

# ZION PROCLAIMER

## **"Dose of Wisdom"**

July 2022

**Colossians 1:15-20**

### **The Preeminence of Christ**

*<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his crOSS.*

I haven't written anything about the National Youth Gathering yet. So today I will be looking at the theme verses regarding the gathering. These verses show that Christ is in all things, and all things are in Christ. The theme of the gathering is, In All Things.

We are going to Houston, Texas, July 7<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. These days will be filled with joy, laughter, heat (Houston in July), seriousness, and all other things that accompany a trip to the NYG. The youth attendees are Jonathan and Timothy Dose, Jaggar and Jaxx Luetje, Ethan Osterlund (from St. Paul, Carroll—his mom Sarah is a member here at Zion.), and Danica Ehlers. The adult chaperones are Maddie Owen and myself.

We are going to experience all sorts of things in Houston all while focusing on these Bible verses. We will have Bible Studies, breakout sessions, Mass Events, late night entertainment, sleep (hopefully...☐) and many other experiences. Please pray for us as we navigate the travel issues that are happening right now as we are flying to Houston and back. Also pray for our safety in a city that is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest in the United States. Pray for growth and wisdom as we are in the Word and Worship throughout the 4 days of the Gathering. I believe it will be a great experience, but we need prayer from all sides.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Dose*

# L.W.M.L.

**LADIES AID:** The Ladies Aid will be having their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 7th at 1:30 pm at the Manning Senior Center

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

**MARTHA CIRCLE:**

Marilyn Mumm & LaJean Shiney

**CHANCEL CIRCLE:**

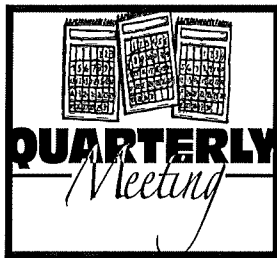
LaJean Shiney & Diane Witt

**PARISH CIRCLE:**

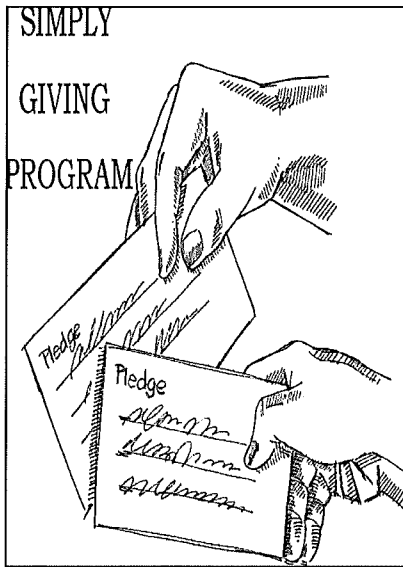
Marilyn Mumm & Donna Rickers



On Sunday, July 10th the Evening Circle will be having their Quarterly “Noisy Offering.” Proceeds from the offering will be donated to the Carroll Food Pantry.



The Quarterly Voter’s Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 17th following our morning worship service Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend



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 200 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



## “Tree of Life”

“The Tree of Life (CPH) was the theme of the 2022 Vacation Bible School at Zion Lutheran Church in Arcadia. The goals for the annual program are to fulfill the reaching, teaching and discipling mission; to involve members to grow as Christians; to provide Christian education for our church’s children; and to encourage children to bring their friends to learn about Jesus. It was held Tuesday to Friday, May 31-June 3, 2022. Students who are four years old (preschool) by the first day of VBS through the eighth grade were enrolled. A total of 102 youngsters were involved throughout the week. The Bible theme for the week was

*“And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”*

### Genesis 2:9

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

*“Our offering collected this year went towards our mission project of the food pantry in Carroll*

*We sent a check to New Opportunities in the amount of \$300 to purchase items for the food pantry.*

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

Deb Owen assisted with the secretarial needs and newly confirmed teens, other church members and their friends assisted in all areas of need. Scott Linde and Allan Kock made the woodworking projects and Mandy Heithoff provided the craft project ideas. The 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders also did an outstanding job of tying **40** quilts this year. Since 1993, VBS students have tied over **960 quilts**. The ladies prepare all the materials for the quilts and the students tie them using the two frames that keep all the helpers hopping. There are **many, many** helpers who volunteer each day both with the crafts and the snacks.

It is truly appreciated how everyone comes forth each year for the week of Vacation Bible School. Thanks to all who helped the week of VBS whether it be in the kitchen, teacher, helper, crafts or games, it is a fun week and hopefully, memories are created that will last a lifetime.

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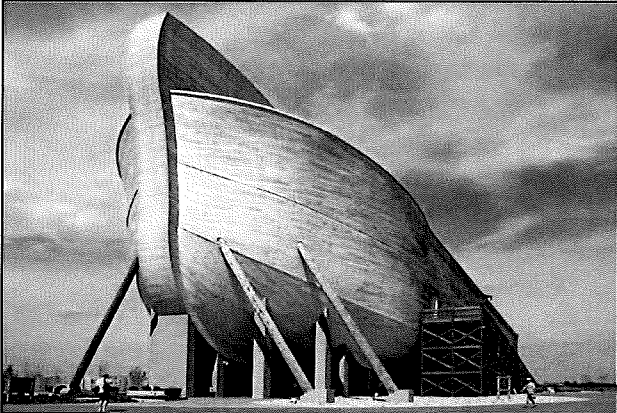
# UPCOMING EVENTS



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

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

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

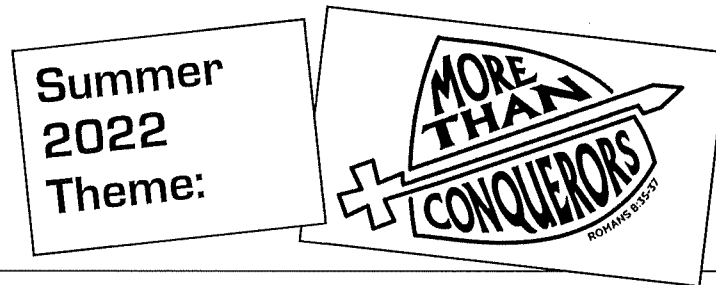
For more information, visit [campokoboji.org](http://campokoboji.org) or call Izaak Wendorff at Camp (712-337-3325)!

# 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!*

JULY 3-8.....JULY 4 FAMILY 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

July 3 | Rev. Dr. 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 | Rev. Ed Durand | Trinity Lutheran Church – Van Meter, IA  
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  
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!

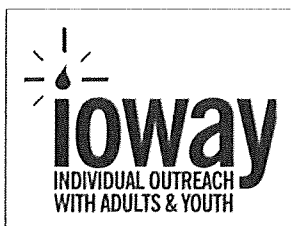


# JULY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> Matthew McNelly Mark & Diane Schurke Dennis & Diamme Vetter	<b>2</b> Ashley Eggers Michael Hoffman Jill Koenck Levi Lenz
<b>3</b> Scott Linde	<b>4</b> Corey Erps	<b>5</b> Dawn Luetje Gary & Jane Vetter	<b>6</b> Tyler Ehlers Ann Peterson	<b>7</b> Andrea Gronau Betty Klink	<b>8</b> Devon Ehlers Carolyn Sander	<b>9</b> Colton Heithoff Steve Koch Tiffany Wiese Joel & Clarae Mumm
<b>10</b> Maren Myers Nolan Schmitz	<b>11</b> Connie Bradshaw	<b>12</b> Brook Brockman Darin & Donna Schurke	<b>13</b> Sophia Koch Diamme Vetter	<b>14</b> Ross & Michelle Schuette	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Chase Eggers Ellie Eggers Dan Witrock
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Gene Kuhl Jay Luetje Randy Stoelk Mason Stork Rick Vetter	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bradley Masen	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Steven Leiting	<b>23</b> Justin & Holly Hunter
<b>24</b> Kathy Kraus	<b>25</b> Emily Bruhn Mark & Donna Rickers	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Kevin Koenck Lane Kraus Denny Vetter	<b>28</b> Wanda Erps Dawn Melton	<b>29</b> Doug Gronau	<b>30</b> Lola Ehlers
<b>31</b> Kyle Bass						





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## One Phone Call, Many Opportunities

Many people say they don't like to answer a phone, but I enjoy the adventure. One call can open up new possibilities. I received such a call from Carl and Moni Westling, members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Algona. Moni's mom, Fran Deal, owned Fran's Praise Shop, the Christian bookstore in Algona for 50 years before going to her heavenly home. I was asked if I'd be interested in the remaining inventory after the closing sale. It was the beginning of an adventure to figure out how to distribute the Christian books, gifts, cards, pictures and much more. At that point, they had no idea how much or what kind of inventory would be available to distribute.

After praying about it, I contacted the eleven amazing IOWAY coordinators. This mission-minded group was ready for the challenge. A date was set for our group to meet in Algona for lunch and then to have a fun adventure of deciding which items they could share with individuals, churches or their community. I was excited! That excitement ended soon as my husband and I tested positive for COVID a few days before the big day. I was so disappointed that I couldn't be there. Some of the IOWAY coordinators invited friends and a group of 14 had a great day.



Carl shared that Fran's personal goal was always to share the Word with others and he was happy the items were going to many people. Where did the items go?

Nancy Bruns from Jolley shared, "I got some Bibles and study Bibles for prison ministries. Also, I brought books that I pray will be put in the library at the prison. I picked up some children's books that will be used for the Storytellers Program when it starts again. The Storytellers Program is where a father in prison reads a book to his child. It is videoed and sent home to his child."

Cheryl and Larry Olofson from Grimes shared, "We plan to share gifts, jewelry, etc. with Perry Lutheran Home to use for prizes and gifts. Some items will be given to Acorns and Oaks, the Christian intergenerational daycare located at Perry Lutheran Home. We will donate items to Many Hands, a



Christian thrift store where we volunteer. Proceeds from sales there send volunteers on mission trips, primarily to Haiti. Additional gifts will be given to our church to use as needed. It was a fun adventure.”

Sharri Hansen from Schaller plans to put the bookmarks she received in hygiene kits that they assemble for the homeless and in Christmas bags for their members. She is going to donate items for the Sunday School program where children receive a gift after attending for a specific number of Sundays. Sharri also donated items to the Guild who gives a gift to each child on their baptism, gifts for confirmands, and for new members who receive a gift basket.

Colleen Petzenhauser from Rockwell City shared, “I will give some items to our church for their card ministry, LWML programs, gifts for outreach to the sick, and books to add to our church library. The second half will be donated to Reach Community Youth for youth programs, gifts for graduates, bookmarks, small tokens for youth, and teen and youth books to add to their library.

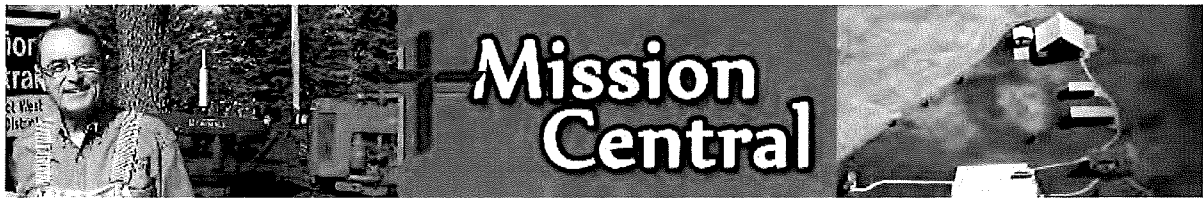
Kathryn Sprecher shared, “The three of us from Trinity Lutheran Church in Des Moines calculated that we came home with at least \$600 in merchandise. Shari (church librarian) got mostly books. She will put some in the library and others, for the taking at church or possibly to the local library for their book sale. Judy got lots of books also. She will donate to a senior center. Some of the items I brought will be gifts, some for church activities and others for Luther Park, Des Moines.”



Since I was not able to go to Algona, I invited Cheryl Robson from Trinity Lutheran Church in Jefferson to join the group to pick up items that we could distribute at Jefferson’s Bell Tower annual event. This is the fourth year of outreach to our community by offering free Bibles, activity books, coloring books, etc. We added many Christian items from Fran’s Praise Shop to our giveaway. What an amazing outreach! People at the Bell Tower Festival are always amazed that everything we offer is free! I am also going to start a Christian greeting card distribution at Trinity, Jefferson with the thousands of beautiful cards that we received.

Thank you, Carl and Moni, for calling and giving us the opportunity to be part of the adventures of this amazing outreach!

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### **OWNERS OF THE REAL ESTATE WHERE MISSION CENTRAL IS LOCATED RETURN TO SEE WHERE THEY WERE RAISED!**

The daughter of the owners of the farm where Mission Central is located came to see “the old home place.”

Sharon Tierney of Mapleton, Iowa and her daughter Chris came out to Mission Central on June 2, 2022, for a special visit to see where Sharon grew up and where Chris got to see her grandpa and grandma, Lawrence and Loretta Schleis.

It was such a blessing to have the family come to visit and see the remarkable changes that have happened here. They had never seen the Lord’s Creation Theater and were so amazed!

Never in their wildest dreams did Lawrence and Loretta ever think that their farm would transform into a place where, in one year, over 5,000 visitors would come to visit! Sharon and her daughter Chris are pictured in Gary’s office, the “living room” of their former home, by our Boss who is always with us.



### **THREE “NOT NORMAL” DISTRICT PRESIDENTS COME FOR SPECIAL ASCENSION SERVICE AT MISSION CENTRAL!**

Mission Central hosted a special Ascension Service on May 26, 2022. We were honored to have three District presidents of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod join us. Pictured with Gary are President Rev. Richard Snow of the Nebraska District; President Rev. Steve Turner of Iowa District West; and President Scott Sailor of the South Dakota District.



These special friends joined us in our barn at Mission Central where approximately 200 people attended the service that featured the Honorable Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer as our special speaker!

It was a privilege to have these outstanding leaders of our LCMS as part of this special evening.

## **GOD SENDS AMAZING HELPER AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME!**

Real miracles continue to happen at the Lord's Mission Central. People who are "normal" call these happenings "luck or coincidences." However, we know that the Lord has the right people at the right place at "just the right time."

At Mission Central, we **MUST HAVE INTERNET SERVICE** as we have hundreds of e-mails to answer from our missionaries around the world. All gifts for the missionaries must be "scanned" to their support accounts. Without internet, we are totally and completely **HELPLESS!**

Our internet was down from May 26-31. We wondered if we could get a technician to come and help us. We received notice that a technician would be coming from Sioux City, Iowa!

A young man by the name of Missionary Trenton Heimgartner, who **JUST HAPPENS** to be a member at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sioux City, Iowa, arrived early on May 31. He came at "just the right time" and was able to help us.

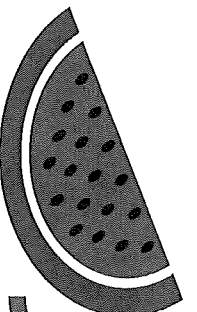
Trenton is a special young man. It was a **JOY** to have the privilege of taking his picture in our office with our Boss in the background. We need more and more young people like Trenton because Jesus truly lives in his heart!




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3 9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Bible Class	4 	5	6	7 1:30 Ladies Aid	8	9
10 9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Bible Class	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Church Council Meeting	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Bible Class	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Bible Class						

### USHERS

Keith Vetter Rick Vetter  
 Jeff Luetje Kim Brockman  
 Gene Thiedeman Rob Klink

### CHANCEL CIRCLE

Diane Witt & LaJean Shiney

### PARISH CIRCLE

Donna Rickers & Marilyn Mumm

### LCMS National Youth Gathering

July 7-July 13

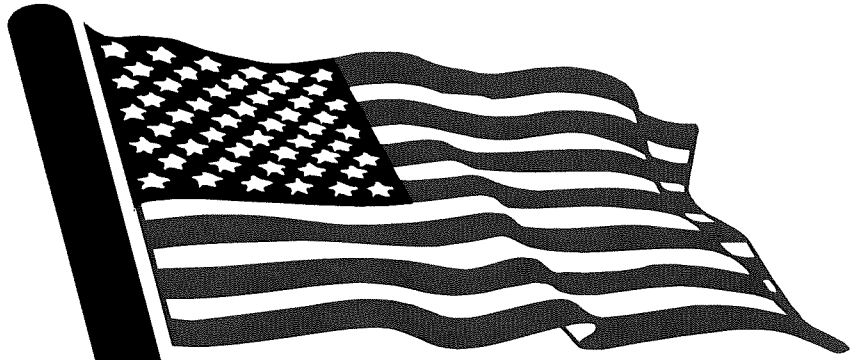
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Divine Worship	9:00 am



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