



ZION PROCLAIMER

"Dose of Wisdom"

August 2018

This month I'd like to share with everyone something I have shared before. It is why and how we do catechesis here at Zion. Catechesis is something Jesus modeled and demonstrated for us with His disciples. It is something we do here as well. Catechesis is lifelong learning and doing. It is more than 4 years long in preparation for the reception of the Lord's Supper. It is something that is lifelong from Holy Baptism until Eternal Glory.

Foreword to The Lutheran Catechesis Series

A Change of Thinking About the Task of Catechesis

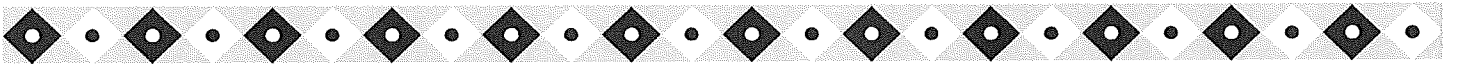
The Lutheran Catechesis Series represents a paradigm shift for most Lutheran pastors and congregations in their understanding of what catechesis is, how it is done, and the role of the Small Catechism. For most, catechesis is "confirmation class." It is primarily academic in nature, the goal being to impart a certain body of religious knowledge that is to be mastered before admission to the Lord's Supper. It often involves workbooks, quizzes, and tests, like any other academic course of instruction. While such "academic tools" might be utilized in some of the tasks of catechesis, the main goal of catechesis is the creation and sustaining of faith in Christ, and how that faith expresses itself in the Christian life.

Christians are disciples of Jesus—catechumens—for life, not just for a few years of confirmation instruction. Christians learn from His Word continuously as they sit together at the feet of Jesus' feet in the Christian congregation and in the Christian home. From His Word they learn to believe that they are sinners, they learn repentance, they learn to confess their sins, they learn to trust in Him for the forgiveness of sins, they learn to call on Him in prayer, they learn to confess their faith before the world, they learn to confess their sins to one another, they learn to forgive one another as Christ has forgiven them, and they learn to live faithfully in their vocation as hearers of the Word, husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, citizens of the land, and workers of every kind. The life of faith all flows from the Word of God that is received and believed. Faith in Christ lives from the preaching of the Gospel and the reception of Christ's sacraments (the Divine Service) and this faith expresses itself in the Christian's life of prayer, confessing the faith before the world, confession, and faithfulness in one's vocation (Table of Duties).

Catechesis, therefore, involves much more than an "academic endeavor"; it involves doing those things that Christians will continue to do for the rest of their lives. It involves establishing "a culture of hearing the Word of God and prayer" in both the congregation and home. How does a Christian, whose faith is in Christ for the forgiveness of sins, listen to God's Word, receive the Sacrament of the Altar, pray, confess, forgive, and live in his or her vocation? These are the questions of catechesis. When catechesis is approached purely as an "academic endeavor" there is often little connection to the Divine Service, and the Small Catechism becomes only a textbook, rather than a prayer book and handbook for the Christian faith and life. But when a "culture of prayer" is established in which the catechism can be learned by heart as one actually meditates upon the text of the catechism, it can begin to shape the way we think. It can also teach us how to listen to God's Word correctly, what to expect from Him in the Sacraments, how to receive the Sacraments for our blessing, how to pray and confess the faith, and how to live in our vocations. This is how the catechism functions as a handbook and prayer book for the Christian faith and life. Rev. Peter Bender (pg. xi, Lutheran Catechesis Series, Sussex, WI, 2011.)

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dose



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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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L.W.M.L. NEWS

The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, August 2nd at 9 am. Hostess will be Audrey Petersen 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:

B I N G O				
15	28	37	51	73
8	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	68
7	22	34	48	72

BINGO
 Hawkeye Care Center
 August 1, 2016

On Monday, August 6th the following Ladies Aid and Evening Circle members are to assist and furnish 10 prizes for **BINGO** at the Hawkeye Care Center. This event begins at 2 pm so plan to arrive around 1:45 pm. Those participating are: Donna Rickers, Darleen Linde, Diane Witt, Sandy Hunter, Betty Nobiling, and Deb Owen & school kids **(NO HOMEMADE ITEMS)**



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.

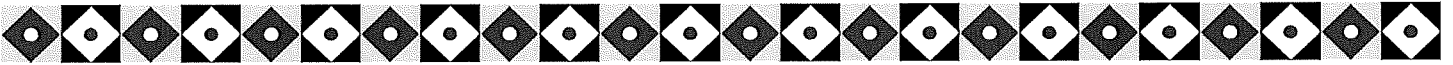
- 70 count notebooks (wide or college ruled)
- 30 centimeter ruler (can have inches on other side)
- Pencil sharpener
- Blunt scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel)
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 1/2” eraser.



This reminder goes out endlessly, but sewing circle is **ALWAYS** in need of sheets, lightweight blankets, and **NEW** material for making quilt tops, middles and backs. A small group of ladies are the core of this worthwhile project. Quilt tops/backs are made at home and the quilts are tied at church. The VBS will be using this project again, and it anticipated that this year’s group will assemble 40 or more quilts. This means that at least 120 tops, insides and backs are needed!!! The large pieces of material (especially sheets) speed up

the job!

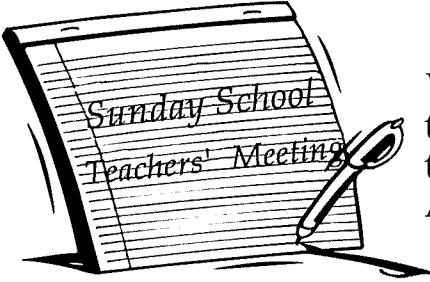
Also needed are white sheets to make bandages for 3rd World Countries.



**Sunday School begins on
September 9th, 2018
9:00 am**

MEETING

MIDWEEK CLASSES: Our Midweek Classes will be starting on **Wednesday, September 5th** at 2:30 pm . There will be a meeting for all 5th-8th grade parents on Wednesday, August 29th at 7 pm. We will be going over the Midweek guidelines for the year. There will also be sign up sheets for Snack List



We are looking for Sunday School teachers /helpers/ subs for this up coming year. If you would be willing to help, please contact the church office. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, August 29th at 6 pm.

Church Council

The August Church Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 12th following our 9 am worship service

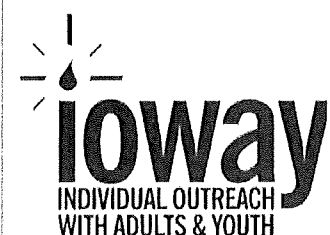
Jr. High Youth Gathering



The Jr. High Youth Gathering will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 & 28th, 2018 This year's theme is "Delivered" The cost is \$150 per person. The church does cover 1/2 of the cost (\$75) Registration materials are available on line at iowadistrictwest.org The office also has hard copies available and will be given to the students at the Midweek Meeting on Wednesday, August 29th Deadline for registration is September 17th

October 27-28, 2018

Contact the office if you have any questions.



God's People Respond

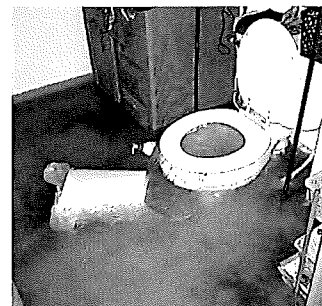
We, as God's people, see many ways we can help and serve others. At times, we see the opportunities but ignore them thinking someone else will do it. What if you are the "someone else" who God wants to extend a helping hand? How do you reply? Many in Iowa District West have said, "Yes, Lord, I can help!"

Help was recently needed because of the torrential rains and storms in Iowa. On June 25, I received a call about the 80 mph wind in Greenfield which had destroyed many trees. After assessing the need for a LERT trailer and volunteers, I sent out the call. Ron Eichhorst, Clarinda, hooked up the LERT trailer and headed to Greenfield. Nineteen volunteers grabbed their gloves, bottles of water, chainsaws, rakes and went to work. Volunteers came from Clarinda, Corning, Creston, Osceola and Greenfield to lend a helping hand. It was a two-day project.



Pastor Keith Schweitzer, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Greenfield, expressed his and the community's gratitude for the help they received.

Then the rains hit Iowa. Des Moines was hit hard on June 30. Pastor Bill and Angela Weiss, Trinity Lutheran Church in Des Moines, had an experience they will not forget. Pastor Weiss shares, "There was something like ten inches of rain in an hour or two. Because of this, the city sewer system could not handle the normal water flow and sewage backwater literally came gushing out of our basement toilet. We eventually had 2 ½ feet of sewage backwater in the basement. All of the appliances were lost (washer, dryer, freezer and refrigerator) as well as the furnace and water heater. In addition, anything that was not at least three feet off the floor is a total loss.



"As it stands, we have no A/C outside of a small window air conditioner we just purchased which is doing its best to cool the whole upstairs. In addition, we do not have hot water as the water heater is defunct. My daughter's bedroom is in the basement so she lost many personal items. As you can imagine, HVAC and plumbers are in high demand, so it will be 1 ½ to 2 weeks before water heater and furnace are installed."

Again, God's people responded to the call to help the Weiss family. I contacted many people and the response was good. People removed items from the basement and ripped out all the sheetrock and insulation up to four feet.

God's people are also responding to the needs of the homeless through items made and collected.

Mary Reed, Boone, made 5,000 Jesus bracelets in the past five months! Plans are to distribute 3,000 at the Iowa State Fair Lutheran Hour Ministries booth.

Frank Morgan, Farnhamville, has made 250 knit hats in the past four months!

Betty Nobiling, Westside, has made 160 knit hats in the past several months.

The LWML women did another amazing job of collecting items for the homeless. As I shared at convention, "The women are the product suppliers and I am the distribution center!" Pictured in the pile of goodies for the homeless are over 400 bras, underwear for men, over 1,000 tubes of toothpaste, over 1,000 deodorants and 3,000 washcloths. THANK YOU to all who serve others!



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THE HECKMANN FAMILY VISITS MISSION CENTRAL

This story began 24 years ago! Old Missionary Gary had just started making calls in his first year, and he called Rev. John M. Heckmann who was the pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Kramer, Nebraska; but they had a Crete, Nebraska address. Yes, Rev. Heckmann was the pastor of this wonderful rural church located in the hills of Nebraska. When Old Missionary Gary met him for the first time, he could see that this pastor was truly NOT NORMAL! Even though this Missionary Gary was a layman, with no education, this NOT NORMAL pastor was willing to let this guy come and speak to the members of St. John. That was the beginning of this story.

It has been a blessing to know the members of this wonderful congregation. On June 17, I had the honor and privilege of speaking at St. John's congregation again with the Honorable Missionary Pastor Maynard Toensing, who serves this special group of sheep! The years have passed, but our friendship remains with this special NOT NORMAL congregation that just recently visited Mission Central with their loving and caring pastor.

Well, what do you know? On Friday June 22, I received an e-mail from Rev. John M. Heckmann and his family that they were in the area and wanted to see Mission Central. They currently are serving the Lord's congregation at St. Paul Lutheran Church in The Grove, Texas. What a blessing to have them come and visit this MIRACLE PLACE! Rev. Heckman's son, Michael, is a pastor serving a congregation in Texas also. When old Missionary Gary visited them the first time, Michael was just a little boy and the girls were so small. What a blessing to welcome Rev. John Heckman, his dear wife, and their two daughters!

We had a brief tour and were able to pray together in our little wayside prayer chapel. We just had to take a picture of this special NOT NORMAL family in front of our Boss here at the Lord's Mission Central. It was such a blessing and encouragement. This is why we can go day after day for Jesus...because HE sends us special friends. What a blessing!



LAKEFIELD, MINNESOTA VISITORS COME TO MISSION CENTRAL

Many years ago, Old Missionary Gary met Dale and Mary Hedstrom when they were serving as missionaries for the LCMS in Bangkok, Thailand. Dale came back to the United States and went to the seminary and became a pastor for Jesus. Pastor Hedstrom, his dear wife Mary, and their children have been like family to us here at Mission Central.

On June 19, 2018, Rev. Hedstrom and his youth and adult members of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Lakefield, Minnesota came to visit us at Mission Central and spent an entire afternoon. What a JOY to have them come and see the offices, the Creation Theater and the Barn Museum! The added blessing was the fact that they had the honor of seeing the Vanderhyde Family who are on their way to Sri Lanka.



Pictured is this group of NOT NORMAL people from Minnesota at the Mission Central sign and in the Creation Theater.



**WHEN THE CALL COMES, OUR
LORD SENDS HELP!**

At Mission Central we get to see MIRACLES on a regular basis, and so few realize the Lord's hand of blessing on this remote location in the middle of nowhere!

Yes, few realize the HUGE IMPACT of how the Lord has called 102 volunteers who have been willing to come and help with the work at this MIRACLE PLACE!

It was one of those days when the Lord poured out His blessing with 150 gifts that came in the mail for HIS work! Our secretary Pam Kovarna realized that she needed extra help and her call went out to our faithful volunteers to come and help record these gifts of love! ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT, the Lord called Judy Seaman from Sioux City, Zola Kafton from Mapleton, and Linda McWilliams from Pisgah to come immediately to help!

These NOT NORMAL volunteer secretaries dropped everything and came immediately. We were able to get ALL these amazing gifts processed in one day!

These dear helpers are pictured in the office at Mission Central (left to right: Judy, Pam, Linda and Zola). What a JOY to see how the Lord sends HIS people at "just the right time."



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News from Camp Okoboji

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August and September Events

August 5	Omelet Brunch
August 5-10	Family Retreat 2
August 10-12	Hispanic Family Retreat
August 24-26	Adult Retreat
September 2	Omelet Brunch
September 18	Brian Young's Creation Museum on Wheels
September 19-21	IDW Lutheran Schools Outdoor Education Retreat



Kansas Speedway Bus Trip!

October 20-21, 2018! Discounted signup by August 24, 2018!

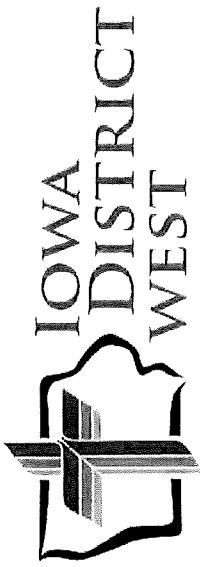
Price \$225 (\$300 after August 24) and includes: Bus transportation, hotel accommodations, pre-race pass, and the race itself.

All meals are on your own.

Extra bonus— for an EXTRA \$50 you can participate in the Garage Tour prior to the RACE. We need 20 people to get this opportunity!

Thank You!

We couldn't do our summer programs without the help of many volunteers! We thank all the volunteer program leaders and counselors for being here this summer!



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

Planting Together

August 2018

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On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!

Little Children Really "Get It"!



The more I travel and the more I see and the older I get the more I understand the words of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 18:3: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven!" The older I get, the more simple this becomes in life. A child-like faith is such a blessing. That's what Jesus was talking about to His followers.

Recently, when presenting a children's message, I told the large group of children, "We have to send missionaries out into ALL the world to tell people about Jesus, because that's what Jesus told us to do in this life! But, where does Jesus live?" Things got very quiet, and some of the little children looked at one another. Finally, a 4 year old boy with blonde hair slowly raised his hand and I said again, "Where does Jesus live?" With a twinkle in his eye, that little boy took his thumb and pointed to his heart and said, "In my heart!" Now, adults might say "in heaven," but not that little 4 year old boy! It's a "child-like faith that saves." One doesn't have to have all the theological and exegetical answers to be saved. The words of that children's song ring so clear and loud, "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so!" It's simple...the words of the Apostle Paul to the Jailer at Philippi when he asked, "What must I do to be saved?" "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved...." Children know that! When was the last time you told someone that simple message?

Gary Thies, Mission Development Counselor
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High School Youth Needed!

The IDW Youth Services Committee is seeking four youth entering 9th-11th grades for the 2018/19 school year to be involved and offer their voices in our district's youth ministry happenings. Information of what the Youth Services Committee is and does, expectations for youth involvement, future scholarships for service, and an application form with instructions can be found at

<http://www.idwlcms.org/gotodownloadfile.php?file=1205>.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jon Riggert, Youth Services Chairman, at pastorriggert@trinitycherokee.org or 712-225-4332.

Musicians Needed

Since 2013, the Military Tribute Concert has provided a free concert to the public on the Anne & Bill Riley stage during "Veterans Day" at the Iowa State Fair. The 2018 concert will be on **Monday, August 13 at 4:30 pm**. An adult choir, adult orchestra, and children's choir are being assembled. You are invited to participate with approximately 150 others to honor all who have served in the U.S. military through music, fellowship, and recognition. For more information and to register, please visit www.militarytributeconcert.org.

Junior High Youth Gathering

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!

Senior High Youth Gatherings

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.

Calendar of Events

August 3...Early Childhood/Preschool Conference, Urbandale
August 6...District Board of Directors, District Office
August 10-12...IOWAY Mission Trip, Omaha
August 13...Philippians Workshop, Our Savior-Denison
August 14...Philippians Workshop, Trinity-Algona
August 20...Financial Stewardship Workshop, Zion-Atlantic
August 21...Financial Stewardship Workshop, Beautiful Savior-Polk City

For more information on Iowa District West activities, view *The Messenger* at www.idwlcms.org/publications.php

Education, Youth, and Family Life

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Junior High Youth Gathering October 27-28, 2018



Registration Materials Coming Soon

Presenter – Pastor Ben Johnson

Listen to a message from Pastor Ben here <https://youtu.be/DNn6ZCZKpcs>

MC – Tim Kightlinger



Musical Entertainment – Swen and Dean

Inflatables and Games return to Variety Time

Inspiring Sectionals

Noah's Flood and Baptism – What is the connection?

What does Noah's flood and our baptism have to do with each other? 1 Peter 3:21 tells us that they have much in common. In this sectional, through the retelling of Noah's story and a number of simple, fun activities, we will discover the importance, comfort and meaning to be found in our own baptism!

Delivered to Socialize

What does #nofilter look like with God? What would happen if God liked your post? Social media, like Instagram, is a representation of you. What does your feed say about you? In this sectional we will talk about how we can use our social media to glorify God and represent the Kingdom!

Meals from the Heartland

As "Delivered" children of God we are empowered to show Jesus' love to others. We do that in word and in works. You have been given the opportunity to share Jesus with countless people by assembling meals that will be given to those in need.

Trivia Game

How much do you know about baptism? How many stories about water can you remember from God's Word? Test your knowledge and have some fun at our trivia game.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Dmon Ehlers Doug & Mandy Heithoff Kyle & Brooke Lenz	3 Jon Branning Cindy Nelson Bonnie Schmitz	4 Gary Erps Jamie & Staci Spittler
5 <i>Mark Hoffman</i>	6 <i>Shelli Lenz</i>	7	8	9 <i>Doug Ehlers</i>	10 <i>Val Vetter</i>	11 <i>Colton Neumann</i>
12 <i>Brooke Lenz</i>	13 <i>Barb Tapscott- Musfeldt Gene & Cam Thiedeman</i>	14 <i>Jazmyn Vetter</i>	15 <i>Seth Nelson Derek Schurke Gene & Phyllis Kuhl (64 yrs)</i>	16	17 <i>Blake Bender Diane Schurke Kim & Cindy Brockman Eric & Trama Vetter</i>	18
19 <i>Trevor McNelly</i>	20	21 <i>Vinson Bruhn Alyssa Liechti</i>	22 <i>Pastor Dose Joy Luefje Gary & Mary Erps</i>	23 <i>Makayla Hinners</i>	24 <i>Henry Segebart Merle & Diane Witt (48 yrs)</i>	25 <i>Staci Spittler Dale Witrock</i>
26. <i>Tatyana Guy</i>	27 <i>Kurt Grundmeier Deb Kraus</i>	28	29 <i>Don Nobling Doug & Judy Gronau (49 yrs)</i>	30 <i>Casey Bruch Sammi Hinners</i>	31 <i>Olivia Mumm</i>	

August 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:30 Bible Class	2 9:00 Ladies Aid	3	4 6:00 DW/HC
5 9:00 DW/HC	6 2:00 BINGO @ Accura Health	7	8 9:30 Bible Class	9	10	11
12 9:00 DW 10:00 Council Meeting	13	14	15 9:30 Bible Class	16	17	18
19 9:00 DW/HC	20 1:00 Sewing Circle	21	22 9:30 Bible Class	23	24	25
26 9:00 DW	27	28	29 9:30 Bible Class 6:00 Sunday School Teachers meet 7:00 Midweek Class Information Meeting	30	31	1 6:00 DW/HC

USHERS

Doug Schuette
Dan Wittrock
Jeremy Ehlers
Derrick Cornelius
Tyler Ehlers

Ron Cornelius
Doug Ehlers
Paul Ehlers
Merle Witt
Jarod Greene

PARISH CIRCLE

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CHANCEL CIRCLE

Darleen Linde & Phyllis Kuhl

LWML LADIES FOR BINGO

@ Accura Health
Donna Rickers, Sandy Hunter,
Diane Witt, Betty Nobiling
Darleen Linde, Deb Owen (kids)

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE with Holy Communion

August 4 at 6 pm

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Friends Who Care

Divine Worship 9:00 am

September 2, 2018

10 am Divine Worship

