

FAMILY CAMP 2027



2027 DATES:

June 20-25
June 27-July 2
July 4-9
July 18-23
July 25-30
August 1-6
August 8-13

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Worship, pray, and grow together as a family
- Delicious meals—and we'll do the cooking!!
- Great activities planned for all ages throughout the week
- Enjoy a vacation on beautiful Lake Okoboji!!
- Two Hours of Power—adults will dig deeper with the speaker while kids have Bible studies, games, snacks and crafts with their age groups

Family Camp Speakers listed on back

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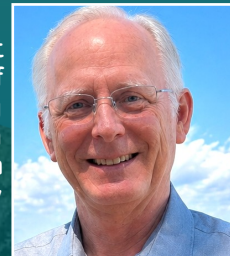
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FAMILY CAMP SPEAKERS



Rev. Scott Rains-June 20-25, 2027 Scott Rains grew up on a farm outside of New Providence, IA. He earned a B.A. in Communications from Central College (1994) and his M.Div. from Portland Seminary (2001). Since 2006, Scott has been the Lead Pastor at Lutheran Church of Hope's Ankeny campus. Whether in weekend worship, midweek classes, or one-on-one conversations Scott loves to incorporate ideas from the arts, entertainment, business, education, neuroscience, sports and more to connect the transformational power of God's Word to the daily life of the people he serves. Scott and Wendy were married in 1997 and have six children: Dalton, Hadley, Kiley, Kemble, Shayden and Saphron.

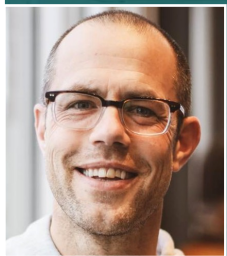
Rev. Phil Nielsen-June 27-July 2, 2027 Phil Nielsen grew up in St. Louis, studied theatre at Northwestern College in Orange City, and taught English in Japan. Phil serves as the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, Iowa. He enjoys preaching and teaching and exploring the mysteries of Christian faith with children and nursing home residents and everyone in between. He has been involved in several mission trips to East Africa. Phil and his wife DeAnn enjoy any activity involving their 6 children and 3 grandsons, including over 20 years of family camp at Okoboji.



Rev. Mark Walth-July 4-9, 2027 Mark Walth is presently a semi-retired Adjunct Professor at Grand Canyon University. A Lutheran preacher's kid, Mark spent most of his time growing up in central Nebraska. His professional life has included various educational positions and a variety of ministries. Important influences in Mark's life include: His dad's ministry for 54 years, his wife Lorane, and sons, Benjamin (deceased June 18, 2024), Isaac, and Aaron with wife Laura and grandson Jordy. IOLBC has been in their family's spiritual DNA, as they have attended 33 of the last 35 summers. Education includes Bachelors in Music, Dana College (1981) Masters in Christian Studies - Grand Canyon University (2012), Masters of Divinity, Grand Canyon Theological Seminary (2021). Mark's passion is worldview studies and college-aged young people (GenZ), biblical theology, and its relevant application of truth to today's current challenges that face Christianity generally, and local churches.



Toby Thomack-July 18-23, 2027 Toby and Joanna (Haese) Thomack are grateful and excited to be returning to Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp, not only as family campers but also to serve again since they first met while on full-time staff together. They have been married since 2008 and are raising three children: Everett (15), Ellie (13), and Sam (13). Toby is one of the pastors at First Reformed Church of Oostburg where he has served for 15 years and likes to golf and hunt. As a family, the Thomacks love cheering on the Green Bay Packers and returning to Okoboji for Family Camp.



Rev. Jeremy Johnson-July 25-30, 2027 Jeremy Johnson serves as Lead Pastor of Outreach at Lutheran Church of Hope, where he has faithfully served for over 16 years. With a deep passion for sharing the Gospel, Jeremy is committed to helping people encounter Jesus and grow in their faith, both within the church and out in the community. He believes strongly in meeting people where they are and creating opportunities for life-changing connection with Christ. Jeremy and his wife, Briget, are grateful to be raising their two children, Trey and Jade. When Jeremy is not serving at Hope, you'll likely find him enjoying sports or spending quality time with his family.

Susan Kliment-August 1-6, 2027 Susan Kliment serves as the Director of Family Ministry at her church in Albert Lea, MN and loves working with the kids and volunteers! Her ministry career started at OLBC and her passion for knowing Jesus and making Christ known to all was fanned into flame during her years at camp. Susan is married to Darrin and they live in rural Northwood, IA. Darrin and Susan have 3 grown (how can that be?) sons - Caleb, Samuel and Josiah, 3 beautiful daughter-in-laws, and one sweet grandson with more on the way! :)



Rev. Nick Brannen-Aug 8-13, 2027 Nick Brannen serves as Pastor of Outreach and Adult Discipleship at Lutheran Church of Hope in Ankeny, Iowa. He is passionate about helping people take meaningful next steps in faith. Previously, he served as Pastor of Youth and Director of Internships at Hope's West Des Moines campus. Nick holds a Master of Divinity degree and is known for Bible-centered preaching that blends passion, practical insight, and humor. In addition to his preaching ministry at Hope, he has served as a keynote speaker at Denmark's ECHO Conference, Intervarsity's UNITED Gathering, and many Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) events. Nick and his wife, Michelle, have been married for 15 years and are the proud parents of Elliot (8) and Emma (6). When he's not at church, you'll likely find him gardening, playing guitar, or making memories with his family.



Family Camp Registration 2027

Week # _____

Primary Contact: _____ DOB: ____/____/____ Phone: _____

Additional Adult: _____ DOB: ____/____/____ Phone: _____

Additional Campers (Please provide full name if last name differs from above. Use additional pages if needed.)

Name: _____ M/F DOB: ____/____/____ Grade Spring of 2027: _____

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Special Notice: Please star (★) any minors for whom you are not custodial parents. An additional, required form will be sent for their parent/guardian to complete prior to arrival at camp.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Family Email: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

RECREATION ACTIVITY SIGN UP

To help you make the best use of your time and fit in all your desired rec activities, please sign up below. Your selections will be pre-scheduled prior to your arrival. Please note any families with whom you would like us to try and combine your rec options. If your group exceeds the maximum number of participants we can serve at one time, you will be scheduled for additional times. Unless otherwise noted, all options are included in your program fee.

Activity	# of Participants	Notes
Tubing (min age 6 to be on tube)		
Pontoon Rides		
Archery (min age 6)		
Paintball (min age 10) *		
Escape Room		
Tie Dye Tuesday **		

* Additional Cost of \$25 per person. Requires off-site travel and additional liability release. ** Additional Cost of \$15 per person.

I give my permission for my family to participate in all aspects of the camp's program except as noted. I understand an effort will be made to contact me if a family member needs emergency medical-surgical treatment. I hereby give permission to the staff member selected by the camp to secure proper treatment, hospitalize, order injections, anesthesia, x-ray or surgery as deemed necessary for the adult(s) and child(ren) named above. I accept responsibility for payment of such services. I will in no way hold Ingham Okobojo, staff members or board members liable. I give my permission for any picture or video taken of my listed family members to be used for promotional purposes. I understand that choosing to participate in the program may increase my family's risk of being exposed to communicable diseases such as the flu or COVID and agree to stay home if any family member is confirmed or suspected of being contagious.

SIGNATURE OF ADULT CAMPER _____

DATE _____

See Reverse for Cost and Payment Information →

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Home Church _____

Bringing a 1st Time Family? Tell us the name below for a \$200 Spark Credit:

Please indicate any family members, especially minors, who have mobility or activity restrictions for which camp staff should be prepared?

Please list any dietary needs or concerns, including food allergies, of which our chef should be aware (include name of family member to which they apply):

Please check all that apply:

- _____ Pastor
 _____ IOLBC Board Member
 _____ IOLBC Staff Alum (Year _____)
 _____ Immediate Family Member on staff (Name _____)

HOUSING OPTIONS	Cost
(Must be reserved by calling the Camp Registrar!)	
Upper Christopherhaus	\$425
Altahaus	\$475
Beach House Retreat Center – Standard Room	\$575
Beach House Retreat Center – Double Room	\$750
Fox, Omaha	\$535
Dakota, Sac, Crow, Apache	\$625
Winnebago, Navaho, Cherokee	\$800
All housing is air conditioned and has a private bathroom.	
Please visit www.okoboji.org/okoboji for photos and full descriptions of all family camp housing options.	

Must call the camp at 712-337-3306 to reserve housing. Housing is listed only as a reference.

MEAL COSTS	
All meals from Sunday Supper to Friday Lunch, with the exception of Wednesday Supper are included. Snacks are also included.	
Adults (ages 14 & older)	\$185
Children (ages 4-13)	\$90
Children (ages 3 & under)	Free

Calculate Your Fees			
Housing Cost		X	=
Adult Meals (age 14 and over)		X \$185	=
Child Meals (age 4-13)		X \$90	=
Program Fee	1	X \$450	= \$450
Total Cost (before any applicable discounts)			

Program Fee: \$450 per family

What does the program fee cover? It's the speaker for the week, the programming and supplies for the kids during 2 hours of power, and the various family games and activities. It's a portion of any staff expense related to programming. Basically, it's what makes camp, camp!

PAYMENT OPTIONS

_____ Check enclosed. Bill any remaining amount due.

_____ Payment Plan. \$ _____ per month.

_____ Charge \$ _____ to the card noted below. Bill any remaining amount due.

Card # _____ Exp Date _____

Security Code _____ Name on Card _____

Billing Address (if different than above)
