

"Dose of Wisdom"

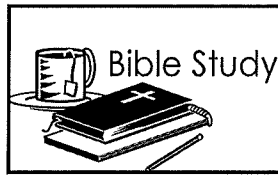
This month I'd like to remind each one of us of the responsibility we have as Christians. We continue to learn God's Word. We continue to sit at the feet of Jesus to receive His Word. Catechesis is not confirmation class 5th-8th grade. It is our whole lives long. Think about the disciples who walked with Jesus. Did they stop learning when Jesus ascended into heaven? No. They continued to learn and write and think on the things Jesus said until they died (all but one a martyr's death.) Let us continue to learn and grow in our faith in Christ. Sundays at 9:00 (starting September 5th) we will continue to watch The Chosen for Bible Class. Come and join us. We have brand new tables and chairs for everyone to enjoy downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Below is a writing from the book we use for Catechesis. Please be encouraged to keep learning and growing in the faith.

*Blessings,
Pastor Dose*

Foreword to The Lutheran Catechesis Series A Change of Thinking About the Task of Catechesis

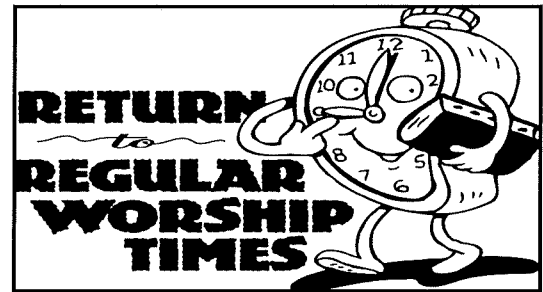
The Lutheran Catechesis Series represents a paradigm shift for most Lutheran pastors and congregations in their understanding of what catechesis is, how it is done, and the role of the Small Catechism. ***For most, catechesis is "confirmation class." It is primarily academic in nature, the goal being 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.)



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Our Adult Bible Class is held on Sunday mornings at 9 am. 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. Come and join us!



Please note that we are in our Fall Worship Schedule

Christian Education and Adult Bible Class at 9 am

Divine Worship at 10 am

Youth Gathering



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ---

The IDW Sr High Youth Gathering will be held November 19th-21st at the Holiday Inn at the Airport in Des Moines. Cost is \$235. Registration forms are in Deb's office. They need to be filled out and signed along with a \$117.50 deposit (church will pay the other 1/2). Any questions please contact the office.

Iowa District West Jr. High Youth Gathering

The IDW Jr High Youth Gathering (grades 6-8th) will be held Saturday-Sunday, October 23-24th at the Sheraton Hotel in Des Moines. Registration forms and \$75 are due to Deb by September 15th. The cost is \$150 per person. The church will cover 1/2 of the cost (\$75).

L.W.M.L

LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, September 2nd at 1:30 pm. Hostess will be Shirley Walde.

EVENING CIRCLE:

Will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday, September 1st at the home of Diane Witt. Co-hostess is Carmen Thiedeman.

L.W.M.L Sunday will be October 3rd

PARISH CIRCLE:

Deb Owen
Carm Thiedeman

CHANCEL CIRCLE

Beth Wittrock

MARTHA CIRCLE

Cathy Meyer
Lajeane Shiney



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 .



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 12th 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.



- 12th: Devon Ehlers & Lynn Middleton
- 19th: Lilly Julin & Connor Julin
- 26th: Abby Klink & Marissa Schrad

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

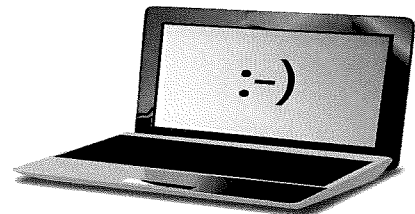
Please be ready to acolyte by 9:45



SNACK SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1st: Laynie Muhlbauer
- 8th: Devon Ehlers
- 15th: Annalee Wittrock
- 22nd: Jacob Hanson
- 29th: Marissa Schrad

Please prepare for 25 people.



Screen Schedule

***SEPTEMBER**

- 19th:
- 26th:

Doing the Screen during the Divine Service is equal to 2 sermon notes. There is a sign up sheet on the Bulletin board by Deb's office to sign up.

Harvest Supper



The Annual Turkey Supper will be held on **Saturday October 30th at the Westside Community Building.** Serving will be from 4:00-7:00 pm. Cost is \$10 each meal. All meals will include: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green beans, Corn dinner roll, 3 salads, and a piece of dessert (apple or Pumpkin. This will be a drive through event. However, there will be some seating at the building for those who wish to dine in.

AWV STAFF SCHOLARSHIP STALEY'S CHICKEN SUPPER "DRIVE BY STYLE:

WHEN: Wednesday, 9/15/21

TIME: 5:00-7:30 pm

MENU: Staley's Chicken

Baked Potato with butter/& sour cream

Corn

Coleslaw

Dinner Roll & Ice Cream Cup

COST: Adults (ages 9 & up) \$12.50

LINEUP will start on Main Street at the Westside Park and continue North toward the Community Building. AWV staff and members of the senior class will collect tickets or money and deliver dinners at your car.

For advance tickets, call the AWV school at
712-663-4312

Chicken Supper



**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?

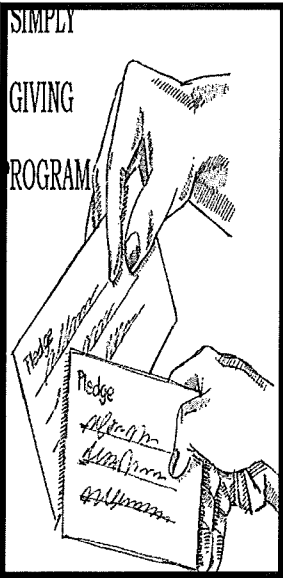
...checked it for messages
throughout the day?

...used it in case of an
emergency?

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



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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 church's 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)	\$ 122,687.42
EXPENSES (year to date)	\$ 113,530.71
MEMORIAL ACCT Balance	\$ 2,291.53
REPAIR ACCT Balance	\$ 5,910.08

Below is a list of accounts that we have here at Zion. They include

- GENERAL FUND:** pays all the bills
- MEMORIAL FUND:** money donated to the church in memory of someone to Purchase memorial items or projects
- REPAIR FUND:** money that is designated for repairs or updates on the church or church property
- ENDOWMENT FUND:** can be used for a variety of worthwhile missions, charitable projects, and evangelism outreach activities. This **CAN NOT** be used for operating expenses such as salaries, insurance, etc.

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 \$58,000 in unrestricted and \$2,200 in restricted (mission projects) 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, October 3, 2021

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Sandy Hunter</i>	2 <i>Clayton Nobiling</i>	3 <i>Zach Kraus Roger & Beth Liechti</i>	4 <i>Ryan Ehlers Keith Petersen</i>
5 <i>Jonathan Dose Paul & Peggy Hiners</i>	6 <i>Dalton Ehlers Molly Hipnar Jenni Middleton Laynie Muhlbauer Isabelle Vetter</i>	7 <i>Christina Koch Justin & Caity Heiman</i>	8 <i>Conner Hansman Jenna Hausman Cara Kraus Sebastian Kraus</i>	9	10 <i>Magen Fineran Mandy Heithoff</i>	11 <i>Todd Gronau Blake Liechti Kevin & Sara Skinner</i>
12 <i>Laurie Anderson Kevin Skinner</i>	13 <i>Delby Bruhn Sam Giemann Hunter Klink Doug & Doreen Bender Nate & Casey Bruch Dan & Misty Spooner</i>	14 <i>Andrew & Kelsey Lupole</i>	15	16 <i>Matthew Dirks Amanda Kraus</i>	17 <i>Michael Brockman Katelyn Hiners</i>	18 <i>Lisa Gallagher Tanner Hage Linda Irlbeck</i>
19 <i>Heather Hansman Jamie Hausman Al Hunter Clayton Vetter</i>	20	21 <i>Dale Lenz Kelsie Weier Gail & Marilyn Mumm</i>	22 <i>Bryan Miller Baylee Travis Matt & Kelli Dirks Jamie & Courtney Wiederin</i>	23	24	25 <i>Kristi Hoffman Chandler Nelson</i>
26 <i>Kalon Cleveland Gary Lenz Misty Spooner Jace & Kelsea Hawley Ben & Hope Schmidt</i>	27 <i>Rich & Christy Hanson</i>	28 <i>Chris Ehlers Neil Liechti</i>	29 <i>Darin Schurke Eric Vetter</i>	30 <i>Dwight Ehlers</i>		

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 our 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.

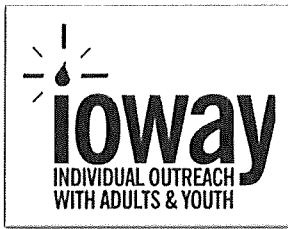
Living In Faith Everyday means we are shining lights for Christ and tell others about the great things that the Lord has done. We tell them about His forgiveness and the grace that He gives us every day.

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



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IOWAY on the Move

No one can help everyone, but everyone can help someone! How can people in Iowa help families in West Virginia? Iowa District West members donated school supplies, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Boone donated \$1,000, and Dale and Deb Schmidt of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll delivered the donated items.

Rev. Dr. Richard Lohmeyer, pictured with his wife, Judy, shared, “Once again I had the wonderful opportunity to experience the love and support of the LCMS people in Iowa District West, and on behalf of the members of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Alderson, West Virginia, I say: ‘Thank you!’



“The ‘wonderful’ I am speaking about, is that once again I met Deb and Dale Schmidt who had driven down to West Virginia with a load of school supplies from Iowa District West! You should know that they joyfully deliver those school supplies and always bring them in the name of Jesus. They truly reflect God’s love and each of you in the name of Jesus!

“Thanks to the generosity of the members of Iowa District West (including the school supplies delivered and the \$1100.00 check sent), we can fully fund our annual School Supply Giveaway. Through this ministry, over 200 needy children in our community will be well equipped to begin the new school year. The supplies will be blessed before distribution during our worship service and given to those who need the items! We will include a new Bible and pray with the families for a good school year. Once more, Thank you for your support! We pray for God’s continued blessing on the members of Iowa District West. May God bless and keep!”

Barb Schulze, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Fort Dodge, continues to reach out and bless many people as she purchases needed items for the homeless and for the Moulton Elementary students in Des Moines. I call her a “super shopper.” She is always on the lookout for bargains to bless others. Pictured, Barb purchased needed school supplies for students at Moulton with a \$250 Thrivent card. She encourages others to use their Thrivent cards to bless others.



Fourteen IOWAY helpers enjoyed packing Mercy Meals at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux City. The group packaged 7,302 meals during their shift. Jane Morris, an IOWAY Coordinator, a participant in this event, and President of Iowa West District LWML, presented Larry Joines with a check in the amount of \$4,600 from a \$12,000 Iowa West District LWML mission grant awarded to Mercy Meals of Siouxland in 2020. Our shift packaged meals using materials and supplies purchased by the mission grant.

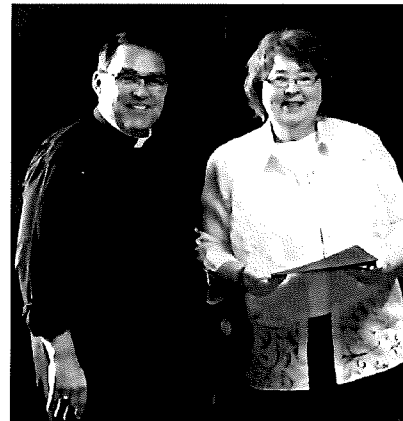


Memorial Lutheran Church, Ames: Judy Newhouse shared that their 40 Vacation Bible School students collected 449 school supply items for students at Moulton Elementary School. They also raised \$729.10 for Missionary Amanda Gocek who is serving in the Ukraine.

To add to the fun, Judy Newhouse and Pastors Mark Heilman and David Beagley each had a jar to collect the mission money. The one with the most money donated by the children got a “pie in the face.” Judy said that on the last day, they each were treated to a pie in the face. Hopefully, the pie was yummy!

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers who have made my last 20 years as the IOWAY Director a joyful experience! On August 12, the following was posted on the District Facebook page:

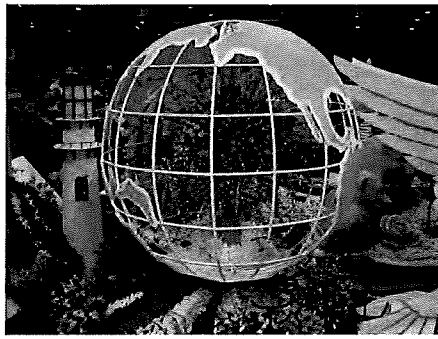
The Iowa District West Board of Directors celebrated with IOWAY Director Ellie Menz as she was recognized for 20 years of dedicated service. We are truly blessed to have Ellie in our district and part of the IDW staff. May God continue to bless her mission heart and outreach efforts that have reached beyond our district and into all the world! Thank you, Ellie!



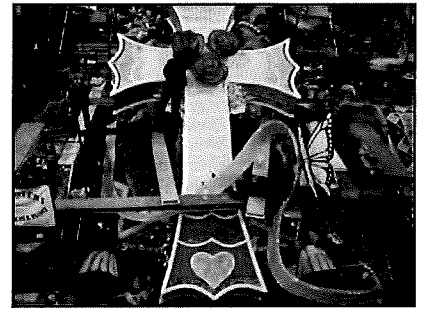
“Ring In” 2022 in California



Make Music unto the Lord-2004



Family of God-2005



Miracle of Faith-2006



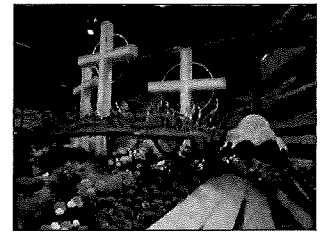
God's Great Nature-2007



Passport to Celebrations-2008



Alleluia Chorus-2009



10 Commandments-2010



Lutheran Hour Float-2011

YOU ARE
INVITED!
December
28, 2021-
January 4,
2022



Lutheran Hour Float-2012

WHY go on this mission trip?

- Puts faith into action
- Life changing and faith building
- Decorate the only Christian float for the famous Rose Parade

WHO can participate?

- 18 years old and over (Call and inquire about possible exceptions)
- Suggestion: Make it a family affair and create memories. Invite your parents and/or grandparents.

PURPOSE of trip? (Activities will vary)

- Decorate the Lutheran Hour and other floats for the Rose Parade.
- Enjoy a week of serving God and others in sunny California
- Enjoy the Rose Parade 'in person' on Colorado Boulevard
- Serve the homeless on Skid Row



Lutheran Hour Float-2018

Over~~~~~

WHEN is the trip?

- December 28, 2021- January 4, 2022

WHAT is the cost?

- \$1,995-- Includes airfare, 7 days lodging, ground transportation and some meals. (For a more private room, inquire immediately and we will try to accommodate.)

HOW do you register?

- Complete the registration form
- Pay \$100 deposit. (if positions are filled, \$100 will be returned)



Lutheran Hour Float-2019

Welcome 2022 in Sunny California

Name (as it appears on your driver's license) _____

Male/Female _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Birth date (airline requirement) _____

Cell phone _____ Current grade _____ (Adult) _____

E-Mail _____ (please print clearly)

Home congregation and city _____

Sweatshirt size (indicate one size larger than normal) _____

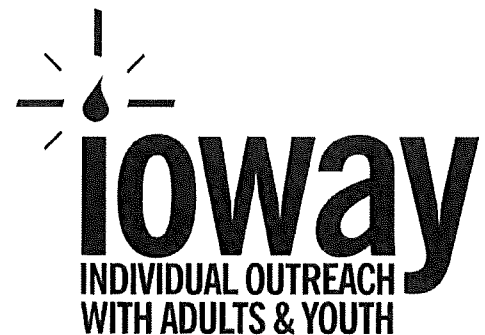
Consent: I agree to participate and cooperate with group activities on this IOWAY mission trip.

SIGNATURE _____

Date _____

Please send this registration form and \$100 payable to "IDW-Pasadena Trip" to:

Ellie Menz
 807 W. South
 Jefferson, IA 50129
 (515)370-1159



Happening @ Camp

Omelet Brunch

Sept. 5 | Oct. 3

9:30am-1:00pm

Yummy Omelets are still around for two more months! Swing by Camp for some good grub and fellowship!

Volunteer Work Weekend

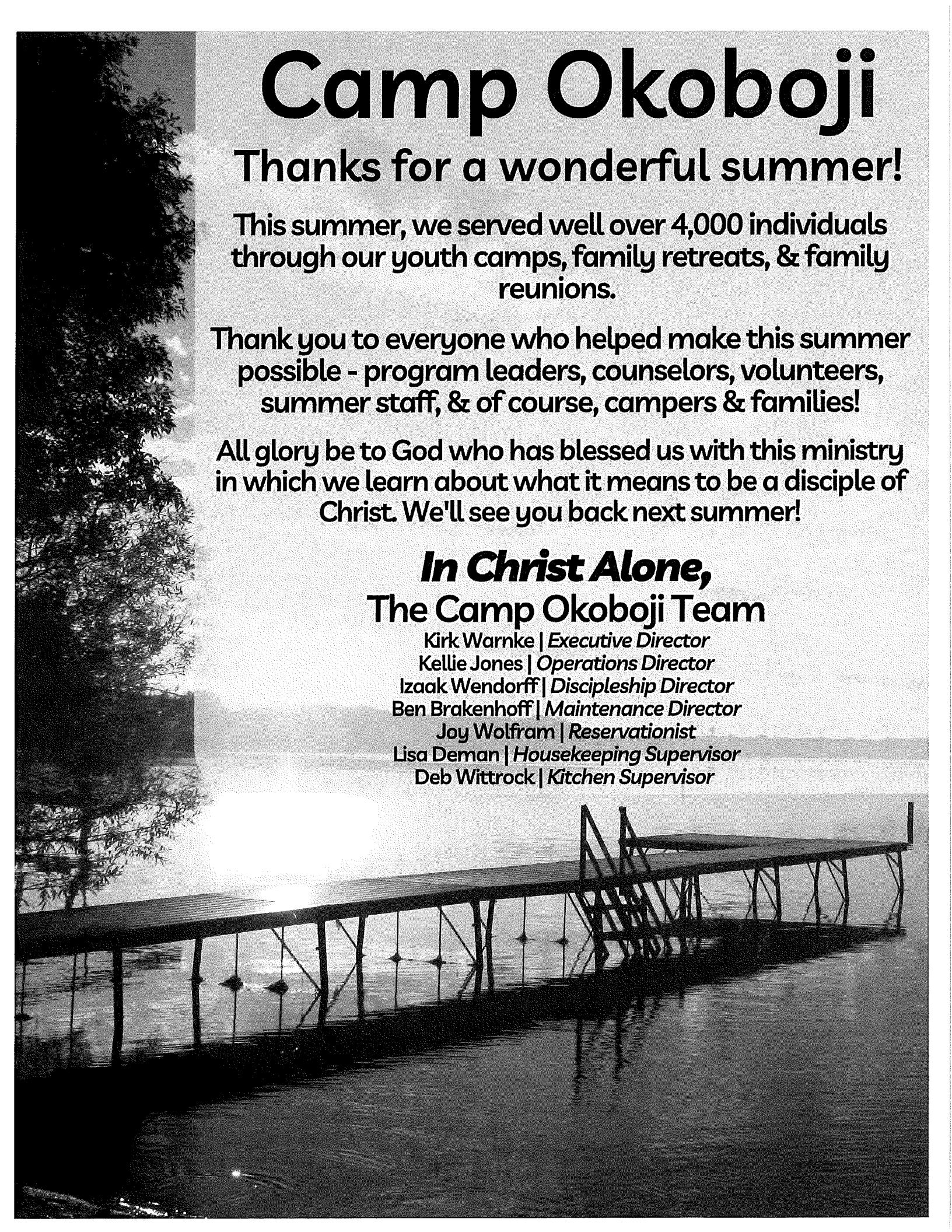
October 8-9

Help us wrap up the summer season & prepare for winter. Lodging & Meals are covered. Call the Camp Office to let us know you're coming!

Outdoor Education

Is your Lutheran School coming to Camp Okoboji for Outdoor Education? Reach out to Izaak (izaak.campokoboji@gmail.com) to get connected.





Camp Okoboji

Thanks for a wonderful summer!

This summer, we served well over 4,000 individuals through our youth camps, family retreats, & family reunions.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this summer possible - program leaders, counselors, volunteers, summer staff, & of course, campers & families!

All glory be to God who has blessed us with this ministry in which we learn about what it means to be a disciple of Christ. We'll see you back next summer!

In Christ Alone, **The Camp Okoboji Team**

Kirk Warnke | *Executive Director*

Kellie Jones | *Operations Director*

Izaak Wendorff | *Discipleship Director*

Ben Brakenhoff | *Maintenance Director*

Joy Wolfram | *Reservationist*

Lisa Deman | *Housekeeping Supervisor*

Deb Wittrock | *Kitchen Supervisor*



On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!

September 2021

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Contact email: sue@iowadistrictwest.org

One Word to Describe this Season



Recently, I attended a conference where the speaker was trying to find a word to describe this season of our lives. He invented a new word, PUC. What does PUC mean in good Lutheran fashion? It stands for **Pain, Uncertainty, and Chaos**. Does that resonate with you? This year, we have seen more than our fair share of three of those. My focus is on the word "chaos." As believers, we have had to learn to live in the chaos. We like things we can control, but COVID-19 taught us we cannot control the chaos. Rules are in place to help reduce chaos, but rules are often there because someone in the past created chaos. Think back to the year you saw more growth in your life in the chaos. If we avoid chaos, we may limit the growth God has in mind for our life. James reminds us, "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4). My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, do not obsess about those things you have no control over. Instead, focus on the outcome. God uses tough times, even chaotic times, to strengthen our faith.

Rev. B. Keith Haney, Assistant to the President
keith@iowadistrictwest.org

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

Iowa District West Youth Gatherings

The JR Youth and SR Youth gathering teams are excited about the upcoming gatherings! It is our hope that many youth across our district will be able to participate. Registration information was mailed to all congregations. Registration information is also be available to download from the district website.

- Jr. Youth Gathering
October 23-24
Sheraton – West Des Moines
Cost - \$150
- Sr. Youth Gathering
November 19-21
Holiday Inn at the Airport—Des Moines
Cost - \$235

Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO)

In addition to supporting more than 12,000 students each year, the Iowa School Tuition Organization (STO) Tax Credit program provides donors with a 75% tax credit – the highest individual income tax credit in the state of Iowa. Corporations are also eligible. The amount you contribute to the program qualifies as a charitable donation on your federal tax return as well. Donate today! Contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991 to learn more.

Iowa District West Youth Gathering Scholarships

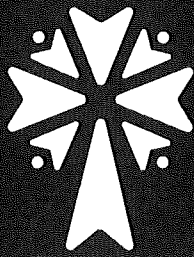
Assistance for those who need financial aid is available from the district for youth attending district youth gatherings. The application should be filled out by the pastor or church worker from the congregation of which the applicant is a member. Applications are then sent to the district office.

Click on the link and select "Youth Events Financial Aid."
<http://idwlcms.org/forms-and-links.php>



Calendar of Events

September 6...Labor Day—District Office Closed
September 21...Administrative Assistants Conference, Fort Dodge



Lutheran Family Service

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A Mission Field of over 600,000 Souls...Embryo Rescue Through Adoption

Does the idea of rescuing embryos seem a bit strange?

Take a look at the information below to better understand this life-affirming way to build a family and bring little ones at risk of death to Jesus.

What embryos are we talking about?

Little boys and girls conceived through in vitro fertilization and now frozen in fertility clinics because the couple conceiving them has completed their family. Approximately six percent of the over 600,000 embryo population in America is available for rescue through adoption if only parents could be found to rescue them.

What options are there for these extra embryos?

They may be donated for research and killed for their stem cells, thawed and allowed to die, or rescued by a couple willing to adopt them.

How does this rescue process work?

A donating couple is matched with an

adopting couple. The embryos are sent to the adopting couple's fertility clinic and transferred into adopting mom's uterus.

Who facilitates this?

Lutheran Family Service prepares adopting couples through education and home study, then provides the necessary resources to match adopting couples with donating couples through a partnership with Night Light Christian Adoption's Snowflake Embryo Adoption program.

Why is this a good alternative to in vitro fertilization?

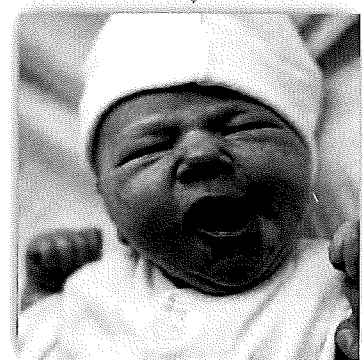
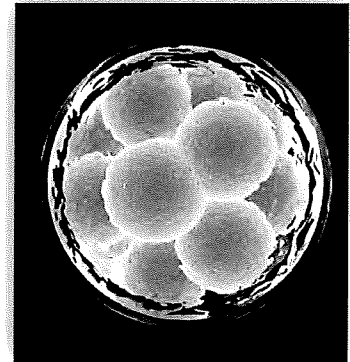
LFS does not promote IVF, but does believe embryo adoption is a way to rescue little boys and girls who have already been created, bringing them to Holy Baptism and allowing a couple to experience pregnancy and childbirth without creating additional embryos through IVF process.

What can you do to help rescue these frozen babies?

Pray! Ask God to move couples desiring a child to choose embryo adoption.

Share! Tell others about these embryos in need of adoption. As God rescued us through adoption (Galatians 4:4-7), so too can we give these children new life through adoption. Encourage couples you know to watch the informational webinar about embryo adoption at <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/adoption-services/embryo-adoptions/>.

Support! Support adopting couples by helping them to cover adoption fees so that expense is not a barrier to adoption rescue. Call LFS for more information.



Contact LFS for help with marriage, family or individual mental health challenges or unplanned pregnancy & adoption services consistent with your faith and values.

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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!



SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 4:00 Midweek 7:00 Evening Cir	2 1:30 Ladies Aid	3	4
5 10:00 DW/HC	6	7	8 4:00 Midweek 7:00 Council Meeting	9	10	11
12 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC Outdoor Worship Rally Sunday	13	14	15 4:00 Midweek	16	17	18
19 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	20	21	22 4:00 Midweek	23	24	25
26 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	27	28	29	30		

USHERS

Dale Wittrock Jacob Wittrock
 Gary Lenz Kyle Lenz
 Kurt Branning Kelly Riesberg
 Doug Gronau Greg Gronau

ACOLYTEES

12th: Devon Ehlers & Lynn Middleton
 19th: Lilly Julin & Connor Julin
 26th: Abby Klink & Marissa Schrad

CHANCEL CIRCLE

Beth Wittrock

PARISH CIRCLE

Deb Owen

MARTHA CIRCLE

Carm Thiedeman
 Cathy Meyer
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Midweek Servers

1st: Laynie Muhlbauer
 8th: Devon Ehlers
 15th: Annalee Wittrock
 22nd: Jacob Hanson
 29th: Marissa Schrad

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Friends Who Care

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

