

ZION PROCLAIMER

"Dose of Wisdom"

July 2023



Save the Date...100 Years!

This year 2023 marks 100 years worshipping in the church proper. It was built and dedicated in 1923. The sainted Eddie Holdsworth would always say, "I am the same age as the church." He was born in 1923. It is time to celebrate this mark of 100 years. There have been a lot of baptisms, vacation Bible schools, confirmations, reception of the Lord's Supper, ordinations, installations, weddings, anniversaries of weddings, and funerals in this church building. What is the center of all these celebrations? **Christ**. Christ is the center of all that happens here at Zion Lutheran Church. He always has been the center, is the center now, and always will be the center of the church at Zion.

So, on September 10, we will rededicate the sanctuary and we will rededicate ourselves to the Lord and His church, especially here at Zion. Join us for that day. It will be Rally Day. Children will once again be attending Sunday school classes. We will have Divine Service at 10:00 with a celebration of 100 years. There will be a dedication of new altar paraments in honor of Pat Branning. Following the service there will be a catered dinner. So please come and join us for this day of jubilation and celebration.

God's Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dose



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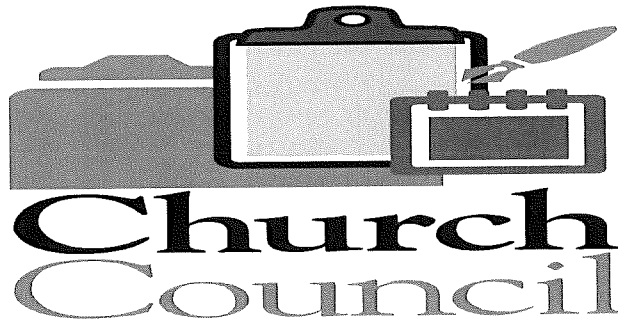
On the 3rd Tuesday of the month Pastor Dose is out of the office due to Carroll Circuit Pastor's Meeting.

The Board of Elders meets monthly at the Church. Please feel free to contact any member of the Elder Board about any aspect of our ministry here at Zion.

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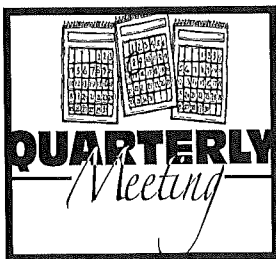
LADIES AID: The Ladies Aid will be having their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 6th at 9:00 am

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

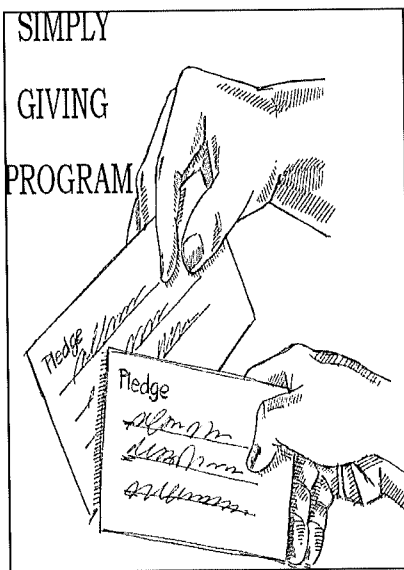
MARTHA CIRCLE:
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LaJean Shiney & Diane Witt
PARISH CIRCLE:
Marilyn Mumm & Donna Rickers



On Sunday, July 9th the Evening Circle will be having their Quarterly “Noisy Offering.”



The Quarterly Voter’s Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 9th 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





*“The Grace of our Lord overflowed
for Me”*

1 Timothy 1:14

V.B.S. 2023

“God’s Living Water”

“God’s Living Water” (CPH) was the theme of the 2023 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, June 6-9, 2023. Students who are four years old (preschool) by the first day of VBS through the eighth grade were enrolled. A total of 100 youngsters were involved throughout the week. The Bible theme for the week was

“The Grace of our Lord overflowed for Me” **1 Timothy 1:14**

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 Lydia Dose and Azaya Martinez

“Our offering collected this year went towards our mission project of the Clean Water in Haiti. We sent a check to Ministries in Mission in the amount of \$500

“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. Shawna & Chad Wittrock provided the craft project ideas. The 5th-8th graders also did an outstanding job of tying **over 50** quilts this year. Since 1993, VBS students have tied over **1,000 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.

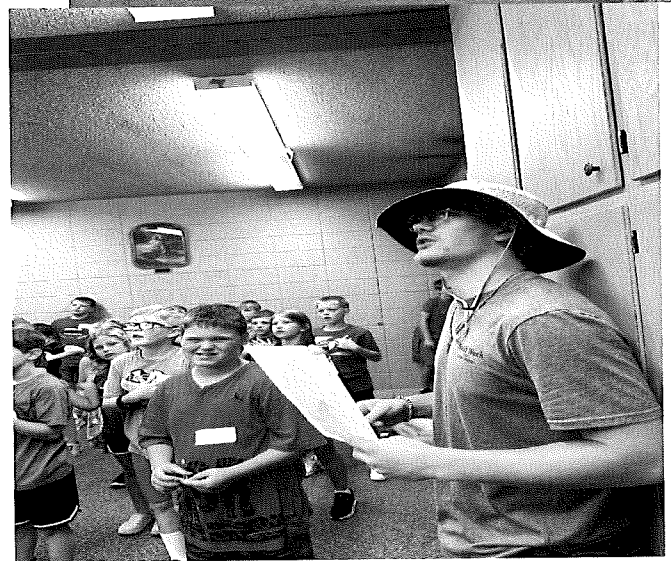
It is truly appreciated how everyone comes forth each year for the week of Vacation Bible School. Thanks to all who helped the week of VBS whether it be in the kitchen, teacher, helper, crafts or games, it is a fun week and hopefully, memories are created that will last a lifetime.

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Tying quilts



Story Time





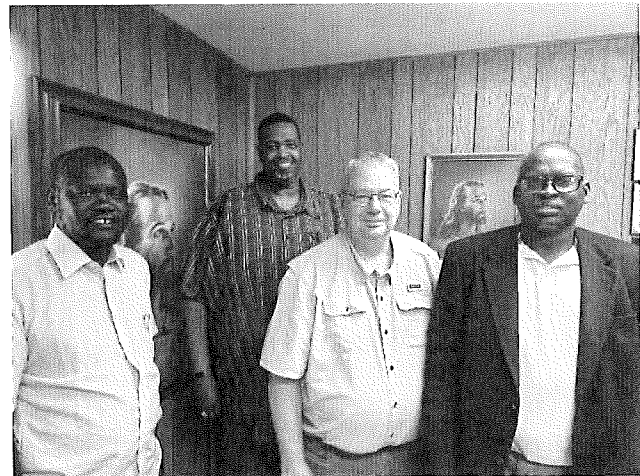
IOWA DISTRICT WEST OFFICIAL, LE MARS PASTOR, AND SUDANESE OFFICIALS ARRIVE AT MISSION CENTRAL!

Friday, May 26 was indeed a special day. It was a day of training, Sudanese Education, PowerPoint development, and program preparation.

Yes, our Iowa District West wants to develop a new program and project to secure funding for the support of our Sudanese Pastor, Rev. Daniel Mapur and his family. This will allow Rev. Mapur to spend his full time and effort to reach out to the Sudanese population in the Le Mars, Iowa area. The Sudanese congregation at Le Mars has over 80 children in that special outreach ministry of bringing Jesus to these dear new Christians!

Rev. Mapur will be out in our Iowa West District, showing pictures and telling the amazing “miracle story” of the ministry that is going on at Grace Lutheran Church in Le Mars.

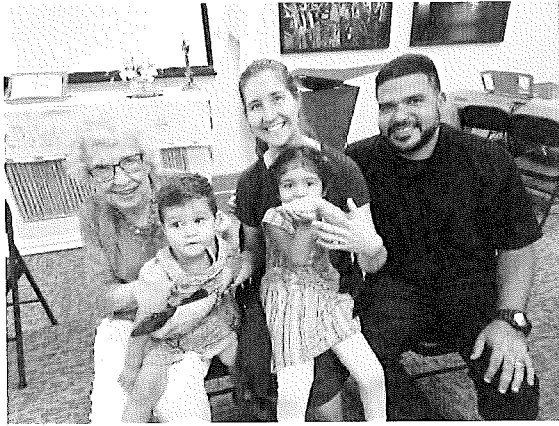
Pictured in the office of Mission Central is this special group of people who the Lord sent for this training session. From left to right: Rev. Daniel Mapur, Pastor of this new Sudanese Lutheran Church; Rev. Keith Haney, Assistant to President Turner; Rev. Tim Geitz, Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Le Mars; and Mr. Manyang Cheingkou, Head Elder of the Sudanese Congregation at Le Mars.



In the last two years, they have had over 45 baptisms in this new mission effort for the Lord Jesus! We ask for your prayers in this new outreach for the people that God has sent here from Africa.

SPECIAL MISSIONARY SUPPORTER VISITS THE WORLD FAMOUS MISSION CENTRAL ON JUNE 3, 2023!

It was one of those days we will NEVER forget here at the Lord’s Mission Central. Who would have guessed that the Lord would send Darlene Wolfram from Spirit Lake, Iowa to come and see her missionaries that she prays for and supports? Darlene traveled the distance to see HER missionary family. God-willing, she will be 99 years old in October of this year!



Dear Darlene is pictured with her “special family,” the Rev. Gustavo and Ruth Maita and their children from Puerto Rico where they tell people about our Jesus.

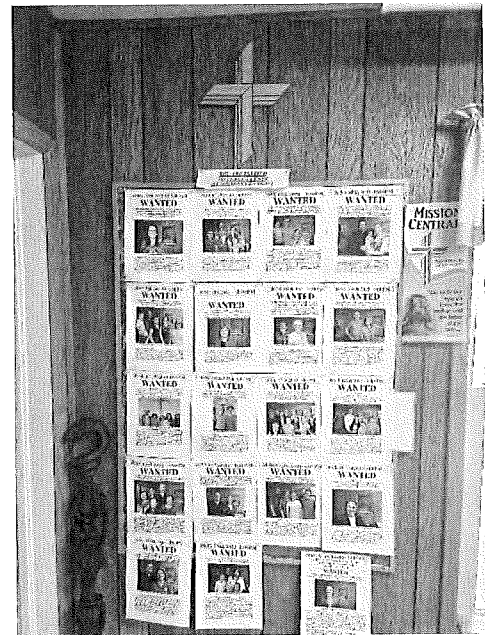
It was a day that the Maita Family and Darlene will NEVER forget. Darlene’s grandson, Mark Wolfram, works in the office of International Mission in St. Louis, Missouri.

MISSION CENTRAL BULLETIN BOARD FILLING WITH WANTED POSTERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES!

What a blessing to see our bulletin board filled with a HUGE amount of “WANTED” posters announcing the arrival of missionaries from around the world who will be coming to report on their callings. These missionaries will be reporting on their work of sharing Jesus with so many people in lands of great darkness! If you want further details and information, please give us a call.

It would be such a blessing for you to come and thank these missionaries in person. They always bring photos and share real MIRACLE STORIES.

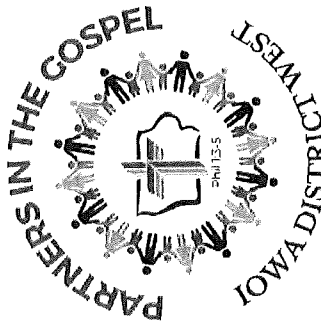
We are so blessed to have the privilege of working with these dear missionaries and hearing their FIRST HAND REPORTS.



Mission Central – LCMS World Mission

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On a Mission
to Support
Christ's Mission!

July 2023

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Missionaries Come From All Backgrounds and All Walks of Life!



Over the last 29 years, I've had the privilege of meeting some of the MOST AMAZING Christian Missionaries! Looks can be so deceiving! When Jesus chose some of His closest followers, who did He pick? Tax collectors, fishermen and who were the first people to be called by our Heavenly Father to see the Promised Messiah, the Savior of the World, and to be the first to tell the entire world that Jesus was born....the lowly SHEPHERDS! People who were considered the lowest of lowest people, who didn't even have a home, but lived in tents to follow their sheep. I think of that often, because our Jesus made it very clear that THE GREAT COMMISSION WAS GIVEN TO ALL CHRISTIANS. We are all missionaries and we can tell others about our dear Jesus! One of my favorite verses in the Bible is 1 Samuel 16:7: "BUT THE LORD SAID TO SAMUEL, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart!'"

It's really what is in the heart that matters, and what a JOY to have special Christian friends! One little 4 year old boy, when I asked him, "Where does Jesus live?" responded with, "He lives in my heart!" Wow, little children really "get it"! It's a "Child-like Faith that saves!"

Gary Thies, Mission Development Counselor
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MinistrySafe

Congregations are encouraged to use this free program. See Rhonda's page in the July Messenger for details.

IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)

Along with cash donations please be aware of the following ways to donate to ILSTO:

1. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) allows individuals who are 73 years old or older to donate up to \$100,000 total to one or more charities directly from a taxable IRA instead of taking their required minimum distributions. As a result, donors may avoid being pushed into higher income tax brackets and prevent phaseouts of other tax deductions, though there are some other limitations.
2. Stock Donations in which the donor receives appreciated stock value for the donation of the stock for both the Iowa tuition credit and charitable donation for federal tax purposes. The donor does not recognize the gain from the sale of the stock for federal or state income tax purposes.
3. Please always check with your tax advisor for your particular situation. The required minimum distribution (RMD) age (previously 72) increased to 73 on January 1, 2023.

For details, contact Dewey Torkelson (deweyfortkelson@gmail.com or 712-260-2991).

NEW IOWAY DIRECTOR

The Iowa District West Board of Directors issued a call to Mrs. Julie Mann, an LCMS rostered teacher currently on candidate status, to serve as IOWAY Director. We are happy to announce that Mrs. Mann has accepted the call. Mrs. Mann has a Master of Arts in Education from Saint Mary's University - Winona, Minnesota, and a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Concordia University - Irvine, California. She has served as a mentor instructor for multiple student teachers. She has been a speaker for regional and national conferences and has authored portions of a curriculum guide used nationally.

See the IOWAY page in the July Messenger for Julie's introduction.



Calendar of Events

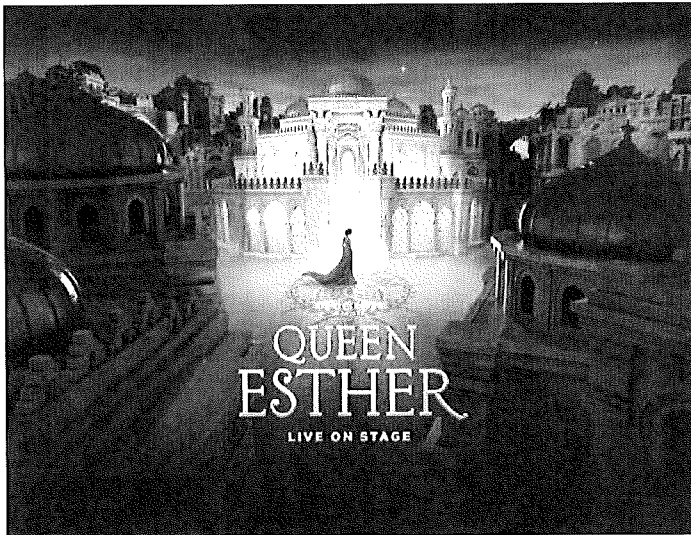
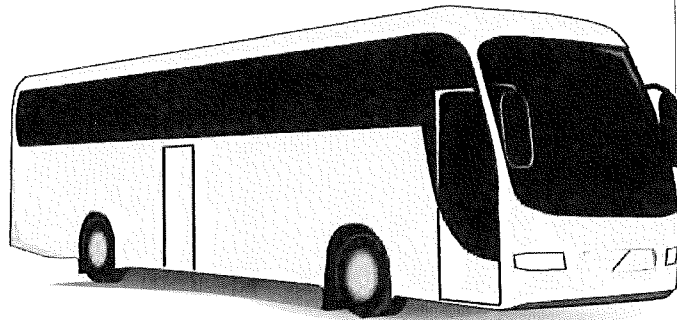
July 4...Independence Day, District Office Closed
July 29-August 3...Synod Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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

Camp Okoboji

"Queen Esther" & "Passion Play" Branson & Eureka Springs Travel Camp September 6-10, 2023

FOR ALL AGES!



Save the dates now!!

Single Occupancy: \$1,040 per person.

Double/Multiple Occupancy: \$840 per person

Cost includes bus travel, hotel accommodations, admission tickets, daily breakfasts, 3 lunches & 3 evening meals, driver gratuity and all taxes & fees!

Hotels will include a complimentary breakfast and free WiFi.

Registration form available with Travel Camp brochure. Print, complete and mail to the Camp.

Phone: 712-337-3325
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1531 Edgewood DR
Milford, IA 51351

Fun Adventure for Anyone!

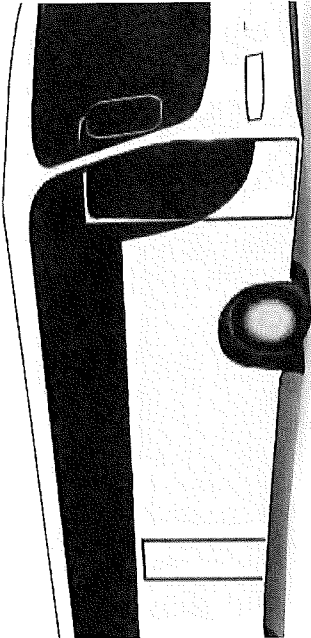
The cost for this bus trip will include:

- ⇒ Bus Transportation
- ⇒ Hotel room
- ⇒ Tickets to Queen Esther and The Passion Play
- ⇒ Daily breakfast
- ⇒ 3 lunches and 3 evening meals
- ⇒ Driver Gratuity
- ⇒ All taxes and fees

The hotel will have complimentary breakfast and free WiFi.

While traveling you will have opportunities to purchase snacks during rest stops. Meals will be included, with the exception of Day 1 lunch while traveling and Day 2 evening meal at the Branson Landings. Branson Landings has multiple options for meal choices.

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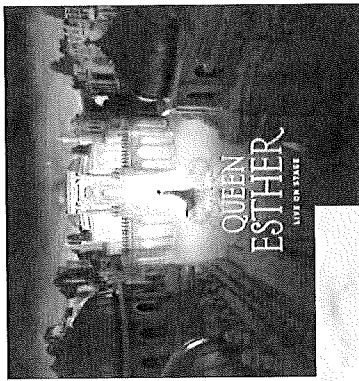
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**Camp Okoboji
TRAVEL CAMP
September 6-10, 2023**

**Featuring
"Queen Esther" & "Passion
Play"
Branson & Eureka Springs**



What to Bring!

- ◆ Bibles
- ◆ Comfortable walking shoes!
- ◆ Casual Clothing
- ◆ Camera
- ◆ Light jackets and umbrellas in case of rain.
- ◆ Snacks
- ◆ Water Bottle
- ◆ DVDs to watch on the bus (optional)
- ◆ Personal items
- ◆ Completed health forms & copies of both sides of your insurance cards

Our Vision
Refreshing Body & Spirit

Our Mission
We provide Sanctuary which connects guests
with God and His Creation

Our Values
Gospel, Safety, Excellence, Wellness,
Stewardship, Legacy

Friday is spent at the Passion Play including "Christ of the Ozarks" Statue; Tabernacle Teaching, Holy Land Tour; Museums; "Parables of the Potter" and "David the Shepherd" shows located in the Potters Little Theater and ending with the "Great Passion Play" show. Lunch and evening buffet included. (Weather & ticket cancelation insurance for the play only is included.)

Per person-(priced at 40 travelers. The only price difference if you don't have 40 travelers, would be the cost of transportation.)

There is a \$250 per person deposit due when reservation is made. The balance is due 30 days prior to departure. Should you have to cancel your reservation prior to the tour, a refund of money not used will be made except for tickets noted in the itinerary. Should your roommate have to cancel mid tour, you will then be switched to a single room rate. Your transportation home is not included when cancelation is midtour.

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Registration Form

Family Name _____
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 City/State/Zip _____
 Home Phone (____) _____
 Cell Phone (____) _____@_____
 Email _____
 Participant 1 _____ M or F
 Participant 2 _____ M or F
 Participant 3 _____ M or F
 Participant 4 _____ M or F
 \$250 per person deposit at registration

- Single occupancy **\$1040 per person**
- Multiple occupancy **\$840 per person**
- Tuesday Lodging At Camp \$30 per person
- Sunday Lodging At Camp \$30 per person

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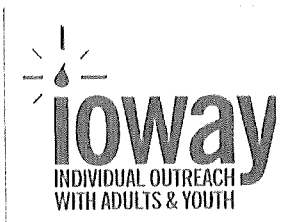
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Julie Mann
IOWAY Director / Disaster Response Coordinator
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Hello Iowa District West. With great excitement, and the humbleness of following such legendary footsteps, I am introducing myself as the new IOWAY Director. It can be a bit daunting to take on a new role, although understanding that God has been preparing you and surrounding you with people to do His mission together opens the doors wide. My career over the last 32 years has seen me in the role of teacher, athletic director, coach, and principal in LCMS school ministries, a stint in management with the Kansas City Chiefs, as well as being a teacher and building team leader in our current community's public high school.

My husband, Dave, and I have three children Hannah, Seth, and Morgan. Our home is in Fort Dodge; however, Hannah and Seth have started their adult lives, both in the Kansas City area. I am the daughter of LCMS missionary teachers and spent my early life in Papua New Guinea before years living in Lincoln, Nebraska; Altus, Oklahoma; Winfield, Kansas; and Irvine, California. I am a Concordia University Irvine grad and have enjoyed being an active member of congregations through my own journey in Kansas City, the Twin Cities, and now Fort Dodge.



I am looking forward to getting to know members of congregations throughout IDW, finding out what kinds of missional visions you have within your communities, and partnering with you as we share God's Word through our actions and compassion.

IOWAY is back on the move already, although I know some of you have been waiting for several months to hear what is going on. The **Pasadena/Petal Pusher** trip is going to happen for this year (December 28-January 4) and I am in the process of finalizing things to get the registration to your congregations in the next few weeks. God is already making interesting connections. I spoke with Letty, who heads the mission LOT318 who we'll work with while in California, and she was literally getting ready to go on a mission field opportunity trip to Cuba with my former college volleyball coach.

Last week, I had a great opportunity to meet with some volunteer coordinators, Ellie, and Lynn to fellowship and hear stories about past trips and current outreach going on around the state. What a wonderful gift to have coming into this new position. I'm even more excited now that I've heard about some of the compassionate and interesting ways congregations are reaching out through western Iowa.

I appreciate your patience, grace, and prayers as God leads me in working with all of you!

2023 Early Childhood Conference

Registration is open and due by July 12



Iowa Lutheran Early Childhood Conference

Friday, August 4, 2023

Gloria Dei, Urbandale

Theme: I Love to Tell the Story

Keynote Speaker – Dr. Jeff Burkart

Registration Link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IDWECC2023>

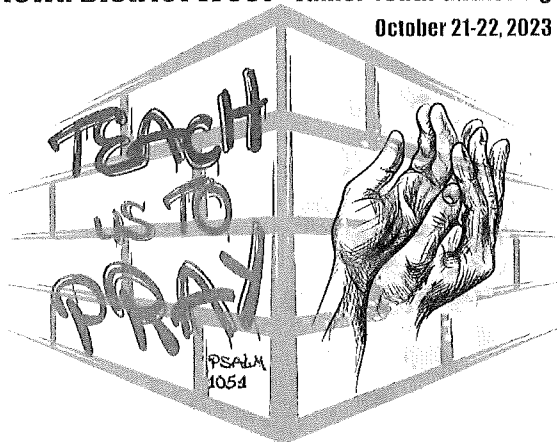
You can find detailed information about the sectionals and speakers on our district website.

www.iowadistrictwest.org

Registrations due by July 12

2023 IDW Youth Gatherings

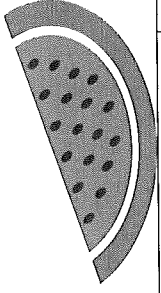
Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering
October 21-22, 2023



- Save the dates on your church calendars and begin talking to your youth and their parents about these great youth events available in our district.
- Watch for registration information at the end of this month in the mail and online.
- Registration this year will be done online, and congregations can mail a check to the district office or pay online with a credit card.

★ ★ ★ JULY ★ ★ ★ Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <i>Branning/Kraus Wedding</i>
2 <i>9:00 DW/HC</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>9:00 Ladies Aid</i>	7	8
9 <i>9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Church Council Meet</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 <i>9:00 DW/HC</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <i>9:00 DW/HC</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 <i>9:00 DW/HC</i>	31					

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Keith Vetter Rick Vetter
 Jeff Luefje Kim Brockman
 Gene Thiedeman

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Diane Witt & Lajeane Shiney

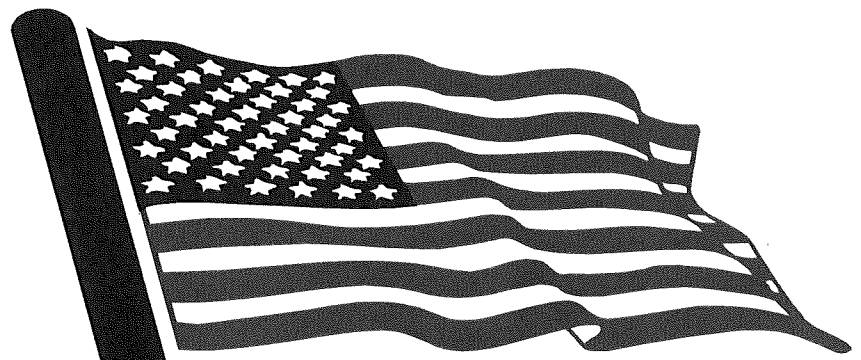
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Friends who care	
Divine Worship	9:00 am



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