

Dose of Wisdom

Behold the Man!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. . . . The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

—John 1:1–3, 14

“Behold the man!” proclaimed the unwitting preacher Pontius Pilate in one of the shortest, yet most profound, sermons ever recorded. This will be our endeavor this Lententide and Easter Sunday. Behold the man, God in human flesh, Jesus. His incarnation will provide the basis for our meditation and proclamation on His Passion. And His real, bodily suffering and death will provide the basis for our full-throated proclamation on Easter morning of a bodily resurrection, not just of Jesus but also for His saints. Real bodies that have suffered, wept, bled, prayed, eaten, hoped, and more will be those raised incorruptible from their graves on the day of Jesus’ return.

We will fix our eyes and our preaching on the man Jesus, contemplating the inescapable fact—indeed the most important fact in the course of human history—that God became man. The Second Person of the eternal, triune God, who we confess in the Nicene Creed as “God of God, Light of light, very God of very God . . . of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made,” became a living, breathing, flesh-and-blood human being, a man.

In some ways, you can understand that the first heresy the Christian Church had to contend with was that of Gnosticism, the hyperspiritual religion that held that because no man could be God, the Christ could not be God. Gnosticism is alluring because it tidies everything up, gives Christianity a more attractive, spiritual veneer, and pulls its adherents out of the mire of this world and gives them something other-worldly to strive for.

Considered correctly, it becomes pretty hard to spiritualize Christianity—a religion that bases its existence on the enfleshment, the incarnation, of her God—into the mess of disembodied, matter-rejecting, hyperspiritual Gnosticism. When God has flesh and blood, skin and teeth, cells and nuclei, DNA and RNA, it’s difficult to contend for the disembodied spiritual against the material. If God has a body, bodies must matter.

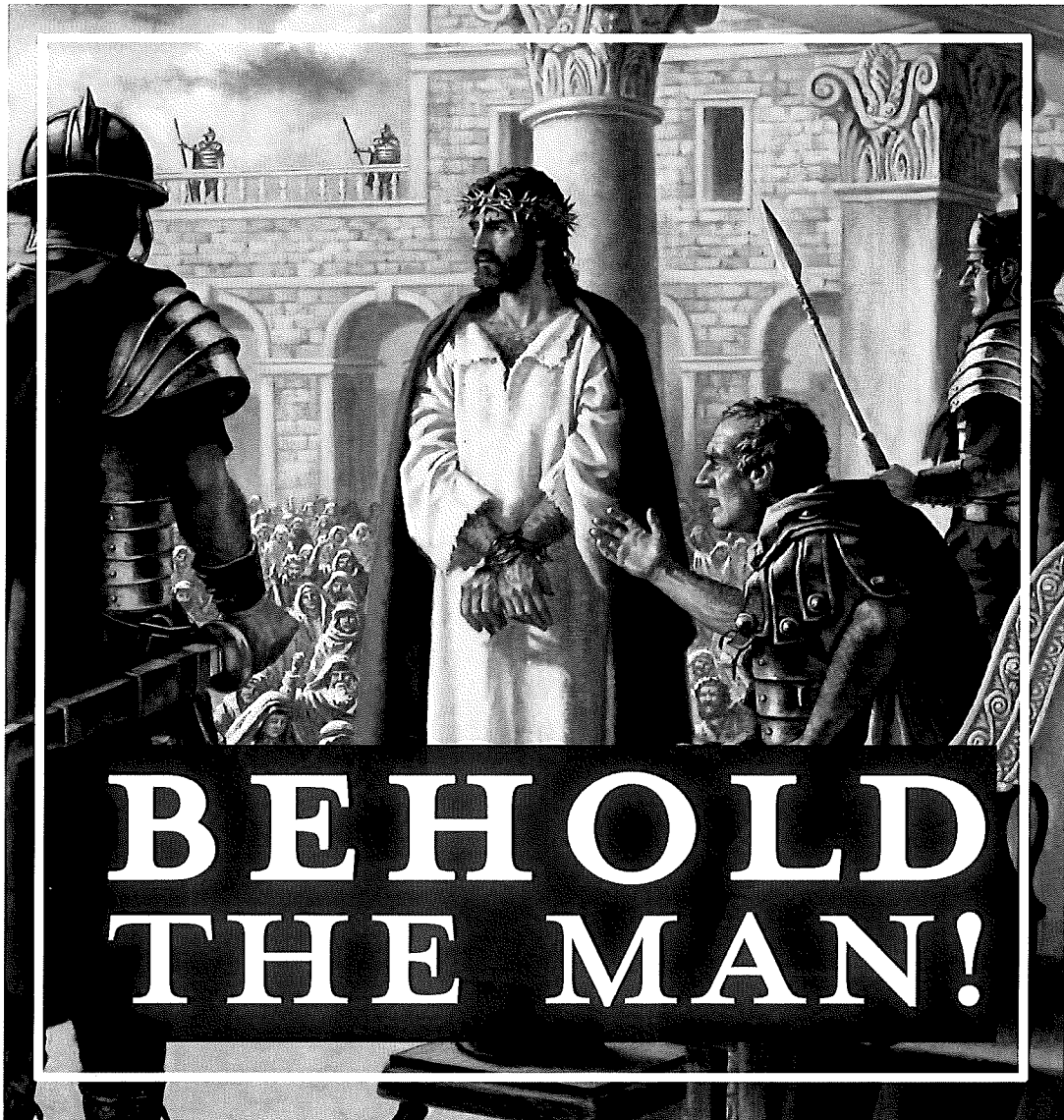
In case you aren’t convinced of the pervasiveness of the second-century heresy of Gnosticism, even in our twenty-first-century context, attend a funeral. If you hear talk only of heaven with nary a word of a bodily resurrection, you’ve witnessed firsthand modern-day Gnosticism. If the preacher doesn’t deal with the body in the casket as the real person whose death

has assembled the mass of grieving relatives and friends, if he talks only about the bodyless soul in heaven, he hasn't preached a genuinely Christian funeral. In other words, if he gives preference to the spiritual over the material, he succumbs to the Gnostic heresy the earliest generations of the Church sought to guard against by preaching the incarnation and resurrection of Jesus.

This Lent, we will consider what it means that God became man. In preparation for the celebration of a real, bodily, flesh-and-blood, bone-and-sinew resurrection, the resurrection without which our faith and our preaching are all in vain, consider the body of Jesus that exists in order to be nailed to a cross. The spiritual, bodyless Son of God became the embodied, en-fleshed, incarnate Son of Mary. In Jesus, God has human flesh, a body, just like you. What could be more profound?

Each week, we'll consider a different aspect of the body of Jesus Christ. What does it mean that, in Jesus, God has hands, feet, lungs, lips, eyes, and ears?

Behold the man! In sermon, in study, in devotion, behold the man!



WOMEN IN MINISTRY L.W.M.L.

LADIES AID:

The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, March 7th at 1:30 pm. Hostess will be Karen Grundmeier. Christian Life will be led by Shirley Walde.

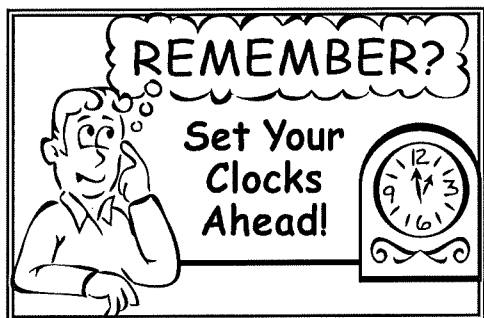


EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, March 6th following the Midweek Lenten Services. We will be working on the confirmation banners. Co-Hostess is Deb Owen.



World Day Of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 1st at St. John's, Audubon, with fellowship & coffee starting at 9 am and service to follow at 10 am.



Daylight Savings time officially begins on March 10th this year. So remember to set your clock **AHEAD** 1 hour when you retire on Saturday evening, March 9th.



We would like to congratulate the Ar-We-Va Boys and Girls basketball teams on a great season this year.

Thrivent Financial Members

If you have not designated your 2018 Thrivent Choice dollars, do it now! The March 31 deadline is fast approaching.

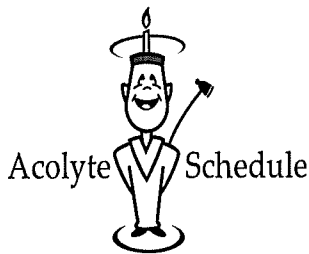
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

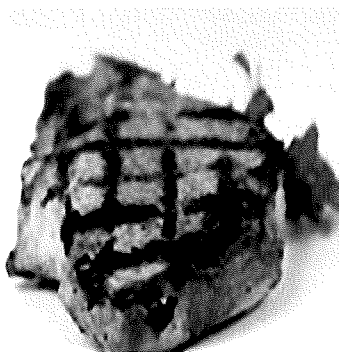
March 6	2:30	Kyelar Cleveland
March 13	4:00	Timothy Dose
March 20	2:30	???
March 27	2:30	Maggie Ragaller
April 03	2:30	???
April 10	2:30	Kendra Schuette



Midweek Snack List



- 3rd: **Jamie Hausman & Kendra Schuette**
- 6th: **Payton Henningson & Jaxson Henningsen(Wed)**
- 10th: **Sammi Hinnens & Abby Klink**
- 13th: **Maggie Ragaller & Devon Ehlers (Wed)**
- 17th: **Karlie Muhlbauer & Ty Muhlbauer**
- 20th: **Emmett Neumann & Wyatt Ragaller (Wed)**
- 24th: **Makayla Schrad & Allison Skinner**
- 27th: **Delaney Schurke & Lydia Dose (Wed)**
- 31st: **Elizabeth Brunner & Jaxx Luetje**



The United Church of Westside invites you to join them on Saturday, March 30th for their Annual Windsor Chop Supper at the Westside Community Club serving from 5-8 pm.



Midweek Lenten SCHEDULE

March 06	11:00 am	Worship	11:30 Lunch	Ash Wednesday
	6:00 pm	Worship		
March 13	11:00 am	Worship	11:30 Lunch	
	6:00 pm	Worship		
March 20	11:00 am	Worship	11:30 Lunch	
	6:00 pm	Worship		
March 27	11:00 am	Worship	11:30 Lunch	
	6:00 pm	Worship		
April 03	11:00 am	Worship	11:30 Lunch	
	6:00 pm	Worship		
April 10	11:00 am	Worship	11:30 Lunch	
	6:00 pm	Worship		
April 14	10:00 am	Palm Sunday/Rite of Confirmation		
April 18	11:00 am	Maunday Thursday/HC		
	6:00 pm	Maunday Thursday/HC		
April 19	11:00 am	Good Friday Service		
	6:00 pm	Good Friday Service		
April 21	7:00 am	Easter Service/HC		
	8:00 am	Congregational Breakfast		

MARCH LIST OF DUTIES

USHERS

Keith Vetter	Rick Vetter
Jeff Luetje	Kim Brockman
Jim Luetje	Gene Thiedeman
Rob Klink	Mark Rickers
Michael Brockman	

CHANCEL DUTIES

Diane Witt

PARISH DUTIES

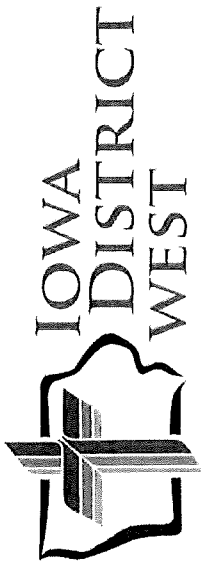
Diane Witt-Jolene Stoelk

MARTHA CIRCLE

Cathy Meyer & Paulette Von Glan

March 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 No worship till April
3 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	4	5	6 9:30 Bible Class 11:00 Ash Wed/HC 12:00 lunch 2:30 Midweek 6:00 Ash Wed/HC 7:00 Evening Circle	7 1:30 Ladies Aid	8	9
10 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 DW	11	12	13 9:30 Bible Class 11:00 Lenten Service 12:00 Lunch 4:00 Midweek 6:00 Lenten Service 7:00 Council Meet	14	15	16
17 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC	18 1:30 Sewing Circle	19	20 9:30 Bible Class 11:00 Lenten Service 12:00 Lunch 2:30 Midweek 6:00 Lenten Service	21	22	23
24 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW	25	26	27 9:30 Bible Class 11:00 Lenten Service 12:00 Lunch 2:30 Midweek 6:00 Lenten Service	28	29	30
31 9:00 Chr. Ed 10:00 DW/HC						



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Planting Together

March 2019

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On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!

Generosity of God's People in IDW



As the IOWAY Director, I am so blessed and thankful to witness the amazing generosity of God's people. Our mission outreach to the homeless on Skid Row in inner city Los Angeles on January 2 is an example of this. It was a joy to see the piles upon piles of items from the 28 stuffed suitcases we brought! Add to that, the numerous carts of items from our \$2,000 purchase at the 99 cent Store!

The generosity of God's people is also very evident in their gifts to help with the Florida, North Carolina and California disasters. The gifts from many individuals and churches totaled \$27,000. Praise God! Numerous supplies and items were sent via Amazon Prime to Trinity Lutheran Church in Panama City, Florida. The "We Care Tubs" were very much appreciated by families in California and North Carolina. We "adopted" two families, sent toys and tuition support to families of preschoolers at Calvary Lutheran in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Pastor Brandon Merrick and his family lost their home and church in the California fires. We sent many Christmas gifts, along with gifts of money to help purchase some of the items that were destroyed. Together, we made a huge difference in the lives of those who lost their homes and belongings.

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

Church Worker Scholarships

Iowa District West offers substantial scholarships to those students who are going in to full time 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 and forms and links. Applications are due by June 1. Rev. Tom Schlund, Senior Pastor at Trinity, Algona, is our Director of Student Financial Aid.

IDW Outreach to California Fires

Ellie Menz has been working to find the best way to reach out and help those in need in response to the damage done by the California fires. She has been in contact with Pastor Michael Meyer, LCMS Disaster Response Coordinator, and with the Disaster Response Coordinators in the California-Nevada-Hawaii District. If you wish to donate for the needs, please make your check payable to Iowa District West with "Disaster" in the memo and send to Iowa District West, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite B, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501. If you have any questions contact Ellie at ellie@iowadistrictwest.org.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

As you think about designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to a ministry, keep in mind that Lutheran Women's Missionary League Iowa West is now enrolled in Thrivent Choice. Don't let your Thrivent Choice Dollars go undesignated.

Chaplain Serving in Iowa District West

Council Bluffs/Omaha: Rev. Ron Holling—402-670-0447

Rev. David List—402-599-9837

Des Moines: Rev. Donald Boeschen—515-278-4134

Rev. James Brammeier—515-276-3571

Sioux City: Rev. Charles Horkey—712-898-4983

Rev. Leland Schmidt—712-251-0437

Save the Dates: 2019 Junior and Senior High Youth Gatherings

Junior Youth — "Come to the Table" — October 19-20
Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines

Senior Youth — "Foundations Prepared" — November 15-17
Embassy Suites, Downtown Des Moines

Calendar of Events

March 2... Strengthening Your Marriage Workshop, Good Shepherd, Fort Dodge

March 14-15... DCE Retreat, Lutheran Family Service Ministry Center, Fort Dodge

STRENGTHENING YOUR MARRIAGE WORKSHOP



SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
FORT DODGE, IOWA
LED BY
PASTOR JONATHAN CONNER

Time: Check in between 8:30am-8:50am **Workshop:** 9am-2pm

Who: For ALL married couples...this is an opportunity to strengthen your marriage

Cost: \$40 per couple (payable the morning of the workshop)

Morning refreshments and lunch provided

Have childcare needs? Indicate on your registration.



Couples will

Grow in their communication skills with each other.

Have the opportunity to focus on their marriage.

Have time to process with each other and discuss areas that need strengthening.

Celebrate the marriage with which God has blessed them.

Enjoy the fellowship of other married couples.

Contact Rhonda Mohr to ask questions about the workshop.

515-573-0010

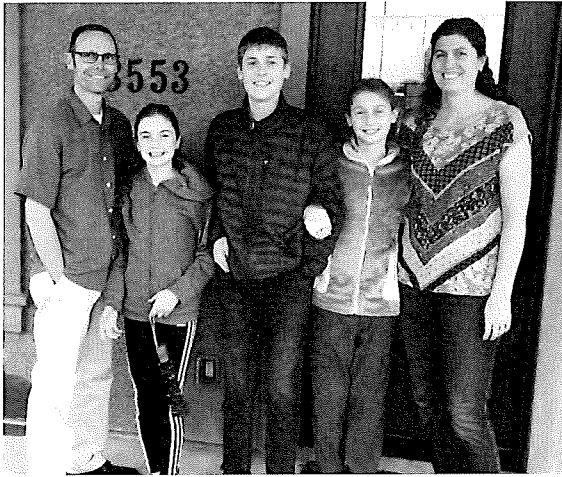
Register by February 25

Registration link posted on IDW website

iowadistrictwest.org

Iowa District West, You are Amazing!

What a whirlwind of disasters! As the District Disaster Response Coordinator, I have been responding with love from Iowa District West to Florida, North Carolina and California. I am extremely grateful to the congregations and individuals who donated money for the support of the relief efforts! With your generous gifts currently totaling \$27,000, we were able to make a difference in the lives of individuals affected by the disasters. More funding is needed to continue the relief work.



My husband and I were spending time with our son and his family in the Bay Area in California. On February 13, during the crazy rain and flooding in California, we headed to Paradise to meet Pastor Brandon Merrick and family (pictured). The destruction of Paradise the fires is unimaginable! After seeing the destruction, a soldier who fought in Afghanistan said that this is worse than what he witnessed on his two tours of duty. I took photos, but they do not show the total devastation. I will share more about that in another article. Pastor Merrick sent the following

letter of thanks:

“To Ellie Menz and God’s saints of the Iowa West District,

On behalf of the congregation of Our Savior Lutheran Church and my family, I want to thank all of you who have helped us over the last several months. On November 8, the lives of the people in Paradise, Magalia, and the surrounding communities were changed in a matter of hours. We lost our church, our home, and our community. Since that day, members of our congregation and community have had to move from the area or take up temporary lodging in living rooms, motels, and trailers. Roughly 85 percent of the homes and buildings in Paradise were destroyed.

In the midst of this tragedy, I have witnessed how God delivers His blessings in the most amazing and real ways. God has blessed us through the presence of His saints who are quick to listen and share in our suffering, through gifts from people across the country, through His Word of encouragement and peace, and through the touch of people who care. God has blessed my family and the people of Paradise through you!

Our congregation is currently making plans to get back into Paradise by renting a facility for worship and to be a presence in helping our community heal and rebuild. Our long-term plan is to build a new church and preschool.

Many people have seen the picture of the cross standing before our church building as it is burning to the ground.



Tyler and Elizabeth Frank captured this photo of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Paradise, Calif., burning as they were stuck in gridlocked traffic Thursday. (Tyler and Elizabeth Frank)

Our desire is to one day share a new picture of the cross standing once again in front of a beautiful church building set apart for people to come and worship our heavenly Father in Paradise, California.

Over the last three months, I have been reminded of God's call through the Apostle Paul in the midst of turmoil and our response to be faithful to Him. 'Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep' (Romans 12:12-15).

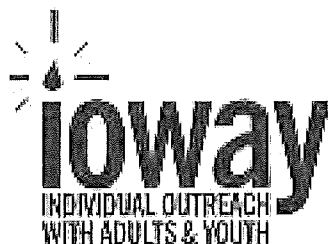
We are so very thankful for your generosity that enabled us to continue in our Great Commission. Thank you!"



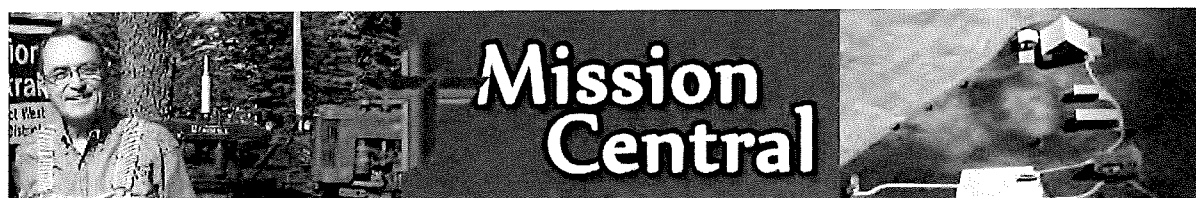
Remains of their home and Jeep Cherokee



Same cross as above photo.
It remained unburned.
Taken February 13.



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NOT NORMAL PARENTS ARRIVE AT MISSION CENTRAL

With farming experience that includes rabbits, ducks, geese, sheep and so much more...the wealth of the rural background comes to life and gives to people amazing wisdom. Especially, if they also deal with bees.

This is the background of the amazing Wolf Family. It was a blessing to welcome the mom and dad of John Wolf, one of our finest missionaries who is working for the Lord Jesus in Kenya East Africa. Both Dale and Joyce Wolf came for a special tour and meeting on January 28, a sub-zero day!

Traveling through this part of the world, Dale and Joyce just “had to stop” so Dale (who hadn’t seen this miracle place) could see what God can do with an old set of farm buildings in the middle of NOWHERE!

It was such a blessing to visit with these special NOT NORMAL people. Now, we clearly understand how their son, John, is so NOT NORMAL also. It was one of the best “visits” we’ve had in a long time. What a blessing for them to stop and be with us. This special Christian couple is pictured in front of our Boss at the Lord’s Mission Central.



HINTON AND KINGSLEY MISSIONARIES ARRIVE AT MISSION CENTRAL

What a JOY and BLESSING to welcome the youth and adults from the congregations of Kingsley and Hinton, Iowa. This AMAZING group of folks arrived for a special tour and program on January 16.

The group was led by Missionary Pastors, Rev. Steve Stoll from Trinity Lutheran Church at Hinton and Rev. Jason Letsche of First Lutheran Church in Kingsley. This NOT NORMAL group toured the Ministry Center, The Lord’s Creation Theater, and the Barn Museum.

This special “evening tour” worked so well for the entire group as they were able to drive here at just the right time. Both the youth and adults were totally surprised by the new Creation Theater, as none of them had seen anything like this.

One of the members of the tour group said, "I'll never forget my trip to this MIRACLE PLACE!" The group is pictured in the Theater and the Barn. It was a time they won't forget.



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What's Happening

At YOUR Camp!



March 7, 2019 7 pm Minor Sex Trafficking Seminar

Join us as we learn about domestic minor sex trafficking, awareness and prevention. Kim Smith, a volunteer ambassador with Shared Hope International, will present information that will be helpful for educators, parents and anyone else who works with children and youth. This is a free event. Registration is helpful but not necessary.

March 17, 2019 5-7 PM Sunday Funday!

An event for all 7th–12th grade students which will include a topic led by Bethany Kuhlmann with Lutheran Family Service. Bethany's topic will focus on social media—the positives as well as the dangers and how we portray ourselves. There will be games and refreshments.

Cost is \$5 per person! You can come on your own or bring your youth group and friends! Call the Camp office at 712-337-3325 to let us know by Friday, March 15 so we can have enough refreshments on hand.

April 5-6, 2019 Spring Women's Retreat—Greatly to be Praised!

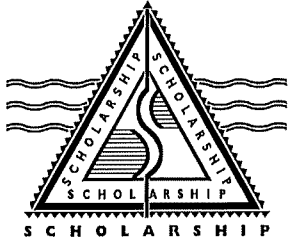


DCE DeAnn Haas-McCue will lead us in Bible study. We will experience fun, fellowship, relaxation, joys and sorrows with other Christian women. Cost is \$100 for overnight guest and \$75 for local guests who are not lodging at Camp. Fee covers meals, snacks, towels, linens, and programing costs. Housing will be in Bethel Retreat Center.

Go to www.campokobojo.org to register.

April 27, 2019 Camp Okobojo Annual Meeting

Camp Okobojo is owned by the members of the congregations in Iowa District West. Each congregation is encouraged to send a delegate to the annual meeting. Congregations and past delegates will receive information in the mail about this meeting. For more information contact Kirk or Kellie at the Camp office. They will be more than happy to assist you.



“Train a Child in the way he should go...”

Proverbs 22:6

What better way to train a child than to give them an opportunity to join the fun for Cub Weeks at Camp Okoboji in July! The Camp Okoboi Auxiliary is again giving away scholarships for a week at Camp for children ages 9-13.

The path is so easy. Stop by the church office and pick up an application. Applicants do need to be members of a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church.

They must in their own words—100 or less—tell our selection committee why they would love to go to camp this year. The Auxiliary will pay the child’s cost and we will also pay the way for one of their pals to go with them.

Applications must be received in the Camp Office no later than March 29th. The committee will review the applications and make the selections. Please note that preference will be given to campers who have not previously won

The children selected will be announced at the Camp’s Annual Meeting that will be held on April 27th. They will be individually notified later and will receive the necessary information to complete their application for Cub Week

CUB WEEK CAMP FOR 2019

June 23-29, 2019

July 15-21, 2019



March Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Lydia Dose Mark & Jolene Stoelk
3 Susan Ehlers	4 Norma Luetje Ryan Neumann Irene Stark Dale & Nicky Lenz	5 Kurt Branning	6 Wyatt Neumann	7 Garrett Cleveland Merle Witt	8 Jeff Luetje Patty Vetter	9
10	11 Kylar Cleveland Shane Kraus Lajean Shiney Dwight & Melissa Ehlers	12	13	14 Timothy Dose	15	16 Chad Wittrock Jeff & Cheryl Vetter
17 Pat Branning Myra Luetje Karlie Muhlbauer Jim Vetter	18 Luetta Meggers Scot Muhlbauer Cheryl Vetter	19 Kash Riesberg	20	21 Cat Luetje Katelyn Wittrock	22 Derrick Cornelius Jane Vetter	23
24 Andrew Skinner Gary & Shelli Lenz	25 Sharil Lawler	26	27 Keith & Jane Petersen	28 Heather Cornelius Maggie Ragaller	29 Brooke Bass Scot & Stacie Muhlbauer	30
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FRIENDS WHO CARE

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

