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Calendar of Events

July

- 3—Holiday, District Office Closed
- 7-20—IOWAY Mission Trip
- 21—District Board of Directors, Fort Dodge

August

- 7—Early Childhood Workshop, Denison
- 22—Organist Workshop, St. John, Storm Lake

Please note: The inclusion of items from outside sources in *The Monthly* is for information purposes only. Inclusion of such items does not constitute District endorsement.

CALLS ACCEPTED

The Rev. John Burger, Candidate, to Faith, Adel.
The Rev. Tim Geitz, St. Paul, Fort Dodge, to Grace, LeMars.

CALL DECLINED

The Rev. Tom Ogilvie, Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines, to Blue Earth, MN.

COMMISSIONED MINISTER—CALL ACCEPTED

Michelle Davis, Concordia-Seward, to Our Savior, Denison.

Organist Workshop

Thanks to the coordination of Rev. James Travis, Concordia, Sioux City, and the partner at St. John, Storm Lake another organists' workshop is planned for Saturday, August 22, 2009. The guest presenter is Dr. Jeffrey Blersch from Concordia University, Seward. Information is included in this publication and is also posted on the District Web site. Organists of all ability levels (as well as pianists and keyboardists) are invited.

Mission Challenge for Youth

The Youth Services Committee and the "Message Sent" Mission event Committee challenge District youth and youth groups to support Dr. Lo, missionary to Indonesia. The goal is \$5,000 support this year. We are blessed to have already received over \$1,100. Checks can be made payable to "LCMS Missions" (note: Dr. Lo) and sent to Mission Central. Nearly 180 youth and their adult leaders learned about missions to Indonesia and into all the world at the recent youth mission event.

"Joy in Ministry"

Praise God for the 150 partners who celebrated ministry recruitment and ministry education funding at the recent banquet. Gifts supporting our District students preparing for full-time ministry can be sent to "Joy in Ministry" at Iowa District West. District gifts lessen the sometimes substantial debt of ministry career students. Pray for the Student Financial Aid Committee as they make allocations for the 2009-2010 school year.

Continuing Education Workshop

Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines, will host a continuing education workshop from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The workshop will be held July 27-29. Dr. Charles Arand, professor of systematic theology, is the presenter. The workshop, titled "Together with All Creatures," offers credible frameworks for making sense of the world which describe the interconnectedness of all things and cultivate the values necessary for a sustainable environmental ethic. The workshop will explore the meaning of the Christian narrative of creation for proclaiming the creedal Gospel as well as for understanding our place and purpose on God's Blue Planet.

The cost for the workshop is \$125, and offers 1.5 CEUs. The workshop begins at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27 and concludes at noon on Wednesday, July 29. The registration deadline is July 6. For registration information, contact the Office of Continuing Education and Parish Services at Concordia Seminary at 314-505-7486 or ce@csl.edu.

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