



St. Paul's Epistle
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A Word from the Pastor ~

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I am writing this article, the Gospel text from last Sunday (Holy Trinity Sunday) is still on my mind:

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:16-20)

In these verses, which we commonly refer to as the "Great Commission," Jesus is sending His disciples out into the world for the purpose of making more disciples. The process for making disciples is spelled out for them—baptizing and teaching. In our Lutheran lingo we might refer to this as "word and sacrament ministry." Disciples are made by the Church through a life-long process of baptism and teaching obedience to all that Jesus has commanded (which of course includes forgiving sins, preaching, teaching and celebrating the Lord's Supper).

In obedience to the commands of scripture, we understand that it is our Lord's will to call men into the office of the ministry for its orderly and "public" administration. We also understand that the man who occupies the pastoral office has been placed there by God (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 4). Therefore the authority to preach and administer the sacraments is given by our Lord, through His Church, to His chosen pastors.

It is the "through His Church" portion of the previous sentence that I wish to emphasize in this writing. Pastors are given the responsibility of shepherding local flocks, but the "making disciples" command remains the responsibility of the Church in general. This congregation, as a local manifestation of the Christ's Church, has elected in recent years to have two men serve her in the capacity of pastor. Just as there are many pastors throughout the

world and yet only one office of the ministry, so there remains one office of the ministry here at St. Paul that happens to have been served recently by two pastors.

We now stand at a crossroads, **as a congregation**, considering how we will continue our faithfulness to all that the Lord has commanded us. Pastor Anthony's resignation has left this congregation with a vacancy in its call to be served by a Senior Pastor. Meanwhile, I remain in service as this congregation's Associate Pastor who happens to also be filling the vacancy for a Senior Pastor.

This crossroads that we stand at is a God-given opportunity to evaluate how we, **as a congregation**, will seek to continue fulfilling Christ's commission to make disciples. It is a very appropriate time to begin asking ourselves where our priorities should be as we seek to make disciples and what resources we need to meet these priorities.

For example, this congregation also has a history of seeking to fulfill Christ's commission with a fulltime pastor and a vicar (a pastor-in-training). At other times it has used a fulltime pastor in combination with a Director of Christian Education (DCE). There are many other possibilities as well that include other, professionally trained church workers (e.g.: Deaconess, Director of Christian Outreach) or a qualified layperson who happens to have the skills required to serve in an area of need. We could look to our own members and seek to recruit more volunteers and even consider paying a stipend to certain volunteer positions. There are many possibilities and combinations to consider.

In recent months I have occasionally been asked about future plans for the congregation and the question has sometimes been phrased something like, "Have **they** made any decisions?" I would like to remind all of you that you are the "**they**" who need to be making the decisions. I encourage you to actively be a part of this decision making process. And I would also like to remind you that these are **congregational** decisions, so whether you choose to be a part of the decision making process or not, any decisions made will be our decisions collectively, as a congregation, and not somebody else's decision.

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So just how do we, collectively, as a congregation, go about making these kinds of decisions? There are no hard and fast rules here. But we can draw on the experiences of other congregations and the leadership our district office can provide. The elders, in consultation with the district office, have recently decided that a good starting point would be a survey for the congregation to complete. Look for this survey in the near future and please take the time to participate and let your voice be heard.

Our Lord Jesus has given us a commission to be in the disciple making business. It is a commission that we could not possibly fulfill on our own, and yet, we know

that as long as we remain faithful to our Lord's teaching we cannot fail. We cannot fail because the same Lord who has given us this commission is the One to whom all authority in heaven and on earth has been given and who has promised to remain with us to the end of the age.

Lord, keep us steadfast in the confession of the one true faith, defend us from all error, and guide us to faithfully fulfill your commission. Amen.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Licht

125th Anniversary Celebration
Sharing the One Thing Needful—Yesterday, Today, and Forever
Sunday, October 9, 2011

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (No Holy Communion)

Guest Preacher, Special Music,
Dedication of Crucifix made from former communion rail

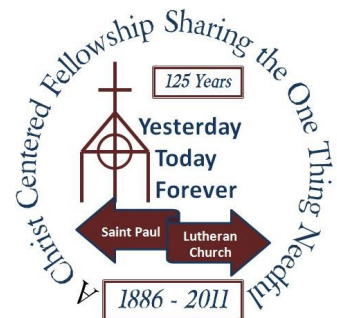
11:30 a.m.—Catered Meal in the Fellowship Hall

from Lidderdale Country Store
Adults \$10.00; Children age 5-10 \$5.00; Age 4 & under-free
RSVP information coming soon

Reception/Short Program will follow the meal.

(No Saturday Service that weekend.)

You are encouraged to invite family members and/or former members you have kept in contact with to come for the day.



Anniversary Trivia Questions

Answers to last month's questions:

- In the early 1880s before St. Paul Congregation was officially organized, where were services held? In members' homes, the public school and the county court house.*
- How many families made up the charter membership of St. Paul when it was officially organized in 1886? 10 families*

July/August questions (look for the answers in our History Timeline in the Fellowship Hall and in our next Newsletter)

- In the early 1900s as St. Paul's membership grew, we rented a church for services at 9th &

Adams St. for \$12/month. What church building was it?

- In 1925, again needing more room, St. Paul members purchased a church and parsonage at 7th & Adams St. Who previously owned that church building?

Stained Glass Window Books depicting the Life of Christ are available for a suggested donation of \$2.50. Contact Donna if you would like a book.

Notes & News

Vacation Bible School—Big Jungle Adventure, A Faith Journey with Jesus— will be held July 11-15 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. for students age 4 years thru 5th Grade. Suggested donation is \$10 per child. If you have questions, please call Belinda Richards at 792-3259, Cindy Naberhaus at 792-1196.



RAGBRAI XXXIX will be coming to Carroll for an overnight stay on Monday, July 25. Help is needed to host more than 10,000 people that will be visiting our area. Hundreds of volunteers will be needed to perform a variety of activities. Go to www.carrollragbrai.com then go to the "volunteer" tab and download the form. If you do not have access to the internet, call the Chamber of Commerce at 792-4383. You will be notified about your duties, time and duty station at a later date.

If you are willing to host RAGBRAI Riders in your home, please download the form and return to the RAGBRAI Housing Committee or email RAGBRAI@carrolliowa.com or call Matt Greteman (792-5050) or (830-0637) or Doug & Sheri Wanniger (792-0325) or (830-7854).



Men's Breakfast Table Talk will meet Saturday, July 16, and Saturday, August 20, from 8:30-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men and sons are welcome. Breakfast is provided!



Christian Fiction Book Club will meet Sunday, July 17, at 7 p.m. in the East Room at church. We will discuss The Unfinished Gift by Dan Walsh. In August, we will meet Sunday, August 14, at 7 p.m. in the East Room at church to discuss Angel Sister by Ann H. Gabhart. Everyone is welcome.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS HELP

The Sunday School Program at St. Paul needs your help! The Lutheran church has a rich tradition of teaching the saving Word of Christ to children through its Sunday School program. This program depends on volunteers to teach the children. Each year we struggle to get enough teachers to teach our children. We are also seeing a decline in our attendance.

Where are your talents? Would you like to teach? Would you like to be the Sunday School superintendent? Would you like to help with music? Maybe you could be a baby sitter for the young children of someone who would like to teach.

Sunday School happens with people committed to the mission of teaching our children of the love of Jesus. If you are hesitant because you have never taught Sunday School, the Lord will guide you. We have an excellent set of materials we use published by Concordia Publishing House that helps all teachers organize and guide them in their teaching. Teaching is a wonderful way to know who the children of our congregation are and have a relationship with them. Their energy and ideas will keep you motivated.

Remember our Sunday School will happen only with volunteers and with a willingness of all parents to make a commitment to have their children in Sunday School every Sunday. Please contact Sharon von Qualen (792-3966) or the church office if you would like to be a part of this special ministry.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting Sunday, July 17—1:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Topics for Discussion:

- Endowment/Scholarship Fund
• Parsonage
• Sound System
• Personnel

Endowment Fund ~

- The Endowment Fund Committee, on instruction by Church Council, have been reviewing the previous Endowment Fund policies that were approved in 1999. Some changes have been made which need to be approved by the congregation at the July Voters' Meeting to be held July 17. Copies of the Endowment Fund Policies will be available in the Church Narthex the first two weekends of July. Question and answer session regarding endowment fund policies will be held during the Sunday morning Adult Bible Class hour on July 10. All St. Paul members are encouraged to read these policies so they are familiar with them.

Ready, Set, Recycle!”

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) of Iowa will host the 2015 National Convention in Des Moines! You can help our Guild earn funds to cover expenses by being a part of our “Ready, Set, Recycle” campaign. Bring the following recyclable items to church and place them in the box in the cloakroom off the Narthex or call Barb Brockelsby at 790-9592:

- Empty inkjet printer cartridges
- Empty laser printer cartridges
- Used cell phones
- Laptops, including power cords
- Palm Pilots (PDAs)

Please leave in original boxes if possible or place in plastic zip-lock bags. Thank you for your help.

Unacceptable items: Toner tubes/cartridges, Epson printer cartridges, Cannon BCI cartridges, Remanufactured cartridges, refilled cartridges or new unopened cartridges. Any cartridge that DOES NOT have a metal print head is unacceptable.



Circle Dates—

- Lydia:** Tuesday, July 12, 7:00 p.m.
East Room; Ina Rae Nieland, hostess;
Vicki Grundmeier, topic leader
- Rachel:** Wednesday, July 13, 1:30 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall, Shirley Schirck,
hostess; Pastor, topic

Circles do not meet in August!

**The Quilters will not meet
in July or August.**





LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

A Useful Blog:

The following was written by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb and posted on the Lutherans for Life Blog (<http://www.lutheransforlife.org/life-blog>)

In his letter to Philemon, Paul encourages him to receive back his runaway slave, Onesimus, now a Christian. Using a play on the name Onesimus, which means "useful," Paul writes, "**Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me**" (11).

As I read this little book this morning, I thought about the comments I often hear during Q&A sessions after an end-of-life presentation. People talk about "Uncle Ralph" who no longer has a "quality" life. I never hear anyone call Uncle Ralph useless, but that "quality of life" phrase gets close. We talk about what people can no longer do that they used to do. We say things like, "He would never want to live like that."

Our problem? We want to be like God. (Sound familiar?) We want to define useless and useful according to our way of thinking. We have this mistaken notion that God thinks like we think. But God is pretty clear about how far our thoughts are from His thoughts (Isaiah 55:8)! God worked in Onesimus and made him true to his name. God works in Uncle Ralph regardless of his condition, and makes him useful. As long as God gives life, He gives usefulness to that life.

What use was there in a condemned, beaten, bleeding, and dying man nailed to a tree? In human thinking—useless. But God's Holy Spirit informs our thinking, and we see the eternal usefulness of our crucified Savior. May we use that same God-given thinking when we look upon those who seem "useless" in our eyes.

Now, go call someone "Onesimus," because they are!



Summary of St. Paul's Tornado Emergency Response Plan (during a worship service)

- No one should leave the building to go to their car.
- Ushers will evacuate members sitting in the west pews down the stairwell in the Narthex.
- Ushers will evacuate members sitting in the east pews down the stairwell next to the Sunday school office in the east wing.
- Ushers will assign one or two members to check the choir loft, West Room, main floor bathrooms for anyone left behind.
- Members will need to be evacuated to the lower level classrooms without windows.
- If more space is needed, lower level bathrooms on the north side and storage room next to the furnace will be used.
- Disabled members will need assistance.
- Do not use the elevator.
- Do not leave the evacuation area until an "all clear" is received and warning sirens are no longer sounding.



Mission in Mercy Outpost

225 4th Street (Thomas Plaza)
Carroll, IA
Phone: 775-2262

Daytime/Walk-in Hours of Operation:

Mon –Thu, 10 am – 4 pm

Scheduled Activities:

Sundays: Prayer Service – 1145 am
Mondays: AA meeting – 530 pm
Tuesdays:
Wednesdays: Bible Study – 4:30 pm;
AA meeting – 530 pm;
Single Mom's Group – 7 pm
Thursdays: Alanon meeting – 530 pm;
Fridays: AA meeting (Women) – 8 am
Saturdays: AA meeting – 1030 am;
NA meeting – 12 pm

From the Parish Nurse ~

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. Approximately 50,000 adults die each year from vaccine-preventable diseases in the United States. Pneumonia and Influenza are the fifth leading cause of death in older adults in the U.S. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1.25 million people are infected with the Hepatitis B virus, which attacks the liver and can cause liver cancer, liver failure, and death.

The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first important step in protecting against the flu viruses. People at high risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes, or heart and lung disease, and people 65 years and older.

Usually only one dose of Pneumococcal vaccine is needed but under some circumstances a second dose may be given. A second dose is recommended for people 65 years and older who got their first dose when they were younger than 65 and it has been 5 or more years since the first dose. Pneumococcal vaccine may be less effective for some people, especially those with lower resistance to infection.

A person can get infected with Hepatitis B virus through contact with an infected person's blood or body fluids. The virus can exist on almost any surface for up to one month. Hepatitis B vaccine schedule is usually three intramuscular injections, the second and third administered 1 and 6 months after the first.

2011 Recommended Adult Immunization schedule recommends for persons aged 65 and older to get vaccinated with Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) if having close contact with an infant aged less than 12 months. Persons aged 60 or older should have a Zoster (shingles) vaccine.

Protect yourself and others by getting the vaccinations you need as recommended by your health care provider. May God protect our health.
(Information obtained from CDC website).

In His Service,
Darlene Rueter, RN, St. Paul Parish Nursing

Human Care

Human care for area residents is provided by:

New Opportunities, Inc.

23751 Hwy 30 E, Carroll IA 51401 Ph: 792-1344

Programs Include:

Child and adult care food program, child and adolescent health program, women's health, maternal health, Head Start, weatherization, affordable housing, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, OWI classes, juvenile alcohol drug education, Zero Tolerance Class and Gambling Treatment Services.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Health Savings Account through LCEF

If you have a high-deductible health plan, the Lutheran Church Extension Fund offers a health savings account (HAS) for you. The FlexPlus Certificate earns a competitive interest rate, and the HAS dollars also earn the "ministry dividend" - providing funds for low-cost loans to LCMS churches and schools. To learn more about the LCEF's HSA investment opportunity, call 1.800.843.5233 or visit www.lcef.org

A Summer Parable—Now it came to pass that, as the time of vacation drew near, a certain member of the church thought of cool streams where fish were found and his children thought of sandy beaches by the sea, and his wife thought of mountains. And this church member spoke and said: "Lo, the hot days come and my work lieth heavy upon me. Come, let us depart and go where fishes do bite, and where the cool winds bring refreshment and the land is beautiful about us."

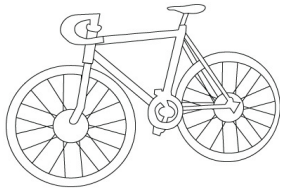
"Thou speakest words of wisdom," said his wife. "Yet three, nay, even four things must we do before we go."

"Three things I think of, but not a fourth," said her husband, "That we ask our neighbors to minister unto our flowers; that we arrange for our grass to be mowed and watered; and that we have our mail forwarded; but no other thing cometh to my mind."

"The fourth is like unto the other three, but greater than them all," said his spouse, "even this, that thou dig until thy wallet and give thy church offering, in order that the good name of the church may be preserved, that the heart of the treasurer be made glad, and that it may be well with thee. For verily I say unto thee, thou has more money now that thou wilt when thou dost return." And the husband replied, "Verily, thou art noble and wise among women." And he did give his offering and the treasurer rejoiced greatly, saying, "There are those who care for the good of the church." And it was so. —Author Unknown

“SACRED” for Youth grades 6 - 8

"Is nothing sacred anymore?" I'm sure we've all asked that question. The answer is of course "Yes!" We have a Holy Triune God. God gives us His Holy Word. Christ's blood makes us Holy. The Ten Commandments direct us toward Holy Lives. Junior youth (grades 6-8) are invited to the "Sacred" Iowa District West Gathering on October 29-30 at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines (same location as last year). The gathering program will teach the "Sacred" truths and explore our "Sacred" responses. Registration information will be available in early August. Blessings on your "Sacred" summer.



RAGBRAI meal

Monday July 25th will be a memorable day in Carroll.

That's the day RAGBRAI is coming to town. The Board for Youth has registered with Carroll RAGBRAI committee to serve spaghetti dinner. We are hoping other individuals and boards will help pull this off. (We'll share proceeds.) We plan to serve Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, pie or dessert and lemonade, iced tea, milk and water and are charging RAGBRAI participants \$8.00. We agreed to serve 400 persons between 4 and 7 p.m. We will be asking for help with the pies and desserts and will need as many workers as possible to make this event successful.

MORE than food and cleaning up. If you can stop by that evening and visit with some of our guests, do so. We hope this will be a friendly encounter for everyone. I'm sure there will be some interesting characters. (Isn't that what our fellowship hall is known for?) Who knows maybe someone's spaghetti dinner at St. Paul's will have eternal significance.

YOUTH mark your calendars because you will be needed the afternoon and evening of July 25th. This fundraiser will help pay for youth gathering registrations, hotels, travel etc.



Tomato Petunia report



Since the end of January we have had 19 youth and parents getting together to plant flowers and vegetables in the greenhouse. They spent more than 71 hours on the job plus the time spent loading, delivering, and selling plants after they were up. Special thanks to Tami Biggerstaff for her hours spent planting and transplanting. It was worth the effort as we sold more than \$2,600 worth of plants. We also donated a car full of vegetables to the International Outreach at Memorial Lutheran Church in Ames plus Bob and Betty Grundmeier took a van full of flowering plants to Camp Okoboji (thanks Bob and Betty!). Thank you everyone for your support of our youth in this project. We hope you are enjoying your flowers and will soon be enjoying some juicy tomatoes!!

Highway 71 cleanup

June 5th 17 members worked together to pick up our section of highway 71. We picked up 20 bags of garbage. (Be sure and ask Penny about the boxers she found!) Thanks to everyone who helped whether by picking up trash or contributing

Lutheran Hour Ministries Presents *The Bible on Trial: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt*

Monday, July 18, 8:00 p.m. CDT

Through the National Religious Broadcasters Network (Channel 378 on DirecTV) as well as online at www.nrbnetwork.tv

This program, hosted by attorney Craig Parton, asks: "Are the Bible and its claims trustworthy?" A panel of experts including Dr. Paul L. Maier of Western Michigan University; Dr. Randall Price of Liberty University; Dr. Jeff Kloah of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; and Joel Lampe of The Bible Museum, weighs the evidence from contemporary non-Christian writers and archaeological, bibliographic and eyewitness sources. The balanced testimony from these scholars affirms the reliability of the biblical record. The program concludes with a call to the viewer: "What is your verdict?"

More airings are scheduled. Visit the Guide at www.TheBibleTrial.com for dates and times.



THE LUTHERAN HOUR

The Lutheran Hour may be heard on Sundays on the following radio stations in our area:

KAYL, 990 AM, Storm Lake, 10 am

KDSN, 107.1 FM, Denison, 6:30 am

KDSN, 1530 AM, Denison, 10:30 am

Also available 24 hours/day on the Internet

@ www.lutheranhour.org Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

July 3—*Living in the Freedom of Faith*

Those who trust in Jesus have the one thing everyone wants: real freedom! It is a freedom born of God's love in action, through Christ's life, death, and resurrection for us. (Gal. 5:1, 25)

July 10—*God's Word: The Power of God for Life*

Words have power. Sadly, we often use our words to put others down. God's Word has the unique power to work repentance, forgiveness, faith, and renewal. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

July 17—*Experiencing Heavenly Heartburn!*

God's Word produces "heavenly heartburn" when it reveals to us that Jesus is God in the flesh, the One Who suffered, died, and rose again to reconcile sinners with God. (Luke 24:32-35)

July 24—*Faith Faces the Future with Boldness*

We may experience real fear, uncertainty, and feelings of helplessness. But it is then that Christ's love holds on to us. Believers are secure in His crucified and resurrected hands. (Rom. 8:31-39)

July 31—*Hope for the Helpless*

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
Sooner or later, everyone reaches that point when the best we can do is still not enough. That Jesus has done what we could not do is the comfort that is given to those who are given faith in the Savior. (Matthew 14:15-16)

August schedule to be determined.



Electronic Giving

We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for the church. It's easy to sign up and there is no charge. You may have your donation withdrawn from your checking or savings account either weekly on Monday; Semi-monthly on the 1st & 15th; Monthly on the 1st or Monthly on the 15th—minimum donation \$5.00.

To sign up, contact Donna in the church office for an authorization form, complete it and return to Donna with the appropriate attachment. She will take care of the enrollment which remains in effect until you decide to change it. You may change the amount, date of withdrawal, account, or cancel completely at any time by contacting Donna.

Offering Plate Cards are available on the display cabinet in the Narthex for those wishing to visibly put something in the offering plate.



Worship Assistants for July & August

LECTORS: (Sunday Only)

July 3 Pastor
 July 10 Reese Abbe
 July 17 Pastor
 July 24 Shari Toft
 July 31 Pastor
 Aug. 7 Vicki Grundmeier
 Aug. 14 Pastor
 Aug. 21 Deb Schmidt
 Aug. 28 Pastor

GREETERS:

July 2 Doug & Gaye Beckman
 July 3 Zach Hayden
 July 9 Arlo & Lois Buck
 July 10 Jay & Julie Barlow
 July 16 Ken & Rosemary Beckman
 July 17 Joe & Durene Eisenbacher
 July 23 Amos Asmus
 July 24 Cindy Naberhaus
 July 30 Jerry & Karen Raymond
 July 31 Marv & Shari Toft
 Aug. 6 Sally Sullivan/Lisa Quandt
 Aug. 7 Pearl Kurth
 Aug. 13 Carolyn Dammann
 Aug. 14 Darrell & Shirley Sunderman
 Aug. 20 Reese & Jan Abbe
 Aug. 21 Ryan & Darlene Rueter
 Aug. 27 Bonnie Dryden
 Aug. 28 Vicki Grundmeier

ELDERS:

July 2 Leon Schoenfeld
 July 3 Leon Schoenfeld & Larry Bayless
 July 9 Joe Eisenbacher
 July 10 Joe Eisenbacher & Tracy Onken
 Rest of July and month of August to be determined

ALTAR GUILD:

July:
 Shery Reiter, chairperson
 Sharon von Qualen
 Vicki Grundmeier
 Barb Quandt
 August:
 Shari Toft, chairperson
 Pam Stanzyk
 Janet Hoffman
 Renee Grimsman

ACOLYTES:

July 3 Justin Thooft
 July 10 Bryce Widdel
 July 17 Jamie White
 July 24 Journee Kajewski
 July 31 Peyton Raymond
 Aug. 7 Gabi Howard
 Aug. 14 Justin Thooft
 Aug. 21 Bryce Widdel
 Aug. 28 Jamie White

5-8 GRADE USHERS

July 3 Josie Pate
 July 10 Sarah Riesberg
 July 17 Madison Schroeder
 July 24 Kara Lorenzen
 July 31 Sydney Renning
 Aug. 7 Mariah Clausen
 Aug. 14 Dan Buck
 Aug. 21 Tanner White
 Aug. 28 Kyler Brinker

SATURDAY USHERS:

(from last year's list)
 July:
 Barb Brockelsby
 Denis Schirck
 Reese Abbe
 August:
 Arlo Buck
 Don Meyer
 John Meyer
 Merlin Schau

SUNDAY USHERS:

(from last year's list)
 July:
 Joe & Durene Eisenbacher
 Zach Hayden
 August:
 Neil Trobak
 Ryan & Darlene Rueter



Camp Okoboji 2011 Schedule

June 27-July 1—Jr. Joy Day Camp
 July 3—All American 4th of July
 Sunday Brunch
 July 3-9—July 4th Family Retreat
 July 10-16—Jr. High Week
 July 14-17—Ginny DeWall Joy Camp
 July 17-23—Concordia Cub Week
 July 24-30—Youth Week
 July 31-Aug. 6—Family Retreat I
 Aug. 7—Camp Okoboji Benefit
 Brunch
 Aug. 7-13—Family Retreat II
 Aug. 19-21—Hispanic Family Retreat
 Aug. 28—Camp Okoboji Benefit
 Brunch
 Sept. 18-20—IDW Lutheran Schools
 Outdoor Education
 Sept. 25—Camp Okoboji Benefit
 Brunch
 Sept. 26-Oct. 2—Fall Volunteer Week
 Nov. 10-12—Hunting Retreat
 Nov. 11-12—Fall Women's Retreat
 Dec. 2-4—Family Adventure
 Dec. 30-Jan. 1—FREEZE
 Go to www.campokoboji.org or call 712.337.3325 for more information on all of the above events at Camp Okoboji, 1531 Edgewood Drive, Milford, IA