

# ZION PROCLAIMER MAY 2018

## "Dose of Wisdom"

### Catechesis

I want to write this month about catechesis. Catechesis is the funny word that we have been using here for 6 years. It has been somewhat of an undertaking to look deeper at catechesis. Catechesis is primarily concerned with "*faith in Christ*". Catechesis is not concerned with facts and figures and historical knowledge, but it focuses on Christ crucified for the forgiveness of sins and his resurrection from the dead. This is the shift of thinking in catechesis. Catechesis involves doing things that a Christian will do their entire life long, from infant baptism to eternal glory. Catechesis involves itself with preaching the law and gospel, so the sinful heart is converted from unbelief to faith in Christ.

Catechesis is something that is important the whole Christian *life* long. The summer is a great time to refresh your time with the catechism. It is a great time to get back into doing devotions with the Bible and the catechism. Every aspect of life is found in the catechism. There isn't anything in this life the catechism does not answer. Spend some time getting to know the catechism primary texts—the Bible passages the 6 chief parts come from—and also get to know the secondary texts—meanings written by Martin Luther. Make the catechism part of your everyday thinking. Once you learn the texts by heart, the text of the catechism can become part of your everyday life and thinking. It will be beneficial to you to learn by heart the catechism or learn it by heart again.

Also this summer it can be great time to read books on the faith. You can read books that explain something you have never understood or why we do things the way we do. There are so many good theologically rich books out right now, sometimes it overwhelms me with all the reading I'd like to get done. If you have any questions about what to read with recommendations I have plenty! ☺

In closing, take this summer to grow in your faith. Read the Bible more, read the catechism, read theological books with great depth to grow in your faith in Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Dose

# L.W.M.L.

## EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 2nd at the home of home Marilyn Mueggenberg and Co-hostess is Carm Thiedeman

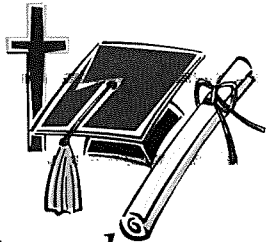
## LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid will be meeting at 1:30 pm on Thursday, May 3rd. Hostess for the day will be Phyllis Kuhl



### Sunday School

Our last day of Sunday School for this year will be on Sunday, May 20, 2018



## Baccalaureate

Please join us on Wednesday, May 16th for the AWV Baccalaureate service to be held here at Zion. Everyone is invited to attend. The Seniors from our congregation include: Dylan Vetter and Andy Leiting and Michael Bair who will graduate from Carroll High School.



I devoted myself to study and to explore... all that is done under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 1:13



Dee Luetje will be turning 95 on May 2, and you can help her celebrate by sending her a card at: 1024 E. 12th Street, #155, Carroll, IA 51401



## MOTHER

You're the answer to and the symbol of what is marriage and what is love! In all this world, through all of time, there could not be another who could fulfill God's purpose as completely as a mother!

The members of the LYF would like to thank everyone who supported us and attended the Easter Breakfast. The turn out for the breakfast was great and we appreciate you taking time to attend. We had a lot of help from the youth and also from the parents. Thanks again to you the members of Zion and our friends for all of your support!!!

Register Me For  
"Splash Canyon"  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
Zion Lutheran Church, Arcadia  
(June 5-8, 2018)



Register @ [vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia](http://vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia)

For more information please contact the office at 712-689-2441. Please mail the registration form to Zion Lutheran Church, Box 59, Arcadia, IA 51430 or email it to [zionluth@netins.net](mailto:zionluth@netins.net)

Name of student'(s)                      grade to enter in fall/baptismal date

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Please provide Birth date for those in preschool (must be 4 by June 4th)

Parents Name

Phone Number & Or Cell Number

Emergency Contact Person & Phone Number (daycare)

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

Greetings to all students and friends of Zion. This is a reminder that V.B.S. will be held the week of June 5- Our theme this year is "Splash Canyon Mountain" God's promise on Life's wild Ride" Our classes will begin with opening devotions at 8:30 am (so plan your arrival accordingly) and will end with closing devotions at 11:30 am. All children ages 4 (By June 4th through the 8th grade are invited and encouraged to attend.

**REMINDERS:** 1) Students are reminded that "good" clothes should **NOT** be worn as some craft projects can be kind of messy. 2) Daily offerings will be taken and given for a special mission project. 3) There will be sign up sheets for the moms (or dads) to bring treats.

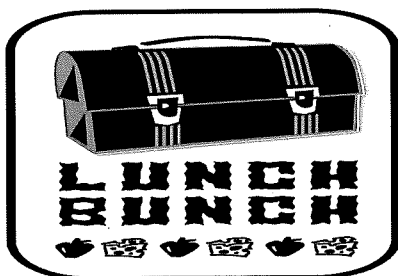
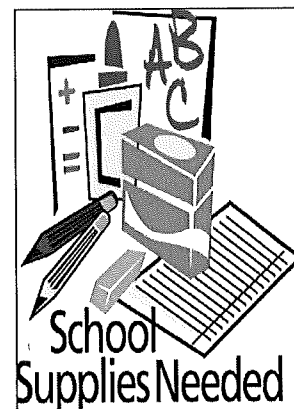
You will be in the class that you will be in this fall. Whether you are or are **NOT** attending this year, or are new to the program, it would be appreciated if you could let the church office know as this makes a difference in the number of materials that we order. (689-2441) or register on line at [vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia](http://vbsmate.com/events/zionarcadia).

**QUILTS:** The 5th-8th Graders will be tying quilts with anticipation of out doing the number from last year. If you have any sheets, lightweight blankets, etc, please bring them to the church as this will help with the project.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If you would be willing to help out with VBS this year, teaching, crafts, snacks, etc please contact the church office.

This year we will also be collecting bars of soap and school supplies for the Ladies Mission Projects.

- 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper;
- 30 centimeter ruler (can have inches on the other side)
- pencil sharpener
- blunt scissors
- unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers;
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 1/2" eraser



A free lunch for all the students (up to age 18) will be offered each day with serving from 11:00-12:00 . This lunch is sponsored by the Free Summer Lunch Program at Ar-We-Va. Adults may purchase a meal as well for a small cost (payable that day)

This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ...



Philippians 1:9

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to the Ar-We-Va class of 2018 who will be graduating on May 20th. We would especially pray that God would continue to shower His grace and blessings upon our fellow members of Zion who will be graduating, they are Dylan Vetter and Andy Leiting and Michael Bair who will graduate from CHS.

Also on May 16<sup>th</sup> baccalaureate service will be held here at Zion starting at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

On Sunday, May 20th we will remember and honor these members of Zion in our worship service and announcing the Violetta M. Anderson and the Zion Memorial Scholarship winners.



## A Word For Graduates

Congratulations to the young members of our congregation who are graduating! No doubt they look forward to the next phase of their lives with excitement, anticipation and perhaps a little apprehension.

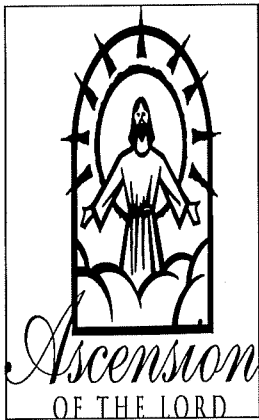
We hope these words, adapted from Phillips Brooks, will serve graduates well as they embark on their journeys:

"Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger person. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers but for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you will be the miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself and the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God."

<sup>21</sup> *My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion;* <sup>22</sup> *they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck* (Proverbs 3:21-22)

<sup>11</sup> *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Jeremiah 29:11



## Ascension Day

Forty days after each Easter, many Christians around the world celebrate the Ascension. It's the day when the resurrected Jesus was raised up from the earth into heaven. The Ascension is the prelude to Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon a gathering of people, including the apostles, in Jerusalem.

The Ascension is more important than many Christians realize. In his human body, Christ could be in only one place at a time. The risen Christ, however, can be spiritually present in any place at any time.

### ***Easter isn't over***

During your preparations for Easter, you may have heard someone say, "All this work and it'll all be over so soon." Sorry, but they're wrong.

Easter as a celebration of the return of spring, the Easter of the Easter Bunny and colored eggs and candy, fancy hats and new spring clothes may be over by Easter Monday, not to come around again until next year.

But the true Easter, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, is never over. Easter is the reminder and the celebration of a continuing fact: Christ, who was raised from death, is alive today, tomorrow and forever. Daily he offers us and the whole world power to begin new life now. Easter isn't over ... ever!



Here are some happenings at Camp Okoboji this summer. They include:

**GIRLS BASKETBALL or VOLLYBALL CAMP:** (4th-8th grade). For more details go to: [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org).

**KIDS KAMP** designed as an entry level camp for kindergarten-2nd graders who are accompanied by a loving parent or care-giver. ([www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org))

**IOWA DISTRICT WEST JUNIOR HIGH WEEK:** ([www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)) for those students who have completed 6th-8th grades.

**YOUTH WEEK:** For students who have completed the 8th-12th grades.

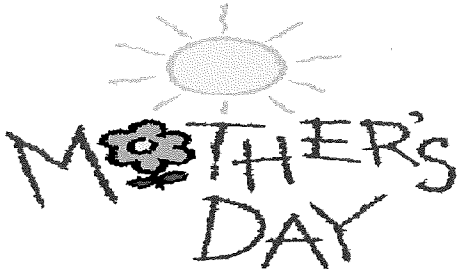
**CUB WEEK:** (the church will pay 1/2 of the registration fee)

There are also several other Camps available. They include: **Family Retreat I ; Family Retreat II** For more information and registration forms, please contact the office or go to the website of camp Okoboji [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org).

## When a house is a home

A house is a home when it is infused with love, when there is acceptance that never wavers, and where there is always food for the mind, for the spirit, for the body and for those in need. Is your abode a house or a home?





### **The Best mother that I LOVE**

When God set the world in place,  
when He hung the stars up in space,  
when He made the land and the sea,  
then He made you and me.

He sat back and saw all that was good,  
He saw things to be as they should.

Just one more blessing He had in store;  
He created a mother, but whatever for?

He knew a mother would have a special place  
to shine His reflection on her child's face.

A mother will walk the extra mile  
just to see her children smile.

She'll work her fingers to the bone  
to make a house into a home.

A mother is there to teach and guide,  
a mother will stay right by your side.

She'll be there through your pain and strife,  
she'll stay constant in your life.

A mother will lend a helping hand  
until you have the strength to stand.

She'll pick you up when you are down,  
when you need a friend she'll stick around.

A mother is one who listens well,  
will keep her word; will never tell.

A mother never pokes or pries  
but stands quietly by your side,  
giving you the strength you need,  
encouraging you to succeed.

A mother is one who can be strong  
when you need someone to lean on.

You're more than a mother to me;  
a reflection of Him in your face I see,  
a love that knows no boundaries.

I'm glad that you chose to be  
all this and more to me.

You share a love that knows no end,  
you're more than my mother,  
you are my friend.

**Susan Jordan**

## **Keys to a successful marriage**

Husbands and wives focus often on God, who holds them together. When two become one in a Christian marriage, they vow to remain one until death parts them. Oneness takes thoughtfulness, constant communication and daily deeds of kindness.

Words are extremely important to sustain a marriage. Words hotly spoken can kill love, while words tenderly spoken can enhance love. Husbands and wives need constant assurance by hearing words of love and by deeds done to show love in action.

### **GOD'S GIFT**

My Mother is a special gift,  
A special gift that God gave to me.  
I'd be lost and lonely without her,  
If God took her away you see.

I love her so very much,  
That I couldn't bear to live without her healing  
touch.

Thank-you God for giving me such a loving  
Mother,

For I wouldn't want to be a part of no other.

By Melanie Reid

## **A mother's prayer**

Dear Lord, thank you for the blessings of my children. Help me rely on you for guidance, patience and even-temperedness throughout my days.

I want my children to love you, worship you and serve you as best they can. Grant me the wisdom to know how to influence them to live godly lives. Prevent me from provoking my children to anger and from manipulating or nagging them.

Fill our household with abiding love and respect, and help us all be united in purpose to do your will. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.



Over the years, Memorial Day has become a big holiday weekend. It's now the unofficial start of summer, rather than a day of tribute to the departed it was originally meant to be.

Even if we plan fun events for Memorial Day weekend, it's important to stop long enough to bow our heads and pay respect to our departed loved ones — especially those who fell in battle while helping preserve America's liberties.

Let us take time to make the pilgrimage to various cemeteries and pause long enough to say, "Thank you, Father, for these special lives, for sacrifices made and for friendships we have shared."

## The price of freedom

In the song "What Did He Die For?" Twila Paris reminds us why we observe Memorial Day — and why we worship Jesus as our Savior. The first verse tells of a 21-year-old soldier fighting for America's freedom during World War II. The second verse recalls another young man, many centuries prior, sent by his Father to win eternal freedom from sin for the entire world.

The chorus offers this challenge:

"What did he die for when he died for you and me,  
Made the sacrifice so that we could all be free?  
I believe we will answer each to heaven  
For the way we spend a priceless liberty.  
Look inside and ask the question, What did he die for?"

Memorial Day challenges us to live so as to honor the sacrifices made by members of the military. We value our freedom because of the heavy price people have paid for it. Likewise, every day we're challenged to live so as to honor Jesus' supreme sacrifice. He calls us to spend our "priceless liberty" using our blessings to bless others.

## How will they know?

A well-known 1960s song by Peter Scholtes answers an implied question: How will others know we're Jesus' disciples? Not by how we understand family values. Not by our politics or theology. Not by how many Bible verses we've memorized, how often we attend church or how much offering we give.

Rather, the song's title and refrain say it all: "They'll know we are Christians by our love." Jesus put it this way: "Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35, NIV).

Sometimes love involves words — teaching, proclaiming, bearing witness to God's presence. But if words aren't backed by actions, they soon fall flat. We can, as

# Memorial DAY



## Education, Youth, and Family Life

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### JOY IN MINISTRY BANQUET

Plans are set for our 2018 Joy in Ministry Banquet. It will be held Sunday, June 3, 2018, 5:30 pm at the Carrollton Inn, 1730 US Hwy 71 North, Carroll, Iowa. This special banquet is for students currently studying for church work and their families, future students and families, prayer and financial partners, professional workers and lay leaders, friends and guests.

Is there an elementary, junior high, or high school student that you would like to encourage to be a fulltime church worker? Invite that person and their family to come to the banquet with you.

Please give prayer and attention to this special event. We have a severe shortage of people studying for fulltime ministry and this event is an intentional effort to expose young people to the joy of serving in fulltime church work.



How can you help?

- Identify someone who would make a great church worker and invite that person and their family to attend the banquet with you.
- Pray for great attendance. (I'm praying for 125 people to attend.)
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will prompt people to consider fulltime church work.
- Get the word out on this event and make copies of and display the flier.
- Consider attending the Joy in Ministry event to support church workers and make a gift to the church work scholarship fund.



# Iowa District West

Banquet at Carrollton Inn

1730 US Hwy 71 North, Carroll, Iowa

Sunday, June 3, 2018

Registration begins at 5:30 pm; Banquet at 6 pm

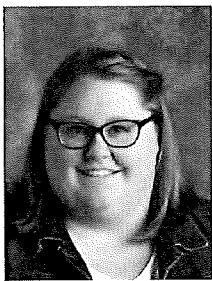
For:

- ♦ Scholarship Recipients and Families
- ♦ Students Interested in Church Work
- ♦ Prayer and Financial Partners
- ♦ Professional Workers
- ♦ Congregational Leaders
- ♦ Friends and Guests

Featuring Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich  
President of Concordia University  
Seward, Nebraska



## Hear about “Joy in Ministry” from our Church Worker Panel



Chelsea Adams  
Teacher



Tiffany Johnson  
Deaconess trained



Rev. Ryan Roehrig  
Pastor



Thomas Wilson  
DCE

There is no charge for the banquet.

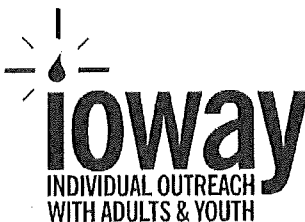
To make reservations contact Sue at the District Office  
(515-576-7666 or [sue@iowadistrictwest.org](mailto:sue@iowadistrictwest.org))  
or go to

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/joy\\_in\\_ministry\\_banquet](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/joy_in_ministry_banquet)



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MISSOURI SYNOD

## Teen Entrepreneurs on a Mission



What a privilege it is to meet and work with people who truly want to help others! It is especially fun to work with and encourage young people as they look for ways to reach out to others. I had that honor, recently, when I met an amazing family, Ann Goth and her two daughters, Kaitlyn and Kristina. It started with a phone call, emails, texts and then a wonderful visit with them at our home as they delivered

the beautiful hygiene kits they made for the homeless. How did Kristina, a high school freshman, get so interested in making hygiene kits? Here's her story:

“Whatever you do for the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me.” Matthew 25:40

In today's world, there aren't a lot of people who live by this verse, but I have been blessed to meet a few who do. I first started sewing when I was in 1st grade and fell in love with the art. I started by making doll clothes and have built up to making quilts. When I was in 5th grade, at 4-H state judging day, I met a judge who wanted to take my sister and me under her wing. She became our mentor and has helped us with many projects, including the IOWAY hygiene kit project.

The kits are simple but for the people who receive them, they are life changing. They are made out of a hand towel with pockets sewn into it. A ribbon is then sewn onto the side to hold it all together when it is rolled up. They are then stuffed full of toiletries such as a washcloth, shampoo, deodorant, a toothbrush, etc. When I first heard about the hygiene kits, I was immediately excited and wanted to make them. I first made one for a friend for her birthday and haven't looked back since.

When I first started making the kits, I knew they would be going to the homeless. My 4-H mentor got the pattern from another lady in her church who had actually given the kits to the homeless in Los Angeles.

I started making as many kits as I could. Over Christmas break, I even set up my own workshop in my home and invited some of my friends to help. I quickly found that it was very expensive to make them. To solve this problem, I decided to make some kits to sell to my friends and other people in my community. They could use them after sporting events or when traveling. I made some with my school colors and took them to the local t-shirt shop and had them embroider our school logo onto them. I sold these for \$20. That price included a kit that was stuffed and tied with a bow and a special tag with the above Bible verse.

There was a \$5-6 profit, enough to purchase more towels to make a kit for the homeless. I learned that if I made the kits, other people with IOWAY would fill them. I advertised this project on Facebook promoting the kit for personal use in addition to helping one homeless person with their purchase. I immediately found people to support me.



Kristina, Ann and Kaitlyn Goth

My mini nonprofit business took off and kept me busy. In my spare time when I wasn't doing homework, I was sewing or going with my mom to the Dollar Store to buy supplies. As more people heard about my project, I received special requests from people from neighboring schools to make kits with names on it or their school logo. In total, I sold 70 kits. Keeping to my 1 to 1 ratio, I also made 70 kits for the homeless for a grand total of 140!

I was excited to learn more about where the kits were going and I couldn't wait to meet my 4-H mentor's friend. We met over supper and she told me stories of delivering the homeless kits. She said one of the main places that IOWAY delivers the kits is a place called Skid Row.

On Skid Row you will find 7,000-8,000 homeless people. The homeless live on the street or in makeshift tents. The living conditions are bad. However, in the midst of all of that suffering, there is still a ray of hope. The Union Rescue Mission is a nonprofit Christian organization that offers shelter to many. They have many programs to help the homeless. They provide 1,500 meals three times a day and never turn anyone away.

Every year IOWAY sends a group of 30 people called the Petal Pushers to Pasadena to help decorate floats for the Rose Bowl Parade. While in California, they spend a day on Skid Row. They serve a meal and distribute socks, hats, suitcases, hygiene kits, underwear, and Christian booklets. They deliver up to 1,500 kits per year to Skid Row and more to other homeless outreaches.

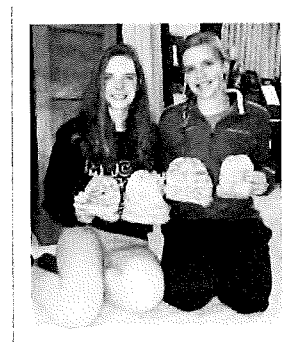
Inspired by the new information, I wanted to learn even more about the program and other programs IOWAY has to offer. My mom contacted the director of IOWAY, Ellie Menz, and set up a time for us to meet her and give her the 70 kits.

I met Ellie and her husband at their home in Jefferson. We were greeted with many smiles and a plate of cookies. The two retired teachers were very welcoming and kind. I enjoyed listening to all of their inspiring stories. They told me more about the trip to Skid Row and even invited me to come along sometime! I also learned more about the many different opportunities that IOWAY has to offer. We left their home inspired to do more.

These people in my life have inspired me to do more for others and to spread God's Word and love through my actions. I encourage each of you to turn away from what the world teaches and turn instead to what Jesus teaches us. Reach out to others because you are also doing it for Him. You will never know the great impact even the smallest actions for others can do.

Kristina Goth

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hats for the homeless

# Camp Okoboji News!

## Look at What's Happening in May and June!

- May 3-5 Spring Volunteer Weekend
- May 6 Omelet Brunch 9:30 AM-1 PM in the Ginny DeWall Dining Hall
- May 9-11 Iowa Emergency Management Conference
- May 11-13 Spring Youth Volunteer Weekend: Contact Lori Gamble if your youth group will attend.
- May 17-20 Spring Men's Retreat: Register online
- May 20-23 Professional Church Workers Continuing Education Workshop
- May 24-28 Veterans Retreat: Register online.
- June 1-3 Kids Kamp
- June 3 Omelet Brunch 9:30 AM-1 PM
- June 4-8 Day Camp 1
- June 7-10 Joy Camp 1
- June 10-16 Girls Sports Camp
- June 10-15 Technology Camp
- June 11-15 Day Camp 2
- June 17-23 Minneboji
- June 18-22 Day Camp 3
- June 24-26 Iowa District West Convention
- June 28-30 Iowa District West LWML Convention
- June 25-29 Day Camp 4

**For Information and to register go to**  
**[www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)**



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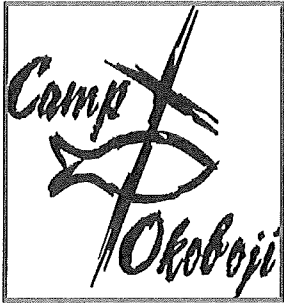
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## Continuing Ed Workshop – Camp Okoboji, May 21–23, 2018



Participants may come in on Sunday evening. Workshop begins following breakfast at 9:00 am

To register for the workshop contact Erika Bennet at [ce@csl.edu](mailto:ce@csl.edu) or by calling her at 314-505-7286  
The cost for the workshop is \$140.00

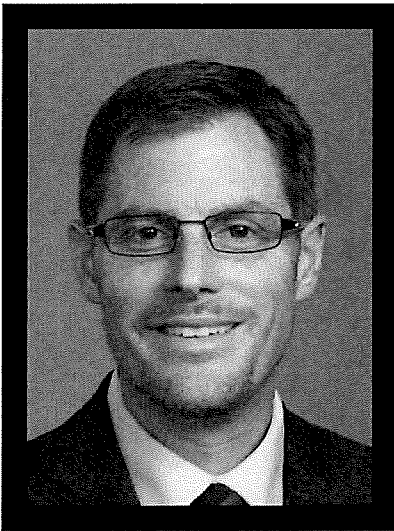
To register for housing at meals at Camp Okoboji go to the website, [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) Click on Attend Camps, Adults, the Continuing education.

Cost for all meals and lodging is: \$200 payable online or at the time of the class. For those in the area you make still pick which meals you would be needing on the registration link.

### TOPIC

#### The Book of Exodus as Story and Gospel

The book of Exodus is foundational to the Bible's redemptive story which finds its climax and fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Its vivid episodes stand as an enduring revelation of the character of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and as rich resources for reflecting on his typical works and ways. Bitter servitude; Moses the mediator and deliverer; burning bush; works of power and judgment; cloud and fire; dry path through the sea; manna and water from the rock; warring Amalekites and welcoming Jethro; meeting with God at Sinai; covenant and commandments; golden calf and near-disaster; and tabernacle with priesthood, altar, and ark. In lecture and discussion, Professor Egger will examine literary/narrative dimensions of Exodus with an emphasis on theological implications and Gospel proclamation.



### PRSENTER

**Reverend Thomas Egger** has served as a professor of Old Testament at Concordia Seminary since 2005. His areas of expertise include biblical Hebrew, the book of Exodus, Old Testament Christ-typology, narrative and rhetorical analysis, and the nature and authority of Scripture. He has made contributions in the area of American Lutheran history, especially the history of the LCMS and its first president, Dr. C.F.W. Walther. He is interested in the theology of Luther's catechisms and the intersection of the catechism and the Bible in Lutheran teaching and piety. He currently serves on the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations and on the Board of Directors for Providence Classical Christian Academy in St. Louis. A native of Muscatine, Iowa, Tom served as pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake, Iowa from 2000 to 2005.

Housing will be in Bethel Retreat Center. Towels and Linens will be provided.

Camp Address: 1531 Edgewood Drive, Milford, IA 51351

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# Camp Okoboji Men's Retreat May 17-20, 2018

## Calling all men!

Full Package deal—\$160, includes lodging on Thursday, Friday, Saturday; Meals on Friday night, Saturday and Sunday breakfast; towels, linens, and program fee.

Friday-Sunday Package—\$135, includes all of the above except the optional Thursday lodging.

What to Expect: Options for indoor target and outdoor target and trap shooting, fishing, archery and golf! Also campfires, fellowship, and spiritual growth! There will also be plenty of time to relax, play lawn games, canoe and other camp activities.

What to Bring (depending on the activities you choose to participate in): Fishing poles/tackle, pistols or rifles, ammunition, golf clubs.

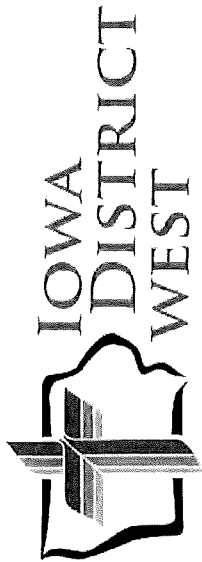
Many of these items can be shared or rented.

For more information and to register, go online [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)



### Our Experts for the Weekend!

Luke Timm: Shooting, Ben Dose: Fishing, Marty Eby: Archery



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

## Planting Together

May 2018

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### On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!



#### *It's Planting Time!*

Drive through the countryside of Iowa this time of year and you will undoubtedly see evidence of farmers busy in the fields. After all, it's planting time! Either they are preparing the fields to receive the seeds or already planting, but whatever they are doing it is in anticipation of the harvest.

Did you know that every day is planting time for you personally and for your congregation? God has you on earth, as Martin Luther reminds us, "to lead other people to believe." And that's not going to happen without the seed of God's Word!

That's why we have worship services and Bible studies, programs and ministries—that people might come to believe and then be prepared to go plant. You see, all those things are fine but oftentimes today people won't come into our churches. We need to also go out to them. That's why God gives us relationships — wonderful opportunities to sow the seed of God's Word and bring eternal life to others!

Let's take our cue from the farmers and get busy planting. Here's what we can do:

- Pray — to the Lord of the harvest that He might guide and bless our efforts, opening our eyes to the opportunities;
- Prepare the "fields" — showing grace to another person can soften their heart and prepare them to hear what we will share;
- Plant — as the opportunities present themselves, share God's Word and let the Holy Spirit work!

I'll be praying for you at 10:02 every morning when my alarm on my phone goes off reminding me of Luke 10:2, "Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers [professional and laity] into His harvest." Why not set your alarm and join me in prayer — but let's not stop there!

Rev. Mark Gerken, Executive Assistant  
[mark@iowadistrictwest.org](mailto:mark@iowadistrictwest.org)

#### **Joy in Ministry Banquet**

Mark your calendar for June 3, 5:30-8:30pm for our 2018 Joy in Ministry Banquet. It will take place at the Carrollton Inn in Carroll. Our 2018 Joy in Ministry Banquet desires to have a recruitment focus. Help the district identify students who should be encouraged to consider full time church work and be invited to attend this special event. Pray with us about this event - pray that young people would respond to the Holy Spirit's prompting to work in our churches and schools. More details will be shared in the coming months.

#### **Church Worker Scholarships**

Iowa District West offers substantial scholarships to students who are going in to fulltime church work or those attending one of our Concordia Universities. Applications for the 2018-2019 scholarship are located on our Iowa District West website under the tab "resources" — "forms and links." Applications are due by June 1. Rev. Tom Schlund, Senior Pastor at Trinity, Algona, is our Director of Student Financial Aid.

#### **Senior and Junior High Youth Gatherings**

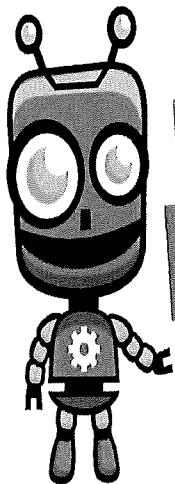
Save the dates for our Iowa District West Senior and Junior Youth Gatherings. It's not too early to begin making plans to attend. The Junior Youth Gathering will take place October 27-28 at the Sheraton in West Des Moines. Our theme is DELIVERED with the focus being on Baptism. Rev. Ben Johnson from Gloria Dei will be our main speaker, Swen and Dean will once again be our entertainment, and the inflatables will be back! The Senior Youth Gathering will take place November 9-11 at the Embassy Suites downtown in Des Moines. Our theme is Whatever! Based on Philippians 4:8-9. Tanner Olson, DCE from Austin, Texas will be our speaker. Encourage your youth to attend. The gathering teams welcome your prayers as they work to organize meaningful events for the young people of Iowa District West. If you have questions, contact Rhonda Mohr (515-576-7666 or [rhonda@iowadistrictwest.org](mailto:rhonda@iowadistrictwest.org)).

#### **Calendar of Events**

May 17...District Board of Directors, Mission Central, Mapleton  
May 21...Pastors Golf Day, Ida Grove  
May 28...Memorial Day, District Office Closed

For more information on Iowa District West activities,  
view *The Messenger* at [www.idwlcms.org/publications.php](http://www.idwlcms.org/publications.php)





**LEARN.  
CREATE.  
BUILD.**  
ACADEMY

### **Technology Camp! — June 10-15**

This camp is for students ages 6-12. Campers may attend as overnight campers or as day campers if they are in the area. To register go to [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org).

Campers will learn, create and build their own video game, learn to program and fly drones, have Bible study, music, swim, canoe and participate in other camp activities. There will be evening campfire devotions for the overnight campers!

**REGISTER TODAY**

[www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)

Camp Okoboji is still looking for **SUMMER STAFF** to serve in the following areas: Kitchen, House-keeping, Lifeguards, and Program Staff. Please go to [www.nloma.org](http://www.nloma.org) to apply.

Volunteer counselors are needed for Cub Week, Jr. High Week, and Youth Week. To register for these positions go to [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org), click on attend camp, pick the week you wish to serve and register as a counselor. If you have questions contact Noel by calling the Camp Okoboji office at 712-337-3325.

There are still cabins available for early and late summer. Also year round facilities have openings in the fall and winter as well. Contact the Camp Okoboji office at 712-337-3325 or check [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) under facilities.

### **Highlights from the 2018 Camp Okoboji Annual Meeting**

To change the operational name of Camp Okoboji to Camp Okoboji Lutheran Association doing business as Camp Okoboji.

They also changed the board structure from 18 members to 9 members consisting of 3 Ordained Ministers of Religion, 1 Commissioned Minister of Religion, and 5 lay persons.

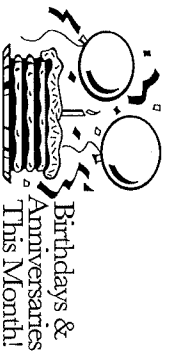
The newly elected Board Members are: Reverend Robert Zellmer, Reverend Benjamin Dose, Reverend David Lyons, DCE Rhonda Mohr, Joy Brown, Kenneth Bishop, Scott Ebel, Tom Chapman, and Marc Lansink.

Kirk Warnke was installed as the new Executive Director.

Doug Kading was named the 2018 Friend of Camp!

# May Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Annalee Wittrock</i>	2 <i>Claire Lenz Dee Luetje Joel Mumm Kelly Riesberg</i>	3 <i>Katie Riesberg</i>	4	5 <i>Lori Grundmeier Michael &amp; Ashley Eggers</i>
6 <i>Rob &amp; Julie Klink</i>	7 <i>Beth Hansman</i>	8 <i>Shelby Dirks</i>	9	10	11 <i>Jenny Kuhl Jeff Meyer</i>	12 <i>Terry Strathman</i>
13 <i>Marissa Schrad</i>	14 <i>Merlin Brockman Mark Rickers Michelle Schurke</i>	15	16	17 <i>Jerry Thiedeman</i>	18	19 <i>John Vetter</i>
20	21 <i>Brian Kraus</i>	22	23 <i>Linda Mumm</i>	24	25 <i>Jeff &amp; Cathy Meyer</i>	26 <i>Jacob Hanson Jackie Petersen</i>
27 <i>Caity Kraus</i>	28 <i>Emmett Neumann Rich &amp; Janet Rose</i>	29 <i>Pastor &amp; Rebecca Dose</i>	30	31 <i>Ron Cornelius Nick &amp; Jessica Gallagher</i>		



# MAY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Evening Circle	3 1:30 Ladies Aid	4	5
6 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC 11:00 Church Council	7	8	9 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Choir Practice	10	11	12
13 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW	14	15	16 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Baccalaureate	17	18	19
20 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	21 1:00 Sewing Circle	22	23 9:30 Bible Study	24	25	26
27 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 DW/HC	28	29	30	31		

## USHERS

Dale Wittrock  
Kurt Branning  
Greg Gronau  
Kelly Riesberg  
John Vetter

Gary Lenz  
Kyle Lenz  
Keith Petersen  
Doug Gronau  
Jacob Wittrock

## PARISH CIRCLE

Pat Branning & Karen Grundmeier

## CHANCEL CIRCLE

Sandy Hunter & Cindy Brockman

## ACOLYTES:

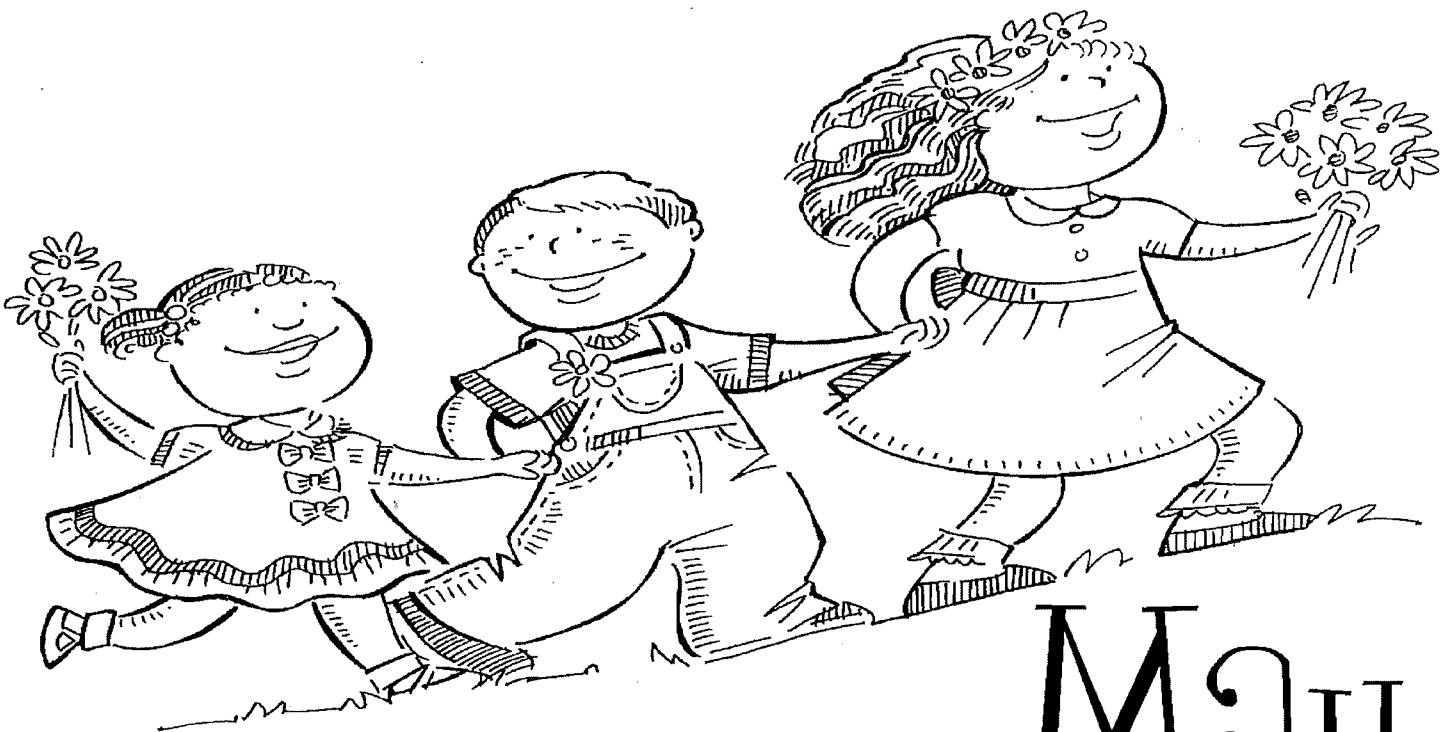
6<sup>th</sup>. Jonathan Dose & Jaxx Luejfe  
13<sup>th</sup>. Will Ragaller & Wyatt Ragaller  
20<sup>th</sup>. Elizabeth Brunner & Lydia Dose  
27<sup>th</sup>. Kyelar Cleveland & Cody Bair

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FRIENDS WHO CARE

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



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