

July 2017 Elder: Dallas Huebner, Altar Guild: Rodney & Jan Matz, Stewardship: Ashley Bultman

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Community VBS 2017

Community Vacation Bible School will be hosted by Friendship Assembly of God on July 17-21 from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Registration forms are in the narthex.

Trinity VBS 2017



VBS! More Jesus! In addition to the Hawarden Community VBS, Trinity will hold VBS August 7-10 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Registration information is on its way. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Kara Vander Hamm or Pastor Lowe.

Sermons-You Tube

If you would like to access any of Pastor Lowe's sermons, you may use the following link to find them on You Tube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8lpPRco6pDbMMAELSqFfZg>

LWML Cont....

LWML to pack MERCY MEALS

LWML will car pool (leaving at 9:10 from the parking lot) to Sioux City to Faith Lutheran Church on **Saturday July 22**. We will volunteer to work a **90 minute shift from 10:30-12:00 noon**, packing Mercy Meal boxes. Mercy Meals contain beans, rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and flavored mineral powder. Each box serves 6 children.

We need to arrive 15 minutes early to get instructions, sign in and fill out forms. Any number of people can work. There are 8 people on a line. **11 year olds to adults** can work on the line. Please wear comfortable shoes.

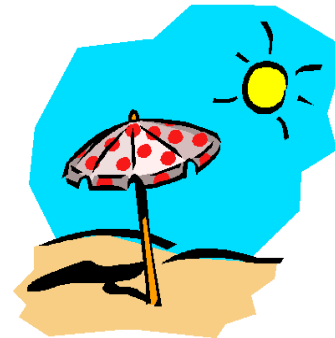
As of June 20, we have 7 or 8 people interested in going. If any member of our congregation would like to volunteer to join us, there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex (or talk to Jan Matz) so we can let them know how many of us are working. Let's take a big group!

New Sunday Morning Bible Class

What does this mean? Christian Questions and Christ's Answers.

You've got questions? Christ has answers. Come and reflect together on questions we have about whatever we'd like the Lord to answer. If His Word speaks to it, we'll work to answer them. Please submit your question in advance. Pastor Lowe answers better and more faithfully if he has time to search the Scriptures and propose a good response.

Vacations



Remember Trinity as you travel this summer. As people vacation through out the summer, our attendance and our giving decline. If you're traveling, please take a moment to mail your regular donation, or perhaps give twice, if you are able, on the week before you depart. This helps us greatly in conducting our ministries and taking care of our necessary expenses. We pray for safe travel and family togetherness as you vacation.

LWML

Monday June 19, 2017 • 7:00 PM

Janice Kitchenmaster led a Bible Study continuing in Ruth chapter 1. Jeanette Kircher gave a devotion titled "Making of a Missionary".

Roll was taken with 11 members present.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Terry Zierke gave the treasurer's report with a balance on hand of \$550.17. Filed for audit.

LWML would like to give a big thank you to the congregation for their donations to our Lenten Coffees. The money was distributed to the following projects:

Thank You!

Old Business

Decisions were made on mission projects.

\$163.71 went to backpacks for our school kit project.

\$50 went to a gift card for Lutheran Indian Missions in Washington state

\$50 went to Mighty Fortress Mercy House in Lima Peru

\$50 went to Planting new LCMS churches in U.S. for \$5 Bibles

\$50 went to Kyrgyzstan for Sunday School education materials

\$50 went to East African health kits for girls

Mercy Meals date is Saturday, July 22 in Sioux City. So far, we have about 7 or 8 people interested in going. We will work a 90 minute shift from 10:30 AM till noon. A sign up sheet will be placed in the narthex so the congregation can participate and we will car pool if needed.

New Business

We signed up for committees for the Fall Rally that we will host in October. Changed our theme to 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Project for June is Lutheran Bible Translators.

July meeting will be held at Central Cafe at 8:30 on July 15.

Thanked Lycia for serving tonight.

We sang our song, said pledge and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Lycia Anderson

Teen Center

Parents and Students: The Youth for Christ Teen Center in Harwarden will be open through the summer, every Thursday from 3:30-6pm. It will be open to students going into 6th-12th grade. If you have any questions please contact Tom Cook, YFC Sioux Co Area Director, tom@siouxlandyfc.org, [701-269-6259](tel:701-269-6259).

Volunteers Needed with Youth for Christ: If you would like to make an impact in a teenagers life please contact Tom Cook. We have plenty of opportunities for you to use your talents to reach students for Jesus in the community. Tom Cook, Sioux Co Area Director, tom@siouxlandyfc.org, [701-269-6259](tel:701-269-6259)

Reminder

Please remember, when you can not acolyte, greet, usher, help with camera or a/v, you need to find a replacement. If you know ahead of time, you may let Jennifer know so she can post accordingly in the bulletin weekly. Thanks!

God? Are You Real?

The little child whispered, "God, speak to me." And a meadowlark sang. But the child did not hear.

So the child yelled, "God, speak to me!" And the thunder rolled across the sky. But the child did not listen.

The child looked around and said, "God, Let me see you." And a star shone brightly. But the child did not know.

So the child cried out in despair, "Touch me, God, and let me know you are here! Whereupon God reached down and touched the child. But the child brushed the butterfly away and walked away unknowingly.

Take time to listen. Often times, the things we seek are right underneath our noses. Don't miss out on your blessing because it isn't packaged the way that you expect.



July 2017 (Please Copy, Post, and Share)

Camp Okoboji News

What is Happening at Your Camp

Our Promise of Jesus at the Lakes
A friendly, safe, refreshing and relaxing Christian experience.
An exceptional vacation for you and your family.

1581 Edgewood Dr
Merrill, IA 51151
712-587-5525



For More Info, Flyers, Schedules
& to Register on-line
www.campokoboji.org

July Birthdays

1. Vivian Bultman, Parker Miller
2. Joyce Boerma, Blake Egenes
3. Jessen Graves
5. Paul Janssen
6. Ardis Huebner
7. Cory Aldrich, Mike Schurman
8. Andrew Osterkamp
9. Austin Petersen, Payton Schwiesow
10. Joshua Wilkens
11. Shelly Aldrich, Angie Van Wyhe
13. John Eilts, Breanne Noble, Gabe Topete, Katie Wakeman
14. Quincee Reed
15. Pat Karr, LaRae Lopez
17. Mark Hamilton, Lester Janssen
18. Anneke Kramer
19. Samantha Anderson, Cathie Brown, Amber Harry
23. Noah Clough, Kolbe Miller
24. Anna Pulfrey
25. Janie Murren
26. Norma Petry
28. Jamie Bultman, Tabatha Wegner-Mendoza
29. Jeff Petersen
31. Taylor Gerritson



In the Spotlight

Great Camps are still ahead!
Sign up Today!

REGISTER NOW

Camp Programs Underway!

JOY Campers Enjoy Discover

As the first official users, the special needs campers created string art, made sun catchers, and began a name mosaic. Most importantly, they enjoyed the open atmosphere and air conditioning. They were happy!



Kids Kamp: Always a crazy good time!



Bell Tower Receives new colored symbols.



Girls Sports Camp: Future stars on and off the court.

Holy Land Tour hosted by Doug Kading November 5-15, 2017. Rev. Ken Klaus and his wife will be tour hosts.

Visit the land Jesus walked; places that saw the likes of Abraham, Moses, David, Esther, John the Baptist, and Mary; and sacred sites of the Old and New Testaments.

Contact Doug for a detailed brochure.

Awesome Family Retreat Weeks!

July 2-7 July 30-Aug. 4 Aug. 6-11
Take advantage of these great weeks to reconnect with your family and meet others who quickly become your new Camp Family. **Great Leaders—Great Program—Great Time!** Check website for more details, rates & speakers.



Servant Event volunteers from St. Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, Missouri, lend a helping hand.

Camp Staff Contact Information

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Under Construction 2017 Programs and Events

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:45am
July 2: Omelet Brunch 9:30-1:00
July 2-7: July 4th Family Retreat—Rev. Jeff Pule
July 6: Trivia Night Fundraiser & Pie Auction
July 9-15: Junior High Week—Rev. Dave Dahlke
July 13-16: JOY Camp 2 (Special Needs)—Rev. Dave Dahlke
July 16-22: Concordia Cub Week—Rev. Nicholas Thackeray
July 23-29: High School Youth Week—Rev. Tom Vanderbuilt
July 30-Aug. 4: Family Retreat I—Rev. Julius Clausen
Aug. 6-11: Family Retreat II—Rev. Chris Troxel
Aug. 11-13: Hispanic Family Retreat—Rev. Lincon Guerra
Aug. 20: Golf Outing
Aug. 25-27: Adult Retreat—Rev. Paul Egger
Sept. 2: BBQ Cook Off Event: Barbequers needed
Sept. 20-22: Outdoor Education
Sept. 28-Oct. 1: Fall Clean-up Weekend & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Oct. 6-8: Fall Women's Retreat—DCE Audrey Duesing-Werner
Nov. 5-15: Holy Land Tour w/Doug Kading & Rev. Ken Klaus

A Word About Our Program Leadership:

Camp Okoboji Program Director Lori Gamble strives to recruit some of the best speakers and program leaders our district and Synod have to offer (highlighted above). From Seminary Professors to the Deans of our Youth Camps, you can be thankful for their time spent at Camp. Many preach on Sunday mornings during worship. Their names can be found on the Camp website.

TRIVIA NIGHT at the Discover Center

July 6: Trivia Night & Pie Auction Fundraiser
7:00pm Cost: \$10 per person
Teams of 8 requested

Family fun for all ages. Get a group together and challenge others with your knowledge! Bring snacks and your thinking cap. Register: camp@campokoboji.org Benefit for Camp Okoboji and Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School (Spencer).

BBQ Cook-Off Footnote: Camp is looking for BBQ'ers willing to share their talent and join the Cook-Off on Sept. 2. Call the Camp for more details.

July Anniversaries

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| 1. Eric & Sara Graves | 11 yrs. |
| 7. Randy & Barb Ballard | 13 yrs. |
| 10. Mark & Lethia Marienau | 24 yrs. |
| 13. Robert & Bernadine Danielson | 54 yrs. |
| 17. Terry & Pat Karr | 43 yrs. |
| 19. Mike & Heather Schurman | 9 yrs. |
| 21. Michalle & Kody Hedden | 27 yrs. |
| 27. Joe & Kayla Ruhland | 4 yrs. |
| 28. Dave & Terry Zierke | 33 yrs. |
| 30. Lynn & Laraine Thorpe | 52 yrs. |



From Pastor's Desk...

July is full of events that touch our lives: we celebrate our nation's birthday on the 4th with red, white, blue, fireworks, parades, festivities- and, hopefully, great gratitude to our Lord that we are blessed to live in this land and a call to remember and work to defend and uphold our freedoms. July continues with fairs, rodeos, cattle shows; sweet corn, and ever growing crops. Summer is a special time to give thanks for where we live as we enjoy these special activities which are part of the fabric of our lives in the land of the free.

Freedom is one of those ironic things of life. It is something we all desire and strive to have, but something that comes with caution and boundaries. Freedom with boundaries? Doesn't sound much like freedom. Freedom, we might think, is to do whatever we wish to do, right? No. We all know that. Try driving 100 mph down Central Ave. and see what happens; hint: I'll be visiting you in the Hawarden Jail or the hospital, and worse yet you may take others with you. Or freedom can be I can say what I want, act how I want, live how I want. Many do. But at what cost? There is a cost to all our words, actions, and lives- a cost for benefit or a cost for hurt and pain. In our desire for freedom we must live within its boundaries.

Lutherans are well known a church of the Gospel as freedom- Christ has died for you, you are free! You were in prison to sin and death, but Christ came and paid your bail and suffered your punishment in your place. Now you're free. Throughout history and even today Christians have used their freedom in God-pleasing ways to serve their neighbors. All of us are active in some sort of good works in our callings- where God has placed us in our families, at our work/labor, in our communities, and in the congregation. But our old nature likes to control and abuse our freedom for our own self-service. God's law in the 10 Commandments and written on our hearts keep us in the boundaries.

ESV 1 Peter 2:16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Freedom in Christ means that we are indeed free from the punishment and judgment of the law- we are alive who once were dead. Now that we live in Christ as His free people, we live as servants of God- free to serve our neighbor, love them, and do the tasks God gives us to do. This is freedom with boundaries: God is God; He decides right and wrong and we live according to His Word; Christ alone is our Savior; there is no other gods; we live freely within the boundaries of the 10 Commandments and serve our neighbor- it's just what we do. And this is freedom.

As we think of what this might look like, I can't help but reflect on how God is our Father and we live as children. Our Father brought us into the family through the blood of His perfect Son Jesus- we belong; part of the family. In the family there are rules- do this and don't do that. There's lots of freedom in doing what's right and not doing what's wrong. "You can do anything in the yard, but don't go past the fence. You can play with anyone but share, speak nicely, say please and thank you." Get the idea? Freedom with boundaries in our life as citizens and as Christians.

Given a New Life in Order to Serve

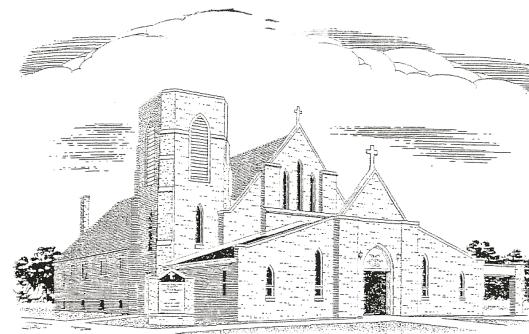
Jesus taught a powerful lesson about servanthood, recorded in the 13th Chapter of John's Gospel. He taught that lesson on the night of the final meal He would eat with His disciples. We're told all twelve were gathered in an upper room with Jesus in their midst. Off to the side, nearly forgotten, was a basin. In the basin was water. No one was standing behind the basin. No one had it in his grasp. It stood unattended, unnoticed. You see, that basin was meant for the washing of feet. In ancient times, the mode of transportation was a little messier on the road than it is today. The person who was traveling would not only come into your home with a little dust and dirt, but his feet would be dung-stained as well. Washing feet was the job of the least servant. To put it in our terms, the servant with the lowest amount of seniority got the basin as the guests came into the home. He would kneel down and wash their feet.

On that night, when the twelve were gathered with Jesus in their midst, the basin was unattended. There were no men pushing and shoving to see who could be first in line. "No, no, my turn, you got to do it last time. I get to be first. Get behind me. I get to serve. Who do you think you are, pushing in front of me? It's my turn." The basin stood alone—until Jesus got up and took the basin and knelt down and began washing the feet of each disciple. It was a very awkward moment. You see, they recognized the One with the basin. They knew where He came from. He was the Son of God, from the right hand of the Father. Finally Peter, speaking up as if to voice the concern, the awkwardness, and the embarrassment of the whole group, said, "Lord, You can't do this. Of all the people in the room, You shouldn't be doing this!"

The Lord was teaching them about a newer, grander, more blessed way of life. He was getting them ready for what was going to happen less than 24 hours later. As He hung on that cross, and they watched Him bleed and groan and gasp, that same thought must have washed over them that should come to us as you and I picture that scene. It's supposed to be the same feeling the disciples had when Jesus took the basin. "Lord, this isn't right. You're not supposed to be doing this. I'm the one who should be there. I'm the one who should be suffering, not You." But the Lord makes it clear that, through that cross, He gives more than an example; He gives us new life. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we receive a new life as we look to Him and recognize the blessings of His service, of His ransom, of His deliverance. We come to rejoice and hold onto and remember that great beginning. That beginning, our salvation through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, is what enables us to live lives in service for Jesus.

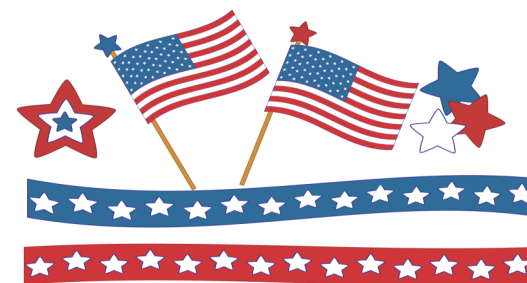
Read the Bible in one year by reading the following passages this month...

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| 1. Deuteronomy 32:1-4 | 1 Samuel 28-31 |
| 2. Psalm 28 | 2 Samuel 1-3 |
| 3. Psalm 29 | 2 Samuel 4-6 |
| 4. Psalm 30 | 2 Samuel 7-9 |
| 5. Psalm 31 | 2 Samuel 10-12 |
| 6. Psalm 32 | 2 Samuel 13-15 |
| 7. Psalm 33 | 2 Samuel 16-18 |
| 8. Psalm 34 | 2 Samuel 19-21 |
| 9. Psalm 35 | 2 Samuel 22-24 |
| 10. Psalm 36 | 1 Kings 1-2 |
| 11. Psalm 37 | 1 Kings 3-6 |
| 12. Psalm 38 | 1 Kings 7-8 |
| 13. Psalm 39 | 1 Kings 9-11 |
| 14. Psalm 40 | 1 Kings 12-14 |
| 15. Psalm 41 | 1 Kings 15-17 |
| 16. Psalm 42 | 1 Kings 18-20 |
| 17. Psalm 43 | 1 Kings 21-22 |
| 18. Psalm 44 | 2 Kings 1-3 |
| 19. Psalm 45 | 2 Kings 4-6 |
| 20. Psalm 46 | 2 Kings 7-9 |
| 21. Psalm 47 | 2 Kings 10-12 |
| 22. Psalm 48 | 2 Kings 13-15 |
| 23. Psalm 49 | 2 Kings 16-18 |
| 24. Psalm 50 | 2 Kings 19-22 |
| 25. Psalm 51 | 2 Kings 23-25 |
| 26. Psalm 52 | 1 Chronicles 1-5 |
| 27. Psalm 53 | 1 Chronicles 6-10 |
| 28. Psalm 54 | 1 Chronicles 11-15 |
| 29. Psalm 55 | 1 Chronicles 16-20 |
| 30. Psalm 56 | 1 Chronicles 21-25 |
| 31. Deuteronomy 32:1-4 | 1 Chronicles 26-29 |



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