

Zion Lutheran Church

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Women's Bible Study...6:30 pm on 2nd & 4th Mondays of the Month

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.

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April 2016

"Dose of Wisdom"

As I write this April *Dose of Wisdom*, it is the day after Easter. It is a day where we in the church try to catch our breath after the fun and exciting and joyous weekend of Holy Week and Easter celebrations. So also this day I am reminded of the darkness of the world. It was reported yesterday on Easter Sunday a group of terrorists blew up bombs in Pakistan killing 60+ people celebrating Easter celebrations in a local city park. There are different numbers being reported but suffice it to say it was about this many people. If we needed any proof that Easter is for real life, it is this situation and many more like it around the world. The reason Jesus came to earth was to forgive sins, bottom line. That was His main purpose. This purpose was shown to all when Jesus was hanging on the cross. From the text of scripture, Luke 23:24, "And Jesus said, 'Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.'" In a sense you could say Jesus was dealing with terrorists in the Bible when they were crucifying Him. In the midst of what Jesus was going through in the torment and torture of the cross, He prayed for His tormentors. He prayed for those who were putting Him to death. This is the Christian faith. This is forgiveness in action; Jesus praying for those who were putting Him to death. So maybe the terrorists aren't coming to Iowa to kill us here. But as we learned in the Gospel Lesson from Maundy Thursday we are to love all disciples of Jesus Christ in the same way Jesus loved His disciples. And so we mourn for those our brothers and sisters in Christ overseas, both near and far as we are one with them in Jesus Christ.

In the joy of Easter Sunday morning we see that death cannot hold the life of Christ away. Christ's life was stronger than death. So it is that all who die in Christ. Yes there is and will be mourning over death, because the person is now gone. They have gone away. But all who die in Christ will one day be raised to life in Christ, because they are in Christ. So no matter what this life's darkness brings to us, we have the light and life of Christ within us because we belong to Christ. John 1:5, says, "**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**" The light is Jesus Christ. Satan cannot defeat or snuff out that light. Satan has been defeated, forever! Cling to those promises in Christ saints of Zion Lutheran Church. No matter what darkness you face, Satan has been defeated by Christ's death and resurrection! Hold on to Christ and His promises for that is where you have life and peace in Christ!

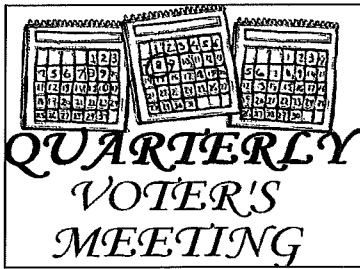
*Blessings,
Pastor Dose*



LADIES AID & EVENING CIRCLE MEETINGS

LADIES AID: The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, April 7, at 1:30 pm. Hostess will be Gloria Popp with Christian Life being led by Shirley Ehlers.

EVENING CIRCLE: The Evening Circle will be meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, April 6 at home of Carm Thiedeman. Co-Hostess is Deb Owen



QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13th at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.



CARROLL ZONE LWML Spring Rally

The LWML Spring Rally will be held on Saturday April 16th at Zion, Manning Registration begins at 9 am. There is a \$5 registration fee.

The Sewing Circle will be meeting on Monday, April 18th at 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come and join.



CHANCEL CIRCLE

Dawn Luetje
Jolene Stoelk

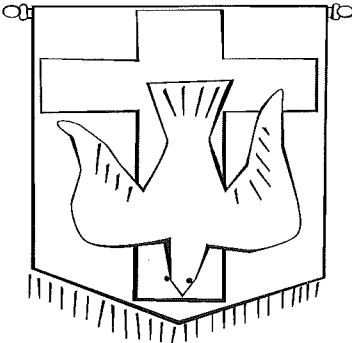
PARISH CIRCLE

Dawn Luetje
Sara Skinner



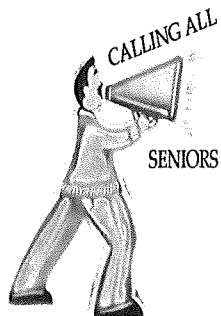
On Saturday, March 26th, we received into communicant membership through adult confirmation, Rob Melton and Tyler Petersen. Also that evening we had the baptisms of Rob Melton, Tyler Petersen & Raelyn Petersen, daughter of Tyler & Jackie Petersen.

Confirmation Class



The Rite of Confirmation was held on Sunday, March 20th during our worship service at 10 am.

Members of the class of 2016 were: Dylon Bauer, Dalton Ehlers, Makayla Hinners & Katelyn Hinners.



Just a reminder that Zion has 2 scholarships available. They are the Zion Memorial and the Violetta Anderson Scholarships. Applications for both scholarships are available from the church office and need to be returned by Wednesday, April 27th.



Register @

vbsmate.org/events/zionarcadia

Plans are currently underway for our 2016 Vacation Bible School "Barnyard Roundup" Jesus gathers us together.

Classes are open for children 4 years old (MUST be 4 by June 6th through 8th grade (grade you will be in next fall)

We ask that **ALL** persons interested in attending this year, please call the church office (689-2441) to register, or go on line at vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia so that we can order materials accordingly.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you would be willing to help out with VBS this year, teaching, craft, snacks, etc, please contact the church office or sign up using the vbsmate.com website.

Please watch for more details as time gets closer to V.B.S.

V. B. S.

June 6-10, 2016



We are in need of teachers for our Vacation Bible School this year. VBS will be held June 6-10 2016. If you would be willing to help teach or help in one of the classrooms, please contact the church office as soon as possible so that we can get materials ordered.



ITEMS NEEDED FOR
V.B.S.

White sheets to make bandages for 3rd World Missions.





Easter Lilies

We would like to thank the following Members who helped beautify the Chancel this Easter season with Lilies

Ladies Aid & Evening Circle

Altar Lilies

Stan & Karen Grundmeier in memory

Carl & Marie Bruggeman

Alvin & Charlotte Grundmeier

Joan Fethkenher

Leonard & Shirley Walde in memory

Deceased family members

Shirley Ehlers in memory

Barbara Ehlers

Steve & Connie McCollough in memory

Fred & Hilda Branning

Jake Muhlbauer

Warren & Lucy Mooney in memory

Harvey & Annette Vetter

Joyce Vetter

Cecil Booth

Merle & Diane Witt in memory

Edwin Hopp

George Witt

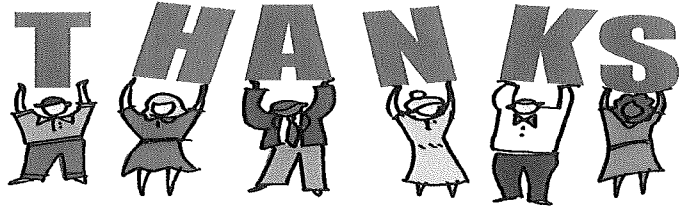
Berniece Wittrock in memory

Jerry Wittrock

Jeff & Dawn Luetje in memory

Norman & Helen Pohlman

Wilbur Luetje

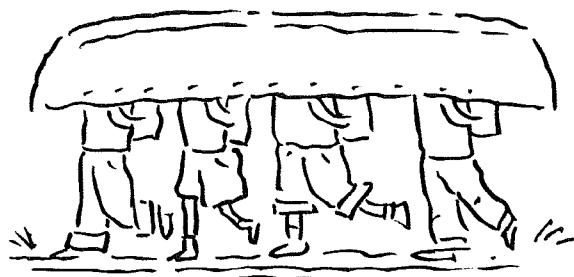


The LYF members would like to say Thank you to all who came to the Congregational Breakfast on Easter morning. We served 120 people. Thank you to Steve & Tammy Leiting for using a Thrivent Action Team and to Helen Leiting for Thrivent Choice Dollars. This helped tremendously in purchasing items for the breakfast. Again thank you to everyone.

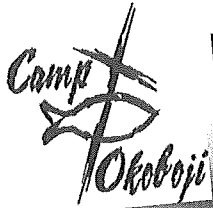
Camp Okoboji 2016 Schedule Highlights
(Grades listed indicate level completed)

April 02	Camp's Annual Meeting
April 15-17	Women's Spring Retreat
April 16	Men's Ministry Breakfast
April 21-23	Spring Volunteer Weekend
May 13-15	Spring Youth Volunteer Weekend
May 23-25	Pastors Continuing Education
May 27-30	Veteran's and Family Retreat Weekend
June 3-5	Kids Kamp, Gr. K-2 + Adult
June 12-15	Adventure Camp 7th-12th grade
June 12-18	Okoboji Sports Camp 4th-8th grade; girls basketball, volleyball, soccer
June 18	Auxiliary's Annual Quilt Auction
June 19-21	All Church Worker Retreat
June 26-July 2	Minneboji for students who have completed 4th-9th grade
July 03-09	July 4th Family Retreat
July 10-16	Junior High Week, Gr. 6-8
July 17-23	Concordia Cub Week, Gr. 3-6
July 24-30	H.S. Youth Week, Gr. 8-12
July 31-Aug 06	Family Retreat I
Aug 07-13	Family Retreat II
Aug. 26-28	Adult Retreat Rev. Kurt Klaus
Aug 27	Kathy Troccoli Conert

Worship every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
Memorial Day thru Labor Day



CAMP
Okoboji

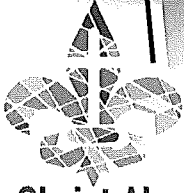


April 2016

Camp Okobojo Top 10 News

What is Happening at Your Camp

Our Promise of Jesus at the Lake
A friendly, safe, refreshing and relaxing Christian experience
An exceptional value for you and your family



In Christ Alone

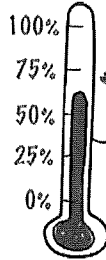
1. Time To Sign Up for Camp! www.campokobojo.org

Register Online! The Camp website has more information on the many program offerings. Don't delay, register today!

Take time to spend time at Camp Okobojo! Programs, retreats, and special events offer many opportunities to experience "Jesus at the Lake."

The mosaic style of our 2016 logo reflects God's redemptive work in our lives. As an artist arranges broken pieces of varying shapes and colors, so too, God take us, a broken people, and places us together to form His beautiful bride, the church. As His chosen people, we know that to live is Christ and In Christ alone we stand.

- Key Calendar Dates:** (Details on website)
- April 2: Annual Meeting & Basket Auction
 - April 15-17: Women's Spring Retreat
 - April 16: Men's Network Breakfast Bible Study
 - April 21-23: Spring Clean-up Weekend
 - April 28-30: Wittenberg Academy Family Camp
 - May 13-15: Youth Volunteer Weekend
 - May 27-30: Veteran's Family Retreat
 - June 3-5: Kids Kamp
 - June 9-12: JOY Camp I (Special Needs)
 - June 12-15: Adventure Camp
 - June 12-18: Girls Sports Camp
 - June 18: Quilt Auction and Craft Sale
 - June 19-21: All Church Workers Conference
 - June 22-25: LWML Convention
 - June 25: Paul's Bike-A-Thon Challenge
 - June 26-July 2: Minne-boji Youth Camp
 - July 3-9: July 4th Family Retreat
 - July 10-16: Junior High Week
 - July 14-17: JOY Camp II (Special Needs)
 - July 17-23: Concordia Cub Week Youth Camp
 - July 24-30: High School Youth Week
 - July 31-Aug. 6: Family Retreat I Week
 - Aug. 7-13: Family Retreat II Week
 - Aug. 12-14: Hispanic Family Retreat
 - Aug. 21: Golf Outing
 - Aug. 26-28: Adult Retreat—Rev. Kurt Klaus
 - Aug. 27: Kathy Troccoli Concert
 - Sept. 3: **Discover** Building Ground Breaking
 - Sept. 3: BBQ Cook Off Event
 - Sept. 21-23: Outdoor Education
 - Sept. 29-Oct. 2: Fall Clean-up Weekend & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
 - Oct. 7-9: Fall Women's Retreat
 - Sunday Morning Worship: Memorial Day-Labor Day Weekends
 - Omelet Brunches: 1st Sundays (May-Nov.)



Discover CAM-



2. Campaign Nears One Million!

DISCOVER CAMPAIGN OKOBOJO is getting very exciting! Congregations are stepping up, Camp friends are getting involved and the Lord is blessing our efforts!

Ground breaking has been tentatively set for Sept. 3 in conjunction with the BBQ Cook-off over Labor Day Weekend. But we still need to reach the \$1,400,000 mark in gifts and pledges. Let's get this done by the 4th of July! Then we can truly celebrate!

Please consider joining this effort!

3. Our Savior, Denison Soup Supper and Quilt Sale



Nearly 200 people enjoyed tasty soups and desserts on March 6. The Adult Circle of Our Savior hosted the benefit for the campaign and raised over \$3,000.

Congregations are encouraged to be creative in their efforts to raise support for **DISCOVER**.

4. Congregations Off To A Great Start!

Congregations and/or their organizations have pledged and gifted \$180,000* to the campaign. That is an average of over \$4,000 per congregation. **Amazing!**

We acknowledge the 47 congregations and/or their organizations in the following cities:

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|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Adel | Hartley | Rockwell City |
| Algona | Humboldt | Rowan |
| Alta | Ida Grove | Sac City |
| Anthon | Johnston | Schaller |
| Arcadia | Iowa District West | Sheldon |
| Aurelia | Kingsley | Sioux City |
| Charter Oak | Knierim | Sioux Falls |
| Clarinda | Lawton | Spirit lake |
| Coon Rapids | Lone Rock | Storm Lake |
| Denison | Manning | Sutherland |
| Des Moines | Marcus | Ute |
| Farnhamville | May City | Wall Lake |
| Fort Dodge | Newell | Whittmore |
| Garner | Ocheyedan | Webster City |
| Greenfield | Pomeroy | Thank You! |
| Guthrie Center | Rock Rapids | |

When will the next city be added?
*Challenge Gift & IDW Pledge excluded

- Headlines-

- Time To Sign Up For Camp
- Campaign Nears One Million
- Denison Soup Supper
- Congregations support **DISCOVER**
- Spring Calendar of Events
- Summer Camp Highlights
- Support Request
- C.H.A.O.S. Retreat Report
- All Church Worker Conference
- Thrivent Support



LOOKING AHEAD

5. What's Up Next?

Annual Meeting April 2

The State Of The Camp best describes this informative event. Delegates will also vote on several Camp Board openings. A basket auction and food drive are sponsored by the Camp Auxiliary. All are welcome.

Women's Spring Retreat April 15-17

Amazing Grace for a Women's Heart
Leader: DCE Tia Pugh from Des Moines
\$180 includes meals, lodging, program and a creative spirit painting session.

Men's Network Breakfast Bible Study

Pondering God: I'm Not Normal & God is Odd
Leader: Craig McCourt Cost: \$15
Come and enjoy this inspiring morning.

Spring Clean-up Weekend April 21-23

Time to get Camp ready for summer!
The list is long, so get your group together and let Camp know you are coming!

Youth Volunteer Weekend May 13-15

Join with other youth for a great weekend of projects, programs and fellowship.



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E-mail: camp@campokobojo.org
Website: www.campokobojo.org
Facebook: [CampOkobojo-LCMS](https://www.facebook.com/CampOkobojo-LCMS)





6. Summer Camp Highlights

Camp Okoboji has much to offer this summer



Family Opportunities **In Christ Alone**

- ◆ **Family Ministry Cabins:** Enjoy time with your family at your own pace. Several families have been coming for decades and have included 5 generations. Start your family tradition this summer!
- ◆ **Family Retreat Weeks (3):** Gathering with other families creates its own family atmosphere. Programed by special speakers and summer staff, these week-long camps bring out the most in the camp and the families that attend.

Youth Camps: There are several weeks for youth to enjoy camp, make friends, and grow closer in their walk with Jesus Christ.

- ◆ **Kids Kamp**
Grades: K-2 Date: June 3-5
- ◆ **Concordia Cubs Week**
Grades: 3-6 Date: July 17-23
- ◆ **Minne-boji Youth Camp**
Grades: 4-9 Date: June 26-July 2
- ◆ **Junior High Week**
Grades: 6-8 Date: July 10-16
- ◆ **High School Week**
Grades: 8-12 Date: July 24-30

Summer Staff Opportunities: Looking for a summer job serving in a Christ-centered work place? Want to stay at one of the most beautiful settings in Iowa? Create friendships that last a lifetime? Consider a summer position at **Camp Okoboji!**

Friends Grow Camp

7. YOUR Participation & Support Needed! We encourage everyone to join in support of Camp Okoboji.

- We are asking everyone for three things:
1. **Pray** for the success of Camp Okoboji.
 2. **Support** these projects verbally and financially.
 3. **Share** them with others and invite their involvement.
- Look for campaign and other updates on the Camp website:

campokoboji.org
Consider Making An Online Gift



8. C.H.A.O.S. Retreat - Awesome!

On February 26-27, 65 junior high youth and adults from 12 congregations in Iowa and Minnesota descended on Okoboji for the annual C.H.A.O.S. Retreat. It stands for **Christians Hyped About Our Savior**.

DCE Tim Kightlinger, Gloria Dei Lutheran, Urbandale led the event. He focused on Christ Alone as our Stronghold (Psalm 27:1).



Time was also spent enjoying many games and activities including a snow sculpture event. The snow and weather were perfect. Though the snow was completely gone just a few days later, we pray the memories will last forever.

9. Save the Date: June 19-21 Camp Okoboji Hosts: All Church

Workers Conference

Featured Speaker:
Rev. Roger Sonnenberg

Join with fellow Church workers from across the district and region for this inspiring and educational event.

Rev. Sonnenberg holds a Masters of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, and a masters degree in psychotherapy from the American Institute of Family Relations. He speaks throughout the United States on sexuality, marriage and family relations. He serves as chairman of Family Shield in St. Louis, Missouri. He has authored many articles, studies and books.



He will address current issues involving churches, schools, and families.

This will be a great chance to meet and network with others.

Look for more information soon!

10. Impact: Thrivent Action Teams

Thrivent Action Teams have been a welcome addition to Camp. In 2015, over 20 Thrivent Action Team projects involving nearly 200 volunteers made a huge difference at Camp Okoboji.

Projects have ranged from:

- ◆ Sponsoring Omelet Brunch events
- ◆ Buying needed Camp clean-up items
- ◆ Providing support to Camp programs
- ◆ Helping with special mailings and projects

Each Thrivent member may be able to sponsor up to 2 projects each year.

Please consider a Thrivent Action Team project at Camp Okoboji

It is so easy to sign up and many are unaware that they can apply.

Our goal for 2016 is over 50 Action Teams!

Camp Okoboji is willing to help with every phase of an Action Team project. By helping you to plan, request, implement, and report a project, we can make sure you get the most out of your Action Team.

Please contact the Camp office and share your willingness to be an Action Team leader and support a needed area.

Remember

ChoiceDollar Designations make a huge impact at Camp!
Don't forget to make your designations!



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Spring Calendar

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 - April 15-17: Women's Spring Retreat
 - April 16: Men's Network Breakfast Bible Study
 - April 21-23: Spring Clean-up Weekend
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- YOUR Event: Make Your Reservation!**

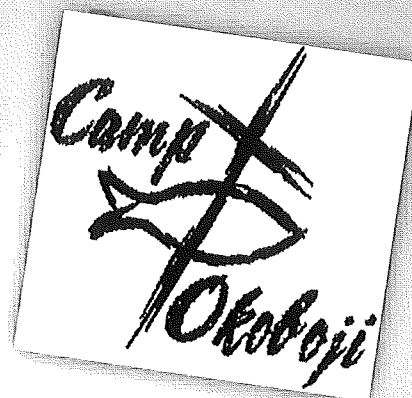
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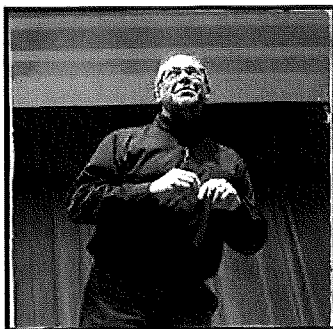


WITH CRAIG McCOURT



I'm Not Normal & God is Odd

For more than 50 years I have been trying to fit in, to be normal, only to come to the amazing discovery there is no such thing as normal. In scripture we are called; "peculiar people", "sheep", "aliens", royal" and more. We are never called normal! In this entertaining and insightful presentation discover how God hand crafted each of us uniquely.



"Craig is a dynamic speaker who has experienced life. He's witty, humorous, and very well connected with all age groups."

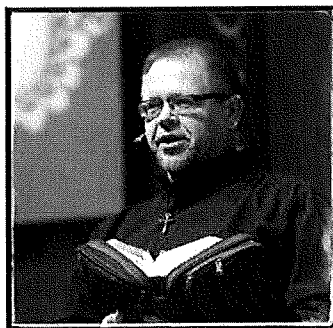
Jim Strebke - Lutheran High School, Mayer, MN

"Few speakers have the unique ability to make you laugh and cry at the same time. Craig uses this gift to tear down our defenses and open our hearts to the Truth."

John Ingelin - Head writer at Creation Files

"Craig is the kind of person that when he leaves you feel blessed and encouraged to be all that God has created you to be."

Matt Reeve - The Stronger Life



"This guy is a funny, funny man"

Rev. Dr. Jeffery Schrank - Pastor Christ Church Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ

Men's Network Breakfast Bible Study

April 16, 2016

8:00 am - 11:30 am

Camp Okoboji

Cost: \$15.00

To register: Call 712-337-3325;

email: camp@campokoboji.org;

or go online www.campokoboji.org

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Join us for a celebration of amazing grace!

*Event: SPA Spring Women's Retreat
Place: Camp Okoboji
1531 Edgewood Drive, Milford, IA
Date: April 15-17, 2016
Time: Fri. 5:00 PM - Sun. 12:00 PM*

*For more information:
www.campokoboji.org or call
712-337-3325*

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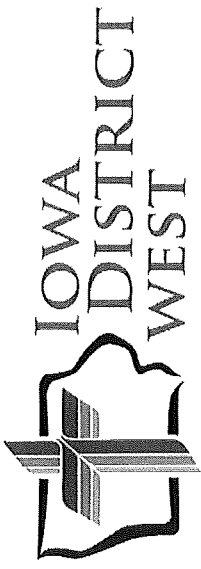
*It is the gift of God.
Ephesians 2:8*



*Birthdays
&
Anniversaries*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>Shirley Walde</i>	2 <i>Shirley Bald Cassie Luetje Matt McNelly</i>
3	4 <i>Greg Hansman Jim & Myra Luetje</i>	5 <i>Brandon Koch</i>	6	7 <i>Kaleb Riesberg</i>	8	9
10 <i>David Leiting</i>	11	12	13	14 <i>Jax Cleveland Craig Nobiling Dawn Segebart Paul & Susan Ehlers</i>	15 <i>Donald Vetter Dave & MaryAnn Musfeldt (65 years)</i>	16 <i>Jeff Vetter</i>
17 <i>Michael Bair Steve Mumm</i>	18 <i>Lisa McNelly Faith Neumann</i>	19 <i>Hillary Hagge Nicole Liechti Michael Rickers</i>	20 <i>Randy & Monica Neumann</i>	21 <i>Gene Liechti Denny & Sharon Maasen</i>	22	23 <i>Jaggar Luetje</i>
24 <i>Kimberly Bauman Judy Gronau Macie Schrad</i>	25 <i>Kyler Bruch Jeremy & Magen Fineran</i>	26	27 <i>Rich Hanson Beth Wittrock Ron & Bonnie Cornelius Steve & Bonnie Schmitz</i>	28 <i>Makayla Schrad</i>	29 <i>Bob Erps</i>	30 <i>Jessica Gallagher Jeff Schmitz Doug & Alison Ehlers</i>



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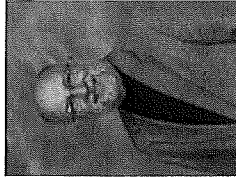
Planting Together

April 2016

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Contact email: sue.light@idwlcms.org

On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!

"Living for Christ as Fellow Workers"



As God's stewards, we are motivated by Christ to live for Him. "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, ...that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him Who died for them and was raised again" (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). We have vocations and callings which demand devotion. We live a life that is expressed in conduct, character, and actions. We can be faithful in our stewardship because God gives us everything we need to accomplish His purposes.

The Apostle Paul describes another intimate relationship we have with our Heavenly Father. He writes, "For we are God's fellow workers" (1 Corinthians 3:9). God uses us as His fellow workers as His purpose becomes our purpose. We work together with our Heavenly Father to unite all people as disciples of Jesus. This partnership deepens as God brings us into a Father and son relationship. "So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir" (Galatians 4:7). As sons, we become part of a divine family that works together and whose members love one another. In this family, we are given responsibilities to achieve common purposes and goals.

In His sovereignty, God has chosen to make us His stewards with all privileges and responsibilities of stewards. May God grant us the faith, strength, and wisdom to be the stewards He wants us to be.

Rev. Phill Andreasen, Executive Assistant-Stewardship
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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.

Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization

An opportunity to assist Lutheran education AND receive a state of Iowa tax credit is now in its eleventh year of operation. The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) assists families who meet certain income guidelines. In 2015, almost 700 Lutheran students received \$761,000 in tuition assistance to attend a Lutheran elementary or secondary school in Iowa. Call STO program manager Dewey Torkelson (712-260-2991) or visit the STO website (www.iowalutheransto.org) for more information. This year our contribution limit rises to over \$822,000 so your help is very much needed. Now is a good time to talk to your tax preparer about the tax credits for 2016. ILSTO is now eligible to receive your CHOICE dollars from Thrivent as an additional gift with no tax consequences.

LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Training

When: Saturday, April 9, 2016

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, 713 Church Street, Shenandoah
Registration begins at 8 am (light breakfast and lunch will be served)
Facilitator: Ellie Menz, Disaster Response Coordinator
Register online at www.idwlcms.org or contact Jill Davis at the IDW office: 515-576-7666.

Men's Network Breakfast Bible Study

The Iowa District West LLL will host a Men's Network Breakfast Bible Study on April 16, 2016 at Camp Okoboji. Registration and breakfast begin at 8 am. Craig McCourt will speak on the topic: / AM NOT NORMAL AND GOD IS ODD. Cost is \$15. Contact the Camp office to register (712-337-3325 or camp@campokoboji.org).

Around the District

Did you notice the "new" page in The Monthly? Titled "Around the District," this page will include information from congregations regarding guest speakers, events, or special occasions. If you'd like to invite others in the District, let us know and we will share it "Around the District." Send information to Sue (sue.light@idwlcms.org) at the District office.

District Calendar

April 9...LERT Training, Trinity, Shenandoah
April 11-12...Pastors Conference, Sioux City
April 15-17...SPA Spring Women's Retreat, Camp Okoboji
April 16...LLL Men's Network Breakfast Bible Study, Camp Okoboji

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

April 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 NO WORSHIP
3 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC	4 Shut in visits Carroll	5	6 9:30 Bible Study 7:30 Evening Cir	7 1:30 Ladies Aid	8	9
10 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW	11 Shut in visits Westside/Manning	12	13 9:30 Bible Study 7:30 Voter's Meet	14	15	16
17 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC	18 Shut in visits Arcadia	19	20 9:30 Bible Study	21	22	23
24 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW	25	26	27 9:30 Bible Study	28	29	30

USHERS

Doug Schuette
Dan Wittrock
Doug Ehlers
Paul Ehlers
Merle Witt

Jarod Greene
Ron Cornelius
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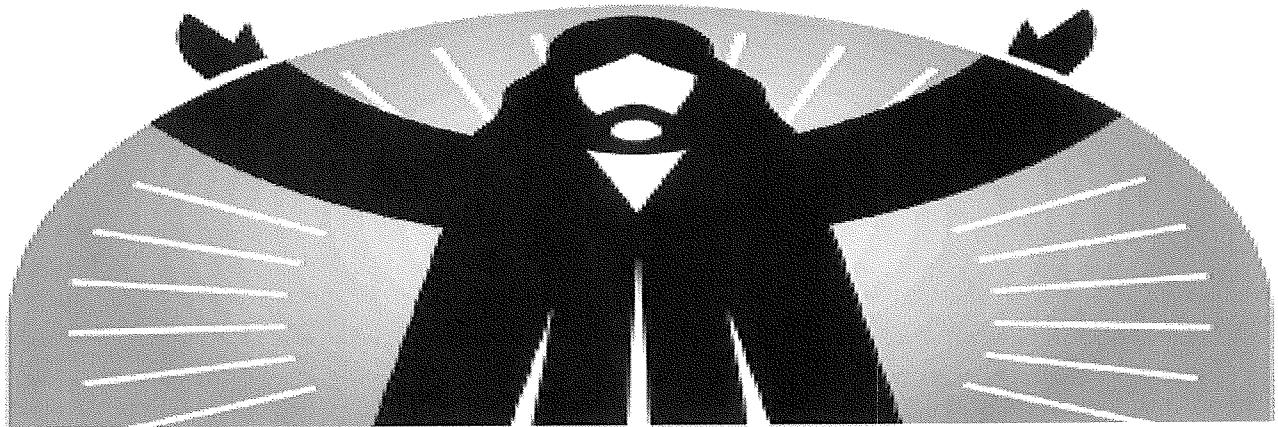
3rd: Jonathan Dose & Elizabeth Brunner
10th: Damon Ehlers & Timothy Dose
17th: Jordan Hanson & Jamie Hausman
24th: Bret Hinners & Samantha Hinners

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FRIENDS WHO CARE

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



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