

ZION PROCLAIMER

"Dose of Wisdom"

July 2018

The Cost of Freedom

While on the MTV Music Awards, Hollywood Actor Chris Pratt was recognized for the Generation Award, an award recognizing him as an influential person of this generation. He gave nine life lessons in his acceptance speech. I am not going to focus on all of them, but he did mention one that I'd like to spend some time on. It was Lesson 9; *"And finally, No. 9, nobody is perfect. Nobody. None of us, not you. People are gonna tell you you're perfect just the way you are, you're not! You are imperfect, you always will be, but there is a powerful force that designed you that way. And it loves you, it accepts you for exactly who you are," Pratt said. "It forgives you for your flaws, no matter what they are, and if you're willing to accept that, you will have grace. And grace is a gift. And like the freedom that we enjoy in this country, that grace was paid for with somebody else's blood,"*

Chris Pratt is a Christian actor in Hollywood. He is not a pastor, but he took the time to witness Jesus Christ at the MTV Music Awards. This took some courage to stand in front of the live audience as well as those on TV watching worldwide. Now he didn't come out and specifically speak the name of Jesus, but this was a good speech nonetheless witnessing the forgiveness of sins and Jesus who shed his blood for this forgiveness.

During this month of July think of the freedoms we have in this country. Think of the sacrifices made for this freedom we enjoy. Know that as Christ shed his blood for the freedom we have in Him, so also think of those brave young men and women who gave their lives so we can have the freedom to worship and speak Christ to others in the world we live in today. Rejoice in the forgiveness of sins and the freedom we have to share this forgiveness with others.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Dose

L.W.M.L.

LADIES AID: The Ladies Aid will be having their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 5th at 9 am. Hostess will be Betty Nobiling

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

MARTHA CIRCLE:

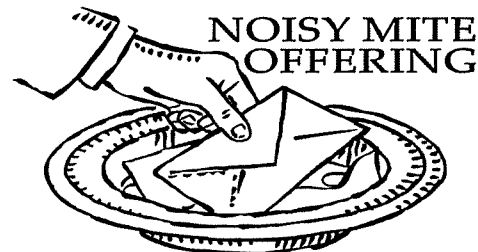
Betty Nobiling & Betty Klink

CHANCEL CIRCLE:

LaJean Shiney & Diane Witt

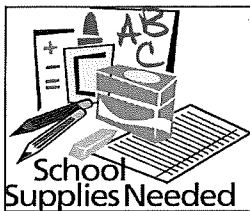
PARISH CIRCLE:

Marilyn Mumm & Donna Rickers



July 15, 2018

On Sunday, July 15th, the Evening Circle will be having their Quarterly “Noisy Mite” offering. Proceeds from the offering will be donated to the St. Anthony Stork’s Nest and HOPES program.



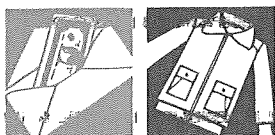
SCHOOL KITS ..

- 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.

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.



The LWML Ladies would like to thank everyone who donated items to take to the convention. Our totals are as follows:



HOPE MINISTRIES

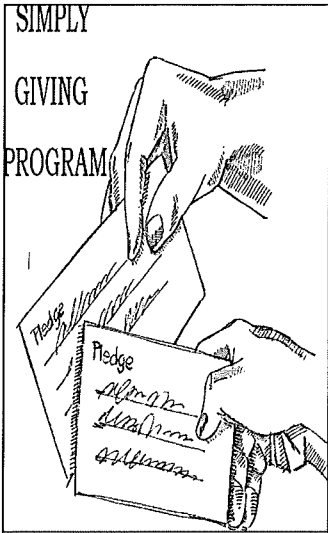
- 138 new washcloths
- 15 men’s travel sized deodorant
- 85 travel size toothpaste

THANKS FOR DONATING!

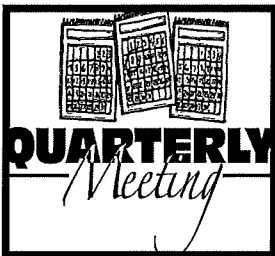
ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

- 28 pair boys underwear
- 49 pair girls underwear
- 16 pair women’s underwear
- 20 pair men’s underwear
- 42 pair men’s socks
- 79 pair children’s socks

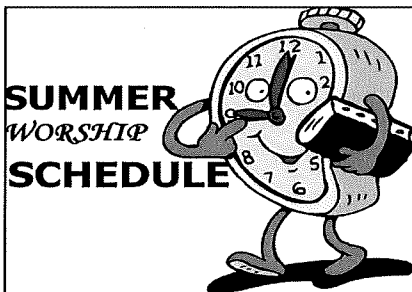




In the busy times we are currently in, handling the finances of our congregation is requiring more and more work. In an effort to save our financial people time we ask that you consider an old idea, that of the Simply Giving Program. To refresh your memory, Simply Giving is a program where once a week, 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. For each person our Financial Secretary has to handle 52 envelopes and bookkeeping entries per year, and when you multiply that by approximately 275 envelope numbers, that is a significant amount of work that could be avoided by using the Simply Giving Program. 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



The Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 15th following our morning worship service



Our Summer Worship Schedule will begin on Sunday, July 1st at 9 am each Sunday through August 26th We will resume Fall Schedule on September 2nd There will be NO Sunday School Classes during the months of June, July & August. There will be Saturday services this year on July 7th, August 4th and September 1st Time will be 6 pm.

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Matthew McNelly Mark & Diane Schurke Denny & Dianne Vetter	2 Ashley Eggers	3 Scott Linde	4 Corey Erps	5 Dawn Luejfe Gary & Jane Vetter	6 Tyler Ehlers	7 Andrea Gronau Betty Klink Fred & Rodonna Neumann
8 Devon Ehlers Carolyn Sander	9 Colton Heithoff Steve Koch Tiffany Wiese Joel & Clarae Mumm	10 Nolan Schmitz	11 Connie Bradshaw	12 Jane Petersen Darin & Donna Schurke	13 Sophia Koch Dianne Vetter	14
15 Zelda Anderson	16 Chase Eggers Ellie Eggers Dan Witrock	17	18 Gene Kuhl Jay Luejfe Randy Stoelk Rick Vetter	19	20 Brad Maassen	21
22 Steve Leiting	23	24 Kathy Kraus	25 Emily Bruln Mark & Donna Rickers	26	27 Lane Kraus Denny Vetter	28 Wanda Erps Dawn Melton Nick & Krista Koch
29 Doug Gronau	30 Lola Ehlers	31				

Splash Mountain

"Splash Mountain" (CPH) was the theme of the 2018 Vacation Bible School at Zion Lutheran Church in Arcadia. The goals for the annual program are to fulfill the reaching, teaching and discipling mission; to involve members to grow as Christians; to provide Christian education for our church's children; and to encourage children to bring their friends to learn about Jesus. It was held Tuesday to Saturday June 5-9 2018 with the closing program at 12:30 on Saturday afternoon.. Students who are four years old (preschool) by the first day of VBS through the eighth grade were enrolled. A total of 125 youngsters were involved throughout the week. The Bible theme for the week was "

"For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him"

2 Corinthians 1:20

The sessions ran from 8:30 to 11:30 each day with opening and closing devotions in the church led by Pastor Ben Dose and music instruction by Tammi Brunner.

"Our offering collected this year went towards our mission project of "Sharing God's Mighty Word"

We will be sending books to kids. Sharing God's Mighty Word is an outreach project that sends Bible based story books to kids around the US. The project focuses on reaching inner city kids, Hispanic kids, Native American kids and kids in crisis.

By getting our students involved in this project, we are teaching them and the kids they help serve that God values all people regardless of race, ethnicity, or social status We are teaching that God reaches out especially to those who are suffering, that He doesn't forget them, that He loves them. And we are teaching that they can be missionaries in their own communities.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
(Proverbs 22:6)*

Deb Owen assisted with the secretarial needs and newly confirmed teens, other church members and their friends assisted in all areas of need. Scott Linde and Allan Kock made the woodworking projects.

Stacie Muhlbauer provided the craft project ideas. The 5th-8th graders also did an outstanding job of tying 47 quilts this year. Since 1993, VBS students have tied over **828 quilts**. The ladies prepare all the materials for the quilts and the students tie them using the two frames that keep all the helpers hopping. There are **many, many** helpers who volunteer each day both with the crafts and the snacks.

It is truly appreciated how everyone comes forth each year for the week of Vacation Bible School. Thanks again to Lila Thiedeman for the fresh bread on Tuesday and Curtis Ehlers for the donuts on Wednesday. Parents assisted with Rice Krispie Bars and cookies for Thursday through Saturday. It is a fun week and hopefully, memories are created that will last a lifetime.

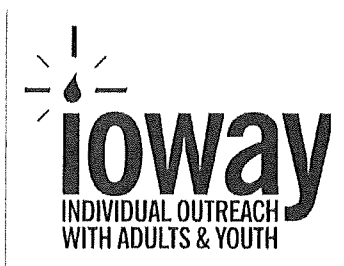
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2Corinthians 1:20

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IOWAY Outreach Opportunities



Many opportunities for serving others are available through the IOWAY outreaches. Please share with VBS, SS, youth, men's and women's groups, outreach and mission committees. Contact me for additional information.

515-370-1159 or ellie@iowadistrictwest.org

- Sponsorship for a child in Haiti
- Backpacks and school supplies for children in Lewisburg, West Virginia
- Socks, undies and sweat pants for Moulton School students
- Blankets for TPP (The Preemie Project) at University of Iowa Women's Clinic
- Outreach to homeless veterans in the Ames, Iowa area
- Towel kits, health items, and underwear for homeless



1. \$250 will provide the opportunity for a child in Haiti to go to school for a year plus receive school supplies, a school uniform, and a daily meal. Call and schedule an informative presentation on mission work being done in Haiti through IOWAY.
2. Backpacks (new) and school supplies: IOWAY is reaching out to help Christ Our Savior of the Valley Lutheran Church in Lewisburg, West Virginia. It is one of only four LCMS churches in the state of West Virginia.
3. New undies, socks and sweatpants for refugee and immigrant students in grades K-5 at Moulton Elementary School in Des Moines, Iowa. Thirty-one languages are spoken at Moulton.
4. 'Miscarriage blankets' for parents who suffer the loss of a pregnancy. www.thepreemieproject.com
5. Underwear, quilts, hygiene items, washcloths and towels for the homeless in Omaha Nebraska, Des Moines, Iowa, Fort Dodge, Iowa, Los Angeles California and for Vietnam vets in the Ames, Iowa area.
6. Gift cards and checks are welcome for any of the above listed outreaches. (Saves postage.) Make checks payable to IOWAY and indicate health items, underwear or school supplies and to which area that is being served.
7. Check out <http://idwlcms.org/ioway.php> for additional outreaches:
 - Pillowcase dresses, shorts and diapers for children in Haiti
 - Bibs for children in a homeless shelter
 - Witness bracelets and children's coloring books for local outreaches, fairs and parades.

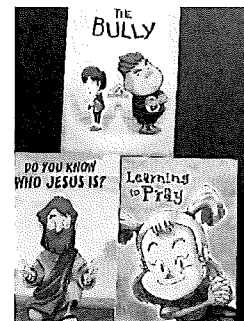


FREE to you from IOWAY: Let me know how many you'd like.



- Witness bracelets. Will customize the insert card with your church's contact information.
- Free labels for the front of the Jesus coloring books. You can print the 15 page book (www.idwlcms.org under IOWAY).

- **Do You Know Jesus, Learning to Pray and The Bully are three great booklets to share the love of Jesus. Produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries.**



Reaching Out in Fort Dodge and Sioux City

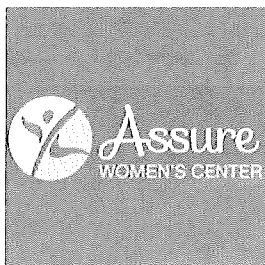
Fort Dodge - Iowa District West staff prepared and served a meal at Beacon of Hope, a homeless shelter for men in Fort Dodge. If you or a group are interested in serving an evening meal, contact Annette at 515-302-4128. It is simple and easy to do. Bring a meal for 40-50 men at 4:45 on an assigned evening. They are very appreciative. After serving, you are welcome to take a tour and learn about their ministry. They always need paper products and food items. You can drop off items at 1021 1st Avenue North at the north door.



Sioux City- IOWAY Coordinators enjoyed packing 6,456 meals for the hungry at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux City. It is a great opportunity for you, your family or your church group to help others. Mercy Meals of Siouxland, began packaging fortified rice soy meals (Mercy Meals) for hungry and starving children in the U.S. and worldwide on June 23, 2012. Meals are packaged utilizing community volunteers ages eight and up in an assembly line process. Meals consist of rice, soy, dried vegetables and a vitamin/mineral base powder put into plastic bags containing six meals per bag. Each bag of six meals costs 72 cents to package. All meals are donated to Orphan Grain Train whose headquarters are in Norfolk, Nebraska and they ship the meals to destinations of their choosing at their cost. Meals are delivered at the point of destination by a Christian organization so the children hear about Jesus as well as receiving food. The ministry has packaged and donated 1,485,515 Mercy Meals since June 23, 2012. The ministry is sustained through the generosity of donors who pay for the materials and supplies used to package meals. If you would like to participate in packaging Mercy Meals, or want more information about the ministry, call Larry Joines @ 712-258-0808 or e-mail mercy-meals@siouxland@gmail.com.



Omaha Servant Event August 10-12, 2018



Serving others in the Omaha area begins on Friday, August 10 at 3:30 PM at the Assure Women's Center. We will tour the center and deliver baby clothes and baby items.

We will then help serve the evening meal to the homeless at Takin' It To The Streets Mission or MOHMS Mission.

On Saturday, August 11, we will volunteer at Heartland Hope Mission in the morning and we will serve at the Open Door Mission in the afternoon.



Open Door Mission

Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness and Poverty

On Sunday, August 12, we will attend church, enjoy a meal together and then head home.

Cost for the weekend is \$175 which includes two nights' lodging and meals. Please register before July 15. (Cost is \$50 if you don't need lodging.) Transportation will be arranged after July 15 when we know the locations of the participants.

IOWAY – Omaha Registration: 2018

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Adult _____ Current School Grade _____ Adult T-shirt size _____

Home congregation and city _____

I will provide own transportation _____ I am willing to have others ride with me _____
I need transportation _____

Please send this completed form with a
check payable to IOWAY-Omaha Mission to:

Ellie Menz
807 W South St
Jefferson IA 50129
515-370-1159



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July 2018

409 Kenyon Road, Suite B — Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501
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Contact email: sue@iowadistrictwest.org

On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!

Slow Down! Relax! Pray!



What are you doing this summer? One way to relax on the hot, lazy days of summer is to pray. Find a quiet place outside on the patio or grab a chair and sit under a tree.

Maybe you are at a ball game or waiting for an appointment. You don't need a Bible or prayer book. Just look at your hands and start your conversation with God.

Start with your thumb as it is closest to you. Pray for those closest to you, your family and those you love.

Next is your pointing finger. Pray for those who teach and instruct. Pray for teachers, counselors and pastors. They need support and wisdom as they point people in the right direction.

Next is your tallest finger reminding you of our leaders. Pray for the president and for leaders in our state and country as they shape our nation and guide public opinion.

The fourth, is your ring finger. I am told that it is our weakest finger. It reminds us to pray for all who are weak, in trouble or are sick.

Now for your little finger. The smallest finger is where we should place yourself in your relationship to God and others. It should remind you to pray for yourself. This keeps our prayers in the proper perspective.

God says that we are to pray without ceasing and that we are to cast all our cares on Him because He cares for us. What a privilege! What joy!

Ellie Menz, IOWAY Director
515-490-7371 | ellie@iowadistrictwest.org

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.

LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Training

When: **Saturday, July 14, 2018**

Where: Zion Lutheran Church, 811 Oak Street, Atlantic, IA

Registration begins at 8 am (light breakfast & lunch will be served)

Facilitator: Ellie Menz, IDW Disaster Response Coordinator

Register online at www.idwlcms.org or contact Jill Davis at the IDW office: 515-576-7666. Please register by July 9.

New Spanish Resources for Hispanic Ministry

If you'd like to share the Gospel with your Spanish-speaking neighbors, or if you're heading out on a short-term mission trip to Central or South America, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (www.LHFmissions.org) has translated and published two new resources for you: *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* and the *Bible with Small Catechism*, both in the Spanish language. Donations to help cover the printing and shipping costs are gratefully accepted, but as with all of LHF's translated materials, both of these books are free of charge to the ministries, churches, or individuals who need them. Call the LHF office at 800-554-0723 or email info@LHFmissions.org with your order (number of copies, hardcover or paperback).

Calendar of Events

July 4...Independence Day, District Office Closed

July 14...LERT Training, Zion, Atlantic

July 21...Structured for Mission Workshop, District Office

July 28...District Youth Committee, Our Savior, Denison

July 28...Parish Nurse Convocation, District Office

July 30...New Worker Orientation, District Office

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

Camp Okoboji News!

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 Milford, IA 51351
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 Email: camp@campokoboji.org

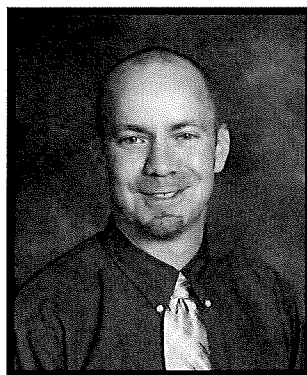


July and August Events

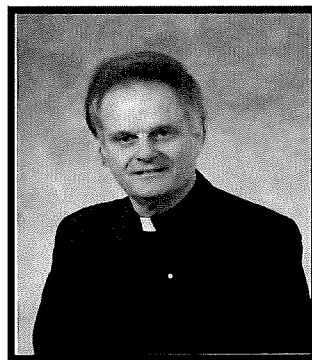
Register online at www.campokoboji.org

July 1	Omelet Brunch
July 1-6	July 4th Family Retreat
July 2-6	Onsite Day Camp 5
July 8-14	Jr. High Week
July 9-13	Onsite Day Camp 6
July 15-21	Concordia Cub Week
July 16-20	Onsite Day Camp 7
July 22-28	Youth Week
July 23-27	Onsite Day Camp 8
July 29-August 3	Family Retreat 1
July 30-August 3	Onsite Day Camp 9
August 5	Omelet Brunch
August 5-10	Family Retreat 2
August 10-12	Hispanic Family Retreat
August 24-25	Adult Retreat

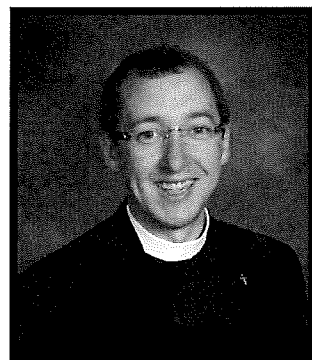
Family Retreat Opportunities!



Reverend Jonathan Riggert will be the adult Bible study leader for the July 4th Family Retreat. Children and youth will be led by Camp Okoboji Staff. There will also be a special Trivia Night!



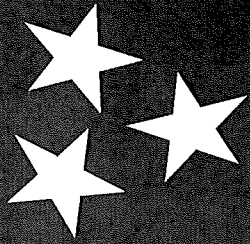
Dr. Wallace Schultz will be the adult Bible study leader for Family Retreat 1. Children and youth will be lead by Camp Okoboji staff. A great way to connect with family and friends! Come join in the fun!



Reverend Timothy Fitzner will be the adult Bible study leader for Family Retreat 2. Children and youth will be led by volunteers from the Family Retreat group. Bring the entire family for a week of fun and fellowship.

Reverend Greg and Susan Finke will be at Camp for our Adult Retreat in August to share "Joining Jesus on His Mission"! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS AWESOME OPPORTUNITY!





Trivia Night

at Camp Okoboji

When: July 5, 2018 @ 7 pm

Cost: \$10 per Person; Team of 8 is requested

Location: Christian Life Center

Bring your own snack!

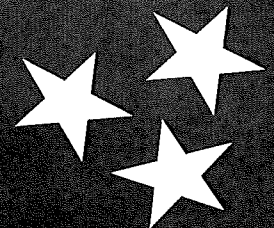
All proceeds go to:

*Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School in
Spencer, IA and Camp Okoboji Annual
Fund*


There will be a pie auction at the event!

*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the
camp office at 712-337-3325 or e-mail camp@campokoboji.org.*

Hope to see you there!



July 2018

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

USHERS

Keith Vetter
 Jeff Luetje
 Jim Luetje
 Rob Klink
 Michael Brockman

Rick Vetter
 Kim Brockman
 Gene Thiedeman
 Mark Rickers

PARISH CIRCLE

Donna Rickers & Marilyn Mumm

CHANCEL CIRCLE

Diane Witt & LaJean Shiney

ACOLYTES:

1st: Maggie Ragaller & Wyatt Ragaller
 8th: Karlie Muhlbauer & Ty Muhlbauer
 15th: Emmett Neumann & Jaxx Luetje
 22nd: Delaney Schurke & Devon Ehlers
 29th: Makayla Schrad & Cody Bair

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE with Holy Communion

July 7th at 6 pm

Quarterly Voter's Meeting
 July 15th @ 10 am (following Worship Service)

Burgers for Booth!

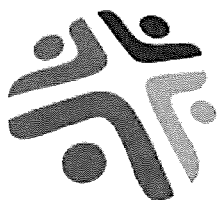
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Peace Lutheran Church

Glidden, Iowa on Hwy 30

Saturday - July 7

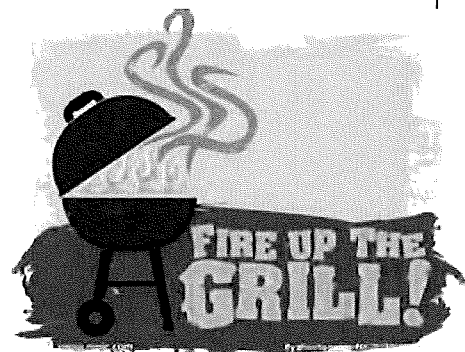
11:30 am - 1:30 pm



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