



Planting Together

Information of interest in
Iowa District West

June 2010



*"I (Paul) planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow...
you are God's field." (1 Corinthians 3:6-9)*

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Mission Statement: Connect, Resource, Optimize, and Partner with the member congregations for the extension of the Gospel within our communities, throughout the District, and into all the world.

Planting with Partners



"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel" (Philippians 1:4-5).

In another era, farm tasks from planting to harvesting involved partnering with neighbors. Today's agricultural partnerships are more sophisticated and corporate depending on the expertise of agronomists, conservationists, marketing experts, and others. Planting the seed of God's Word into the world involves partnerships with over 6,000 congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Planting the "seed" in Hispanic neighborhoods, university campuses, homes of the isolated deaf, youth camps and gatherings, and other District contexts involves partnerships with 177 other congregations. Planning a congregation vacation Bible school, a youth ministry trip to a national gathering or mission destination, or other summer ministries involves a partnership with parents and with congregation organizations. Thank you for your partnership in Iowa District West ministries. May God strengthen our partnerships for the sake of the Gospel.

Rev. Bob Riggert, Executive Assistant

Welcome Partners!

We rejoice with the following candidates and the Iowa District West congregations who will receive them this summer.

Jesse Burns (Fort Wayne) placed at St. John, Sanborn.

Ross Fritz (Saint Louis) placed at Trinity, Manilla.

Seth Kaiser (Saint Louis) placed at Trinity, Glenwood.

Christopher Maronde (Fort Wayne) placed at St. John, Kiron/Faith, Deloit.
Adam Peck (Saint Louis) placed as Assistant at St. Paul, Ida Grove.
Nathan Peitsch (Saint Louis) placed as Associate at St. Paul, Fort Dodge.
Craig Zandi (Fort Wayne) placed at Pilgrim, Lake City/Zion, Auburn.
Devin Kimball (Saint Louis) placed as vicar at Trinity, Des Moines.
Lance Klamer (Fort Wayne) placed as vicar at Trinity, Marcus/Pilgrim, Quimby.

"Joy in Ministry" Partners

"Joy in Ministry" is a District initiative to recruit church workers and to provide the prayer and financial support so that their journey to ministry will be joyful. Many District congregations have designated June 13 at "Joy in Ministry" Sunday. The observance includes a special financial gift toward District student assistance. Individual gifts are also welcomed and can be sent to the District office. "Joy in Ministry" partners are invited to a Sunday evening, June 13, banquet in Denison which will feature Dr. Dean Wenthe of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Contact the District office to make banquet reservations.

Celebrating with LWML Partners

LWML members are important partners in the local congregations and the District. We pray God's blessings on this group as they gather in convention at Camp Okoboji on June 17-19. Numerous District, national, and international mission projects are supported with LWML mites. Thank you mission-minded partners!

Partners in Nebraska

Thanks to a partnership with the Nebraska District and with Lutheran Hour Ministries, we have the opportunity to participate in "Prairie Fire," a day focused on individual and congregation outreach. The event is Saturday, July 24 at the Qwest Center in Omaha. Go to www.ndlcms.org for information on speakers and sectionals.

Partnership Times and Places

June 13 ... Joy in Ministry Sunday

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June 17-19 ... District LWML Convention, Camp Okoboji

June 29-July 12 ... IOWAY trip to California

July 5 ... District Office Closed for July 4 Holiday

July 10-17 ... LCMS Convention, Houston

July 11-17 ... Junior High Week, Camp Okoboji

July 17-21 ... "We Believe" National Youth Gathering, New Orleans

July 25-31 ... Youth Week, Camp Okoboji