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# DOSE OF WISDOM

October Dose of Wisdom

Here we are in the month of October, 2017. This is like any other October we see the leaves changing colors, harvest is about to start on many farms, the temperatures are cooling down, and football is being played on Friday night, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. October is a great fall month as we look forward to colder days and nights. But this October is a bit more special than other Octobers. As this October (especially October 31<sup>st</sup>) is a special date. It is the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of the Reformation.

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1517 after learning there was a push in Germany to raise funds for St. Peter's Basilica in Rome by selling indulgences (papers that assured a person's salvation) Luther was enraged. He wrote 95 disputations or as we know them today the 95 Theses. These were points of discussion and debate. The whole drive for posting these theses were to not burden the consciences of some of those who gave all they had to purchase a piece of paper which in all reality was worthless. He wanted burdened consciences to have peace. He himself knew the toil and turmoil his soul was under when he had to work to gain his salvation. Martin Luther wanted others to know the peace they could have in Christ's death and resurrection.

That was the beginning of the Reformation. The Reformation lasted *at least* until the death of Luther in 1546, but many say it lasted until 1577 when the reformers finally came together to sign a document of the core beliefs and teachings of the Lutheran confession called, The Formula of Concord. In this Confession of Faith we have articles that state what we accept and what we reject with regards to teachings that closely resembled Lutherans but were not the same. This document as well as other writings written during the time of the reformation is contained in a larger book called, The Book of Concord. Some BOCs contain more writings and some contain less writings.

The main point of the whole reformation was focusing on Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins to ease the conscience of burdened souls. The poster I've had on my study door has proclaimed Reformation 500; It's Still About Jesus. It is, has, and always will be about Jesus and His forgiveness. Join us October 29 as we celebrate this 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. Also this day following the Divine Service we will have a lunch of brats and sauerkraut with some other goodies as well. Come and join in this celebration.

Blessings,

Pastor Dose

# L.W.M.L. NEWS

# **EVENING CIRCLE**

The Zion Evening Circle will be meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 4th at the home of Dawn Luetje Co-hostess is Donna Rickers.

# **LADIES AID**

The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, October 6th at 1:30 pm. Hostess is Shirley Ehlers and Lila Thiedeman will have Christian Growth

# L.W.M.L. SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 1st. We will be observing L.W.M.L. Sunday. We will mark the day with a special worship service giving thanks to God for al the blessings our Lord has given to our congregation and the Church-at-Large through the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.



The Women's Bible Study group will be meeting on the following Tuesday evenings at 6:30: October 11th & 25th



**WANTED**: Bed Sheets!! These are needed to use for insides and backs rather than trying to sew scraps together for an inside.

Also any donations of new fabric is welcome (60"x80")

The Ladies are also collecting bars of soap to send to Lutheran World Relief in the Spring. There is a green basket in the entry way if you would like to donate soap

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Sunday	October 1st	St. Anthony Tour of Homes, Carroll
Tuesday	October 3rd	Salad Luncheon & Bake Sale Trinity Lutheran Church, Manilla 11:00-1:00 pm Free-Will Offering
Sunday	October 8th	Westside Fortnightly Flea Market 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Westside Community Building, Library, Fire Hall, Legion Hall
Thursday	October 12th	SARH Auxiliary \$5 Jewelry Sale @ hospital atrium 8 am - 4 pm
∦Friday ∥	October 13th	Carroll Lions Club Soup Day Graham Park Shelter House, Carroll 11 am to 7 pm Adults \$8.50 10 & under \$6
I Sunday I I	October 15th	First Presbyterian Church, Manning Smorgasbord Supper 4:00-7:30 pm Adults: \$11; Children (12 & under) \$4
Thursday	October 26th	SARH Auxiliary Pampered Chef products from 9-4 in Hospital atrium

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There were 60 students who started our Sunday School Program on Rally Sunday, September 10th. We would like to thank all the children for attending and their parents for bringing them. We started the morning with an opening prayer and singing songs. We followed with a short opening meditation and then the students were dismissed to their rooms for their bible lessons. The 3rd graders were presented with their bibles and the perfect attendance awards and certificates were also presented.

## **Teachers for 2017-2018**

PRESCHOOL & Kindergarten

Krista Koch, Amanda Kraus, Dalton Ehlers, Makayla Hinners

1st & 2nd Grade

Staci Muhlbauer

3rd & 4th Grade

Diane Schurke,

5th & 6th

Cat Luetje

7th & 8th

Danielle Schrad, Chad Wittrock

Please keep all of them in your prayers as they begin this important ministry.

REMINDER: The Sunday School students will sing on October 29th



Servers for October are:

October 4

Donna Schurke

October 11

Michelle Schuette

October 18

Curtis Ehlers

October 25

NO CLASS

Plans are now being made for our Childrens' Christmas Eve Program. Please inform your child's teacher if he/or she will be participating in the program.



On Sunday, October 29th, following our Worship Service we will have an "Oktoberfest". We will be serving Brats Sauerkraut, Hotdogs, Potato Salad, Chips and drink.



The Annual Harvest Dinner and Bake Sale will be held on **SUNDAY**, November 5th at the Arcadia American Legion. We will be serving from 4:00-7:00 pm. The menu consists of Turkey and all the trimmings.

A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the entry way for volunteers and donations. If you can help with baking, serving, clean up or donating an item, for the dinner or bake sale,



# **QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING**

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held on <u>WEDNESDAY</u>, October 111th at 7:30 pm. (please note the date) Items on the agenda will include the Election of Officers, Endowment Fund projects and the proposal of the 2018 budget. <u>EVERYONE</u> is encouraged and invited to attend and participate.

# PRAYER FOR REFORMATION (October 31)

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen

# Setting a good example

Some friends gathered after the funeral of a dear, saintly man. They all knew how dedicated he was to God, his church and his family.

The group started talking about the deceased man's spiritual life — and specifically his prayer life. The man's son-in-law shared how important prayer was in his own life. He felt the need to regularly give thanks and seek God's guidance in his daily decisions.

The son-in-law added that he made it a point to put his young son to bed at least once a week. He always knelt by the boy's bed and prayed loud enough for his son to hear. He did so, he said, because he wanted his son to know that his father believed in God and spoke to him.

Even though the boy's grandfather was no longer alive, his godly example was having a lasting impact on his family — an impact that will touch future generations for years to come.

"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7, NIV).

# stewardship



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. 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



## HARVEST ACCOUNT

As in the past several years many members of Zion have offered their thanks to the Lord at harvest by presenting a part of their harvest to the Lord. If you would like to offer a gift to the Lord you can do so by letting the Arcadia Elevator know how many bushels of corn or beans you would like to give and that it is for Zion's Harvest Account

# Below is a list of accounts that we have here at Zion. They include

**GENERAL FUND**...... pays all the bills

MEMORIAL FUND..... money donated to the church in memory of someone to

purchase memorial items or projects

REPAIR FUND..... money that is designated for repairs or updates on the

church or church property

**BUILDING FUND**...... The account that pays for the loan on the elevator

**ENDOWMENT FUND.....** can be used for a variety of worthwhile missions, charitable projects and evangelism outreach activities. This **CAN NOT** 

be used for operating expenses such as salaries, insurance, etc.

# 2017 Lutherans For Life Regional Conference

"Hope For Life"

Saturday, October 21st | Redeemer Lutheran Church – Lincoln, NE

Pre-Conference Concert - Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>:

+ 7:00PM - Remedy Drive (Band) - St. John Lutheran Church - Seward, NE

+ David Zach of Remedy Drive To Speak On Human Trafficking

Conference – Saturday, October 21st

\* 8:30AM-4:00PM – Redeemer Lutheran Church – Lincoln, NE

♣ Speakers & Topics:

Rev. Michael Salemink - How To Be A Life-Minded Congregation Laura Davis - The Heart Of The Abortion Debate

Brian Young - Creation

Greg Baker - Christian Witness In The Public Square

4 German Luncheon

Brats, Sauerkraut, Spätzle, Pretzels, Apple Salad, German Chocolate Cake, Root Bier Kegs

♣ Cost \$50 Adults | \$25 Students

www.lutheransforlife.org/conference

For More Details And To Register Go Here:



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# Planting Together October 2017

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# On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!

# Needed: Another Reformation



October 31. A date for Lutherans that is very important, for it was on that date in 1517 (500 years ago!) that Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses onto the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. On that date God, through Luther, called the Church to a reformation. He called the Church back to the truths of Scripture—the truth that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

doning the truths of Scripture, when the church appears to becoming less relevant in the eyes of many, and when millions are disconnecting from the faith community, could it be that we need another Reformation?

God is calling our church body, our congregations and our people to boldly and faithfully proclaim and live by the truths of His Word in the light of growing opposition and untruth! Let's use October 31, 2017 to commit ourselves to follow in Luther's path.

Rather than nailing a document to a public bulletin board, how about showing your neighbor the love of Christ? How about engaging them in conversation? Ask them what words come to mind when they hear the word "God." Then politely and sincerely share with them the truth you have come to know. Share with them about God whose justice was served on the cross, who has forgiven your sins, whose love and care for you is unending, whose love and wisdom is seen in His will for you!

Then demonstrate that love in how you treat them.

Rev. Mark Gerken, Executive Assistant mark@iowadistrictwest.org

# Donate to District by shopping online!

Check out <a href="www.heartfeltgiving.net/np24">www.heartfeltgiving.net/np24</a> before making your next online purchase. There is no additional cost to make a purchase on this unique shopping and travel website. The HEARTFELT GIVING website features over 1,000 brand name stores such as Macy's, Kohl's, Nordstrom, Bloomingdales, Walmart, Bass Pro Shops, Target, Best Buy, AutoZone, JC Penney, Stein Mart, Guess, Walgreens, GNC, Barnes and Noble, FTD, Office Depot, Staples, Office Warehouse and more.

# Prison/Jail Ministries

Rev. Glenn Bohmer (Estherville) is the Coordinator of Prison/Jail Ministries in lowa District West. If you are involved in or aware of an active ministry, we ask that you share that information with Rev. Bohmer (asbohmer@gmail.com). If you are interested in establishing such a ministry please contact him directly for resources that may prove helpful.

# Hurricane Harvey Relief

Many of you will remember the Adopt-A-Family Outreach following the Katrina disaster. This same program was offered to Gregg Pinick from the Lutheran School Academy in Houston and he was overjoyed as 13 of their faculty members had MAJOR losses of property. If you or your congregation would like to adopt a family, information is available on our website at <a href="https://www.idw/cms.org/news.php">www.idw/cms.org/news.php</a>.

You can also donate to help fund the cost of replacing sheetrock for the school. Mark your donation "sheetrock" when you send it to the district office. Thank you to all who have already generously responded.

# Around the District

The "new" page in *The Messenger* titled "Around the District" will include information from congregations/circuits 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 (<u>sue@iowadistrictwest.org</u>) at the District office.

# lowa District West Convention June 24-26, 2018



# Calendar of Events

October 7...Operation Barnabas Conference, St. Paul, Carroll October 16-17...New Worker Orientation, Camp Okoboji October 21-22...District Jr Youth Gathering, West Des Moines October 26-27...IDE & IDW Teachers Conference, Gloria Dei, Urbandale

For more information on lowa District West activities, view *The Messenger* at <a href="www.idwlcms.org/publications.php">www.idwlcms.org/publications.php</a>.



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# Friends Grow Camp

For More Info. / Fliers / Schedules **And to Register Online** www.campokoboji.org

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Take time to enjoy the fall atmosphere at Camp Okoboji! Fall programs, retreats, and special events offer many opportunities to experience... "Jesus at the Lake."

> Call for more info on Camp availability and programs.

Sept. 28-30: Volunteer Clean-up Weekend Help prepare Camp for winter and have fun and fellowship at the same time.

Sept. 30: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Our opportunity to thank all those who help.

Sept. 30: U of O Oktoberfest Bike Ride Contact Paul at Camp for more info.

Oct. 1: Worship 9:45am and Omelet Brunch 9:30am-1pm

Oct. 6-8: Women's SPA Retreat Spiritual & Physical Alignment Leader: DCE Audrey Duesing-Werner



Oct. 16-17: IDW New Workers Retreat & Orientation—A wonderful welcome to the best district! Meet with other new workers and their families and enjoy the Camp.

Nov. 5: Omelet Brunch - JOY Camp Benefit

Dec. 4: Decorating Camp For Christmas Join us for a festive day of decorating, fellowship, food, and fun.

YOUR Participation & Support Needed! We ask our Camp Friends for the following:

- 1. Pray for the ministry of Camp Okoboji.
- 2. Attend Camp programs and events.
- 3. Support Camp verbally and financially.

4. Share Camp with others and invite them.



# Retreats & Events Abound

Several have asked if Camp is "slowing down" now that summer is over. Amazingly, the answer is NO!

A variety of retreats and events dot the calendar, even during the week. These include:

Family Reunions Sewing Retreat District Functions

**Confirmation Retreats** Congregational Gatherings Family Ministry Cabin Use

They see the benefit of this amazing site to further their goals and mission. Camp Okoboji offers a truly unique and charming location: the calmness of little Emerson Bay; the solidity of Refuge Chapel; the variety of accommodations and settings; and the views of the lake from inside and out

# How can Camp Okoboji help You? Discover CAMPaign Okoboji

Contact the Camp, let's find out together

The **Discover Center** is up and running. Look for programs, activities and uses. What will you Discover the next time you attend Camp.

Matching Challenge - End in Sight! We're within \$10,000 of meeting the \$250,000 Matching Gift Challenge! Your Support is Appreciated and Your Gift Will Still Be Matched!

Your Future and Camp Okoboji

Charitable Generosity Gifts, whether a Remainder Trust, Gift Annuity, Bequest, or Endowment Fund can make a huge impact on the future ministry of Camp Okoboji. Please consider Camp Okoboji in your charitable plan.



## Camp Okoboji Salutes!



## And Their Many Supportive Members.

"Summer of Impact" Impacts Camp Okoboji Many Thrivent members received an extra \$50 in their ChoiceDollar accounts and graciously designated them to Camp. Over \$20,000 was received in Aug. and Sept.

We thank those who remembered us with their designations. We were truly blessed and humbled by the response. Thank You!

## Thrivent Action Teams Spread Generosity

Thrivent members have joined together throughout the year to help Camp Okoboji in a variety of ways.

Winter Games Quilt Auction **Basket Auction** Bike Challenge Special Events

Volunteer Weekends **Omelet Brunches Promotional Events Program Support Special Projects** 

Action Team support helps on a variety of levels: Engages volunteers to get involved Provides needed initial funding for projects Opens new opportunities to promote Camp Allows for more creativity and new ideas



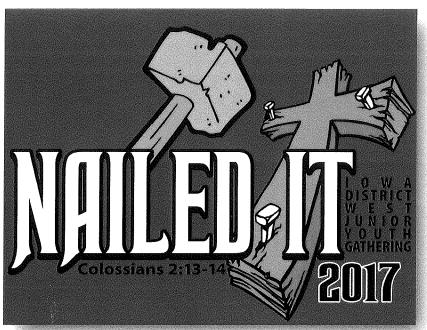
Winter Games Inflatable - A Huge Hit (literally) Thanks to a Thrivent Action Team!

Contact Camp for help in Planning & Conducting YOUR Action Team Project!

## Camp Staff Contact Information

Executive Director: Doug Kading doug@campokoboji.org Office Director: Kellie Jones kellie@campokoboji.org Program Director: Lori Gamble Iori@campokoboji.org Min. Advance, Dir.: Paul Golke paul@campokoboji.org Bookkeeper: Karrie Mullenberg karrie@campokoboji.org

# Join Junior High Youth from across Iowa District West for a weekend of faith, fellowship and fun!



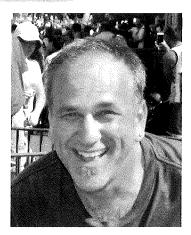
When: October 21-22, 2017

Where: Sheraton 1800 50th St West Des Moines, IA

Cost: \$150 per person



Presenter: Pastor Geoff Boyle



MC: Tim Kightlinger, DCE

Sectionals will include:

"Variety Time" activities will include:

Music provided by "Swenless"!

Registration materials are due no later than September 25 and can be found at: www.idwyg.org after August 1.

Follow us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on the details - www.facebook.com/IDWJYG.



"And you, who were dead in your trespasses...God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt...nailing it to the cross."

Colossians 2:13-14

# October Birthdays & Anniversaries

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			Ryan & Kate	Bob & Wanda	Ron & Kim	Kate Neumann
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				Jerry & Lila Thiedeman (65 yrs)		
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		Rob & Dawn	Danica Ehlers	Kim Cleveland	Rebecca Dose	
		Melton	Ty Muhlbauer		Nick Leiing	
			Jay & Cat Luetje			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Cindy Brockman	Steph Hinners		Rich Rose	Irene Jurgens	Jaxx Luetje	
	Amelia Wittrock			Will Ragaller	Lila Thiedeman	
			144	Brad & Steph Hinners		
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Paul Hinners	Brad Hinners					

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			7:00 Pregnancy Loss Service			
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Brian Kraus	Jake Kraus		Beth Wittrock			
Curtis Ehlers	Dale Lenz					
<b>Brad Hinners</b>	Zack Kraus		PARISH CIRCLE			
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MIDWEEK SERVERS	iRS	AÇ	ACOLYTES			
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25 <sup>th</sup> NO CLASS		22nd	_	Iakayla Schrad		
		29 <sup>th</sup> :	: Jamie Hausman & Delaney Schurke	Delaney Schurke		

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# FRIENDS WHO CARE

Christian Education 9:00 am

Adult Bíble Class 9:00 am

Dívine Worship 10:00 am

