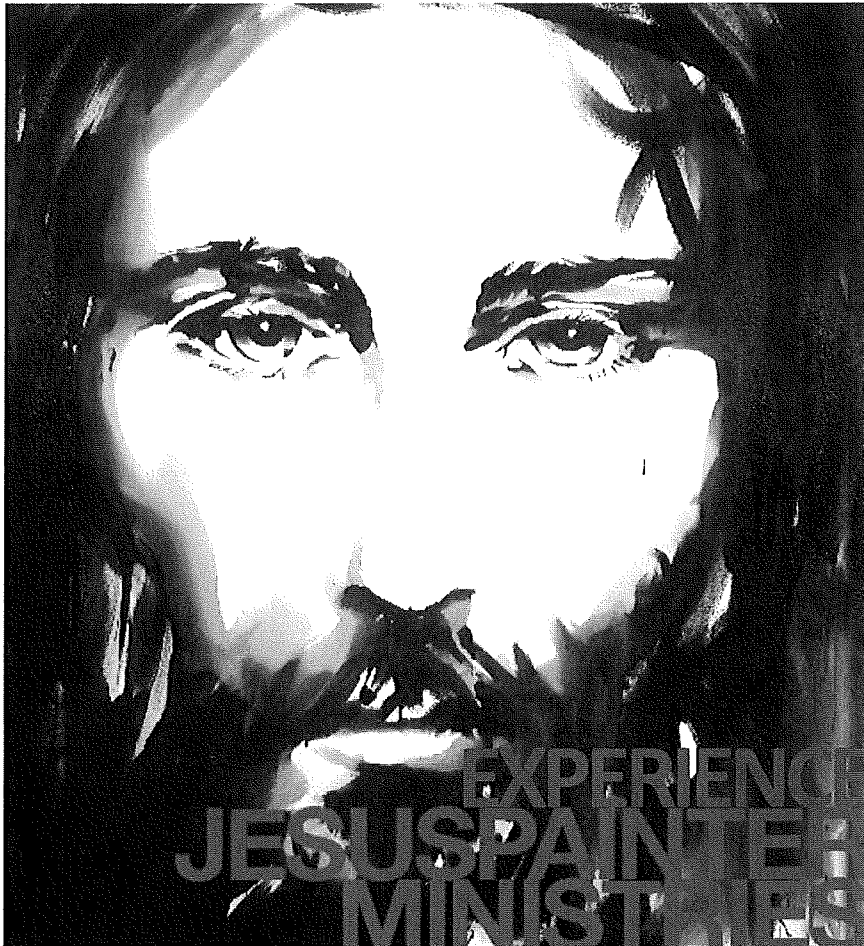
NEW E-MAIL:

Email me at: daniel.vogel@ziondenison.org

* Please forward this newsletter to a friend from www.idwlcms.org.



PLEASE PRAY: + For the blessings this past month, especially our wonderful reception at the Iowa District West Convention. + For the blessing of leading worship at Immanuel, Charter Oak; St. Luke, Ricketts; and Zion, Denison. + For God's guidance for our Hispanic church in Storm Lake as Pastor Moeller will be leaving. + For the growth of our Hispanic Pro-Life group following our second meeting. + For plans for our 11th Annual Family Retreat at Camp Okoboji in August. + For safe travels for our vacation to see family and friends. + *In thanksgiving for the mission hearts of the many individuals and congregations of Iowa District West who monthly support the Lord's work among Hispanic immigrants in Denison and in our other three Hispanic missions.*



Jesus Painter Ministries
Benefit Performances in Western Iowa
Three Dates & Locations

Des Moines
Friday, August 21, 7pm
Mt Olive Lutheran Church
5625 Franklin Ave.

Sioux City
Saturday, August 22, 7pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church
3204 So. Lakeport St.

Spirit Lake
Sunday, August 23, 3pm
Immanuel Lutheran Church
2300 27th St.

Funds Raised to Support:
Discover CAMPAign OKOBOJI
A future vision for the next generation of campers and guests
Free-will door offerings will be taken plus
auction of paintings and other items.
Attend one or more events!

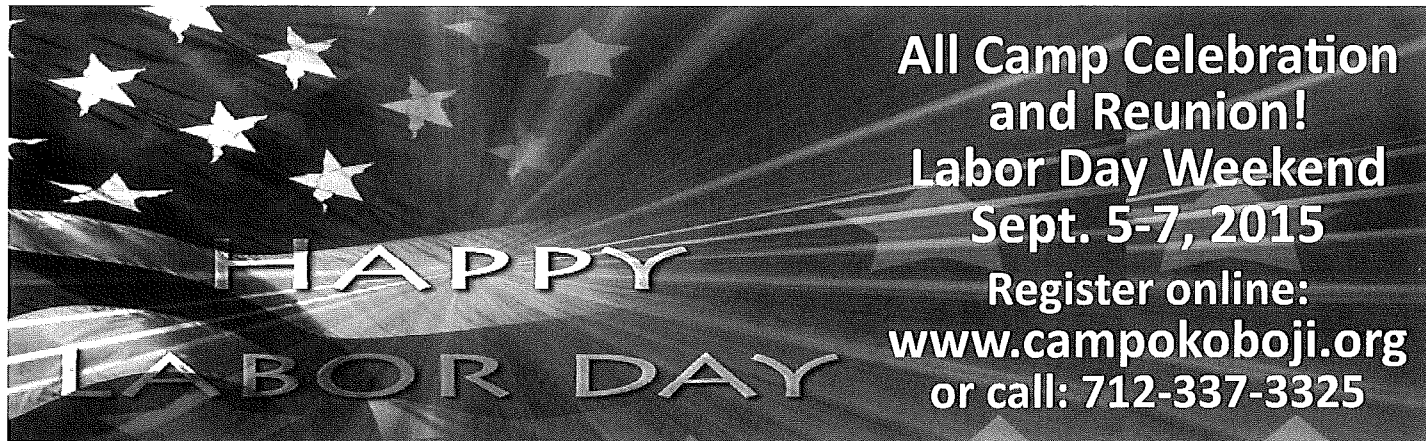
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For info. on each event:
campokoboji.org



**All Camp Celebration
and Reunion!
Labor Day Weekend
Sept. 5-7, 2015**

**Register online:
www.campokoboji.org
or call: 712-337-3325**

**Do you enjoy time at Camp Okoboji?
Did you attend: Cub Week, Jr High Week, Youth Week, Family Retreat?
Are you a former: staffer, worker, volunteer?
Have you ever reserved or joined with a family staying in a cabin?
Looking for a great get-a-way over Labor Day Weekend?
Everyone is Welcome!**

Sign-up for the Celebration and Reunion!

Cost: Adults \$75 Children Ages 5-9: \$50 Ages 4 & under: Free

Includes:

**Housing in Dorm Cabins, Bauman and Leviticus
4 Meals: Sat. Supper / Sun. Omelet Brunch & Supper / Mon. Breakfast
All the relaxation and or activity that you can handle!**

Schedule:

Saturday, Sept. 5

Check-in after 4:00pm

**Due to a large group at Camp Friday night,
we ask weekend guests to arrive Saturday afternoon.**

5:30 Supper 8:00 Fellowship / Campfire / Devotion

Sunday, Sept. 6

9:30-1:00 Omelet Brunch

9:45 Worship: Rev. Bob Riggert, Emeritus-Manning, IA

Afternoon: Enjoy Camp Activities, Area Events, Family Togetherness

5:30 Supper 8:00 Ice Cream Social / Campfire / Devotion

Monday, Sept. 7

8:00 Breakfast 1:00 Check-out (no lunch)

Things to enjoy in the area:

**Queen II Lake Excursions
Maritime & Car Museums
Golf & Putt-putt golf
Concerts Area Shops
Arnolds Park
So Much More To Do!**

Things to enjoy at Camp:

**Swimming Canoeing
Fishing Disc Golf
9 Square Gaga Ball
Relaxing**



**1531 Edgewood Dr.
Milford, IA 51351**

Zion Lutheran Church,

The time has come! Four years I have studied, read tons of books, written thousands of papers (it seems), completed vicarage, preached sermons and performed liturgy. My fourth and final year at Concordia seminary is coming to a close. I am filled with mixed emotions. I am scared and anxious to move on, but I am ready and excited to finally be a pastor! Most of all, I am thankful for all of the kind saints of the church that have supported and encouraged me along the way. Thank you so much for EVERYTHING you have done for my family and me! You are a blessing to my formation and my future ministry and I continually remember you in my prayers.


Call day has come and gone but the excitement is still with me. I have been called to Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School in Kennewick, WA as an Associate Pastor. My focus will be on Family and Outreach. I am honored to have been extended this call and I am ready to serve our Lord and the saints of Bethlehem. Right now, I am not sure when my ordination date will be, but we are planning for the end of June. I will let you know once I have worked out the details.

Malachi is getting so big! He is walking and talking and getting into everything, along with pulling the cats' tails (so he's acting like a little boy should be). Anna is busy preparing for our move and is knee-deep in house hunting. It's getting a little hard to focus on my homework, but I am reminded day after day that I am still a student until the day I graduate, so I must push on and get that degree. 😊

Thank you once again for all you have done. Whether you have prayed for us, helped us financially, or have encouraged me along this process, I am grateful and will forever remember your examples of what it means to care for our neighbors.

Thank you for always pointing me to Christ!!!

With Christ,



Andrew Noble

*And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."*

Isaiah 6:8

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Friends Who Care

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

