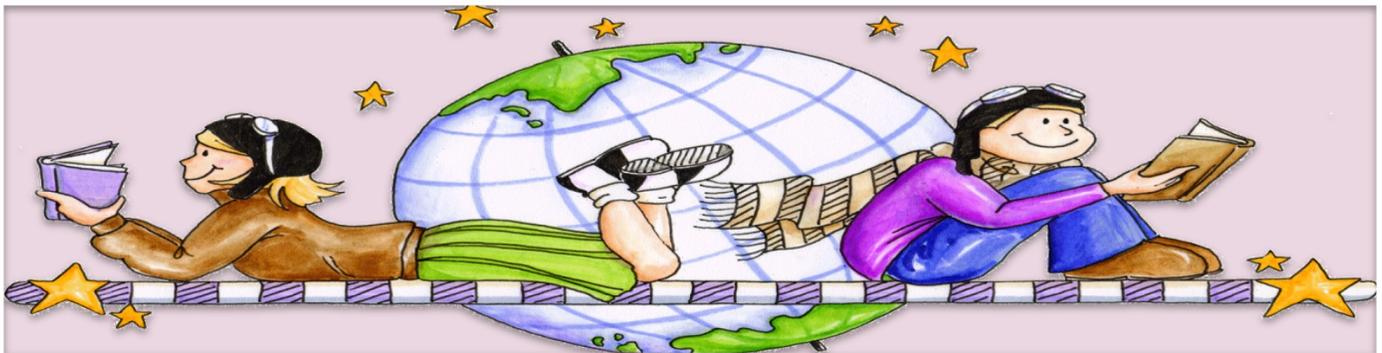


Shout The News

Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center
August 2025 Gaelane Rosinski, Editor



He's got the whole world, in his hands, He's got the whole wide world in his hands

We walk among many different people. There are the rich and the poor, the homeless, the workers and the players, old and young. We are a people of diversity. But when God walks with us, he sees no difference. He sees nothing but His Children.

If we accept Jesus and God as our savior, we are in the people of God. We do not need to attend church as much as we need to Be church. God embraces us when, where and how we embrace Him.

God put words in our mouths and gives us the gift of being His people, we are "covered with the shadow of His Hand" He tells us we are His People - ALL of us - we are His people.

(Isaiah 51:16)

"We are all called. God graciously gives us gifts and opportunities to do good and to share in God's purpose. Jesus Christ invites us to follow Him by becoming disciples who share His life and ministry. Some disciples are called and ordained to particular priesthood responsibilities and ministries for the sake of the community, the congregation, and the world. We respond faithfully, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to our best understanding of God's call."

It is not easy walking in God's footsteps. Our faith gives us hope and direction and we are blessed. Our gratitude is immense.

CEDAR VALLEY GROVE OPEN HOUSE

AUGUST 23 2025



You're Invited to Explore Cedar Valley Grove!

Open House • Saturday, August 23 • 1 – 4 p.m.

Cedar Valley Grove Campgrounds

439 Delta Avenue, Mechanicsville, Iowa 52306

Discover why Cedar Valley Grove is the perfect setting for church retreats, family reunions, team-building getaways, and summer camp adventures. Tour the grounds, meet our staff, and start dreaming up your next gathering!

What You'll Experience

The Lodge

A spacious hall with a fully equipped kitchen—ideal for shared meals, worship services, and large-group sessions.

- **The Cedars Retreat Center** Downstairs: two versatile meeting rooms plus a full kitchen. Upstairs: comfortable sleeping quarters with bunk beds *and* queen beds—perfect for overnights, weekends, or week-long stays.
- **Modern Cabins** Two completed (with a third opening soon) that each sleep up to 16 guests.
- **Outdoor Fun** Sand-volleyball, baseball diamond, basketball court, outdoor ping-pong, disc golf, and—by request—archery.

Plan Your Next Adventure

Join Our Summer Camp Programs—spaces still available!

Host Your Own Event—ask about flexible day, weekend, or week-long rentals.

Let's Connect

Gaelane Rosinski, Campground Chairperson

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NAUVOO JUNIOR CAMP 2025



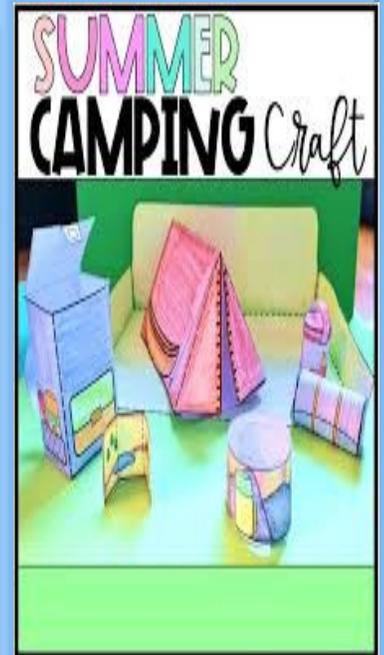
Busy hand helped knot Prayer Blankets in the morning class. All were filled with HOPE and healing.



We made our own Light of Hope to help see us through the darkness.



Fun in the sun and bubbles galore.



NAUVOO JUNIOR CAMP 2025

Cabins to the 4th Power



The Fireflies

Jess, Elizabeth, Bea, Ava, & Lealonni



The G.O.A.T.S

Alayna, Evie, Leihana, Vivian,
Raquel, Aurora, Larissa, & Cruz



Real Madrid

Arron, Caleb, Montana, Nathan, & Trent



The SpiderRats

Amelia, Ava, Teagan, Aida, Kingsley,
Cailyn, Taylee & Fayth (not pictured)

NAUVOO JUNIOR CAMP 2025



Lee County Conservation Park
Learning about the local wildlife and
fauna



Next generation of cooks or
C.I.T.'s



Set sail with Captain Jesus on
the Ship of HOPE 2025.

NAUVOO JUNIOR CAMP 2025

Nauvoo Junior Camp The Ship of HOPE—June 2025

Camp Nauvoo, Nauvoo, IL

We welcomed all our Campers, CIT's, Tweenies, and Staff to Camp Nauvoo. After getting settled in our cabins, we set off to get to know the lay of the land and crew members for the week. Fairy nightlights help light the way. Busy hands help knot 23 prayer blankets to be given out to the sick and those in need of healing. Our crew also provided support and hope for the local food pantry and the PAWS animal shelter by bringing loads of donations from home.

We stopped by the Lee County Conservation Park. Snakes, turtles, fish and lots of taxidermy entertained us for hours. Off to a private swim party and a picnic dinner. The water was perfect and so was our day.

The crew set sail for a tour of the local historical properties and a wagon ride to hear more history of Nauvoo. The hot and humid weather did not stop our Luau that night. To top off a wonderful day,

Campfire was led by our CITs with happy hearts filled with hope and joy.

Sadly, the week was quickly coming to an end. The logs were ready, bags were packed, and the campgrounds spotless. Our HOPE-filled talent show was hosted by the CITs as MCs. Jokes and skits kept us in stitches. The cabins made their debut for America's Got Talent.

The closing service concluded the adventure with a slideshow and autographs were given. Continue your voyage in faith and hope. Until we see one another again, Peace.

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP 2025



Our Junior High
"Family" and
Chore groups



JUNIOR HIGH CAMP 2025



Campfire skits

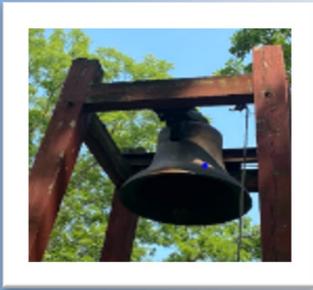


Games



Crafts

SENIOR HIGH CAMP 2025



CVG Senior high camp with campers and staff began with hope in their hearts in anticipation for a week full of fun and community. What began as “many” will end as one.

As we look forward to the future, we were introduced to the possibilities of furthering education at Graceland University. Alumni gave testimony of some of their experiences to bring home how special it is to attend Graceland!

Campers this week enjoyed zip lining, pickleball, disc golf, archery, cooking, first aid, automotive, ninesquare, juggling, fitness, flower arranging, volleyball, Nuke‘em, hiking, improv, leather making, crafts, golf, and aquatics.



Service projects reached our arms wide, reminding us community is greater than us, our family, and our town. We are making pillowcases for Ryan’s Case for Smiles. <https://caseforsmiles.org/> We are working with Camp Courageous <https://campcourageous.org/> and joining with them to meet the needs of disabled brothers. We put together over 100 boxes that will eventually hold food in support of individual needs for food security. We will also prep window frames at camp for painting at a pending workday.

Chats with Willie bring our minds and spirits in line with Anchoring Hope and setting the stage for our lives. Some of her thoughts include discussing real hope through storms throughout life. Our director and pastor states that friendship, community, and teamwork grows as camp life unfolds - anchoring, coming into our lives through the Holy Spirit. We continue to learn daily new meaning and new ways.

We end each day by the campfire. Our quiet time with the Lord. The spirit is alive here at camp. You can feel it here. The fun songs, laughter, skits, The fire and thoughtful words. The strum of a guitar, as everyone sits in silence. The Lord is surely here. It’s your turn, close your eyes, imagine, remember.



AROUND THE MISSION CENTER

QUAD CITY CONNECTION

"Revival"

October 10, 11 and 12

a "Revival" series at

4221 North Brady, Davenport,

with speakers Bob Kyser and Vince Lewis

We are excited to host this event and look forward to inviting the community and our Mission Center

REVIVAL
for us by us about us

PLEASE JOIN US!

QC CONNECTION
DAVENPORT
AUGUST! 15 2PM TO 6PM
AND AUGUST 16. 2025

7:30 AM TO 2:00PM

4221 N.BRADY ST.

DAVENPORT, IA 52806



AROUND THE MISSION CENTER

JAM (JESUS AND ME) in the Quad Cities:

Come join us every other Thursday at 5:30 pm for dinner, fun and join us in fellowship at the Moline Church.



JAM had 34 people attend a Taco Supper on July 24. We played games -this one called “Granny Pants”: hold your pants out and catch a ball. The one who catches the most wins. Then we had a campfire that included a favorite “Green Sox”, directed by Scott Gelande. We meet again on August 7. Contact Pat Reaves for additional information. Email is preaves55@gmail.com

TUESDAY MORNING MEETING

You are invited to join Evelyn Dustin at a group meeting where we discuss topics of interest, including how to grow our congregations, our membership and congregations.

The meeting is on zoom, every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am.

Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/164233897?pwd=eHg4SXRPWHzYXRVOCSyL0czTTJWZz09>

STERLING ROCK FALLS

On July 10th Kim Crump welcomed grandchild # 10 into the world. Parents are Alex & Michelle Crump. Her name is Stella Margaret and was 7lbs 3 oz, 20 inches long. Congratulations!

GALESBURG SUNDAY FUNDAY—Everyone had a great time!



AROUND THE MISSION CENTER

CVG FUND RAISER

Hello CVG family!

There are still a lot of projects that need to be completed at CVG. Donations toward the projects listed below would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you shop at Menards during a 11% rebate sale and feel inclined, CVG would appreciate the donation of those receipts to use to help pay for purchases for the following projects.

1. Closing-in Shelter 5
2. Painting and staining Cabin 6 and Shelters 1,2 & 4
3. Painting the buildings trim
4. Recreating the "Circle"
5. Recreating the baseball field
6. Replacing the wall in the Nurses/Visiting Minister Building.
7. Replacing roofs on cabin 1 & 2

Upkeep and Maintenance is perpetual. CVG would benefit greatly from your rebate donations. Mail rebate slips to

Gaelane Rosinski, CVG Chair

3214 55th St. Ct.

Moline, IL 61265, or

Cathy Reeves, CVG CFO

1933 W. 70th St.

Davenport, IA 52806.

For questions call Gaelane at (847) 525-3073

AROUND THE MISSION CENTER

Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday
September 27th, 2025
9am-5pm

Community of Christ Church
1500 Blairs Ferry Rd. Hiawatha, IA 52233

Vendors, Crafts, Bake Sale & Food



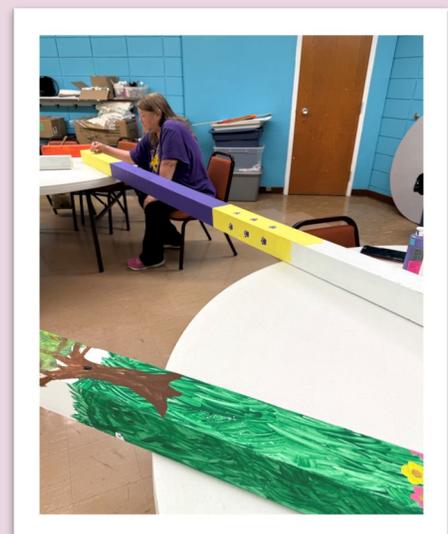
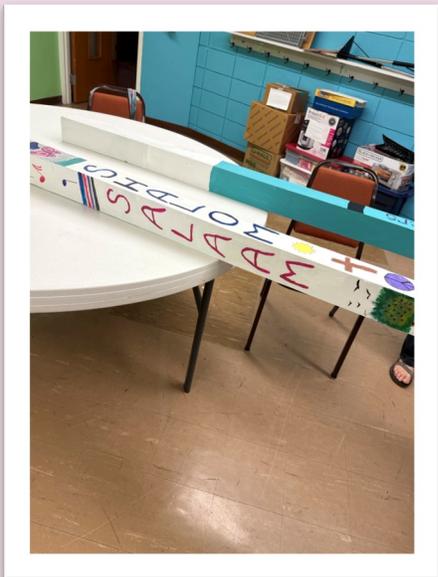
Scan the QR code to
sign up as a vendor



AROUND THE MISSION CENTER

FROM WATERLOO/CEDAR FALLS CONGREGATION

Members of the Waterloo/Cedar Falls congregation has been creating peace poles. The purpose is for them to be used to support one or two Little Free Pantries. The pantries will be stocked with non-perishable food, household items, and seasonal items (scarfs, gloves, hats; school supplies; etc.). The first pantry will be located on private property close to the UNI campus, but anyone can stop by to get items and/or to stock the pantry.



AROUND THE MISSION CENTER



TRIP TO BRANSON

Date: Tuesday, August 26 to Saturday, August 30, 2025

Travel: So that we will have the independence to take advantage of the sights we want to see, we will travel independently, or carpool

Lodging: We will be staying in a very large ARBO house, 12 bedrooms, 12 bathrooms.

Some of the things to do:

“David” the musical. Group rate \$73.65 each
Based on the biblical story of King David.

Shanghai Circus

Shepherd of the Hills cost \$50.00 per person

Outdoor Entertainment

Shopping and Restaurants

Please contact Pat Reaves if interested
preaves55@gmail.com or (309) 756-6322

MISSION CENTER PRAYER REQUESTS

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

CEDAR RAPIDS

Gordon Allan Emmons, 99, of Marion, Iowa passed away peacefully on July 14, 2025. Services will be held at a later date.



Gordon was born on December 24, 1925, in Robins, Iowa, to Allan W. Emmons and Bessie Charlotte Hoover Emmons. He grew up in Robins, Iowa and graduated from Marion High School on May 25, 1944.

At the age of 18, Gordon enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II. He completed boot camp and trained in Rochester New York, where he mastered Morse Code, light and flag signaling and became a skilled signalman. He served aboard a submarine chaser in the Atlantic, Pacific, and the Gulf of Mexico. He was honorably discharged after his dedicated wartime service. He was a proud U.S. Navy Veteran and wore his Navy ballcap in honor of his service.

On June 21, 1947, Gordon married the love of his life, Eula Joyce Pearson. They recently celebrated their 78th wedding anniversary, a remarkable testament to their lifelong partnership. Together they raised three children, Larry of Unionville, Missouri, Paula Mitzel of Sarasota, Florida, and Wendy Bouslog of Marion, Iowa. They built a home and legacy grounded in family, faith, and hard work.

Gordon worked as a cost accountant for Allis Chalmers, then moved to Independence, Missouri and spent several years as a bricklayer. In 1953 he returned to Hiawatha at the request of his father to help run the family business, Midwest Oil Company. After his father's passing, Gordon and Joyce purchased the company from his mother and served as president for 22 years. He later sold the business and opened an auto parts business, Midwest Automotive Supply, in Cedar Rapids. He was president and owner for 12 years before retiring. Not one to sit still, he spent two more years building homes with Hiawatha Lumber Company before finally retiring.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE (CONTINUED)

Gordon Allan Emmons,

He loved fishing, especially trips to Lake Thunderhead in Missouri. He would fish for Crappie, bass, and walleye. He enjoyed sharing that passion with anyone that would join him. He was also a gifted and prolific craftsman. He gifted his creative works to family and the community, tangible memories of his kind spirit and generosity. He never stopped crafting, working on projects up until his final few days. He cherished the time he spent with his family, especially his grandkids who lovingly referred to him as “Old G.” Gordon was widely known for his strong passion for food. His family often brought him malts, fast food, and snacks to enjoy between meals. He even created his own version of potato salad which family and friends all enjoy.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks for the outpouring kindness and support from friends and the dedicated staff at Terrace Glen Village where Gordon resided with his wife, Joyce. The warmth and care in his final days were deeply appreciated.

Gordon Allan Emmons was a World War II veteran, entrepreneur, gardener, fisherman, artist, and most importantly a loving husband. His strength, creativity, and devotion to family leave behind a legacy that will continue to inspire those who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Emmons; children, Larry Emmons, Paula Mitzel (Fred), Wendy Bouslog (David); six grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren; siblings, Dean Emmons, and Diane Emmons.

Gordon is preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Ellis Emmons, Joyce Zate, and Avis Kimball.



MISSION CENTER ACTIVITIES & CELEBRATIONS

MUSCATINE ANNIVERSARIES

August 4 - Jeff & Shannon Belnap

30 years

August 14—Steve & Linda Comstock

54 years

MOLINE ANNIVERSARIES

August 6 -

Niomia & Paul Lindburgh

August 16 -

Chris & Bill McQuitty

CARTHAGE ANNIVERSARIES

August 3 -

Ron & Nora Howell

August 9 -

Diane & Richard Mayfield

MUSCATINE ANNIVERSARIES

August 4 : Jeff & Shannon Belknap

August 4: Randy and Jen Wagler

August 7: Tim & Sue O'dell

August 14: Steve and Linda Comstock

August 28 Brittney & Reuben Jara

MISSION CENTER CONFERENCE

**October 18, 2025 at
Cedar Valley Grove Campgrounds**

**If you need sleeping
accommodations, contact**

Gaelane Rosinski

Phone: (847) 525-3073 or (309) 524-3648

Email: cedarvalleygrove@gmail.com

Additional information to come



CVG will host an open house on August 23, 2025 and we have some preparations to do. Could you come help? We would love to see you all there.

Work days are August 16, 2025. We'll start at 9 am.

Lunch will be provided. Hamburgers, fries, beans and potato salad.

CVG to do

The Ministry Building, "Activity" side of the building, Cedars and Lodge:

The Lodge: General cleaning in the hall and the kitchen

Put away anything that can be put away

Add a light over the Coffee Bar

Straighten and clean the "Youth Closet"

The Ministry Building:

Re-finish Ministry Building bathroom

Paint the trim on the Ministry Building

Install blinds in the guest Ministry Building

The Ministry Building "Activity" side:

Clean and organize the games and toys

Build the shelves

MISSION CENTER BIRTHDAYS AND PRAYER REQUEST



STERLING- ROCK FALLS

15 Eileen Martin

MOLINE

1 Niomia Lindburg
5 Jason Goff
5 Maria Solis
7 Hazel Erb
14 Leigh Sheppard
23 Lucas Leingang
24 Michaela Chappel
25 Charlotte Jensen

CEDAR RAPIDS

6 Mary Barnes
6 Adelynn Nguyen
8 Elizabeth Goff
8 Nancy Williams
9 Lisa McClure
10 Sydney Taylor
13 Dave Loy
14 Liz Jenkins
19 Reed Hoke
20 Diane Barber
21 Elijah Bell
22 Greg Hill
23 Kim Tucker
27 David Webber
29 Chris Barnes
28 Jason Hill

MUSCATINE

1 Tammy Lanfier
3 Kay Wagler
3 Analeis Wheeler
4 Archie Symmonds
7 Chris Wagler
8 Aaron Courtois
10 Braedyn Courtois
16 Myrie Belnap
20 Sandy Gunder
24 Anessa Sanchez
25 Gary Blanchard
25 Ethan Temperle
28 Penny Morter
30 Jill Schnell

WATERLOO/CEDAR FALLS

4 Beckly Anderson
31 Amy Clark

MUSCATINE PRAYER REQUEST

Linda Comstock
Shawn Blanchard

Stay Connected

STAYING CONNECTED TO STAY INSPIRED

In a world that races on, taking a moment to stay connected is very powerful. We are challenged to invite. By being kind, loving and sharing our lives we show who we are and inspire others to share in God's world

We start our lives at different places. By sharing our experiences, we enrich others.

Making Connections to
the Past, Present and
Future

