

What is Happening At Your Camp?

Camp Okoboji

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February 19-23, 2009 NLOMA Conference – Shepherd Hill Retreat in ND

February 20-22, 2009 IDW Confirmands' Retreat

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The dates for the 2009 Iowa District West Confirmands Retreat are February 20-22, 2009! Registration brochures for "Jesus Is..." are in the district monthly packet of information for December, January, and February! The Reverend Paul Egger, pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Galva, will once again be the dean for this retreat. The retreat is for all students who will be confirmed in 2009.

The Thorn

The Thorn is an Easter production put on by North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills, MN. This production portrays the passion of Christ through the eyes of His disciple John. We are anticipating another bus trip for this awesome event. The date for the production is April 4, 2009, the Saturday before Palm Sunday! What a great way to start the Holy Week! Please contact Lori Gamble by March 1, 2009 if you are interested, as we will need to order tickets soon to get the best seats!

S.P.A. WOMEN'S RETREAT

The 2009 S.P.A (Spiritual and Physical Alignment) Women's Retreat date has been set! The dates are April 24-26, 2009! Watch for more details as planning continues to take place. We are pleased to announce that Peggy Wunschel will be our Bible study leader for the event! We will also have a concert by Tangled Blue!

Continuing Education Course

Camp Okoboji will again host a continuing education course for all pastors, DCEs and lay leaders wishing to attend. The dates are May 17-20. Dr. Peter Scaer will be leading the class on the book of Acts. You can register for this class by going to www.ctsfw.edu. To reserve lodging and meals at Camp call 712-337-3325 or email Lori Gamble at lori.camp@lidwlcms.org. The cost for meals and lodging is \$150 per person which includes lodging from Sunday-Tuesday and all meals from Monday morning through Wednesday lunch.

Traveling Camp VBS

Camp Okoboji is once again offering congregations the opportunity to have a group of college age students come to your congregation to put on a day camp or Vacation Bible School. We will be using the Iowa District West Curriculum –

"Solid Rock"! Contact Lori Gamble if you are interested in having a team come to your congregation. We still have several weeks available.

Building Families of Faith Retreat

Plans are underway to start a new family camp in 2009! The dates are July 19-25, 2009. The camp is designed for young families and couples who are just starting out. This retreat is one day shorter than our other family camp. There will be various topics for adults, activities for children, and child care for the very young. Topics will include parenting skills, family devotions, faith stepping stones, playing with your children, and "ask the doctor"! We need at least 10 families to commit to this camp! Please contact Lori Gamble if you would like to know more about it! The Reverend Ben Dose, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Arcadia, IA will be our Bible study leader!

Grace Place Retreat

The 2009 dates have been sent for the next Grace Place Retreat at Camp Okoboji. It will be October 4-9. Dr. David Ludwig and Dr. John Eckrich will again lead all professional church workers through a week of renewal and enrichment. Go to www.graceplaceretreats.org to register. Camp Okoboji is looking for financial support in order to defer the costs for the workers. If you would like to donate to this cause, contact Larry Stille by phone or email (larry.camp@lidwlcms.org).

2009 Summer Registration Brochure

The 2009 Summer Registration Brochure is now available on our Website, www.campokoboji.org. Go to the quick links at the bottom of the page to download and print the information.

Notes from Lorene

Open Family Cabins for the Summer of 2009

The 2009 Suggested Donation List has been updated and is on the Camp Website (reservations page).

After January 1 all Family cabins for the summer of 2009 will be filled on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Those on the waiting list have the opportunity to choose from the openings for the summer. Check our Website and if you see an opening you are interested in call Lorene at 712-337-3325 to make a reservation.

I am still contacting those on the "waiting list" for family reunions for 2009. As soon as I finish calling everyone on the list, the remaining openings will be filled on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Watch our Website for those openings.

The following list is a way for you to be stewards of Camp Okoboji!

Could you donate the item or the money needed to purchase them?

- † Gift Cards
 - ❖ Ace Hardware, Bomgaars, Menards, Sears, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club
- † Facility
 - ❖ Stage Lighting (spot lights)
 - ❖ Near New Sewing Machines
 - ❖ 4 Baby bath tubs
- † Maintenance
 - ❖ Rear mount tiller for a 724 John Deere tractor
 - ❖ Skid Loader
 - ❖ 12/3 and/or 14/3 Extension cords in lengths of 25', 50', or 100'
 - ❖ Band saw
 - ❖ Screwdrivers
 - ❖ Hand trowels
 - ❖ Paint brushes and rollers
 - ❖ Pneumatic Finish Nailer -2"-2 1/2 "
 - ❖ 12 or 14 amp battery drill
- † Program
 - ❖ Compact multi-media projector
 - ❖ 1 inch PVC pipe
 - ❖ Passenger van for our VBS team
- † Craft Items
 - ❖ Craft Foam
 - ❖ Foam Brushes
 - ❖ Craft paint
- † Volunteer Services
 - ❖ Interior and exterior painting
 - ❖ Minor "handyman" repairs
 - ❖ Trimming trees and cutting down dead trees on Camp
 - ❖ Splitting wood
 - ❖ Sewing and mending in September and October
 - ❖ Mowing and trimming
 - ❖ Bicycle repair and maintenance
 - ❖ Seeding grass
 - ❖ Laundry
- † Recreational
 - ❖ Bocce Ball Sets
 - ❖ Playground Balls
 - ❖ Basketballs
 - ❖ Volleyballs
- † Watercraft
 - ❖ Canoes, Rowboats, Kayaks, Paddles and oars
 - ❖ Life Vest Child and Adult and Personal Floating Devices (PFDs)

SEE THE NEED, FILL THE NEED

Please put any or all of these announcements in your congregations bulletins this month! YOUR camp needs YOUR help!

Are you looking for summer employment? CAMP OKOBOJI is taking APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT. Go on line to www.campokoboji.org to download a copy of the NLOMA application form, a universal form for all Lutheran camps, complete and send to **Camp Okoboji, 1531 Edgewood Drive, Milford, IA 51351.**

SUMMER STAFF COUNSELOR opportunities are available for individuals who are 17 years of age or older. Application forms are available at www.campokoboji.org or by calling the Camp Okoboji office at 712-337-3325.

SON-Fest 2009 is coming on August 1, 2009! Start making plans to attend; bring your friends, church youth groups, and whoever you think would enjoy an afternoon of Christian entertainment. See you there!

SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES will be coming to your congregation and home soon. Be sure to open it as soon as it arrives and register early for the **early bird discount.**

SPRING VOLUNTEER WEEKEND IN COMING! Mark your calendars for April 24-25, 2009. We will also have Chris Cakes here on Sunday. There is always plenty to do to get Camp ready for summer!

Is carpentry your expertise? Do you like to spend time in your woodworking shop during the long winter months? Are you looking for a wood shop class project? Camp Okoboji has diagrams and pictures of a **picnic table and four benches** which can be built for the Dining Hall deck. Call 712-337-3325 to request a copy of the plans.



What you need to know!

WHO? All youth who are being confirmed in 2009! Each congregation is asked to provide adult chaperones. Rule of thumb is 1 for every 8 youth. If you have both male and female Confirmands you are encouraged to provide one male and one female chaperone.

WHERE? Camp Okoboji

WHEN? February 20-February 22, 2009 The retreat will begin in the evening and end at NOON on Sunday.

HOW MUCH? \$95.00 per camper for registrations post marked on or before February 1, 2009 This includes lodging, meals, snacks, and materials. **Those registering after February 1, 2009 will pay \$115.00.**

WHY? To help confirmed youth know and love God's work in our synod, district, and congregation and to prayerfully and intentionally discuss God's blessings and work FOR THEM within the congregational setting.

Contact any of the following for more information:

Rev. Paul Egger, Camp Dean
712-282-4700 or email pdegger@hotmail.com

Rev. Bob Riggert, District Youth and Education Executive
515-576-7666 or email bob.riggert@idwlcms.org

Rev. Steve Hayden, Youth Services Chairman
515-961-4321 or revhayden@hughes.net

Lori Gamble, DCE, Camp Okoboji Program Director
712-337-3325 or email lori.camp@1idwlcms.org

All Forms (Registration and Health) can be found and downloaded at www.campokoboji.org



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Jesus is...



Teaching, Living, Sharing, Serving,
Jesus Christ, God's Son, Our Savior

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post marked on or before
February 1, 2009
\$115 afterwards**

Our Leaders!

Camp Dean: Pastor Paul Egger (712) 282-4775 or e-mail: pdegger@hotmail.com

What to Bring (AND WHAT NOT TO...)

Bring:

1. Clothing for winter weather—boots, gloves, hats, warm clothing!
2. Nice clothes for Sunday morning worship at Immanuel in Spirit Lake, IA
3. Sleeping items (sleeping bag, pillow, PJ's, teddy bear)
3. Personal items (toothbrush/paste, soap, towel, etc.)
4. Bible

Do NOT Bring:

1. Cell phone
2. Radio, Discman, Gameboy, etc.
3. Your entire life savings!
4. Expensive items

Let's not have any valuable items lost, broken, or stolen! Leave them at home.

Confirmand Retreat Registration Form

7:00 p.m. February 20—12:00 p.m. February 22, 2009

Cost \$95.00 Post marked On or Before February 1, 2009, \$115.00 after the 1st

Name _____ I am a Confirmand _____ I am an adult leader _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth date: ____/____/____ Gender: M or F Grade (if applicable) _____

Home phone: (____) ____-____ Camper email address: _____

Confirmand's Custodial Parent (s) name: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone: (____) ____-____ Cell phone: (____) ____-____ Work phone: (____) ____-____

Email address: _____

Congregation (include address/city/state) _____

Pastor/DCE/ or professional church worker signature _____

Roommate Preference (Limit 3)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Registraton /Check in Friday at 7:00 PM

Please include entire registration fee of \$95 with the completed form to the address to the right. A confirmation letter and health form will be sent to you the week following the deadline.

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