

Zion
Lutheran
Church

August 2016 Newsletter

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***A place to belong,
a place to believe,
a place to become!***

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Acolyte, Reader, Greeters and Altar Guild Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Readers	Greeters
8-7	Amber Dorn Carley Leners	Lynette Jurgens	Council
8-14	Ashton Niles Kaitlyn Hostetler	Carrye Meints	Lawrence & Shirley Gronewold Billy & Janet Harms
8-21	Zane Hoffman Brock Robinson	Amy Wallman	Craig & Jess Ideus Dean & Andrea Siefkes
8-28	Nolan Robinson Peyton Winkle	Gary Carstens	Dennis & Rhonda Fossler Kenny & Janet Schuster

Special Music

August Altar Guild: Patti Behrens, Elnora Leners, Lynette Jurgens, Caroline Ideus,
Dianna Andrew

August Table Troop Volunteers: Don Leners, Steve Gronewold, Doug Parde, Duane
Zulauf, Mark Buhr, Alex Buhr, Ernest Jurgens

Attendance & Offerings

Church	
7-3	130 \$4,273.00
7-10	160 \$3,154.00
7-17	155 \$1,921.00
7-24	156 \$2,244.50



Remember this **Back to School** song?

"School days, school days, dear old golden rule days, 'readin' and 'ritin' and 'rithmetic', taught to the tune of a hick'ry stick..."

How that song has changed over the years for me:

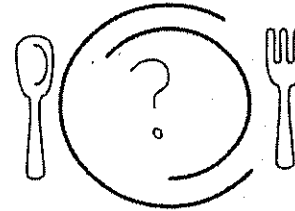
- As a child, **Back to School** used to strike fear in me because it meant my summer vacation was over.
- As a teen, **Back to School** meant that the three week pre-season three-a-day football practices were over.
- As a parent, **Back to School** signified that our kids were growing up to fast.
- As a non-traditional college student, **Back to School** was all about the quickest way to graduation.
- As a seminarian, **Back to School** was the end of being on "Crew" (maintenance) and returning to full time seminarian.
- As a pastor, **Back to School** heralds the switch from church family summer time busyness to school oriented church families.

May your **Back to School** August transition be an enjoyable and gentle one! May you score great bargains at all the **Back to School** sales! May we all gather together again in worship of our Lord at Zion! God bless, Pr. Jer

Mission Festival Sunday - Sunday, September 18, 2016

Our guest speaker will be Teresa Roll who is the Resource Development Manager for Mosaic International. Teresa said, "I would be honored to visit your church and share our mission. She will be telling us about Mosaic's international work of behalf of

people with intellectual/developmental challenges. Zion has long had a close relationship with the local Mosaic campus in Beatrice but now we will learn more about the depth and breadth of God's mission through Mosaic.



DINNERS FOR EIGHT is a wonderful way for Zion Lutheran Church members and friends to get to know each other better, and to visit about what is going on in our lives, our faith community, and the local community. Usual a potluck format but arrangements are fairly flexible. There is no requirement to be a gourmet cook since the main objective is to get to know each other while having a wonderful get together in a relaxed atmosphere. The host may plan a theme menu, or it could be a random potluck. Some gatherings will be kid friendly. The host decides. We plan dinners in 3 rounds **October-November, January-February, and March-April**. Pr. Jer and Karen will host the first meal in the parish hall at 5 p.m. **on Sunday, September 25, 2016**. This will be both an informational and organizational meeting of the possible **DINNERS FOR EIGHT** group. **We had 41 participants last year!!!** Look for the sign up sheets in both entryways.

Forum on the Death Penalty 7 p.m. Sept. 12 @ American Lutheran Church, Adams

In light of public opinion and the passage of Resolution 2016:2 at the Synod Assembly, Homestead Cluster has scheduled a forum on the death penalty for Sept. 12 at 7pm at American Lutheran Church, Adams. The list of confirmed speakers are:

- Pr. Bob Bryan, Followers of Christ

- Mr. Roger Harris, Gage County Attorney
- Sheriff Millard Gustafson, Gage County Sheriff

There may be additional speakers at the time of this forum that were not confirmed at the time of printing this newsletter. Resolution 2016:2, which was co-introduced by the Nebraska Synod Justice Committee and Pastor Bob Bryan, was passed by a show of hands. Before doing so, the assembly considered a proposed amendment offered by Bryan that would have urged members to vote to keep the repeal of the death penalty in place. That amendment was defeated by a 204-209 vote. Resolution 2016:2 reads:

RESOLVED: That, prior to the Nebraska Death Penalty Initiative on November 8, 2016, called and lay leaders of the Nebraska Synod, will make the ELCA Social Statement on the Death Penalty readily available in their congregations and encourage prayerful study and opportunities for discussion; and

RESOLVED: That, church members are called upon to give the Social Statement on the Death Penalty serious consideration as they form their own judgments on eliminating the death penalty in Nebraska.

2016/2017 Confirmation Orientation Meeting

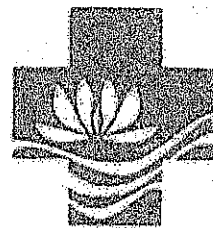
We invite our 7th & 8th Grade students and parents to this annual orientation meeting at 7 p.m. on August 31st in Zion's fellowship hall. This is a time when we discuss the year ahead of us and register for next summer's confirmation camp at NLOM's Camp Carol Joy Holling near Ashland, NE. The camp has changed their policy on camper reservations. We, as a church, can no longer reserve slots for campers and register later. What has happened is that the camp ends up with less campers than were reserved by churches which becomes a financial burden for the camp. The

camp seeks to have camper capacity full each of the eight weeks it is open. The new camp policy is ***first come, first serve*** which means that we register online as a group during the orientation meeting. This is the only way to insure we go as a group.



TABLE TALK

Some have expressed interest in resuming **TABLE TALK** again. For those new to the church, this was a time of food and fellowship where conversation ranged from current events to the Bible and everything in between. This was not a session to stump the pastor! If a person had a question they were asked to research their question thoroughly bringing with them not only their ideas but also possible opposite answers. In the past we met at Valentino's in Beatrice which was arranged by me, Pr. Jer. It is my hope that one or two people would take on the responsibility of finding new meal sites for **TABLE TALK**. Let me, Pr. Jer, ***know what you think and are willing to do.***



WELCA – Vice Chairmans will meet for a Nominating committee meeting after church On August 14th in the Fellowship Hall. Committee Members are: Anora Schoen, Elnora Lenners, Dena Trauernicht, Marcia Busboom, Karen Gilbreath

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES DID NOT MEET IN JULY

Willie and Anna Meints Youth Endowment Fund.

Committee members: Doreen Wallman, Steve Oltman, DeAnn Oltman, Keith Parde (Council representative)

Balance as of July 22, 2016 - \$312,151.95 (Steve Hovendick)

Committee Members: Doreen Wallman
Steve Oltman
DeAnn Oltman
Keith Parde (Council Rep.)

Fellowship Hall loan update

The current loan balance for the Fellowship Hall is \$20,373.01, plus interest that has accrued since January 2016; we currently have \$12,432.45, in the account. As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone at Zion, it would be great to pay off the loan of this wonderful addition. If you'd like to make a donation to the Fellowship Hall loan, please attach a note to your donation stating it is for the loan. If you have questions about your pledge for the Fellowship Hall and payments you've made over the last couple years, please contact Danelle Evers, treasurer.

August 28, 2016: "Known as HANOVER Church"

The August Celebration Sunday will be focusing on how Zion, through the years, became known as "Hanover Church" even though it was not located in Hanover Township. If you have any pictures or stories that would tell this story; the Hanover Band, the post office, the ice cream socials, anything that made us "Hanovers", please share them with someone on the anniversary committee.

ALL ZION MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROJECTS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS OF THE LWR KITS

Lutheran World Relief's Quilt & Kit Ministry is highly regarded throughout the world because of the quality and consistency of the Quilts and Kits we share, Your careful adherence to the instructions following will insure that all LWR Kits are:

- USEFUL
 - CONSISTENT
 - FAIR
- *Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted*
 - *Please do not donate items with any any religious symbols, messages or with your congregation's name.*
 - *Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag patriotic or military symbols or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.*
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SAVE SAVE SAVE

Save the UPC BAR CODES from labels from these products:

***ALL "CAMPBELLS" SOUPS**

(Campbell's select, chunky or healthy request)

*Pepperidge Farm and *Franco American Products

*Swanson Broth and Canned chicken products,

SAVE the LIDS from these products

V8* Products, *Prego

SAVE ALL "OUR FAMILY" and

"BEST CHOICE" UPC BAR CODES FROM LABELS

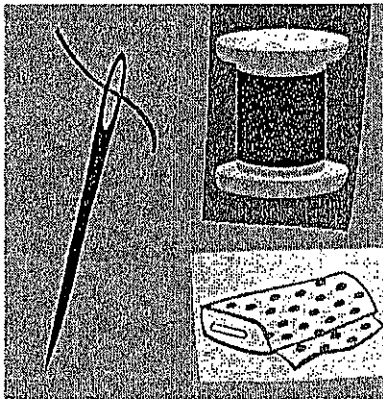
***Labels with/or bar codes may be bundled and left in Parish Hall Kitchen in designated containers
Or given to Anora Schoen*

LWR FABRIC KITS

Sewing is a valuable skill, one that leads to a reliable income for many women and men. Fabric Kits supply vocational training programs with fabric for teaching sewing and for newly trained tailors to launch their sewing businesses.

- Fabric kit should include the following items: Two pieces of cotton or cotton –blend fabric. (no knits or 100%polyester) Fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring:
 - 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric OR
 - 3 yards of 44" wide fabric OR
 - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric
- Two spools of matching or neutral-colored General purpose thread. 250-300 yards each

Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second fabric piece and tie with yarn, sturdy string ribbon or strip of fabric. Do not enclose the Fabric Kit or any of its contents in plastic bag.



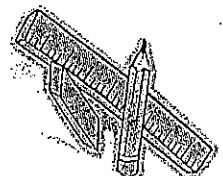
SCHOOL KITS

Education is important for any community, especially where poverty of disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School kits contain essential supplies to help children and in some cases, adults continue learning despite the hardships they face. And that learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN EACH SCHOOL KIT:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or college-ruled paper approximately 8x10 1/2 ; no loose-leaf paper
- 1 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- One eraser 2 1/2 inches long
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with rubber band.
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14x17 with shoulder straps
 - *Bags will be provided and can be found in parish hall basement. (Brown cupboard in SW corner)

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging pack all items in bag and close. Do not enclose the kit or any of the contents in plastic bags.



PERSONAL CARE KITS

When natural disaster strikes or political conflict flares, families often leave little chance to gather their belongings before fleeing the danger. They arrive in a refugee camp or other place of safety, scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit allow them to wash away the dirt and sweat, with the fresh scent of soap and the softness of a towel as reminders to someone's care and concern for them in their plight.

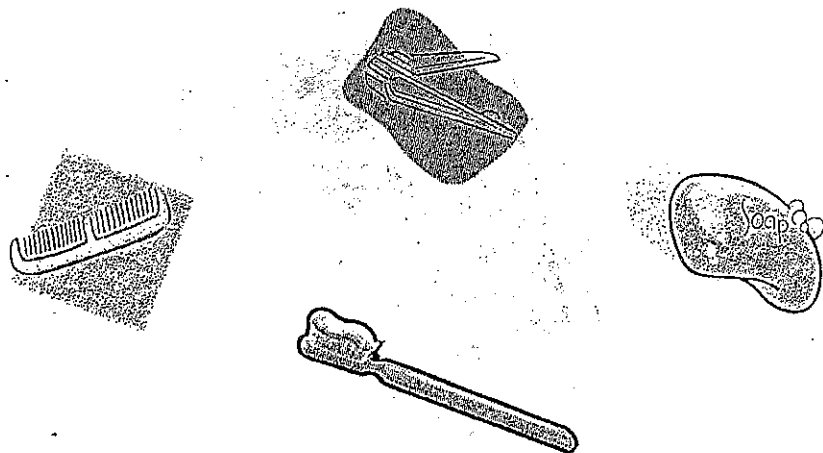
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

ITEMS IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT:

- One light or medium weight bath-size towel (approximately 52x27), dark color recommended
- Two bath size bars (4-5oz) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers, remove packaging

**Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing in a individual toothbrush in a business size envelope; NO plastic bags or wrap*

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.



Totes will be made available in the hallways of the church for your items. Any questions please contact Elaine Waltke (402) 228-5995

BABY CARE KITS

Bringing a baby into the world can be a difficult and scary thing for a mother living in poverty. The items included in a Baby Care Kit provide the things a mother needs to care for her baby the way she hopes to soft blankets to give warmth and comfort, soap to keep germs away. Lack of something to dress her baby in often keeps a mother isolated from her community, but the clothes in a Baby Care Kit welcome both mother and baby out into the world.

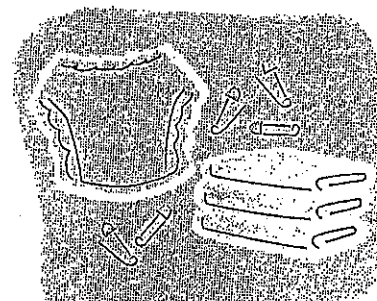
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN EACH BABY CARE KIT:

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts
- Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Two receiving blanket, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or include a baby cap.
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- Two bath sized bars (4 to 5 oz) of gentle soap in original wrapping.
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can be substituted for new ones. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

TIP....

- *Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Varying the sizes of the clothing items included will make the Baby Care Kit more useful as the baby grows.*



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 AlleyDee Bender Rick Thomas	12 Skylar Meints Wes Meints	19 Emmit Buhr Gerald Dorn
3 Kylie Boyer Ava Meints Sharon Parde	13 Kaityln Hostetler Jeff Jurgens	22 Robert D. Ideus Orvin Miller
5 Jeanette Behrens Jordan Wallman	14 Jayde Carstens Alexis Folkerts Linsey Gronewold	24 Paxton Parde 25 Shawn Hostetler
6 Andrea Siefkes	15 Cindy Jurgens Ethel Wallman	26 Heston Grone
7 Mason Hippen	Miranda Zeman	27 Wayne Busboom
8 Mark Buhr	16 Sadie Gronewold Billy Harms	28 Delores Baehr Sharon Schuster
9 Heather Hippen Corey Lieneman Hannah Schoen	Kyler Hoffman	29 Katie Meyer
11 Samantha Al-Rekab Karla Carstens Duane Parde Geneva Parde	17 Jennie Bohlmeier Mike Busboom Tony Busboom Makayla Wiese Lauren Zimmerman	30 Logan Busboom Mary Ann Zeman
	18 Sandra Minnick	

Pastoral Acts,

Funeral services for Ehme Gronewold were held at Zion on June 29th.

Funeral services for Vernon Meints were held July 14th at Zion.

United in marriage in Roca were Kylie Busboom and Jason Church on July 23rd.

Sunday School will begin the fall session on September 11th at 8:45 a.m.

There will be a Sunday School teacher's meeting on August 28th following the church service. We will meet in Parish Hall. You will pick up your materials at this meeting.

2016-2017 Sunday School Teachers and Substitutes Needed

We are excited that our Sunday School enrollment is increasing! Along with this increase, we are still in need of Sunday School teachers. This could be a co-teaching opportunity, so you could be teaching every other Sunday. Please let a Parish Ed member know if you are interested or send an email to zionparished@yahoo.com. We are very excited for this next Sunday School year as we are starting a new lesson curriculum, so please consider this opportunity!

We also are always in need of substitute teachers, so please let one of us know if you would be interested in this opportunity.

2016-2017 Sunday School Students

Parish Ed has been working on putting together a list of new children and children that will start Sunday School this fall and we don't want to miss anyone. If you have child that will be turning 3 by September 1, 2016, or has not attended before, please contact a Parish Ed member or send an email to zionparished@yahoo.com

Attention ALL Amazon shoppers!!

If you shop on Amazon, your purchase can now support the youth of Zion!! Please go to smile.amazon.com and choose to support Zion Lutheran Church in Pickrell, Nebraska. A portion of eligible purchases will be donated to Zion and will go to the Parish Ed for Sunday School supplies.



The Zion 11 & Under Softball team finished the regular season with 7 wins, 3 losses and 1 tie which earned them 5th place out of 12 teams. They competed in the Upper Bracket Tournament and won 3rd Place. **Team members included:** Ella Archer, Nicole Davison, Kyla Davison, Madison Fikar, Faith Holland, Savannah Mahler, Haidyn Nichols, Haley Nichols, Hannah Nichols, Hailey Parde, Ashley Schoen, Kaylee Schoen and Lily Wiese. The girls were coached by Myron Schoen assisted by Chad Fikar & Ryan Wiese. The girls had great season and there were lots of smiling faces after the games.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ZION GIRL'S
12 & UNDER SOFTBALL TEAM!**

The girls took 5th place in the SLS League (8 wins/ 8 loses). **Team Members were:** Kylie Boyer, Macy Gronewold, Caryss Jurgens, Chelsea Leners, Paige Mahler, Carly Miller, Megan Nelson, Katelyn Sanders, Meagan Sanders, Carleigh Weyers, Lexi Winkle.

League Tournament was held July 9th-10th. Fuller Park hosted one of the playing sites and Zion was lucky enough to play at Fuller Park!

Special Thanks to the coaches/assistants: Becky Boyer, Deb Winkle, Jennifer Mahler, John Sanders for volunteering their time in coaching the girls.

** Also Chelsea Leners and Lexi Winkle represented Zion at the All Star Game July 12th at Friend, Ne.*

KIDS' NIGHT OUT

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH
5PM-7PM**

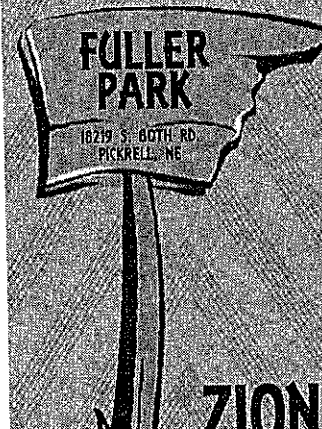
**GAMES, PRIZES, BOUNCE HOUSES,
& TRAIN RIDES AT 5PM
MAGICIAN WILL START AT 6PM**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**BRING YOUR
FRIENDS & FAMILY!**

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FULLER PARK

Ribbon Cutting

Ribbon Cutting for the new playground at 7pm

made possible by the Margaret & Martha Thomas Sisters Foundation

**THE FAMOUS CONCESSION STAND WILL
ALSO BE OPEN SERVING HAMBURGERS,
HOTDOGS, NACHOS, AND MORE
5-8PM**

All ages are encouraged to attend, Zion members and non-members. Please invite your neighbors, friends, and family!! There will also be a ribbon cutting for the Fuller Park playground starting at 7pm. We would love to show the ballpark committee our support for all their hard work to make Fuller Park the great place that it is!

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH-FILLEY
CELEBRATION OF 85 YEARS
IN THE PAST & FUTURE

85 YEARS of

*GROWING

*SERVING

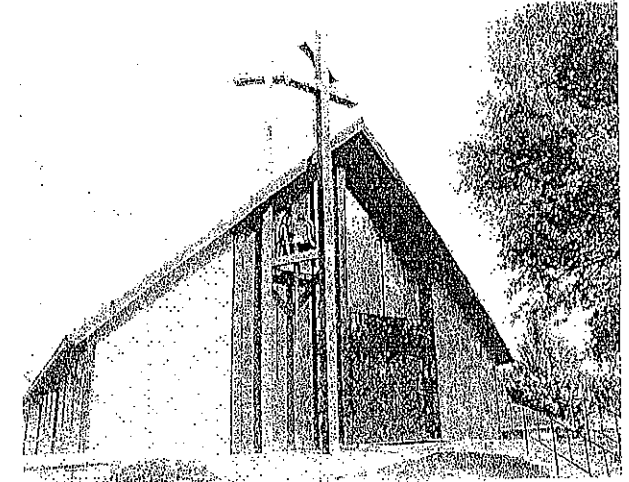
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SPREADING

THE WORD & LOVE

OF CHRIST



FUTURE ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUG 14TH - "YESTERYEARS"

ICE CREAM SOCIAL 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

ENTERTAINMENT STARTS AT 6:00PM

SUNDAY, OCT. 9TH - 9:30 am MISSION FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, DEC. 11TH - 9:30 am SERVICE WITH

BISHOP BRIAN MAAS

SIX TINY STORIES WITH GREAT MESSAGES

{1} Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.**
That's FAITH**

{2} When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her.**
That's TRUST**

{3} Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake us up.**
That's HOPE**

{4} We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.**
That's CONFIDENCE**

{5} We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.**
That's LOVE**

{6} On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 90 years old... I am sweet 16 with 74 years experience'***
That's ATTITUDE**

May you live your life like the six tiny stories! May you always have love to share, health to spare & friends who care...

Author unknown



VOLUNTEERS

can make a difference

For more information or to sign up, call Amanda at 402-944-2544 or e-mail asliva@nlom.org

 *gracious*
People

 *sacred*
Places

 *significant*
Experiences



Carol Joy Holling
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27416 Ranch Road
Ashland, NE 68003

Springs Building Projects

Carol Joy Holling Camp, Conference & Retreat Center is partnering with Mission Builders to construct the new Springs Retreat House and The Springs Lodge.

- 2-3 Volunteers are needed daily, from Tuesday - Saturday (1/2 or whole days)
- Lunch for volunteers is provided on site.
- Overnight housing may be available.

Horse Boarding

Horse boarding volunteers provide care, feed, shelter, and grooming for a Carol Joy Holling Camp horse. Your family is able to ride, care for, and get priceless experience working with a horse during the school year! We will provide instructions for feed, care and equipment needs for your assigned horse(s). We also send along tack for each horse.

Splitting Firewood

It's a never ending job - keeping the site looking good and our campfire wood bins full! You'll use a wood splitter to get the job done.