

## **The Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation**

### **The Tree of Life Vacation Bible School**

The Bible is the story of God's mission to save His creation through His Son, Jesus Christ. The Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation is a series of resources that will help people of all ages better understand the grand story of salvation. The resource can be used over ten weeks as a congregation-wide resource or in fewer lessons as part of a flexible teaching resource. Each lesson will cover a different Bible account that guides us through the epic story of salvation from creation, to the cross, to Christ's return on the Last Day.

The first five lessons will focus on the Old Testament, while the next five will feature lessons in the New Testament. We will begin with creation and the fall into sin, which brought all the problems we experience in this world, including hate, prejudice, crime, war, sickness, and death. Then we will look at God's promise to send His Son to save us. That promise unfolded throughout the history of God's Old Testament people: Abraham, Moses, King David, and Daniel.

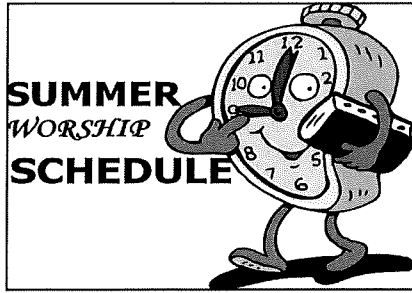
In the second half, we will focus on Jesus' coming as our Savior. We will look at His birth and Baptism, His ministry, His suffering and death, His resurrection, and His promise to return on the Last Day to judge the living and the dead. By the end of these ten lessons, your congregation will understand the Bible's overarching theme and storyline, the key to unlocking the full riches of each page of Holy Scripture.

May 31-June 3rd, we'll be holding Vacation Bible School called The Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation. This VBS examines God's plan of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Each session of this VBS explores Bible accounts that guide us through the epic story of salvation, from creation in the beginning of Genesis, to the cross of Christ in the beginning of the New Testament, and finally to Jesus' return on the Last Day in the Book of Revelation.

Be sure to join us for fun lessons, music, crafts, snacks, and activities to learn how Jesus' cross became the tree of life in which God forgives us and gives us everlasting life.





Our Summer Worship Schedule will begin on Sunday, June 5th at 9 am each Sunday through August 28th. We will resume Fall Schedule on September 5th. There will be NO Sunday School Classes during the months of June, July & August.

**Adult Bible Class will be held at 10 each Sunday**

# schedule

<b>Sunday-June 5th::</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship (no HC)</b>
<b>Sunday-June 12th</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship/HC</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>
<b>Sunday-June 19th</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship/HC</b>
<b>Sunday-June 26th</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship/HC</b>



**Scholarship Recipients**

We would like to offer our congratulations Will Ragaller who was the recipient of the Violetta Andersen Scholarship and to Jonathan Dose, Damon Ehlers and Jaggar Luetje who were recipients of the Zion Memorial Scholarship.

**LADIES AID:** Will meet on Thursday, June 2nd at 12:30 here at the church to carpool to Maple River for lunch.

## L.W.M.L.

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

### **EVENING CIRCLE:**

The Evening Circle will be meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, June 1st at the home of Sandy Hunter. Co-Hostess is Marilyn Mumm

**MARTHA CIRCLE:**

Sandy Hunter

**CHANCEL CIRCLE:**

Donna Rickers & Melissa Ehlers

**PARISH CIRCLE:**

Deb Owen



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

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

# V.B.S



Greetings to all students and friends of Zion. This is a reminder that V.B.S. will be held **Tuesday to Friday, May 31st –June 3**. Our theme this year is “The Tree of Life: God’s Promise of Salvation” Our classes will begin with opening devotions at 8:30 am (so plan your arrival accordingly) and will end with closing devotions at 11:30 am. All children ages 4 (By May 31st through the 8th grade are invited and encouraged to attend. (class you will be in this fall)

**REMINDERS:** 1) Students are reminded that “good” clothes should NOT be worn as some craft projects can be kind of messy. 2) Daily offerings will be taken and given for a special mission project.

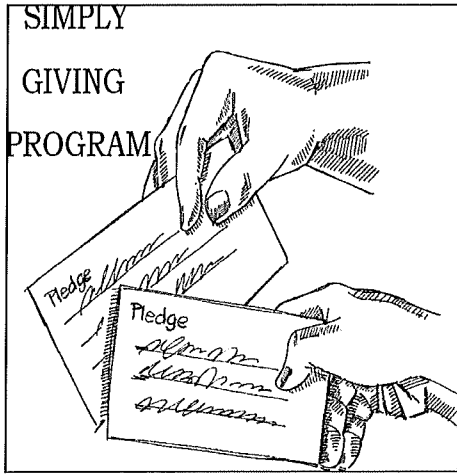
**QUILTS:** The 5th-8th Graders will be tying quilts with anticipation of out doing the number from last year. If you have any sheets, lightweight blankets, etc, please bring them to the church as this will help with the project. They will also be rolling bandages for 3rd world countries.

**LUNCH:** A free lunch will be offered by the Ar-We-Va Community Schools for all students to the age of 18. Lunch will be served in the back of the church from 11:30-noon.

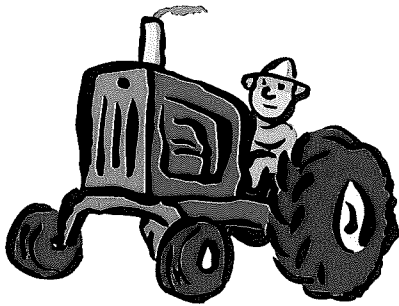
# V.B.S

## May 31-June 3

## 8:30-11:30 am



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 250 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



### HARVEST ACCOUNT

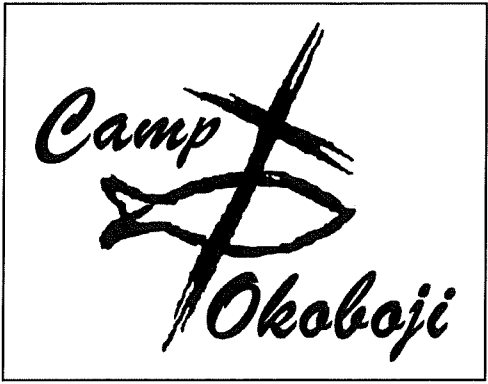
As in the past several years many members of Zion have offered their thanks to the Lord at harvest (or anytime) by presenting a part of their harvest to the Lord. If you would like to offer a gift to the Lord you can do so by letting the Arcadia Elevator know how many bushels of corn or beans you would like to give and that it is for Zion's Harvest Account



### DADDY'S HANDS

I remember daddy's hands folded silently in prayer  
 And reaching' out to hold me, when I had a nightmare  
 You could read quite a story in the callous' and lines  
 Years of work and worry had left their mark behind I remember dad-  
 dy's hands how they held my mama tight  
 And patted my back for something done right  
 There are things that I'd forgotten that I loved about the man  
 But I'll always remember the love in daddy's hands . Daddy's hands  
 were soft and kind when I was cryin'  
 Daddy's hands were hard as steel when I'd done wrong  
 Daddy's hands weren't always gentle but I've come to understand  
 There was always love in daddy's hands. I remember daddy's hands  
 workin' 'til they bled  
 Sacrificed unselfishly just to keep us all fed  
 If I could do things over, I'd live my life again  
 And never take for granted the love in daddy's hands

By Holly Dunn



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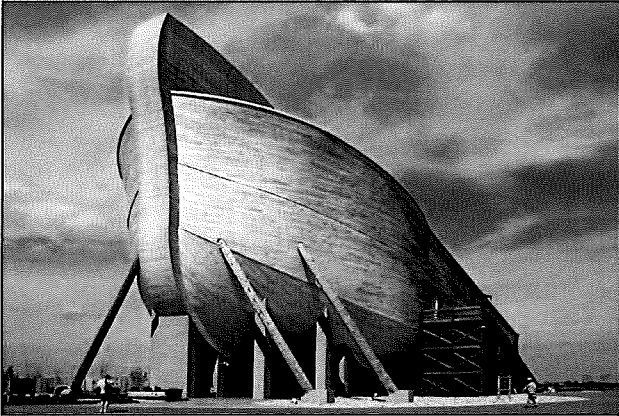
# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Camp Okobojo Quilt Auction**  
July 16, 2022 | 12:30 P.M.

Come join us as we admire, bid, & buy the 100+ beautiful quilts that were made & donated. All proceeds go toward Camp Okobojo's Playground Renovation.

For more information, visit [campokobojo.org](http://campokobojo.org)



**Travel Camp: ARK Encounter & Creation Museum**  
September 5-9, 2022

SAVE THE DATE! We'll be traveling to the ARK Encounter & Creation Museum. Register by submitting your \$75 deposit.

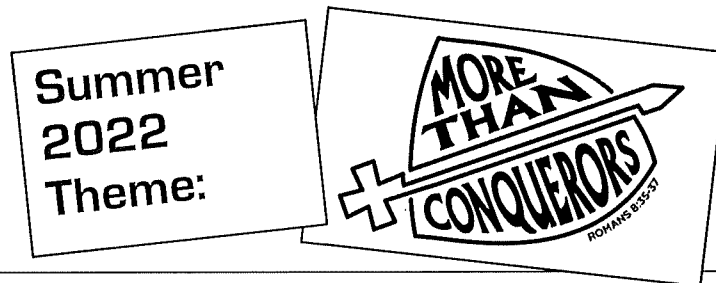
For more information, visit [campokobojo.org](http://campokobojo.org) or call Izaak Wendorff at Camp (712-337-3325)!

# HELP PROMOTE CAMP!

We need your help! Print off CAMP OKOBOJI FLYERS FOR Youth Camps, Family Retreats, Counselors, Summer Staff, and JOY Camp! We want as many people as possible to hear about & receive the Camp Okoboji Discipleship Experiences!

*You can also print off these flyers at this link.*

*Additionally, visit & share Camp Okoboji's Program Promotional Videos on our YouTube Channel!*



## SUMMER 2022 SCHEDULE

*CLICK THE LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION!*

**JUNE 3-5.....KIDS' KAMP**

**JUNE 9-12.....JOY CAMP 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**JUNE 12-15...CUB WEEK #1**

**JULY 3-8.....JULY 4 FAM. RETREAT**

**JULY 10-16...JR HIGH WEEK**

**JULY 17-23...CUB WEEK #2**

**JULY 24-30.....YOUTH WEEK**

**JULY 31-AUGUST 5...FAMILY RETREAT #1**

**AUGUST 7-12.....FAMILY RETREAT #2**

**SEPTEMBER 5-9...TRAVEL CAMP: ARK ENCOUNTER/CREATION MUSEUM**

# WORSHIP AT CAMP!

9 am SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Memorial Day – Labor Day

May 29 | Rev. David Lyons | St. Paul Lutheran Church – Schaller, IA  
June 5 | Rev. Michael Harman | St. Johns Lutheran Church – Wykoff, MN  
June 12 | Rev. Mark Resner | St. Paul Lutheran Church – Whittemore, IA  
June 19 | Rev. Kyle McBee | Zion Lutheran Church – Atlantic, IA  
June 26 | Rev. Matthew Bless | Concordia Lutheran Church – Vermillion, SD  
July 3 | Rev. Steve Turner | Iowa District West President  
July 10 | Rev. Dr. James Lamb | Lutheran Family Service Life Advocate  
July 17 | Rev. Joe Pierson | St. Paul Lutheran Church – Webster City, IA  
July 24 | TBA  
July 31 | Rev. Ben Dose | Zion Lutheran Church – Arcadia, IA  
August 7 | Rev. Ryan Roehrig | St. Paul Lutheran Church – Carroll, IA  
August 14 | TBA  
August 21 | TBA  
August 28 | TBA  
September 4 | Rev. Bob Riggert | Retired

## Omelet Brunch!



FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
May-October  
9:30am-1:00pm

Join us in the Ginny DeWall Dining Hall for some yummy omelets and fellowship from 9:30am-1:00pm on the first Sunday of the month. Open to the public and anyone who likes good food! Free will donation!





### **SPRING CLEANING AT THE LORD'S MISSION CENTRAL!**

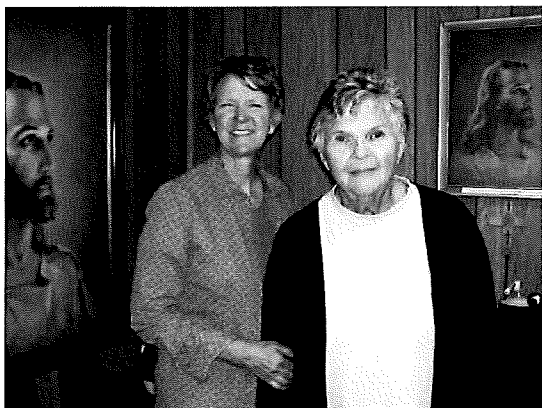
Each year in April and September, the Lord calls a special group of people to clean the barn museum. It is such a blessing to have them come! This year it took place on May 3, 2022.

After the crazy virus stuff, they were able to come and clean the barn for special events that will be happening during the year. The group came together from Ricketts, Schleswig, and Denison, Iowa and Seward, Nebraska! What a blessing to welcome the group of 14 special helpers.

Pictured is our meal director, Zola Kafton, standing next to the workers. Zola helped provide the food and meal preparation for the hungry group. The barn "sparkled" when the group was done!



### **MISSIONARIES PAT AND RUTH NICOLAUS ARRIVE AT MISSION CENTRAL**



The Lord sends special people "at just the right time!" For many years, Pat Nicolaus and her daughter Ruth have headed up our Volunteer Cleaning Team at Mission Central. Twice a year they organize their group and people come from Iowa and Nebraska to clean our wonderful Barn Museum.

That was the case again this year. It was a blessing to have a special prayer for these dear friends whom we have known for over 20 years! They are from the Seward, Nebraska area. Dave Nicolaus, the husband of Pat and father of Ruth, is with Jesus now, but he will always have a special place in our hearts here at this MIRACLE PLACE. Dave is waiting for us and in just a little while we will get to see him again.

It is because of dear friends like this special family that we have been able to continue the work here. We thank the Lord for HIS special people.

## **FAMILIES COME TO CELEBRATE A SPECIAL 90TH BIRTHDAY!**

What a special 90th Birthday Celebration for Missionary Dolores Bartholomew from Seward, Nebraska! Dolores wanted her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to see what the Lord can do with an old set of farm buildings in the middle of nowhere in the hills of Western Iowa.

On April 16, 2022, her family came to the Lord's Mission Central from all over the United States for a special "birthday tour" to honor Dolores! It truly was a very special day. The family took a collection and provided a wonderful gift of love to help send our newest Nebraska Missionary Family to Riga, Latvia. Their gift to honor Dolores went to Rev. Quintin Cundiff and his wife and little son from Amherst, Nebraska, where they were serving. They were so worried about their support, and God sent the Bartholomew Family AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME! What a JOY!

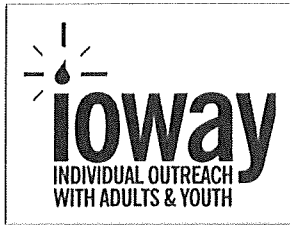
This special family enjoyed their tour of the Ministry Center, the Creation Theater, the Barn Museum, and the wayside prayer chapel. It was a day we will all remember.



Mission Central – LCMS World Mission

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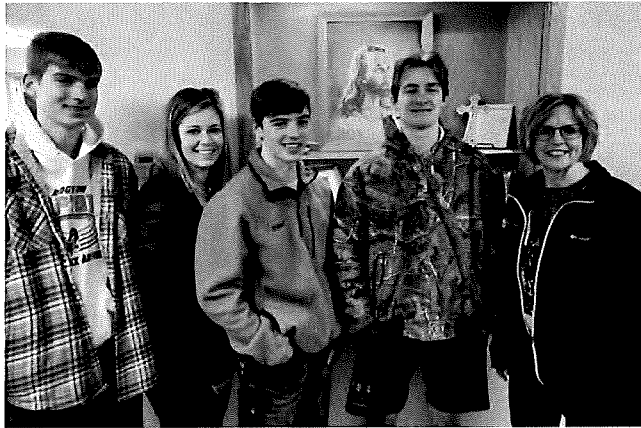
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## Faith Based Mission Trip! Which Way, Lord?

Lori Lyons, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Schaller, Iowa, has been leading faith-based mission trips since 2011. What are these mission trips? It involves heading out in the church van on a Saturday morning with absolutely NO idea where they will be going, where they will spend the night, or who they will meet. They rely solely on God leading them to serve His people. The funding for blessing others has been provided by their church and community. This year, they received \$1,637.57 to be used to bless those who God directed them to.



On February 19, Caden Biede, Kyler Wunschel, Klay Grieme, Mallory McDonough and Lori Lyons headed out with excitement and anticipation of where the next two days would take them. Lori Lyons has been doing faith-based mission trips with youth since hearing about them from a speaker at a Senior Youth Gathering. After hearing about the adventures shared by the speaker, Lori was asked if they could do that. Lori said, "Absolutely!"

As this year's trip started with the first suggestions of "left, right or straight," the group found they were heading east on Highway 20. They post their location on social media and ask people to contact them with names of people who are in need. Following those suggestions, they went to Sac City where they "paid it forward" at Rosie's Coffee Shop and purchased a gift card for groceries for a very giving family that includes four children with disabilities. Lori shared, "Their life isn't easy, but they are willing to serve others. It was time to give to them!" The group also gave a financial gift to a gentleman who has cancer and his wife is his caregiver.

The team members gave "left, right or straight commands," and they ended up in Pocahontas. There they gave a gas card to a gentleman who has cancer and needed to be able to get to doctors' appointments. They learned of a two-year-old from Spirit Lake who has leukemia. The Pocahontas grocery store was supporting the efforts to raise money for her, so the group made a donation. While in the grocery store, they learned of a woman dealing with many health issues in addition to her husband's cancer. The group decided to gift this couple with a gas card.

Emmetsburg was the next stop for the group. They learned that a member's grandfather lives at assisted living. Although COVID lock-down prohibited them from a visit, they left some sweet treats. At lunch, they left a note for the waitress stating, "We are all called to serve. Thank you for serving us." A generous tip was given to bless her.

Heading out, they learned that the family of the two-year-old with cancer was open to a visit! After purchasing fun bath time activities and toys, they were on their way towards Spirit Lake!

Their next stop was Fairmont, Minnesota where Caden's Grandma Ruth lives. After a phone call to Ruth, she was on a mission to find some great opportunities for the group to serve. She suggested visiting an elderly

couple dealing with Alzheimer's. The group decided to surprise them with flowers and ice cream. Ruth's friend is dealing with cancer. Because of gas prices and the need for follow-up care, she was given a gas card. The team then went to meet with a gentleman who had fallen the day before and broke his leg and was dealing with a lot of pain. Knowing that his upcoming surgery and doctor visits would involve traveling, another gas gift card deemed appropriate. While visiting with him, he shared a beautiful analogy about a turtle. We can be a turtle, stay inside our shell and be comfortable or we can poke our head out, use our feet and head and go! The turtle story was another reminder that we need to "GO! GO serve Jesus!"

They journeyed to Truman, Minnesota where they delivered a bouquet of beautiful flowers, left a generous tip for the waitress for their evening meal, and gave a gift card to a wonderful couple who opened their home for the group to spend the night. The next day, they worshipped at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman, Minnesota where they met a mother of five who is battling cancer. They gave her a financial gift to help with family needs.

They returned to Fairmont, Minnesota and met with a loving lady who blessed the group with money for their lunch! Once again, it was learned that they can never outgive God!

Back to "left, right, straight" and a new path meant a stop in Armstrong, Iowa where they "paid it forward" in Casey's. They continued on to Algona where they met with a couple, married 65 years, dealing with cancer along with many health issues. The couple portrayed a beautiful example of servanthood and shared God's love

As the trip was coming to an end, one last stop was in Fort Dodge. The Blessing Box in Schaller is a youth project that serves many needs in the Schaller community. The group shopped and made sure the shelves would continue to be filled with groceries for those in need.

Reflections of the team after their 690-mile faith-based adventure:

Caden: "This trip really showed me how God is always working. The people we met had some bad things happen to them, but their faith in God helped them to get through it. It showed me that God has a plan and if you trust in Him, He will help you through the tough times."

Kyler: "This trip was such an eye opener, just like it was the first time I went. There are so many people who are going through such hard things. It's our purpose to go and serve God's people. It's what we need to do!"

Klay: "On this trip, I was shown how God is everywhere. There was always someone to bless. God led us to a lot of cool people, and it was fun being able to bless them. This trip showed me how good it feels to help others. I would recommend that others go on this trip!"

Mal: "The faith-based mission trip served as another reminder that God is in control and had an incredible path laid out for us. We met some amazing people but the ones that always tug at my heart a little extra are the kids dealing with health issues. I know how lucky we are to have healthy children, but it makes me really appreciate our own health even more. We never know what tomorrow will bring but we know who holds us each day of our lives. Each of these people we met made an impact on us and we, as a family at home, will continue to pray for all of them!"

Lori: "I have been involved with all of the past faith-based mission trips. EVERY time, God reveals a little different scenario but always the same resolution – LOVE. It's like He screams to me 'let all you do be done in love' (1 Corinthians 16:14). He gently reminds me. 'We love because he first loved us' (1 John 4:19). I love watching 'my kids' stand in front of complete strangers and tell them what and why we do this. I love seeing the reaction of people when they get unexpected 'love gifts.' I love being reminded that we are saved to serve. I love knowing that I am loved! Now, I encourage you to Love – to serve – to have your own 'come to Jesus' and GO serve Him."

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## Iowa District West Youth Gathering Events

As you plan your 2022-2023 youth calendar, please make note of our gathering dates and start promoting early. Also, remember there is financial aid available for those who need assistance.

Registration information will be sent out for both gatherings in August. Look for your registration packet in the church office.

### Junior Youth Gathering

October 22-23, 2022

“Called + Gathered + Enlightened”

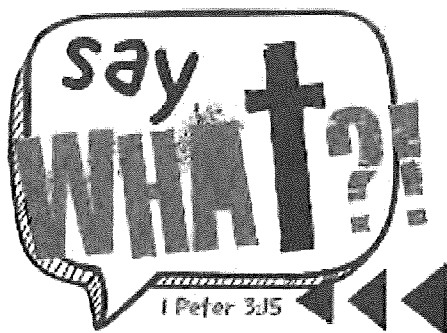
The Sheraton-West Des Moines

Topic: Apostles Creed

Theme Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:11

*“And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”*

**Cost - \$175**



### Senior Youth Gathering

November 18-20, 2022

“Say What?”

Holiday Inn at the Airport-Des Moines

Theme verse: 1 Peter 3:15

*“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”*

**Cost - \$250**

# A WORD COLLAGE FOR Dad

Create this artwork to express your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



### What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers (or foam letters and glue)

### What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his titles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange words in a crossword style, both horizontally and vertically.
3. When you have a design you like, stick the words onto the blank canvas or board.
4. Present the gift to your dad or another special man on Father's Day. He'll enjoy this reminder of your love and appreciation.



## A FATHER'S LOVE

Psalm 103:13 (NIV) describes what God the Father feels toward us:

"As a father has \_\_\_\_\_ on his children, so the LORD has \_\_\_\_\_ on those who fear him."

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the line to complete the Bible verse above.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| • Shem, Ham and Japheth = M | • Rachel and Leah = S   | • Cain, Abel and Seth = O   |
| • Solomon = O               | • Isaac and Ishmael = P | • Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, Naphtali, Asher and Dinah = S |
| • Jonathan = I              | • John the Baptist = N  |   |
| • Jesus = C                 | • Jacob and Esau = A    |   |

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|-------------------|--|----------|
| <b>God:</b>       | "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."   | <u>C</u> |
| <b>Adam:</b>      | God gave him another son because his older killed the younger.   | _____    |
| <b>Noah:</b>      | His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth.  | _____    |
| <b>Abraham:</b>   | God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descended from these two sons.               | _____    |
| <b>Isaac:</b>     | His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. | _____    |
| <b>Laban:</b>     | He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger very beautiful. Both married Jacob.                | _____    |
| <b>Jacob:</b>     | Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter.   | _____    |
| <b>Saul:</b>      | His son was David's best friend.   | _____    |
| <b>David:</b>     | He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple.       | _____    |
| <b>Zechariah:</b> | His son, a cousin to Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance.  | _____    |

Answer: compassion



## **‘Well, kiddo, it’s you and me!’**

T.J., a boy with developmental delays, is featured in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Children With Special Needs*. T.J. and his father, who’d long yearned for a son, settled into a routine of daily outings.

Stacey, one of T.J.’s sisters, was moved when she realized how much their father loved that together time. One day, as their dad made T.J. laugh, “T.J. stopped and reached up to softly touch our father’s face,” Stacey writes. “My dad looked down at him and said ... ‘Well, kiddo, it looks like it’s you and me for the rest of my life.’ There wasn’t a sense of sadness or burden in my father’s voice, only acceptance and unconditional love.”

Our Father God says the same to each of us: “Well, kiddo, it’s you and me forever!” No matter our weaknesses, our differences or even our tendencies to avoid time with him, God speaks with complete acceptance and love. He loves being with us — just as we are — and rejoices to be our Father forever.

### **A father’s love**

In all that you do, a dad’s love plays a part.  
There’s always a place for him deep in your heart.  
And each year that passes, you’re even more glad,  
More grateful and proud just to call him your dad!

—Author unknown

This age-old refrain of young travelers is followed by a second question: “How much longer?” How similar those queries are to the psalmist’s oft-repeated cry, “How long, O Lord, how long?”

(Psalm 6:3b, NIV).

Patience is an uncommon virtue these days. We’re anxious to get where we’re going or to get what we want. But think how much we miss while wishing we were elsewhere! In our rush to reach a destination, we fail to grasp lessons that can be learned only along the way. What blessings might you be overlooking in the here-and-now and the right-where-you-are?

—Kari Myers

### **What is a Christian family?**

**A CHRISTIAN FAMILY** is one in which parents so live the Christian life, and practice the presence of God that children come to accept God as the greatest reality of life.

**A CHRISTIAN FAMILY** is one in which each member is accepted and respected as a person having sacred worth.

**A CHRISTIAN FAMILY** is one that accepts the responsibility of worship and instruction to the end of developing the spiritual life of each person.

**A CHRISTIAN FAMILY** is one that manifests a faith in God, observes daily prayer and grace at meals.

**A CHRISTIAN FAMILY** is one that is committed to behavior in keeping with Christian ideals for family relations, community life, and national and world citizenship.

June 19, 2022 **FATHER'S DAY**



On a Mission  
to Support  
Christ's Mission!

June 2022

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**Seed Planting!**



It is so important for us all to "plant the seeds of Jesus" in this journey we call life. In the Bible, it says so clearly in Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it!" That is so true! I recently had the privilege of hearing two examples of that very thing!

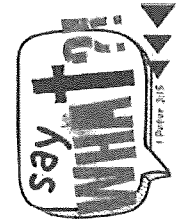
A family called me and said, "Gary, we were attending a confirmation at Shepherd of the Valley in West Des Moines, Iowa and one of the confirmands in her statement of faith said, "I'm a missionary and I'm NOT NORMAL!"...and missionary Gary swore me in as a missionary the rest of my life!"

I called a family in Nebraska that sent a very LARGE gift to help support one of our missionaries to thank them for their gift of love.....and the man on the phone said, "Gary, 20 years ago I remember you told me that I was a missionary, and I've never forgotten that when you spoke at Tilden, Nebraska...and I can't go to these lands of darkness to tell them about Jesus, but now I can help send someone in my place!"

Yes, we are truly ALL missionaries, and we ALL need to plant seeds wherever we go in this life. The only thing really important in this dark world is telling more and more people about our dear Jesus!

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Junior Youth Gathering  
October 22-23, 2022  
"Called + Gathered + Enlightened"  
The Sheraton-West Des Moines  
Topic: Apostles Creed  
Theme Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:11  
"And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."  
Cost - \$175



Senior Youth Gathering  
November 18-20, 2022  
"Say What?"  
Holiday Inn at the Airport-Des Moines  
Theme verse: 1 Peter 3:15  
"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."  
Cost - \$250

**IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)**

**A Great Deal**

Those who donate to the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) will receive a 75% state tax credit. For example, a donation of \$5,000 will generate a voucher for \$3,750 state tax credit. In addition, 25% may also be a Federal income tax charitable contribution. A donor is able to designate which Iowa Lutheran School they would like their donation to benefit. Wouldn't it be great to help a student attend a Lutheran school instead of paying taxes? Also, donations stay at the designated school up to 70% of need. By reaching our goal, ILSTO would be able to assist more students attending Iowa Lutheran Schools: increase enrollment, provide ministry with the community, and share the Gospel with more children and their families. Now that's something to think about! Call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991 for more information.



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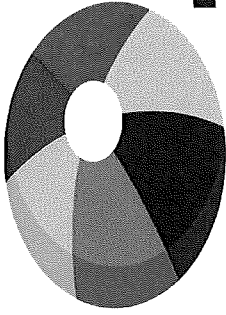
**Calendar of Events**

- June 16-18...District LWML Convention, Camp Okoboji
  - June 19...Father's Day
  - June 26-28...Iowa District West Convention, Camp Okoboji
  - June 29-July 1...District Office Closed
- For more information on Iowa District West activities, view *The Messenger* at [www.idwlcms.org/publications.php](http://www.idwlcms.org/publications.php)



**JUNE**  
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Terry Koch Marilyn Mueggenberg Anna Schuette Cara Schuette Steve & Tammy Leiting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Lois Dirks Caroline Niehaus
<b>5</b> Andy Leiting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Randy & Jill Kasparbauer Jeff & Dawn Luetje	<b>8</b> Penny Ewoldt	<b>9</b> Rachel Travis Rich & Marilyn Mueggenberg	<b>10</b> Duane Bald Sara Skinner	<b>11</b> Mitchel Rickers Doug & Beth Hansman
<b>12</b> Darleen Linde	<b>13</b> Julie Liechti	<b>14</b> Tasha Bair	<b>15</b> Rodonna Neumann	<b>16</b> Mary Erps Jon Vetter Larry & Jean Jons	<b>17</b> Tim Ruhland Kyle & Brooke Bass Dale & Beth Witrock	<b>18</b> Adam Vetter
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Jessica Scott Dave & Ann Whitaker	<b>21</b> Joseph Peterson	<b>22</b> Mary Bruhn Hailey Heithoff Dale Musfeldt	<b>23</b> Waylan Scott	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Carm Thiedeman Don & Betty Nobiling
<b>26</b> Marcus Brockman Dan & Deb Witrock	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Duane & Shirley Bald Nick & Danielle Schrad	<b>29</b> Delaney Schurke Kyle Segebart Gene & Julie Liechti	<b>30</b> Kim Brockman Brandt Muhlbauer Ross Schuette		



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			<b>1</b> 8:30 VBS 7:00 Evening Circle	<b>2</b> 8:30 VBS 12:30 Ladies Aid	<b>3</b> 8:30 VBS	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Bible Class	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Church Council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
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## USHERS

Dwight Ehlers  
 Brian Kraus  
 Jacob Kraus  
 Ryan Neumann

Randy Neumann  
 Zack Kraus  
 Curtis Ehlers

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Donna Rickers  
 Melissa Ehlers

## PARISH CIRCLE

Deb Owen

## MARTHA CIRCLE

Sandy Hunter