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LWML - Iowa District West Rally at Mission Central in Mapleton, IA

DOW Presentation at LWML Rally

Pastor Karim recently was invited by Iowa West District LWML President, Ann Carrick to speak at their fall rally held at Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa. Every seat in Mission Central was filled as the Iowa West District gathered for their annual rally. This was Pastor Karim's second speaking engagement for the Iowa West LWML and he was excited to return. What a blessing to spend time with LWML friends in Iowa on a beautiful Fall weekend.

Pastor Karim shared stories of DOW's recently opened Refugee Service Center (RSC) which assists refugee families with assimilation into life in the United States. New arrivals come to the RSC for assistance with job placement, enrolling children into schools, health care options, and for classes; such as ESL

{English as a Second Language}, Computer, and Sewing classes. All programs are accompanied by prayers and Bible Studies/devotions.

Psalm 100:2 was truly lived out at this rally. The ladies enjoyed the singing and the messages focused on the very purpose of our lives for Jesus....THE MISSION OF TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS ALL OVER THE WORLD!

*"Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!"*
Psalm 100:2

Source: *Mission Central.us*



LWML Women fellowship together in the hall.

Pastor Karim's Visit to Iowa

We thank God for the Iowa West LWML which has supported and continues to graciously bless DOW.

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Corinthians 1:4

Disciples of the Way would like to thank long-time special friends, Steve & Judy Rozek, for their hospitality Friday night before the Mission Central Rally.

Following the rally, Pastor Karim drove to Adel, Iowa where he was welcomed by Rev. John Burger, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church. Pastor Karim preached at Faith's Saturday evening service and Sunday morning service. The Sunday morning Bible Study topic was "Islam in Light of the Cross" which shares and teaches about the Islamic religion and how much greater is the faith to which we have been called.

On Saturday night, John & Millie Mandernach opened their home to Pastor Karim for a nourishing dinner and some rest.

After all, *"God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."* 1 John 1:5. Praise be to God that *"In him [Jesus] was life and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* - John 1:4-5



Pastor Karim Baidaoui and Gary Theis outside the Mission Central barn.

Mission Central's History

Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa, was dedicated in a service held Saturday afternoon, August 23, 2003.

What a blessing that the Lord has provided these districts with a place missionaries can stay when on furlough, offices where correspondences and meetings can take place, facilities for statewide mission events and worship space for more than 300.

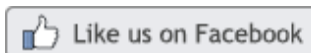
Not only that, Mission Central is the largest mission supporting agency, as a part of your Synod's LCMS World Mission global Gospel outreach, has been blessed by God to be the conduit helping to raise millions of dollars every year to send and keep LCMS World Mission Missionaries in the field. God is doing great things through the people of Nebraska and Iowa to further the Lord's mission.

Since 2003, Mission Central has had hundreds and hundreds of visits from LCMS missionaries and their families (many have come several times) and has had tens and tens of thousands of people from hundreds of congregations visit.

God has indeed blessed this place to be a mission center, focusing on telling others about Jesus!

Source: Mission Central.us

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