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Calendar of Events

- August 6—Early Childhood Conference, St. Paul, Ankeny
August 7—Faith Aflame: Stewardship 360, Immanuel, Clarinda (9 am-noon)
August 9—Principals Conference, Gloria Dei, Urbandale
August 17—District Board of Directors, Fort Dodge
August 20-22—Saints Alive Retreat, Camp Okoboji
August 23—Stewardship School, Immanuel, Spirit Lake (7-9 pm)
August 24—Stewardship School, St. Paul, Carroll (7-9 pm)
August 25—Stewardship School, Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines (7-9 pm)
August 29—Message Sent, Mission Central

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CALL ACCEPTED

Rev. Scott Fiege, Mapleton, to Lake City/Goodhue, MN.

CALLS RECEIVED

Rev. Dave Dahlke, West Des Moines, to DeWitt, IA.

Rev. Jon Dunbar, Algona, to Utica, NE.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

CALL ACCEPTED

Jon Jenks, Canoga Park, CA, to Zion-St. John, Paullina.

CHANGE OF STATUS

Rosalie Neumeyer, Clarinda, active to emeritus, 8/1/10.

From the IDW Personal Missions Committee

The average work week for a protestant pastor in the United States is 50 hours. Because so many of these hours are necessary to complete his primary tasks of sermon preparation, worship planning, and visitation of the sick and homebound, not to mention the many hours he spends with people who are already Christians, he finds himself spending only a limited number of hours in contact with unbelievers. With the United States now being the world's third-largest mission field, the task of bringing the message of Jesus to the non-Christians of America would be impossible if pastors were the only Christians engaged in evangelism. If you are a pastor, in what ways can you spend more hours in contact with unbelievers? If you are not a pastor, how many hours do you have contact with non-Christians during a typical week, and how could you use these hours to communicate the message of Jesus to those you encounter?

RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ St. Paul Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs is coordinating a fall tour (September 16-22) to Michigan and Indiana (including Frankenmuth, Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum, Concordia Theological Seminary and other sites). Contact Ed Termuende (712-325-6984) for more information. Cost is \$485 per person.
- ❖ The Family Crisis Center (Sioux Center, Iowa) is presenting "Til Death Do Us Part: The Community Response," a workshop on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The program will be October 19. More information is available at www.familycrisiscenters.org.
- ❖ "A Study on Christian Apologetics: You Can Give an Answer" is being hosted by The Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Windom, MN, on August 12-16, 2010. For more information contact lcoos@windomnet.com.
- ❖ The Lay Leadership Institute has provided a pathway for individuals to serve more confessionally, confidently, and creatively in the local congregation and church at-large. Information is included in this "Monthly." Contact Jason Fuller or any District staff member for more information.
- ❖ Congregations continue to fund "Joy in Ministry." Gifts continue to be accepted to support the 40 District students enrolled in ministry preparation in the coming school year. Contact Rev. David Loeschen or the District Office for more information on student "adoptions."

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