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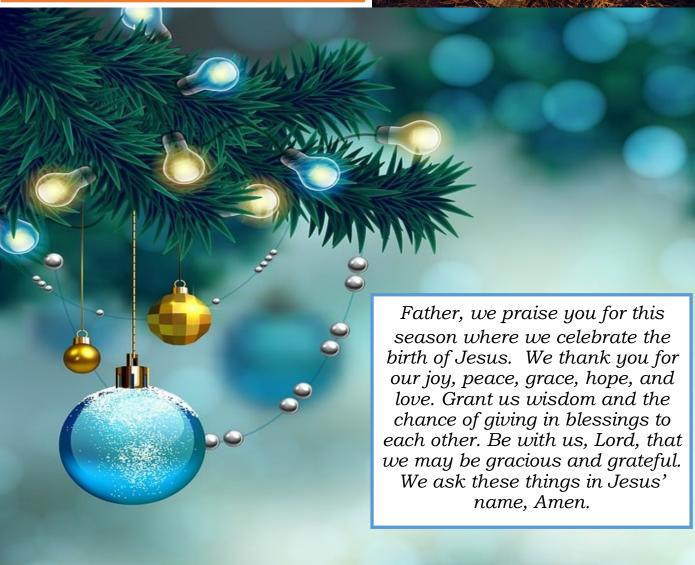


December 10, 2024 Gaelane Rosinski, Editor

Matthew 1:23

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.





World Conference 2025 Legislation Exploration Sessions: Non-violence

WORLD CONFERENCE 2025—DO YOU WANT TO BE A DELEGATE?

Please email Kent LeVan or Evelyn Dustin if you would like to submit your name for consideration to serve as one of the 32 mission center conference delegates at World Conference 2025 in Independence, Missouri. Kent LeVan (klevan@aol.com) / Evelyn Dustin (djdustin2@gmail.com)

Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center is allotted 32 delegates for World Conference 2025. The following 17 people were seated as delegates during the November mission center conference:

Gaelane Rosinski Deb Batey

Jared Poplett Reed Hoke

Mary Poplett Pam Miles

Diane Mayfield

Robert Cook

Dale Warner

Pat Reaves

George Barber

Tamara Taylor-Hillyer

Myra Elliott

Evelyn Dustin

Deb Luce

Julie Parrott

Mark Parrott





WORLD CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Herald House

"Hope is Near: Advent Devotions"

FOR MORE INFORMATION go to the Herald House website.

Experience the richness of Advent with our multi-generational devotional designed to foster deeper relationships with God and one another. Each daily reflection, taking just 10 minutes, invites families and communities to explore the theme, "Hope is Near."

Discover where hope is emerging in your lives as you prepare for Christ's birth. With a focus on Mary's Magnificat, this devotional offers sacred simplicity and accessibility for all ages. Engage in meaningful rituals, share insights weekly, and cultivate a habit of seeing God's hope at work around you. Wherever you are, hope is near—embrace it together this Advent season!



MISSION CENTER CONFERENCE

November 22-24, 2024





Reed Hoke provided music.



Jim Trinkle taught the "WIN" program.



Apostle Robin Linkhart spoke about the theme, "Awakening to Our Future" and led the election of the 2025 mission center leadership.

MISSION CENTER CONFERENCE

November 22-24, 2025 - Continued

2025 LEADERSHIP

Co-Mission Center Presidents: Kent LeVan and Evelyn Dustin

Mission Center Financial Officer: Kent LeVan

Mission Center Invitation Support Minister: Pat Reaves

Mission Center Council:

Ron Howell, Community Leader

Brad & Julie Benge, Co-Community Leaders

Congregations: Burlington, Hannibal, Mt Pleasant, New Canton

Cindy Anderson, Community Leader

Mark Parrott, Co-Community Leader

Congregations: Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Waterloo

Lois Blythe, Community Leader

Belinda Johnson, Co-Community Leader

Congregations: Carthage, Followers of the Way, Ft Madison, Nauvoo

Gaelane Rosinski, Community Leader

Congregations: Quad City Connection, Moline, Muscatine

Pat Reaves, Community Leader

Congregations: Galesburg, Pekin, Rock Falls

Mission Center Youth Ministries: Carolyn Baker and Julie Benge

Mission Center Administrative Assistant/Recorder: Gayla Burgess

Campground Board of Directors: Mark Parrott, John Saur, Scott Gelande, Dan Spray, Todd Batey, Reed Hoke, and Kent LeVan

Cedar Valley Grove Operations Group: Gaelane Rosinski, Lisa Webster, Lisa Hill, Randy Reaves, Deb Wykert, Duane Webster, Kent LeVan, Dan Spray, Roger Reid, and Cathy Reeves

Nauvoo Operations Group: Brad Benge, Doug Howell, Deb Batey, Lynn Poplett, Tracy Chamas, Carolyn Baker, Kent LeVan, Evelyn Dustin, and Dawn Durgin

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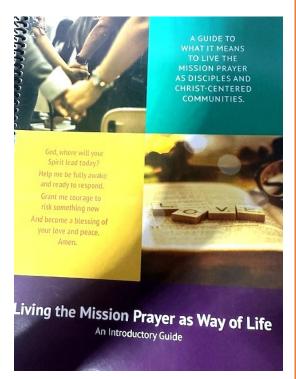
LIVING THE MISSION PRAYER AS A WAY OF LIFE

This is an invitation to join us as we take a reflective journey through the *Introductory Guide*. We meet via Zoom every other Tuesday through February 4, 2025, from 7:00-8:00 PM.

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

<u>Click here for more information</u> including the schedule, how to download or purchase the book, and how to register.

Contact Pam & Lynn Argotsinger for questions at <u>plargotsinger@gmail.com</u>.



MISSION CENTER PRAYER GATHERINGS

Second Sunday of every month @ 2:00 PM Click here to join via **ZOOM**

To join by phone dial: 646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 2714958353

Email Marlene Brim (<u>landmbrim@gmail.com</u>) for questions or to submit prayer requests.

AROUND THE MISSION CENTER

TERRI LYNN NUTS AND CANDY FUNDRAISER



Cedar Valley Grove Campground

Nuts and candies can still be purchased online.

Click here for more information.

Your order will be sent to you and funds are sent to the CVG Operations Group.

Christmas is coming—don't forget to order early and support Cedar Valley Grove.

Davenport

Jesus Adventure Club meets every Wednesday at 5:30 PM to share in devotions, fellowship, and activities. We will be delivering the **Christmas Boxes** for the needy on December 11th.



"Raising the Roof" Sale

Davenport is planning to add onto their building so they started a fundraising effort of a craft and vendor show, on September 27, 2025. If you are a crafter and would like to participate, please contact Gaelane Rosinski at grosinski1125@gmail.com.



Moline

Saying good bye to Pam Tisdale

We said goodbye to Pam Tisdale on December 7th as she s moving to Joplin, Missouri to be with her family. Feel free to email good wishes to Pam at godsgrace1205@gmail.com.

Moline is having a Christmas Eve service at 6 PM on December 24th with refreshments following.

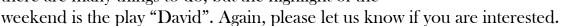
AROUND THE MISSION CENTER CONTINUED

C.O.F.F.E.E. GROUP goes to Kalona December 6th

A day trip to Kalona, Iowa: Miles of smiles from these Moline day-trippers to Kalona, IA after a day of shopping, camaraderie, and a delicious lunch in an Amish home.

A day trip to Chicago, IL on December 13th: We'll drive to Princeton, IL to catch the train into Chicago. Reservations for lunch are pending. Then we'll be on our own to shop and meet at the train station to head home.

We are also looking into another weekend trip—this one to Branson, Missouri (September 2026) where there are many things to do, but the highlight of the weekend is the play "David". Again, please let us known





ALL ARE INVITED!!



IOWA CITY

Iowa City had much excitement during the intergenerational activities they hosted on Sunday, December 8th!

The event began at 10:00 AM and community bands performed Christmas music.

FA...LA...LA!



AROUND THE MISSION CENTER CONTINUED



weather.

C.O.F.F.E.E. GROUP GOES TO CHICAGO

There are 7 from the Quad Cities area that

will travel to Chicago from Moline. First we will caravan to Princeton, IL where we will get on an Amtrak train into the city. We will visit Macy's on State Street to see the decorations inside and out, see the Walnut Room Christmas tree, and shop a little. We will also visit the Daley Plaza "Chriskringlemarket" and have lunch at "The Gage" restaurant on Michigan Avenue.

Sounds like God will bless us with good

CEDAR RAPIDS



The youth Christmas program will be held at 10:30 AM on December 15th.

Elizabeth Goff is in charge of the program.

Our annual Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:00 PM on December 24th.



MAY RETREAT AT CVG

MAY 16-18

"CHRIST AMONG US NOW"

A weekend religious retreat—we are looking for volunteers for cooks (and food), religious directors,

speakers, musical help, campfires, morning and evening devotions, set up and clean up helpers, and more! For more information, feel free to call Gaelane Rosinski at (847) 525-3073. To make this weekend successful, your help will be welcome.







AROUND THE MISSION CENTER CONTINUED

Iowa City-Circle Connection

There were nearly 40 people for all or part of the day. There were crafts, coffee, and conversation with a service followed by cookie decorating and lunch. In the afternoon we had a nativity play with caroling around the tree afterward.

December 15th we will host our Christmas Café breakfast.



Moline Congregation



On Sunday, Dec. 1, Evangelist Deb Luce and Elder Pam Tisdale ordained David Gerstel to the office of Deacon.





Hannibal Congregation

Our women's group, the Hannibal Ladybugs, recently prepared bags for our local cancer center. These bags included a fleece blanket and other items of comfort for people going through the disease. In addition, we are now putting together Blessing Bags for the homeless in our community. These bags contain fleece blankets, socks, gloves, stocking caps, as well as non-perishable foods and sundries. Our Thursday fellowship dinners have been a huge success, hosting dinner to 20-30 friends each week. Our final effort for the 2024 Christmas season will be our annual Christmas program/party to be held December 20th. Merry Christmas to all!

AROUND THE MISSION CENTER (CONTINUED)

Muscatine

The congregation adopted a family with four children to purchase clothing, food, and gifts for Christmas.



Quad City Connection

December 1st was the Hanging of the Greens and communion. Cathy Reeves presided and Rick Enright spoke. As we decorated the Christmas tree and the sanctuary, Cathy told the Christmas story. The children acted out the different scenes and the congregation decorated the tree with angels, candy canes, and different colored ornaments with a lighted star on the top.

December 4th the kids from Jesus Adventure Club met at the church and filled 56 bags with different items for the homeless. On December 11th the kids went to Zion Lutheran Church and hand out the bags at the meal site. This is a tradition that was started last year, and the kids have looked forward to doing it again this year.







December 18th will be our Christmas dinner/potluck at church at 5:30 PM. All are welcome to come and share with us.

December 24th we will have a special Christmas Eve service at 6:30 PM at the church. We invite everyone to come and celebrate with us.

In the foyer we have a tree that is being decorated with hats, gloves, scarves, and socks that will be given to those in need. Everyone is invited to bring something to share.

Our food pantry will be open Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve for those in need of food assistance. The food pantry is located at 520 Western Avenue, Davenport. Hours are Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 PM and we serve anyone living in Scott County, Iowa.

AROUND THE MISSION CENTER CONTINUED

What's Happening in Cedar Rapids

The youth Christmas program will be held December 15th at 10:30 AM. "The Nativity Story" will include kids from toddlers to college-age with Elizabeth Goff in charge.



The Christmas Eve service with the theme "Festival of Scriptures and Carols", along with Christmas carols, scriptures, and a candle lighting will be held on December 15th at 7:00 PM.

Burlington Congregation

On December 9th the congregation gathered food for the food pantry.





On December 15th there will be a separate offering for the Shelter for Abused Women.

MISSION CENTER CELEBRATIONS

December Birthdays

Moline QC Connection

3 Bennett Davis 11 Patrick Gelande

5 Pam Tisdale 10 Dennis LaRoque

7 Chloe Reaves <u>Iowa City</u>

7 Mandy Douglas 2 Emma Hartman

17 Tex Eutsler 8 Becky Ertle

25 Brenda Clark 9 Susan Kinzer

28 Becky Reaves 19 Tyson Meierotto

22 Doralee Schroder-100 years old!

Burlington 25 Fred Norberg

29 Karol Krotz

17 Kelly Fry 30 Heather Otis

18 Jana Terrell

<u>Galesburg</u>

Cedar Rapids 2 Joyce Hagee

14 Pam Holmes

4 Shannon Morgan

5 Izzabella MacCormick Anniversaries

8 Grant Tucket 11 Dean and Shirley Truelove–75 years!!

12 Kim Smith Prayer Requests

15 Andrew Webber Muscatine: Bryce Grimm

Linda and Steve Comstock

Carthage

13 Ronald Howell

3 Cindy Smith Celebration of Life: Ron Martin

Ordinations: Moline—David Gerstel

SHOUT THE NEWS THANK YOU!





As we thank God for the gift of Jesus, may God grant us all the blessings of health, happiness, and prosperity throughout the year.

May we be filled with cheer and good will towards all.

We wish you peace and safety.

May you continue to feel held in the arms of God.

Merry Christmas!