

Third Quarter July 15, 2024 Gaelane Rosinski, Editor



Colossians 3:1

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

D&C 45:36-37

And when the light shall begin to break forth, it shall be with them like unto a parable which I will show you—Ye look and behold the fig trees, and ye see them with your eyes, and ye say when they begin to shoot forth, and their leaves are yet tender, that **summer is now nigh at hand**.

A Spring Poem Prayer —Ralph Waldo Emerson (from "We Thank Thee")

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!
For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!







Matthew 11:28

"Come to me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

Jesus is the reflection of all things. He is the image of our life, in our thoughts, our words, and our actions.

He gives us refreshment during the summer and is emulated in our vacations, picnics, games, concerts, and cookouts. With the green trees and yards, spring flowers, the warm weather and glistening waters of our pools, lakes, rivers, and oceans, He invites us to summer communion with all others.

Is summer a picture of what heaven is like?

Our summer is precious with more family and friends time. Is our "Father" included? Do we include Him in our swimming, our games, and cookouts?

Around the Mission Center

The Carthage congregation is making "Birthday Boxes" for kids 16 and under through our local food pantry. Each consists of a 9 x 13 aluminum cake pan, a cake mix, preferably not an off brand, a can of icing, a can of Sprite to use instead of eggs, oil & water, birthday candles, a birthday card, happy birthday banner, balloons and a welcome letter.

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Nora Howell helped deliver the first set of over 30 to the pantry. The young women with her are LDS volunteers from Nauvoo working at the pantry.

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Carthage members, husband and wife Sgt. Dallas Norman and Randallynn Smith, are living in Vilseck, Germany where Dallas is stationed with the U.S. Army. Dallas received the Active-Duty Volunteer of the Year Award for the Garrison Bavaria. And Randallyn received the Gold Level President's Volunteer award at the 68th Americans Working Around the Globe (AWAG) seminar.





Congratulations Graduates

From Galesburg:

Lily Victoria Fairbrother, daughter of Matt & Hillary Fairbrother, granddaughter of Pat & Chris Fairbrother from Alwood High School

MeKenna Laurae Walker, daughter of Brian & Kiri Harrison granddaughter of Marilyn Rice fom Alwood High School

From Cedar Rapids:

Jennifer Phillips from Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School

The Nauvoo Youth

Hanging out with Jesus

Skylar Benge, Caleb Carson, Trent Chamness, Nathan Benge, Faith Chamness





Reunion: June 15 to June 21—72 participants—Theme "Heal the Earth"

focusing on "The Enduring Principles"

Nauvoo Jr Camp: June 22 to June 26 - 12 campers

CVG Jr. Camp: June 30 to July 3 - 12 campers

Family Camp: July to July 6 - 20 participants

Jr. High Camp: 16 campers, 26 staff



Reunion: pictures on the next page *



Ourth Hall now has a painted tree for the theme of the week "Sacred of Creation." The whole camp was invited to paint their hand and leave their mark for the 2024 Reunion.



Holy Board Tournament



Vince Lewis was our Camp



We made "Blessing Pockets" so we can remember to pray for others.



We went on a Wagon ride at the Historical sites. Jonae had never seen a live horse before! It was an exciting trip for all of us.

Camp Theme is "Let's Party" Nauvoo Jr Camp: June 22 to June 26 12 Campers



Camp Nauvoo campers filled Lee County Health Department tote bags with donated food items to be distributed to Keokuk and Fort Madison Community Action food pantries. (Angie Holland/Mississippi Valley Publishing.

CVG Jr. Camp: June 30 to July 3 12 Campers and 19 staff

CVG Junior Camp included a bounce house, archery, a little Yoga, a water fight, crafts and helping to clean up the grounds as a service project.



The bounce house was at Jr. Camp and at Family Camp.



A Yoga first thing in the morning to start the day

Family Camp: July 4 to July 6: 20 participants

The First Annual Family Camp was held on July 4 to July 6. 20 people were in attendance and we enjoyed fellowship, games, awesome food courtesy of Deb Wykert and "company" and excursions such as swimming, a water slide, a trip to the Amanas, karaoke and an escape room.





Whitney Cushing was a newcomer to reunion and Archery and she hit the bulls eye on both! Her infectious Lisa Hill put together an Escape Room laugh and enthusiasm was a welcome addition to our group. We named her our Party Animal!

Deb Wykert sang with us at Karaoke night.

in the Cabin. The Escape Room (below) was a great finale.



Junior High Camp (July 7 to July 13) has 16 campers and 26 staff. Senior High Camp has not yet been held.

No Pictures are available at this time.





PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

As we pray today and every day, let us light a candle in memory of our sick and afflicted as we say our prayers:

QC Connection:

Karla Enright

passed away May 24, 2024. We continue prayers on behalf of her husband, Rick and their family and friends. She is missed!

Chris Rosinski

We continue prayers as Chris deals with the affects of his tumor and now cancer.

Cedar Rapids:

Prayers are still helpful for **Brenda Mitchel** as she continues her treatments for pain.

Iowa City:

Charlene Saur needs additional prayers as she recovers from her recent surgery.

BeckyErtle as she has daily radiation treatments.

John Saur had a sinus infection and caused his Achilles tendon in his leg to rupture.

Hannibal

Dana Nuckols is taking chemotherapy and is very tired. She also suffers with neuropathy, and that is keeping her from getting needed rest. Please pray for her.

Moline:

Charlotte Smiddy fe11 at home and broke her femur. After recovery from surgery she has been moved to "Celebrate" for restorative care.

Gay Speidel also fell at home and broke her pelvis in two places, and broke her hip. She will be moved to Moline Allure.

Ron Martin is recovering from surgery and still in a lot of pain.

Please feel fee to contact me for addresses to send cards. Phone calls and cards are appreciated. Please feel fee to contact Gaelane for addresses to send cards. grosinski1125@gmail.com







On June 2, the Cedar Rapids (Joining with the Sharon United Methodist Church) congregation hosted their first spring concert "Why we Sing." We were blessed with music by the many talented people from both choirs and soloists.

The Cedar Rapids Choir includes Joseph Guerrero, Reed Hoke, Claire Leonard, Duane Webster, Charlotte Zeman, Sue Reid, Josh Goff, Stephanie Goff, Nathaniel Goff, and Emmaline Goff.

Selections of the choir were:

"Arise and Sing, A Kyrie for Our Time", "It's Me, It's Me O Lord", and "Seasons of Love."

We also heard Emmaline Goff singing "My House" from Matilda, Elizabeth Goff singing "Colors of the Wind", Reed Hoke singing "Two Thousand Years" and a duet by Elizabeth and Stephanie Goff singing "Pie Jesu."

The choir and director from Sharon United Methodist Church blessed us with two renditions as well as joining with the Cedar Rapids Choir to close the performance with "Why We Sing."

To view the concert, click here:

https://www.youtube.com/live/SF7TfDqwUoY?si=0xaY9pIfqlHomM8

Reminder, Reminder Reminder

The Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation Church History Tour of Italy October 4-14, 2024

(800) 247-0017 ext. 500

or by email at: eo@travelwithus.com

CVG WORK DAY!!

3rd Saturday of each month Please bring your own tools

CAMP NAUVOO WORK DAY!!

Come for an hour or overnight!

Please let Dawn know you are coming.

Please consider your generous donations to "Needs" list aka "Grocery List" for each camp ground

SHARING WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Do you have a story to tell? We would love get to know you better and hear your story.

Please forward your story to Gaelane at

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Living The Mission Prayer as a way of life

This is an invitation to join us to begin a reflective journey through the Introductory Guide!

Meet: via Zoom
every other Tuesday

August 6th - February 4th Schedule

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 CDT

The Living the Mission
Prayer as a Way of Life
Guide is a new resource
that integrates the Mission
Prayer with discipleship,
discernment, & leading
mission in current and new
forms of Christ-centered
communities.

Download guide here or Purchase from Herald House

For more information and/ or to register please contact:

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and God said "Let there be...

TRAVEL WITH US TO KENTUCKY TO VISIT THE CREATION MUSEUM AND THE ARK EXPERIENCE



The Creation Museum

"The state-of-the-art Creation Museum allows you to venture through nearly 100 exhibits, special exhibits and much more. You will experience biblical history, stunning exhibits, botanical gardens, planetarium, zoo, zip line adventure course, and much more. This 75,000-square-foot facility has welcomed millions of





A must see! We have no idea how large and what a task it was to create the Arc.

"The Ark Encounter was opened on July 7, 2016 and it's the full replica based on a Biblical scale. It's 510 feet long, 85 feet wide and 51 feet high. It's operated by Answers in Genesis, a group that also runs the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky. This is a theme park, zoo, restaurant and museum. It's located in Grant County Kentucky and is open year-round. There were well over one million visitors during it's first year of operation from July 2016 - July 2017. There are models of Dinosaurs, massive timbers in the center and multiple decks with attractions".

For a short video click here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?

fellowship Fun Details

Dates: September 5, 6, 7, 2024

Travel Arrangements by: Trailways Transportation

Hotels, Exhibit Fees, breakfast & lunch are included in the trip fees

We are on our own for dinner.

Total package fee: \$545.00 per person

We will leave September 5, 2024 at 8:00 am from a central location, and travel to Dry Ridge, Kentucky, where we will spend two nights to enjoy the sites.

The first day travel will include stops when necessary.

On September 5, Donuts and coffee will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch.

The hotel includes breakfast. We will provide vouchers for lunch at the exhibits and dinner will be on your own on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

For further information: contact Gaelane Rosinski at

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Pat Reaves at (309) 756-6322.

Click here to register: