

"Dose of Wisdom"

Psalm 1

1 Blessed is the man¹
who ^awalks not in ^bthe counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in ^cthe way of sinners,
nor ^dsits in ^ethe seat of ^fscoffers;
² but his ^gdelight is in the law² of the LORD,
and on his ^hlaw he meditates day and night.
³ He is like ⁱa tree
planted by ^jstreams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its ^kleaf does not wither.
^lIn all that he does, he prospers.
⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like ^mchaff that the wind drives away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked ⁿwill not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in ^othe congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the LORD ^pknows ^qthe way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

September marks the beginning of another school year. It is that time when kids get nervous and anxious about seeing friends they haven't seen over the course of the summer. They are anxious about new school assignments. They don't know what the new teachers are expecting of them. All of the anxiousness and fears subside as they get into the classroom and get acquainted with the new system of the school year.

It is neat to see this excitement, anxiousness, and joy the children have when they go back to school. It is also neat to see this excitement when the children come back to Sunday school as well. On Sunday, September 9th, we are celebrating Rally Sunday. It is a day where we celebrate the startup of Sunday school after the summer months. Some churches continue with Sunday school over the summer, although the attendance is down, they continue to have it. But here we welcome back the students from summer break. Zion has always been blessed with a strong children's ministry here with youth in Sunday school and VBS. We rejoice in these gifts of strong Christian education.

While we have a strong children's ministry, our adult education hour is quite lacking. We do a great job at bringing in the youth for Sunday school and VBS, but what about the adults. Where are the parents and grandparents of the youth who come on Sunday mornings? One of the hardest times for me as a pastor is on Sunday mornings between 8:30-9:00, during the school year, when the children are being dropped off as the parents drive away. So this Rally Day, I encourage you, I challenge you, adults to be in the adult Bible class with us in the Fellowship Hall. There are plenty of open chairs. You can come and learn and grow in your faith as the children learn in Sunday school. It is something that if they see you modeling the growing in faith and learning **AS ADULTS** they too will want to learn their whole lives long. So come and join us for Bible class on Sunday September 9th.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dose

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Sandy Hunter Logan Smith
2 Clayton Nobling	3 Zack Kraus Roger & Beth Liechti	4 Keith Petersen Ryan Ehlers	5 Jonathan Dose Paul & Peggy Himmers	6 Dalton Ehlers Jenni Middleton Laynie Muhlbauer Isabella Vetter	7 Christina Koch	8 Conner Hansman Jenna Hausman Cara Kraus Brynn Koch
9	10 Magen Fineran Mandy Heithoff	11 Todd Gronau Blake Liechti Kevin & Sara Skinner	12 Laurie Anderson Kevin Skinner	13 Delby Bruhn Hunter Klink Doug & Doreen Bender	14	15
16 Matt Dirks Amanda Kraus	17 Michael Brockman Katelyn Himmers	18 Tanner Haggge Linda Irbeck Lisa Gallagher	19 Jamie Hausman Al Hunter Heather Hansman	20	21 Dale Lenz Gail & Marilyn Mumm	22 Matt & Kelli Dirks
23 Phyllis Kuhl	24	25 Kristi Hoffman	26 Kalon Cleveland Gary Lenz Jace & Kelsea Hawley	27 Rich & Christy Hanson	28 Chris Ehlers Neil Liechti Luke Smith	29 Darin Schurke Eric Vetter
30 Dwight Ehlers						

ENDOWMENT PROJECT SUGGESTIONS

Once again the council is asking the congregation for suggestions on how to spend the money made available from the endowment fund. The endowment fund was started approximately 30 years ago when the Mildred Kasperson estate gave Zion approximately \$100,000 in cash and 160 acres of farmland. At that time it was decided to only spend the interest generated from that cash, and the farm rental income, and to never invade the principle of those funds. **The spending of those funds is not to be used for normal budgeted items.** Over the years this has been a wonderful blessing to our congregation and the council wants all our members to know that anyone may donate to the endowment fund and any time. This year we will have approximately \$40,000 to spend from the endowment fund. Your input is welcomed and encouraged!

SUGGESTION

AMOUNT REQUESTED

NAME _____

(not required, but helpful in case the Council has questions)

Please return to church office by Sunday, September 16, 2018

L.W.M.L

LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, September 6 at 1:30 pm. Hostess will be Diane Schroeder. Christian Life will be led by Lila Thiedeman.

EVENING CIRCLE:

Will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday, September 5th at the home of Carmen Thiedeman. Donna Rickers is Co-Hostess

PARISH CIRCLE:

Deb Owen Lola Ehlers

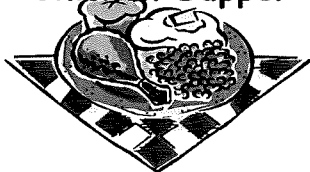
CHANCEL CIRCLE

Marilyn Mumm & Janet Rose

MARTHA CIRCLE

Darleen Linde & Diane Schroeder

Chicken Supper



The AWW Staff is hosting a Staley's Chicken Supper on Wednesday—September 12, 2018 serving from 5-8 at the Westside Community Building - -

Adults \$10.00 and children 4-12 \$7.00 -3 and under free. - Tickets available at the door and in advance at the school office or with any AWW Staff Member and at the following businesses: The Observer Office / Robin's Salon and Tanning in Arcadia / and the Westside Bank in Vail and Westside.

Harvest Supper



Time to start thinking about the Annual Turkey Supper coming up. If you would like to help with organizing, please contact the office as soon as possible. **The supper is scheduled for Sunday, November 4, 2018 at the Arcadia Legion Hall**

What if we began to treat our Bibles the way we treat our cell phones?

What if we...

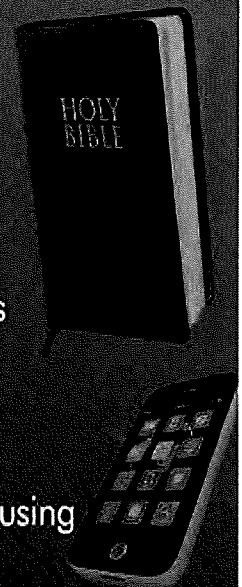
...carried it with us everywhere?

...turned back to get it if we forgot it?

...checked it for messages throughout the day?

...used it in case of an emergency?

...spent an hour or more using it each day?



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SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

SCHOOL KITS: Paper, pencils, sharpener, ruler, scissors, and crayons. 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 "Back to School" sales have started and this is a great time to help the Ladies Aid with their "School Kit" Mission Project.

- 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

Thank you for your help with our "School Kit" Mission Project.



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 large pieces of material (especially sheets) speed up the job!

The Sewing Circle meets on the 3rd Monday of every month. Help is always needed .



On Sunday, October 21st, following our Worship Service we will have an "Oktoberfest".

This will be in conjunction with our Quarterly Voter's Meeting.

We will be serving Brats Sauerkraut, Hotdogs, Potato Salad, Chips and drink.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend

OKTOBERFEST



SINGING

The Sunday School students will be singing on the 2nd Sunday of the month with the exception of December, when we will NOT sing.

**Ages 3 to 8th
grade**

RALLY SUNDAY: We are ready for another exciting year here at Zion Lutheran Church's Sunday School. Classes get started on September 9th which will be our Rally Sunday. We will be meeting for devotions starting at 9 am. We will be singing and praising God. We will be dismissing our students at 9:50 am each Sunday Morning. Once again we gave out attendance awards at the beginning of the school year. Each student is allowed to have 3 unexcused absences. If the child is sick, please send a note for the superintendent the following week and they will be excused. Two year olds may enter the month that they will turn 3. We also request that parents give prayerful thought when sending young children. They must be able to be away from their parents for at least once hour. All parents are welcome to visit Sunday School at any time. God Bless you all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

Once again Sunday School students will have the opportunity to earn attendance awards by regularly attending Sunday School. As in the past, each child is allowed 3 unexcused absences in obtaining their attendance at the end of the school year. We do not want students to come to Sunday School if they are sick and really need to be at home. If your child is sick, please keep them home and send a note the next Sunday to be given to their teacher so that the Sunday School Superintendent can be informed that your child was sick and will count the absence as an excused absence. Sickness will NOT affect the child's attendance. If you are out of town and attend a church where you are visiting, bring the bulletin from that church and it will be credited to the student's attendance.



SNACK SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER

5th: Peggy Hinners
12th
19th Jean Hausman
26th Steph Henningsen

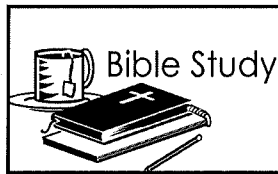
There 25 and 2 teachers.



9th : Elizabeth Brunner & Abby Klink
16th: Kyelar Cleveland & Devon Ehlers
23rd: Timothy Dose & Jaxx Luetje
30th: Jamie Hausman & Allison Skinner

Remember it is **YOUR** responsibility to find a substitute if you are unable to be here on your assigned Sunday.

Please be ready to acolyte by 9:45



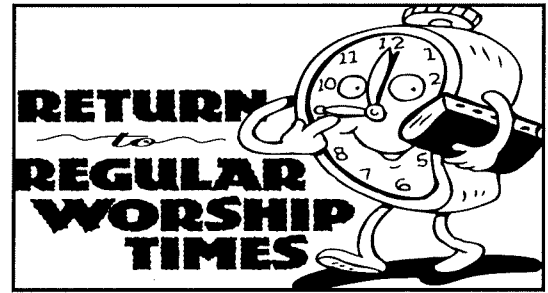
ADULT BIBLE CLASS

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WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Our Adult Bible Class is held on Sunday mornings at 9 am. This year we will be having an all Bible class/Sunday school Opening in the nave (sanctuary) to show the importance of both youth and adults coming together to grow in the faith. The Bible narratives are going to be the same lessons so that youth and adults can speak this faith to each other outside of classes. Catechesis is a lifelong process beginning at infant baptism until entering into eternal glory. We will have coffee & refreshments before and during the 9:00 Bible class time. Come and join us!

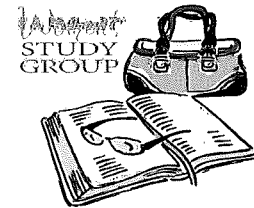
We also offer a Wednesday Morning Bible Class as well. This class meets at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we study God's word, and share coffee and fellowship.



Please note that we are in our Fall Worship Schedule

Christian Education and Adult Bible Class at 9 am

Divine Worship at 10 am



Let' get into the WORD! Women's Bible Study 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. First meeting is Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 pm. Contact Rebecca Dose for more details.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ---

High school students in grades 9-12 and their adult leaders are invited to join others from Iowa District West Congregations for the Senior High Gathering to be held at Embassy Suites, Des Moines, IA on November 9-11. Please contact the church office if you are interested in going. Registration is due by September 9th. (church will pay 1/2 of cost) The theme is "Whatever" Philippians 4:8-9

Iowa District West Jr. High Youth Gathering The Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering will be held October 27 & 28th at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines. Students in 6th-8th grade are invited to attend this gathering.

The Keynote speaker will be Pastor Ben Johnson. The cost for attending is \$150. The student pays the registration fee of \$75 and the church will pay the other \$75. Registration deadline is September 10th. Contact the office for further information.

Music will be by Swen and Dean!!



THE LUTHERAN HOUR

The Lutheran Hour may be heard on Sundays on the following radio stations in our area: KAYL, 990 AM, Storm Lake, 10 am; KDSN, 107.1 FM, Denison, 6:30 am; KDSN, 1530 AM, Denison, 10:30 am; WHO 1040 AM, Des Moines, 7:30 a.m.

September 9

"The Changeless Christ for a Changing World"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Walter A. Maier

In a classic message first heard in 1937, Dr. Walter A. Maier tells how Christ comes to us in our world of change and decay with a message of unchanging hope. (Hebrews 13:8)

September 16

"The Mystery of God"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

The undeniable hiddenness of God becomes the openness of God when you see His Son, Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 55:6-9)

September 23

"Come, Lord Jesus"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

In a classic message from 1998, Dr. Dale Meyer explains how a common table prayer reminds us of our dependence upon God and His gifts. (Exodus 16)

September 30

"Cut Off-for Us"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr.

Sin is serious because it cuts us off from God. Guest speaker Dr. Lawrence Rast says Jesus was cut off from God, in our place. (Mark 9:38-50)

Rally Sunday

September 9, 2018

Coffee, juice & rolls

9:00 AM

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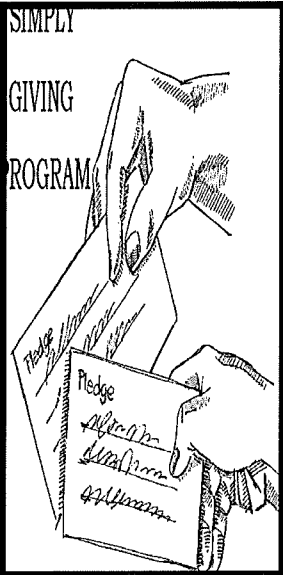
Following church

Join the fellowship by giving donations of Mission school kit supplies:

Pens, pencils, blunt scissors, box of 24 crayons, erasers, sharpeners, bag of rubber bands, rulers or a monetary donation

*Made possible with Thrivent Seed money and the LWML Evening Circle/Thrivent members/ and Sunday School student Team





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.

Also, if you like, you can sign up for Simply Giving and designate it for the Building Fund

FROM A FAMILY WHO USES THE "SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM"

"Simply Giving" is simply easy! If you are hesitant about starting the "Simply Giving" program...don't be! Just decide how much you normally give to church each week (or month) and have it transferred from **your** banking account to the **church's** account. It is shown on your bank statement and you decide when you want to give each month. It frees your mind as you go to church in that you have given your share and don't have to write a check or look for money each time you go to church. You are REALLY putting the **Lord's** work **first**. You will still have the envelopes and can give more throughout the year. If you are gone the church still receives your contribution. Give it some thought. The more who participate gives the church board the financial support in a more orderly fashion as they will know how much to anticipate each month.

INCOME (year to date)	\$ 88,220.99
EXPENSES (year to date)	\$ 91,327.64



**Budget Update
Jan-Aug**

BUILDING FUND: has been combined with the Repair account as we have paid the loan for the building fund off.

MEMORIAL ACCT Balance	\$ 13,825.88
REPAIR ACCT Balance	\$ 6,130.54

Building Fund Update

In 2004/2005 we took out a loan from the Westside State Bank to help with the new elevator /addition to the church. With the help of the Endowment Fund and personal donations we are blessed to say that as of August 1st, 2018 that loan has been paid off in full. We have combined the Building Fund Account and the Repair Account into 1 Fund. Money in this account will be used to help with any repairs and needs of the church.

GOD'S CAKE

This is about the best thing I've ever read for an explanation:

Sometimes we wonder,

'What did I do to deserve this?' or

'Why did God have to do this to me?'

Here is a wonderful explanation!

A daughter is telling her Mother how **everything**
Is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend
Broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and
Asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the
Daughter says, 'Absolutely Mom, I love your cake.'

'Here, have some cooking oil,' her Mother offers.

'Yuck!' says her daughter.

'How about a couple raw eggs?' 'Gross, Mom!'

'Would you like some flour then?

Or maybe baking soda?'

'Mom, those are all yucky!'

To which the mother replies :

'Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves.

But when they are put together in the

Right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake! '

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why

He would let us go through such **bad** and **difficult**
Times. But God knows that when He puts these things

All in His order, they always work for good! We just

Have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all

Make **something wonderful!**

God is crazy about you.

He sends you flowers every spring and

A sunrise every morning.

Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen.

He can live anywhere in the universe,

And He chose your **heart**.

If you like this, send this on

To the **people you really care about**.

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are

Here we might as well dance!

L.I.F.E. - Living in Faith Everyday

By Kay L. Meyer, Director of Development

How do we live in faith every day? **Living In Faith Everyday** means we keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and preserver of our faith. It means knowing our Savior, Jesus Christ and what He has done for us. He is perfect. **We are not!**

Thankfully, we have a Savior who forgives us for **all** our sins. He gives us physical **life**, an abundant **life**, and eternal **life** as gifts. We recognize that the forgiveness that Christ offers us didn't come easily. Jesus suffered and died for our sins. Soldiers spit on Him, mocked Him, beat Him, and stripped Him of His clothes. His disciples and friends deserted Him. Peter denied Him three times. Even His Father turned away as Jesus cried from the cross, **"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"** (Mark 15:34) Jesus suffered in our place. His blood covers ours sins. He died. His body was placed in the tomb. It was sealed and guarded. Thankfully, three days later, as He had promised, He rose from the dead. He showed His glorified risen body to the disciples, the women, and to 500 believers at once during the 40 days He remained on earth after His resurrection. Because He rose from the dead, we can be confident that we will also rise and live with Him forever.

Living In Faith Everyday means we understand that we are saved by faith alone (Ephesians 2:8-9), not by our works. But, we also understand that Ephesians 2:10 tells us that God has prepared works for us to do in advance. What work God has prepared for you? Is it helping a woman who is pregnant and alone? Is it ministering to someone who has had an abortion and can't believe that God would forgive her? Is it feeding the hungry? Is it ministering to the sick? Is it helping those who have lost their home in a tornado? Is it sharing God's Word with someone who doesn't know the Lord? Is it offering encouragement and help to those who are Christians, but struggle with drugs, alcohol, pornography, or a myriad of other issues of life? Whatever God has called you to do, do it with joy.

Living In Faith Everyday means we attend worship services, partake of communion, study God's Word,

and pray. We grow spiritually and learn to discern truth from error. With God's help, we grow into the person God wants us to be.

Living In Faith Everyday means learning to say, "I'm sorry, will you forgive me" to the Lord, and to our family and friends. We also learn to say "I'm sorry" in the workplace, to neighbors, and those we meet in the community

Living In Faith Everyday means we are confident that He is risen! He is risen indeed! And it means we know that when we die, because of our faith in Christ, we will go to live with Him forever.

Living In Faith Everyday means we are shining lights for Christ and tell others about the great things that the Lord has done. We tell them about His forgiveness and the grace that He gives us every day.

Living In Faith Everyday means we share the Law and Gospel with those within the Church and those outside of it and speak up for Life! And we remember that it is God who gives us life as a gift.

"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior" (Isaiah 43:10-11).

For
by
GRACE
you
have
been
**saved
through faith.**

EPHESIANS 2:8, NRSV



**Planting Together
September 2018**

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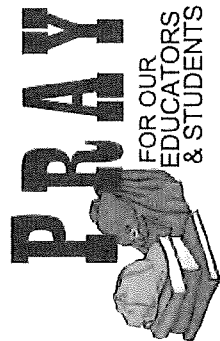
On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!

Routines are Good!



September! It's that time of year we get back into more of a routine after a summer that has most likely been filled with a more carefree schedule or simply a different kind of schedule than during the school year. Routine is defined as a sequence of actions regularly followed; a fixed program. Even though we all like a change in routine once in awhile we can be very happy about God's routine. God's routine never changes – yes, Jesus is the same today, yesterday and forever. His mercies are new every morning. God offers us his love and forgiveness in the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. God's routine of love and forgiveness is a routine for us to offer others. We can only do this because God loved and forgave us first. As you begin settling back in to your routine that is part of September – May you consider the regular routine of God and live out loving and forgiving as you interact with others. It's the best routine to put into practice all year!

God's blessing on all educators and students as they begin the 2018-2019 school year.



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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.

Ministry Excellence Fund - Education Debt Assistance

The District provides post-college assistance to pastors and professional church workers for the sole purpose of providing grants to reduce educational indebtedness. Funds will be disbursed directly to the lender. This is the fifth year of providing grants. Applicants must complete a detailed application (www.idwlcms.org) and click on "Resources" and "Forms & Links") as well as the worker's congregation and financial planner. Applications are due October 31. Any questions, contact Roger Curtis or Rev. Thomas Schlund (515.295.3518 or pastorschlund@trinityalgona.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 Gathering

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

September 3...Labor Day, District Office Closed

September 10...Pastors Golf Day, Ida Grove

September 18...Administrative Assistants Conference, Gloria Dei, Urbandale

September 24-25...District Pastors Conference, Gloria Dei, Urbandale

September 27...Principals Meeting, District Office

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

Camp Okoboji Men's Retreat September 21-23, 2018

Calling all men!

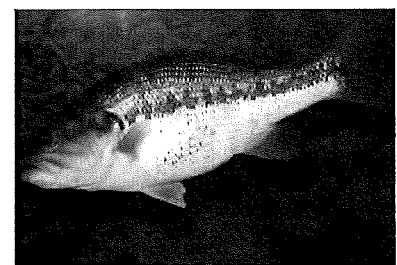
Friday-Sunday Package—\$135, includes all meals starting Friday evening, towels and linens, snacks and programing.

What to Expect: Options for indoor/outdoor target shooting, trap shooting, fishing, archery, golf, 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



Our Experts for the Weekend!

Luke Timm: Shooting

Ben Dose: Fishing

What's Happening At Camp Okoboji!



September Events

- 3 Office Closed for Labor Day
- 19-21 IDW Lutheran School Outdoor Education Retreat
- 21-23 Fall Men's Retreat
- 27-30 Fall Volunteer Weekend
- 29 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Refreshing Body
and Spirit

IDW Lutheran School Outdoor Education Retreat will feature the Semisauris from Creation Institution Association. The semi-trailer museum will be at Camp beginning September 18, 2018 and will be open for the public to visit. This would be a great opportunity for youth groups, confirmation classes, congregations, and the general public to see this fascinating display of God's creation. A free-will donation will be taken for those two days before the outdoor education retreat begins. For hours and more information check out the Camp Okoboji website—www.campokoboji.org.

Will you be attending the Clay County Fair this year? Will you be spending a day or two there? Camp will have housing available during the fair with reduced rates! Call the office at 712-337-3325 for a great deal and the opportunity to spend time Refreshing Body and Spirit during this beautiful time of the year!

Fall Men's Retreat! Looking for a great get away weekend? Looking for other Christian men to hangout with? Look no further! During this retreat you will have the opportunity for archery, fishing, targetting shooting, golf, canoeing, kayaking and just relaxing. There will also be time to dig into God's Word. To register go to www.campokoboji.org

Fall Volunteer Weekend will be held September 27-30, 2018. Volunteers are needed to help us get Camp ready for all the winter activities and shut down the cabins that can not be used during the winter months. There is much to do and many volunteers are needed! Volunteers can come for some or all of the days listed. Lodging and meals will be provided. This is also a great time for youth groups to come serve. Contact the Camp office at 712-337-3325 to reserve lodging and let us know what days you will be here!

Camp Okoboji Contact Information

Office Phone: 712-337-3325
Fax Number: 712-337-3318
Email: camp@campokoboji.org
Website: www.campokoboji.org

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

September 29, 2018



NASCAR

October 20-21, 2018

Bus Trip to Kansas Speedway!

ONLY 40 TICKETS AVAILABLE!

Cost: \$225 by August 24, 2018 or \$300.00 After August 24, 2018

Includes the following:

- ⇒ **Ticket (which includes the Pre-race Pass)**
- ⇒ **Bus Cost**
- ⇒ **Hotel for Saturday Night (arrangements made by Camp Okoboji)**

All meals are on your own.

For an extra \$50 you can also sign up for a garage tour.

The bus will have pick up stops along the shortest route based upon registrant's home location and to be announced closer to the event. For more information and to register go to the webpage listed below.

www.campokoboji.org

Education, Youth, and Family Life

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Junior High Youth Gathering October 27-28, 2018



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.

Senior High Gathering – November 9-11, 2018

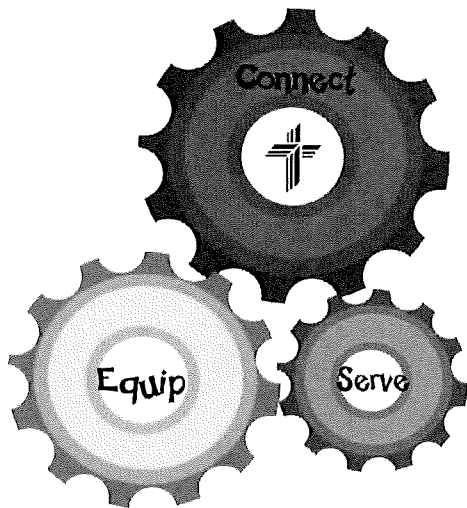
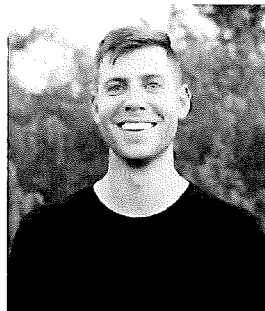


Registration materials should be at your congregation by now.

They are also available on our district website.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Amy Schmidt who is handling registration.

Presenter – Tanner Olson

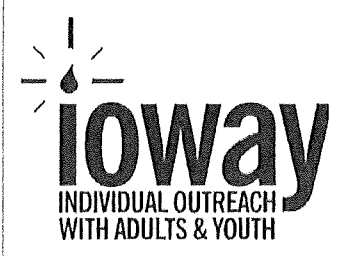


Iowa Lutheran Teachers Conference
October 25-26, 2018
2 Timothy 3:16-17

Keynote Speaker
Prof. Tim Schumacher

Devotion Leader
Rev. Duncan McLellan

Closing Worship Leader
President Steve Turner



Working Together to Serve Others

It is such a joy to see God's people working together to serve others. Each person's donation of money or items adds together to make a huge difference in supplying basic needs for others.

This story began with LWML members getting involved, collecting thousands of items and bringing them to the LWML Convention at Camp Okoboji. Two stuffed vehicles brought the items to Jefferson.

The pile of items were added to donations that were brought to the District office in Fort Dodge. On August 7, the cavalry of sorters, counters and packers arrived at Trinity Lutheran in Jefferson. The cavalry, aka the "fabulous folks from Farnhamville"



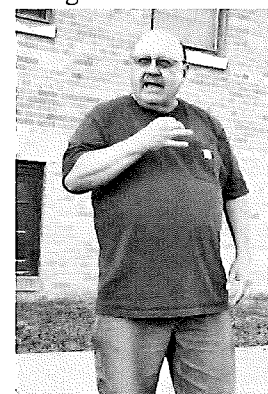
and Dale Schmidt from Carroll, spent several hours flexing their muscles organizing and dividing the thousands of items. The items were then designated for various mission outreaches. My Farnhamville friends also added hundreds of knit hats and over 40 quilts. Dale's vehicle and my van



were FULLY packed!

On August 10, our two vehicles met three more vehicles that were FULLY packed for the homeless and those in need.

Meeting at the hotel in Council Bluffs was the beginning of the 2018 IOWAY Mission Trip to Omaha/Council Bluffs. Our IOWAY team of 18 served at four outreaches: MOHM'S Place, Takin' It To The Streets, Heartland Hope, and Open Door Missions. On Friday, we served the evening meal at MOHM's Place (Messengers of Hope Ministry) which is a homeless shelter housing 120 men. It is interesting to visit with the men. We met a man who was a bank examiner. His life went downhill after a stroke. Recently, he was paying \$325/month for rent and it was raised to \$800/month. He is now homeless.



Later, we met with Jerry Hetrick who shared his vision and goals to reach the underprivileged and homeless in the Council Bluffs area through Takin' It To The Streets. Some of you remember Bobby Dofner who worked with this ministry. He has retired and the previously rented location was sold and now a high rise is being built there. Jerry Hetrick is a part-time pastor who loves to cook and has a true heart for the homeless.



On Saturday morning, we worked at Heartland Hope for four hours helping to distribute food and clothing to the families who came to the center. The focus at Heartland Hope is unique. It is to keep people in their homes by having them use the income they have to pay for rent. Heartland Hope helps provide the families with food, clothing and other needs. To receive food and clothing, a family has to meet certain income requirements and they can come to the center once a month for clothing and a large grocery cart of food. The amount they receive is based on the number of family members. We learned that Heartland Hope serves over 1,400 families each month.

We had a quick lunch in the parking lot and then headed to Open Door Mission where we sorted clothes and stocked shelves.



At Open Door, a family can come once a month and shop for half an hour for items their family needs like clothes, books, kitchen items, etc.

Thanks to the generosity of many individuals and churches, we delivered nearly 800 items to each of the four outreaches. At Heartland Hope, we delivered 416 pounds of clothes, 607 hygiene items and 11.5 pounds of food.

Each evening we met for devotions and shared ways that we can continue our outreach after returning to our own communities. On Sunday, after attending church as a group at Faith Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs, we enjoyed a meal and then headed home to continue serving our great God.



Check out the IOWAY Facebook for more photos. If you'd like to get involved with helping the homeless or in collecting needed items, please contact me. There are many ways to involve all ages in collecting items and in serving the homeless. Remember, no one's goal in life is to be homeless. Many people need a "hand up." As we learn in 1 John 3:17-18: If a person sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against his brother, how can he claim that he loves God? My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.

Serving God at Lutheran Hour Booth



Many thanks to all the people who worked at the Lutheran Hour booth at the Iowa State Fair! First of all, thanks to John Tews and other Lutheran Hour Ministry members who work hard each year to continue the great tradition of sharing the love of Jesus at the booth.

It takes a group effort between Iowa District East and West to make the booth a reality each year. 3,000 Jesus bracelets, 3,000 children Christian tattoos, 1,600 Project Connect booklets, 4,000 'Do You Know Jesus?' booklets, 150-200 adult Bibles and 300 Children's Bibles were distributed at the booth.

Pictured are Colleen Petzenhauser from Lake City and Joel and Sandy Bubke from Mapleton. They, along with Larry and Cheryl Olofson of Boone and Sharri Hansen of Schaller, are IOWAY Coordinators who worked and shared many happy smiles with the fairgoers.

Join the fun and offer to work a three-hour shift at the Lutheran Hour booth next year at the Iowa State Fair.

SAVE THE DATE: IOWAY Annual Banquet on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 5:00 PM!

YOU are invited to a FREE banquet at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jefferson. This is a change in location. The banquet has been at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge for the past few years. Invite friends and family to enjoy a delicious catered meal and to hear about all the amazing things God is doing through IOWAY. Register online or contact me at ellie@iowadistrictwest.org or 515-370-1159. God's blessings!

September 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 6:00 DW/HC
2 10:00 DW/HC	3	4	5 9:30 Bible Class 4:00 Midweek 7:00 Evening Circle	6 1:30 Ladies Aid	7	8
9 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 DW/Rally Sunday	10	11	12 9:30 Bible Class 2:30 Midweek	13	14	15
16 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC 11:00 Council Meeting	17 1:00 Sewing Circle	18	19 9:30 Bible Class 2:30 Midweek	20	21	22
23 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW	24 Pastor Conference @ Des Moines	25 Pastor Conference @ Des Moines	26 9:30 Bible Class 2:30 Midweek	27	28	29

USHERS

Dale Wittrock
Kurt Branning
Greg Gronau
Kelly Riesberg
John Vetter

PARISH CIRCLE

Lola Ehlers & Deb Owen

CHANCEL CIRCLE

Marilyn Mumm

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

9th: Elizabeth Brunner & Abby Klink
16th: Kyelar Cleveland & Devon Ehlers
23rd: Timothy Dose & Jaxx Luetje
30th: Jamie Hausman & Allison Skinner

RALLY SUNDAY September 9th Will present attendance awards and also present 3rd Graders with their Bibles.

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Friends Who Care

Christian Education	9:00 am
Adult Bible Class	9:00 am.
Divine Worship	10:00 am

