

# The Messenger

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## IGNITE!



*Did not our hearts burn within us while He spoke with us? Luke 24:32a*

We are excited to announce our 2016 Family and Adult Camp Theme, "IGNITE!" This theme has roots both in scripture and in the traditions of camping ministry. (Anyone remember, "It only takes a spark?") So, what can you look forward to this summer? Well, of course we will have all of things you love

about Mount Carmel – wonderful food and fellowship, solid Bible teaching, in-depth preaching, exciting youth programming, inspired worship, a dynamic summer staff, rest, renewal, recreation. It will all be there.

But there will also be some new elements to camp this summer. A restored youth chapel, an outdoor dramatic re-enactment of the life of Jesus at stations all around camp, a family blessing at the end of the week, and a few more surprises you will just have to come see for yourself.

Cabins are filling up. Plans are being made. Teaching is being prepared. Staff is nearly all hired. The countdown to blast-off is soon to begin. It's going to be another great summer at Mount Carmel. So come, unite your family, ignite your faith, and don't forget to invite your friends! We can't wait to see you!

## Coming From Nigeria

We are excited to have a special family from Nigeria, Africa, joining us during the July family camp weeks:

Dr. Ibrahim Bitrus, along with his wife, Julecy, and their four children – Pasy (14), Tunary (12), Falnyi (11) and Tgyu (9).

Ibrahim earned his PhD this past summer at Luther Seminary. He is currently serving as a Theologian in Residence for Lutheran churches in the Minneapolis Area Synod. They plan on returning to Bronnum, Nigeria to teach when Julie finishes her studies here in chemistry and biology.

Dr. Bitrus will share of God's work in the



Lutheran church in Nigeria, despite the harsh persecution and violence they have endured from an Islamic fundamentalist sect. You will have the opportunity to interact with the Bitrus family, and experience global fellowship, through Jesus Only!

## Summer Staff Sneak Peek



Name: Emma Gjesdahl  
Hometown: Fargo, ND  
School: Concordia College  
Degree: Biology-- Pre-Med  
Random Fact: I'm a crazy dog lady



Name: Aaron Van Maanen  
Hometown: Pella, Iowa  
School: University of Northern Iowa  
Degree: Communications  
Random Fact: I'm color blind, I can't see red or green!



Name: Steven Wagner  
Hometown: Buffalo Grove, Illinois  
School: Harper College  
Random Fact: I've been in music performances in four countries

**HELP! Our freezer project is well under way but will soon be at a standstill. Please consider making a donation towards the \$6,000 still needed to finish construction.**

## Women's Retreat April 29 - May 1

*Blessed is she  
who has believed*

Diane Odermann, Speaker  
Patsy Baglien, Musician

## Cantabile June 12 - 17

*A Workshop For Church  
Choir Directors & Singers*

Guest Clinician:  
Sigrid Johnson

### FAMILY CAMPS

#### June 25-July 1

*Why Lutheranism Still Speaks  
to our World and Why It Matters*

Walter Sundberg, Teacher  
Paul & Katie Koch, Preachers  
Milt & Andrew Scott, Musicians

#### July 2-8

*Daring to be the Light & Youth Musical*

Bill Yonker, Teacher  
Brian Spahr, Preacher & Musician  
Michelle Spahr, Women's  
Workshop Leader

#### July 9-15

*The Book of Colossians*  
John Bjorge, Teacher  
Jeff Krogstad, Preacher  
Lynn Stoneking, Musician

#### July 16-19

*Drawn To The Word Mini-Week*  
Paul Oman, Teacher, Preacher and Artist  
Christine Hitt, Musician

#### July 19-22 Mini-Week

*Bonhoeffer: Life Together*  
Rev Dr. Richard Bliese, Teacher  
Jana Swenson, Preacher  
Christine Hitt, Musician

#### July 23-29

*What's a Family Portrait?*  
Mark Deterding, Teacher  
Mark Herringshaw, Preacher  
Jill Herringshaw, Musician

# The Legacy of Irene Myrho

Irene Myrho was a woman who constantly saw opportunities for people to come to know Jesus through Mount Carmel. She became our friend when Mount Carmel Ministries was formed in 1986, serving on the Board of Directors for several years. Every summer she and her family set up camp near the youth chapel. To make their experience memorable, she decorated with Christmas lights, set up a food tent (complete with tablecloth and trimmings), a place for games, and several tents for sleeping.

Irene's true gift was as a soul sister to any person who came on the grounds. She carried the heart of Jesus to so many. One friend who was converted under her ministry told me about the day of his awakening. He was seated across from her in a small group. He could feel the Holy Spirit coming across the picnic table into his life.

Irene and her husband Norm had a dream for Mount Carmel to be a place for internationals to come to know the joy of Jesus. So every Memorial weekend for 25 years, the Myrho's would drive to Mount Carmel in their blue station wagon (packed with donated food they had collected) to run a weekend ministry for internationals from the Twin Cities and Fargo.



One year we were standing overlooking the waterfront area. There were people in boats and canoes, people swimming, fishing and playing games. Internationals from all over the world were enjoying the delight of this special space. The three of us wept at what God was making possible for the lives of these people who were aliens in our country but were discovering a home in the kingdom of God through Mount Carmel.

Irene was a woman of vision who held a high value for Mount Carmel - whether it was in serving as a hostess, a witness, a teacher, a cleaner, a helper, or a singer of the hymn "Jerusalem". We remember Irene with thanksgiving to God for her life of passion and vigor, inspired by the Holy Spirit and sent forth with God's blessings.

Pastor Johan and Sonja Hinderlie  
Directors of Mount Carmel Ministries 1984-2012

## 2015 Financial Summary

### Income

Annual Fund .....	\$414,653
30% SHINE .....	\$99,580
Program .....	\$540,886
Miscellaneous .....	\$19,514
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$1,074,011</b>

### Expenses

Operational Expenses .....	\$976,083
Program Expenses .....	\$218,516
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$1,194,599</b>

**Net:** ..... (\$119,965)

### 2015 Restricted Funds Used

Youth Chapel .....	\$24,180
Flagpole .....	\$1,154
Freezer .....	\$4,682
Debt/SHINE/Mortgage .....	\$108,965
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$138,981</b>

(Unaudited. Audit takes place in the spring.)



## SHINE Update

**151 one-time donations +  
68 pledges = 219 SHINE Donors**

### \$600,000 Goal

\$270,250	Received in 2015
\$200,464	Pledged (2016-18)
\$129,286	Left to Raise (22% of Goal)

### Where Did 2015 SHINE Income Go?

- Annual Fund Portion: \$99,580
- Mortgage Principal Payment: \$60,958
- 2015 Interest Paid: \$49,081
- Interest set aside for 2016: \$19,856
- January mortgage payment: \$40,775

### 2016 Goal

- \$129,286 in gifts and pledges
- 32 pledges to reach total of 100

*Pledge Today! Forms are on the website.*

**IN MEMORY OF  
As of February 8, 2016**

**Robert Bastian**  
Sheila Gahr

**Lois Bernhardson**  
Kay L. Hoffland  
Roselynn Holte

**Bonnie Brady**  
Kay L. Hoffland

**Gerald Brockopp**  
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**Sally Bromley**  
Richard & Arlene Johnson  
John D. Madson

**Lilia Brown**  
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Raymond Grothe

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Dolores Hanson

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**Rev. Erling Huglen**  
Shirley A. Hansen

**Nikki Jacobson**  
Harlan & Judy Jacobson

**Carol Jodock**  
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Shirley A. Hansen  
Jim & Sharon Kunka

**Edward Johnson**  
Marion J. Johnson

**William Johnson**  
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**Wanda Kaffel**  
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Johan & Sonja Hinderlie  
Dennis & Ruth Kalpin  
Delas & Catherine Kirkeby  
Cortlan & Joanne Krogstad  
Cheryle Larson  
Donna Luckemeyer  
Doretta Melby  
Owen & Audrey Miller  
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Margaret Movold  
C. S. Porter  
Janice & Roland Saetre  
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Owen & Audrey Miller

**Irene Myhro**  
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Bruce & Mary Ann Cameron

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Loren & Phyllis Erickson  
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Steven & Elizabeth Hamre  
Lauren D. & Cheryl J. Kennison  
James & Kari Lidstone  
Jill Manlove  
Cheryl & Steve Michel  
Shirley M. Michel  
Solveig M. Misner  
John & Stacey Myhro  
James & Lee Olsen  
Lindell & Lavonne Quam  
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Larry Sontag  
Leigh R. Wold

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**Richard Nelson**  
Manly & Helen Johnson

**Joan Olson**  
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**Arnold Ostebee**  
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**Burt Paulsen**  
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**Harold Paulson**  
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Donald & Mary Austin  
Tom & Paula Berg  
Willard Olsen  
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**Evelyn Stone**  
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Lillian Stromme

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**Wayne Wagstrom**  
Kay L. Hoffland

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Paul & Gail Syverson

**Darlene Wittenberg**  
Owen & Audrey Miller

**Maija Zemmels**  
Gerry & C. J. Peterson  
Mary & Robert Wrase

**IN HONOR OF**

**Johan and Sonja Hinderlie**  
Joel & Debra Haugen

**Rev. Keith Smith**  
Zoar Lutheran Church

**Rev. Palmer Wold**  
Philip & Jane Wold

**Ruth Wold**  
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**Annalise Blom Skrade**  
Philip & Sue Blom

**Daniel Blom Skrade**  
Philip & Sue Blom

**Lu and Dale Vitalis**  
Joel & Debra Haugen  
Carroll & Lorna House

**July 30-August 5**

*Please Pass the Salt*  
Mark Vander Tuig, Teacher  
Dan Clites, Preacher

**ADULT CAMP OR  
ELDERVERSITY WEEKS**

**August 15-18**

*The Heavenly Hosts*  
Lloyd Wallace, Teacher  
Blair Anderson, Preacher

**August 21-26**

*Voices That Shaped Us*  
Katrine Stewart, teacher  
Johan Hinderlie, Preacher

**August 29-September 1**

*Strong Hymns For Tough Times*  
Paul Ulring, Teacher  
Jim Bjorge, Preacher

**September 11-16**

*Four Gospels, One Lord*  
Paul Berge, Teacher  
Chuck Lindquist, Preacher

Kay Hoffland & Jane Schuneman  
Adult Camp Musicians

For more information, an  
up-to-date schedule of events,  
or to register, please visit  
[www.MountCarmelMinistries.com](http://www.MountCarmelMinistries.com)

**Kristi's Playground  
Donated**



Given in memory of Kristi Elton Montplaisir by her family and friends, it replaces the playground near the 'Jesus Only' Cross and will be a wonderful area for all to enjoy.

**Youth Chapel  
Renovations**



Leif's Raiders brought this incredible transformation to the Youth Chapel. Plans are in the works for further improvements on campus.

**Men's Fishing  
Weekend  
September 18-20**

Speaker:  
Carl Billings

**Women's Retreat  
September 25-27**

Speaker:  
Debbie Giffith

Worship Leader:  
Julie Palm



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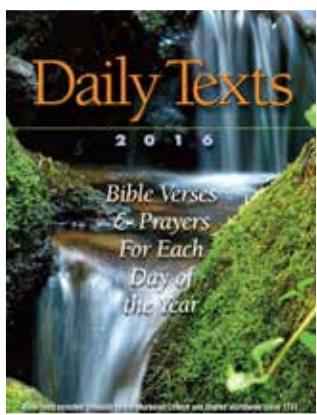


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## Mark Your Calendar

- May 1** 11 am Sunday Worship Begins
- May 2-6** Spring Volunteer Week
- June 5** 9 am Sunday Worship Begins
- June 24** Golf Tournament
- July 30** Barbary Coast Concert
- August 6** Proclaimer's Annual Meeting
- August 24** Sunrise Trio Concert

### The perfect place for your special day.

Mount Carmel offers a unique & beautiful setting filled with God's presence for your wedding day. Our experienced wedding planning staff is eager to assist you in making your wedding a wonderful and memorable event for you and all of your loved ones.

Contact Jill at 800-793-4311 or [Jill@MountCarmelMinistries.com](mailto:Jill@MountCarmelMinistries.com) to check available dates and to learn more.

