

What is Happening At Your Camp?

Camp Okoboji

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May 17-20 Professional Church Worker's Continuing Education Course
May 24 Summer Worship Services begin – 9:45 am in the Christian Life Center

Thank You

Thank you to all the delegates from the congregations in Iowa District West who attended this year's annual meeting. There were 59 congregations represented. The Camp Okoboji Auxiliary would also like to thank all those who donated baskets for the theme auction and a huge thank you to those who purchased the baskets during the meeting and the auction!

Thank You

Thank you to all those who came to help with our Spring Volunteer Weekend! Without the volunteer help we would not be able to be ready for the summer camp season! What a blessing our volunteers are!

Continuing Education Course

Camp Okoboji will again host a continuing education course for pastors, DCEs and lay leaders who wish 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. See the registration form in the District mailing to register.

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 being designed for young families and couples who are just starting out. This retreat is one day shorter than our others. There will be various topics for adults, activities for children and child care for the very young. Topics will include parenting skills, how to do 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- Notice Change of Dates!

The 2009 dates have been sent for the next Grace Place Retreat at Camp Okoboji. It will be **September 28-October 2, 2009**. 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. His email is larry.camp@lidwlcms.org

Family Bike Camp

Is your family looking for an affordable weekend get away this summer? The program staff at Camp Okoboji has just the thing for you! Check out our Family Bike Camp on June 12-14 2009! Families will stay in our dorm cabins, have opportunity to ride the Dickinson County Bike Trails, have camp fire devotions, Bible study, games and much more! See our Summer Registration Brochure and our Website for information! All fees include program, meals, and lodging!

2009 Summer Registration Brochure

The 2009 Summer Registration Brochure has been mailed out and is available on our Website, www.campokoboji.org. Go to the quick links at the bottom of the page to download and print the information. If you did not receive your personal copy in the mail and would like one sent to you, please contact the Camp office.

EXCITING PROGRAM

If you have completed grades 7-12 and looking for something new and exciting this summer you should go to www.campokoboji.org and find out about all of the exciting things happening at Camp Okoboji. For the third consecutive year **LIFE AQUATIC** is being held **JUNE 7-13**. **LIFE AQUATIC** is a week filled with “*on the water*” experiences that include swimming, boating, canoeing, paddle boats, and scuba diving. Register on-line and get in on an exciting time on the water and in the Word.

MINNEBOJI

You say that you have checked out the Camp Okoboji schedule and you are busy during Concordia Cubs and Junior High Week, then check another opportunity for kids in grades 4-9, an opportunity known as **MINNEBOJI**. **Camp Minneboji information and registration forms** are available from Camp Okoboji. This wonderful and memorable camping event is held at CAMP OKOBOJI June 14-20, 2009. You may go to www.minneboji.com for additional information. It is for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible Study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, and the opportunity to meet new Christian friends. This year's theme is “**WHO IS ‘I AM’?**” **It concerns our GREAT ‘I AM’ (JESUS) and HIS ‘I AM’ SAYINGS**. The camp registration fee is \$245 (\$275 for 9th grade “Honors” campers). The registration deadline is May 30.

From Lorene

Family Reunion and Family Cabin Openings

There are still openings in both Bethel Retreat Center and Joppa Hall for family reunions this summer. Check our website for the openings and if one of these openings will work for your family call Lorene at 712-337-3325. There are still openings in Family Cabins for this summer too. They are now being filled on a first-come first-serve basis openings are posted on our Website or just call the office.

SEE THE NEED, FILL THE NEED

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

Did you know Camp Okoboji has family cabins available for your family to vacation together for a full week (from a Sunday to a Sunday)? Check our Website for availability or call Lorene at 712-337-3325.

Did you receive the Camp Okoboji flyer listing all of our summer camps? If did not receive one call Lorene at 712-337-3325 to have one mailed and to you and get your name added to our mailing list. You can also check out the camps on our Website www.campokoboji.org.

VOLUNTEER 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.

SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES have been mailed to your congregation and home! Be sure to open it as soon as it arrives and register early for the **early bird discount**.

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 and request a copy of the plans.





CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
CONTINUING EDUCATION PRESENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter J. Scaer

The Book of Acts: The Church Comes into Being

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For more information contact: Lori Gamble, DCE, 712-337-3325



Dr. Peter J. Scaer

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Dr. Peter Scaer did his undergraduate work in the Classics at Indiana University Bloomington, graduating in 1988. From there he went on to Concordia Theological Seminary (M.Div., 1992), and to Notre Dame, where he earned his M.A. (1995), and completed his doctoral dissertation on the Lukan Passion Narrative (Ph.D., 2001). From 1996 to 2000 Dr. Scaer served as the pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Arcadia, Indiana. He joined the Exegetical Department in 2000.

Dr. Scaer met his wife on his vicarage in Norman, OK, and has been married since 1991. They have three children.

\$150 for Pastors/Professional Church Workers

\$75 for Retired Pastors/Lay Persons

\$0 for Students/Vicars/Fort Wayne Fieldwork & Vicarage Supervisors

\$150 to Camp Okoboji Fees for Meals, refreshments & lodging

Contact Lori Gamble 712-337-3326 or lori.camp@iidwlcms.org

Call Katherine Rittner at 260-452-2241 or visit www.ctsfw.edu to register.



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