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Calendar of Events



June

- 5-7—Lay Leadership Institute, Fort Dodge
- 7—"Message Sent" Youth Mission Event, Mission Central
- 14—"Joy in Ministry" Banquet, Denison
- 21-24—District Convention, Camp Okoboji

July

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

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.

CALL ACCEPTED

The Rev. Pat Sparling, Manning, to Immanuel, Columbus, NE.

CANDIDATES PLACED

Ed Durand, Saint Louis, at Prince of Peace, Fort Dodge.

James Fernandez, Saint Louis, at St. Paul, Akeny (associate).

Glenn Hansen, Fort Wayne, at Trinity, Odebolt.

Peter Jurchen, Saint Louis, at Hope, Des Moines (associate).

Philip Robarge, Saint Louis, at Gloria Dei, Urbandale (associate).

John Rutz, Fort Wayne, at St. John, Hastings/St. Paul, Oakland.

Nicholas Thackery, Fort Wayne, at St. Paul, Emmetsburg/Peace, West Bend.

VICARS ASSIGNED

Quintin Cundiff, Saint Louis, to Trinity, Des Moines

Seth Kaiser, Saint Louis, to Trinity, Glenwood.

Gregory Volbrecht, Fort Wayne, to Trinity, Marcus.

Joy in Sharing the Good News of Jesus

82% of people who do not attend church say that they would be somewhat likely or very likely to attend a service or other church event if they were personally invited. Perhaps you hesitate to invite other people to your church because you are afraid they will turn you down or will fail to follow through, but the probability is very good that the person you invited will actually come. Inviting people is a great way to get started in personal witnessing because it is so simple. No training or special knowledge is required, but it is highly effective. Your church is the place where Jesus comes to speak to sinners with His Word, and your invitation could bring them to hear Him.

Rev. Jason Peterson, Personal Missions Committee

Mission Experiences

Mission experiences are available through Iowa District West (IOWAY), LCMS World Missions and MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term). MOST is a recognized service organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Medical, dental, eye glass, construction, VBS, and outreach teams travel throughout the world. More information is available at the Web site: www.mostministries.org. The fields are white for harvest.

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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