



# PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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This issue of the Professional Packet is the final issue of 2015. The deadline for content that you would like included in the February 2016 issue is **January 15, 2016**. Content can be submitted anytime before then by emailing it to [jon@lcmside.org](mailto:jon@lcmside.org).

# President's Piece for Peace

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders

December 2015

I have just returned from a trip to Siberia Russia where I had opportunity to present before saints at the seminary in Novosibirsk. Being it was November in Siberia the weather was typical wintery. The temperature was frequently at -13 degrees C which is about 10 degrees F. It snowed quite often and piled up on the sidewalks and streets. It took on a bit of a scene of Christmas at a time when only our stores are trying to portray such a setting.

One afternoon I was walking through a department store in Novosibirsk and the decorating section was fraught with the tinsel of Christmas. I was hoping to see the trappings of the Holy Family, the Bethlehem town, a cattle shed or even a manger. Alas I was disappointed. Lining the shelves and hanging on the walls were as many different shapes and sizes of the American commercial driven Santa Claus as I have ever seen. It seems as though the Russian experience with western industry and commerce has not only expanded their banking, it has also ushered in our unhealthy traditions for the Holy Days of the Church year.

I remember dealing with that every December in the congregation. How traditions and superstitions took precedent over the miracle of God becoming flesh to dwell among us. Somehow the Church has given way to blending myth with Scripture which only serves to detract from the Truth that sets us free. I would get so frustrated sometimes battling the American version of Christmas with the biblical account of Joseph, Mary and the Baby Jesus.

All we can do is make sure that we hold the biblical narrative before the eyes of our membership in our preaching and teaching. From Advent sermons to the festival of Christmas we can boldly proclaim the prophecies and their fulfillment in the Son of God. The children's program and all coral pieces are opportunities to clarify a message that overshadows the hype commercialism foists upon the season. The American version of myth lasts until December 26th, the message of the Holy Family lasts into eternity.

One old book I came across that was so helpful in telling and preaching the Christmas story in narrative form is "Two From Galilee." I don't know if it is still in print but maybe you can find a copy online somewhere. It was published in 1972 (no isbn #) by Fleming H. Revell Company, written by Marjorie Holmes of Guideposts Associates, Inc in Carmel, New York.\* It is a refreshing look at the actual life of 1st century, small town folks who lived a simple yet faithful life. If you can find it I think you will enjoy reading it. It will give you a good idea of the challenges Mary and Joseph faced as they carried out their responsibilities in God's plan of salvation. How God enters the historical process in order to redeem the fallen creation is the thread throughout the reading. I enjoyed it and it helped me keep the Christmas message front and center while the culture around us wants to bury it under tinsel and short lived, money making, commercialism.

God bless you all and grant you the joy of He who became one of us so that He could bring us into Him with the love and mercy of Holy Baptism. Merry Christmas and God grant you peace in the New Year.

*President Saunders*

\*Editors Note: Two From Galilee was reprinted in 1982 by Bantam Books. ISBN: 0553281003

# Calendar of Events

## December

**3**

**MARION**

**Professional Church  
Workers**  
9:00am  
District Office

**24-31**

**Christmas**  
District Office Closed

## January 2016

**7**

**MARION**

**Circuit Visitor Catechesis**  
9:00am  
District Office

**26**

**MARION**

**Board of Directors**  
9:00am  
District Office

**28**

**MT. VERNON**

**Professional Church  
Workers**  
9:30am  
St. Paul's

**29-30**

**SOLOM**

**Middle School Retreat**  
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

# Save the Dates

December 2015

## Circuit Visitor Catechesis January 7, 2016

**District Office  
9:00am**

1100 Blairs Ferry Rd  
Marion, IA 52302

## Middle School Retreat January 29-30, 2016

Proper Identification: You Calling as Child

**Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca**

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE,  
Solon, IA 52333

## IDE LLL Spring Convention March 12, 2016 10am—4pm

Speaker: Cynthia Khan from People of the Book Lutheran Outreach

**King of Kings Lutheran Church**

# Vacancy Updates

December 2015

## Calling Congregations:

New Hope, Charles City—Clarke Frederick (vacancy pastor)  
Immanuel, Davenport—Peter Mueller/David Anderson (vacancy pastors)  
Risen Christ, Davenport—Associate Pastor vacant.  
St. Paul, Luzerne—David Lingard (vacancy pastor)  
Messiah, Mason City—Clarke Frederick (vacancy pastor)  
Grace, Waterloo—Tom Wegener (vacancy pastor)

## Pastors Call Update:

### Accepted:

Pending: Michael Scudder, Mt. Pleasant to Trinity, Cheyenne, WY

### Declined:

## DCE/School/Teacher Update

Vacancies: Assistant to the President for Schools

Pending: Leah Welter, DCE Cedar Rapids to Grace, Winter Haven

# 2015 Directory Updates

December 2015

Page	Name	Change
11	Berquist, Roy	Church Email: stjohn.grace.lcms@gmail.com
15	Hyatt, Greg	Physical Address: 103 SW E St Church Physical Address: 709 S Main Dual Parish: Lacona: (641) 947-4404
16	Kolesar, Michael	Phone: 319-647-3364
16	Larson, Kurt	Wife Name: Regina
17	McHone, Randy	Move to Emeriti Listins (p. 27)
17	Meyer, Richard	Office # 319-668-2372
20	Redhage, Daniel	Phone Number 563-941-7464
21	Richard, Andrew	Email: pastor@stsilaslutheran.org
21	Rethwisch, Stuart	St. John address: 2653 CC Ave
22	Small, Terry	Cell Phone: 319-594-6392
41	Lowden	Website: <a href="http://trinitylowden.org">http://trinitylowden.org</a>
42	Melcher-Dallas, St. John	Physical Address: 709 S Main  Change church and Admin Asst email to: stjohnchurchmd@gmail.com
48	Waterloo—Grace	Remove Rev. Don Illian as visitation pastor.

If you have changes to the Fall 2015 Directory please email them to [jon@lcmside.org](mailto:jon@lcmside.org).

If you did not receive your Directory at the Fall Pastors' Conference, please let us know!

## *Blue Christmas* A Worship Service

Bethany Lutheran Church  
2202 Forest Drive SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA

Wednesday, December 23 at 4:30  
Meal served at 5:30 pm

A special service for those who are experiencing pain and sadness associated with the holidays. For those who have not experienced loss, this service is an opportunity to recognize the holidays can be challenging for those who are grieving.

Please RSVP to [nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com) or call  
Nurse Ronda at 319-364-6026.



# Welcome to the Advent and Christmas Season

December 2015

Rev. Dr. Dean F. Rothchild  
Assistant to the President

Thanks be to God that we do not have to be politically correct in the church. Christmas is Christmas. This is not the time of “happy winter holidays.” You cannot have Christmas without Christ. We know that and we rejoice that God in Christ Jesus became flesh to save us from our sins!

The seasons of life always find us living in the reality of sin and grace. God's Law must always be preached to convict us of our sin. Without it, the Gospel is of no avail. We read in Hebrews 4:12, “For the Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

None of us like to hear the thunder of God's Law coming down upon us, but it has to do its proper work of convicting us of our sins. It needs to point out our self-righteousness and our self-centeredness. Our old nature wants to think that it is in control. When it comes to spiritual matters, we have no control whatsoever. For faith is a gift which is received. In that whole process, we are passive.

We come to the throne of grace in Spirit-wrought repentance, confessing and admitting our sins. Let me repeat, confessing and admitting our sins, not making excuses for what we have done. At the end of that confession one hears the clear proclamation of the Holy Absolution from the mouths of faithful shepherds. “As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” And we respond with the “amen.”

Daily we are led back to our Baptism where God placed His name upon us, called us by name, forgave us our sins, granted us faith in Jesus as our Savior. What a privilege to live from our baptism each day.

What a privilege it is to gather in the Divine Service and to hear that clear absolution. What a joy it is to have our pastor proclaim the wonderful truth of Jesus' death and resurrection for the sins of the whole world, mine also! What a privilege to receive the shed body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins!

By God's grace we will continue to live in the rhythm of the baptized, confessing our sins and receiving God's grace and mercy in Christ Jesus. May the Lord enable each of you to clearly proclaim that message in your preaching and teaching. In doing so, your people will be blessed, and will again realize and boldly confess that Christ Jesus is the reason for the season and His light will shine brightly through you and your people to those still living in darkness!



# Capital Campaign Update



## Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Luke 24:46-47

### **Capital Campaign (Update: 11-10-15)**

*approved on 6/29/12 by Iowa District East in Convention.*

- Pastors are being contacted by phone for potential names of those saints in Christ Jesus who may wish to make an individual gift.
- Dr. Rothchild will send a letter of introduction to potential donors and will follow-up with a phone call to schedule a personal visit.
- Dr. Rothchild will show the DVD and share other information at the time of his visit and the saints will be given a donor form to complete as they deem appropriate.
- Dr. Rothchild wishes to thank all our faithful donors, both individuals and congregations

#### **Update:**

Gifts received to date: \$ 524,405  
Gifts promised in next 1-8 years: \$ 38,855

**Total to Date: \$ 562,855**

For further information, please contact Rev. Dr. Dean F. Rothchild at 319-373-2112 (office), 319-350-9564 (cell) or [deanrothchild@lcmiside.org](mailto:deanrothchild@lcmiside.org).

# Business Office Page

## IDE's Group Workers' Compensation Plan thru Church Mutual Insurance Company

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### **\*\*\* NEW & IMPROVED 2016 BILLING \*\*\***

Beginning in January 2016, the billing process for the Iowa District East Group Workers' Compensation Plan will be improving. Invoices reflecting the premium due for the 2016 policy year will still be sent to you from Church Mutual as usual.

#### **WHAT CHANGES FOR YOU?**

- Ability to choose a payment plan option
- Endorsements will be processed immediately
- Bills/Credits will be issued immediately – no lag time in premium credit due
- Payment(s) will be made directly to Church Mutual Insurance Company

For any other questions, please call  
Church Mutual Insurance Company's National Customer Service Group  
At (800) 554-2642, select Option 1.

**Thank you!**

## Energy Drinks

by Mary Hume, RN, Parish Nurse Kansas District Representative

submitted by Ronda Anderson, RN, Parish Nurse Iowa District East Representative

When seeing an advertisement for energy drinks, do you want to try them? There are a number of popular brands, a few of these are Red Bull, Monster and Rockstar. The claim is to give one more energy, improve performance and increase concentration. These can be bought over the counter at any convenience store or food market. However, before purchasing the product, it is advisable to read the research and the personal testimonies that are readily available. These products can be considered non-regulated medications. Findings in the research are that the drinks contain more caffeine than 5 cups of coffee. They also contain guarana plant which has the similar effect of caffeine, the amino acid taurine, carbohydrates in the form of sugar and small amounts of vitamins. These beverages are not regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and do not come with any warning signs as do alcohol and tobacco products. They are often labeled as dietary supplements rather than food. Further, the companies are not required to identify all of the contents in the drink.

In the literature there are reports of seizures, strokes and even deaths occurring especially in young people and the elderly. Other physical concerns are withdrawal from the caffeine which can produce symptoms of severe headache, feeling tired, having trouble concentrating and unable to get adequate sleep or quality rest. Definitely alcohol should not be consumed with an energy drink. The caffeine can mask the effects of the alcohol. Individuals may feel that they are not as intoxicated a blood alcohol level may show. Mixing caffeine with alcohol may cause one to drink more because the caffeine may keep one awake longer, though not necessarily more alert and cognizant.

Energy drinks are not safe for children and teens to consume. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, the amount of caffeine in the energy beverage can cause high blood pressure, sleep problems, abnormal heart rate and increased blood sugar which can result in an untimely death. If there are existing medical problems, they can be exacerbated when drinking even a small amount of the beverage.

Additionally in pregnancy, a small amount of caffeine is considered safe for a developing baby; however, in pregnancy it is not wise to have more than 200 mg. of caffeine a day, which is about the same amount in 2 cups of coffee. More caffeine than that may be related to a higher rate of miscarriage and can interfere with normal sleep patterns for both the mother and the fetus.

There are at least 3 things to consider before consuming energy drinks. 1) Water is almost always the best choice of fluid before, during and after physical activity. 2) Do not confuse energy drinks with sports drinks. These 2 different types of beverages do not contain the same ingredients. 3) Do not encourage or support the use of energy drinks for children, teens, the elderly or those with serious medical problems.

Inform those who consume the energy drinks of the risks that are involved, especially when individuals are exercising, drinking alcohol, pregnant or nursing, have a pre-existing heart condition or under the age of 18. The energy drinks could be harmful to health. Knowledge is power, and good health information can save lives. The more informed individuals can be, the better decisions they can make. Keeping the following Bible verse in mind, can be very good for one's health. So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.(1Corinthians 10:31).

## Hearts for Jesus

The 2016 Hearts for Jesus Campaign will be going to the LCC Comfort Dogs (Especially Gracie Comfort Dog in Davenport). You can find out more about Gracie on her Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/GracieComfortDog>.

## ILSTO

Iowa Lutheran Student Tuition Organization (ILSTO) is Iowa's answer to assisting students to attend the schools of their choice—not necessarily their local public schools. Your local Lutheran school provides just such a choice for church and community members. The LCMS schools of Iowa have come together to form this organization—a 501c(3) not-for-profit organization. Anyone who pays Iowa state income tax can donate and receive the tax benefits.

ILSTO is offering School Representation Program Orientation Meetings. This program is for Principals, ILSTO representatives from each school, pastors, interested congregation members, and school family members. It will provide greater awareness for ILSTO, how it works, and offer an opportunity for questions.

### Dates and Training Locations

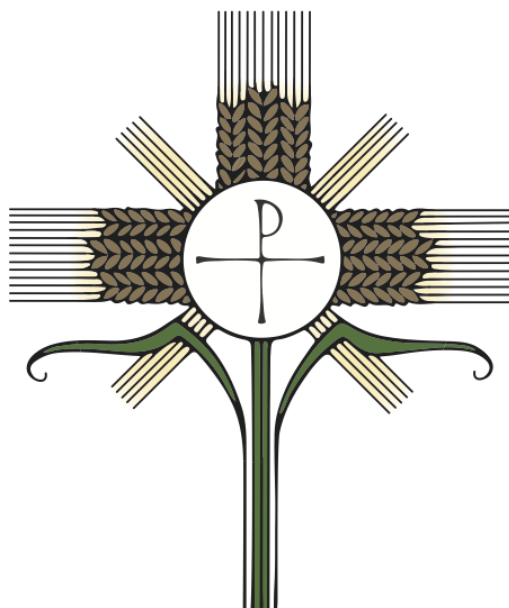
- Central Lutheran, Newhall—January 17th 2:00—3:00pm
- Central Lutheran, Newhall—January 19th 7:00—8:00pm
- St. Paul, Fort Dodge—January 24th 2:00—3:00pm
- Zion, Denison—January 31 2:00—3:00pm

Look for registration forms at <http://lcmside.org> by the end of this week.

## **Middle School Retreat – Proper Identification: Your Calling as a Child January 29-30, 2015**

Presenter: Rev. Paul Beisel

Who are you? Most kids would answer by stating their name. But who are you really? In relation to God, you are a child of the heavenly Father; baptized into Christ; a temple of the Holy Spirit. In relation to everyone else, you are a son or a daughter, a friend, a brother or a sister, a student, and a baptized member of the Body of Christ. During this retreat, we will explore what God's Word has to say to children regarding their life of faith toward God and love toward their neighbors. We will also learn how to confess our sins based on our station in life, and to rejoice in the word of absolution.



Higher Things, a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS will be hosting three conferences during the summer of 2016, and one is right in our back yard! The theme of the conferences is Bread of Life.

*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."*

*Jesus is the Bread of Life. He is the bread that came down from heaven. Our fathers ate manna in the wilderness and they all died. Jesus is the bread that a man may eat and never die. Believing in His Words and promises, receiving His Body and Blood, we live forever. We will receive His Words. We will eat His Body and drink His Blood. We will live forever.*

Find registration information at [www.breadoflife2016.org](http://www.breadoflife2016.org). Registration opens November 1st and has filled at multiple conference sites in the past few years. Prepare to register and pay deposits to save your spaces early!

Contact Crysten Sanchez, Conference Coordinator, with any questions:  
[csanchez@higherthings.org](mailto:csanchez@higherthings.org).

Vanderbilt University  
Nashville, TN  
June 28-July 1, 2016

University of Northern Iowa  
Cedar Falls, IA  
July 5-8, 2016

Colorado State University  
Fort Collins, CO  
July 26-29, 2016



# Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



December 2015

## 2016 Summer Camp Staff

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is one of dozens of Lutheran camps across the country looking for college-aged young adults to make a difference in the lives of children. The opportunity to serve at a camp awaits! Go to [www.nloma.org](http://www.nloma.org) and click on the employment tab at the top of the page to submit your application today!

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca also needs Junior Counselors (JC's) to assist the summer program. Applicants should be at least 15 years old. JCs spend the week with a cabin group enjoying the many camp activities and serving as a positive role model and motivator for younger campers while helping the cabin counselors supervise younger campers. It's a great experience for only \$95 per week. Please contact Camp Director, Daniel Sanchez by emailing [daniel@campiodiseca.org](mailto:daniel@campiodiseca.org) for more information or to receive an application.

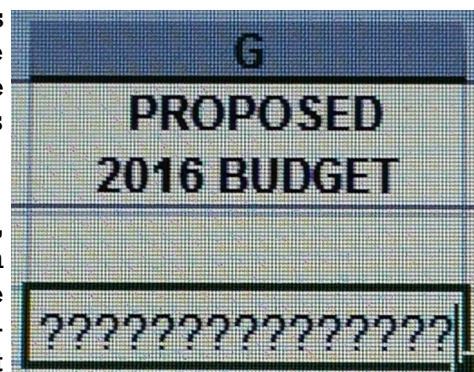


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## **Support Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca: Your 2016 Mission Budget**

Though many of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's donations come from individuals and families, we also rely on congregations for financial support. Some congregations are generous enough to add Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca as a line item in their mission budget. Other congregations have groups such as their LWML societies make financial contributions.

Congregational contributions make the mission of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, that is, providing Christ-centered recreation, education, and inspiration for all, a reality. It merely about keeping the lights on or paying the heating bills, but it ensures that Camp's guests have a quality experience at a quality location. Does you congregation currently support Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca? If not, it can! We appreciate your support!



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web [www.campiodiseca.org](http://www.campiodiseca.org)

email [camp@campiodiseca.org](mailto:camp@campiodiseca.org)

## Camp Presentations

Would you like to know more about Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca? Camp Director Daniel Sanchez is available to speak to congregations and groups about Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's mission, facilities, and programs. Call 319-848-4187 to schedule a speaker!



## THRIVENT CHOICE

In 2014, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca received \$17,199 in Thrivent Choice contributions! Thank you donors for making this program a success for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Will you help make 2015 another excellent year in Thrivent Choice giving?

Go to <https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/> or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice" to designate your choice dollars for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca today. Thank you for making Thrivent Choice a valuable stream of revenue for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca!



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## Needs List

Miscellaneous Legos; Kickballs (10); **Service Truck**; Convection Oven; First Class Postage Stamps; Copy Paper; Smoke Detectors; Carbon Monoxide Detectors; **Please see our web site for a complete list: [www.campiodiseca.org](http://www.campiodiseca.org).**

## Important Dates

November 20-21  
*IDE Sr. High Retreat*

January 8  
*Summer Camp Registration Opens*

January 29-30  
*IDE Middle School Retreat  
& Snow-lympics*

February 29  
*Registration Discount Deadline #1*

April 15-16  
*Higher Things Retreat  
Grades 7+*

May 2  
*Registration Discount Deadline #2*

## Retreat Improvements

A 2014 IED LWML Grant has paved the way for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca to do some major improvements. We've already improved the WIFI at camp by adding 3 new signals in the Alpha Lodge along with installing permanent sound and projection in the Dining Hall. But what's next?

Alpha Lodge will see many new beds and mattresses beginning this winter so that when we start up in 2016, Alpha Lodge guests can enjoy a much more comfortable and accommodating retreat experience. Do you wish to contribute to this effort? Write "Retreat Improvements" in the memo line of your check donation and we'll see it used to make Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca a better place for all who come!



**Become a fan of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca by clicking the 'Like' button on our Facebook page.**

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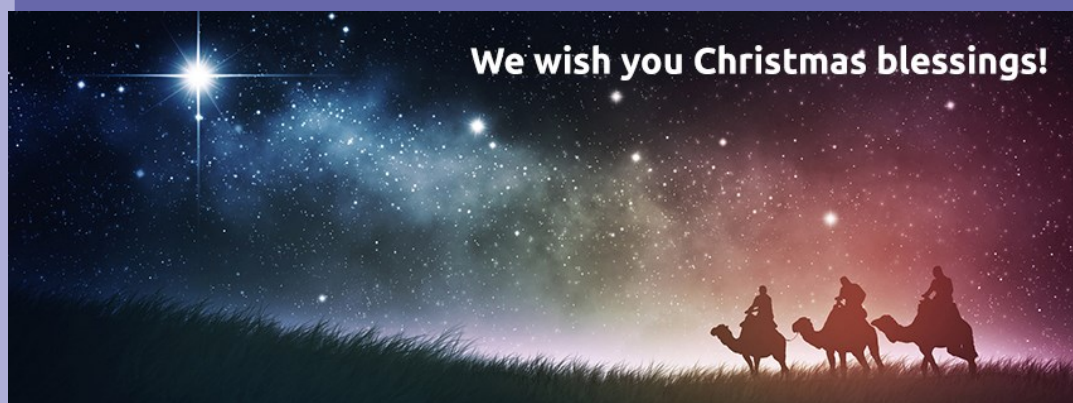


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[lcef.org](http://lcef.org)



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### A Special Gift That Keeps on Giving

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, there is anticipation and hope. God gave us the greatest gift: His only Son.

Often we struggle to find the most appropriate gift to show our love to family and friends. What about giving a gift that continues to give? Consider beginning a Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) investment for your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews. The investment will grow along with them, while providing funds for Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod churches, schools, universities, child-care centers and other ministries to expand the Kingdom.

For rates and information on the ministries LCEF helps empower, visit [lcef.org](http://lcef.org) or call 800-843-5233.

### 35-Month Term Note

Be a part of LCEF, where individuals and ministries come together to grow in ministry. Invest in the new 35-month term note, with a 3.5% fixed rate. The low \$500 minimum (new money only) makes it easy for every part of your family to invest in building ministries.

This attractive rate is available for a limited time only!

Call 800-843-5233 or go to [lcef.org](http://lcef.org) for an application.

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## **Small Stewards - Big Blessings**

### **Biblical Stewardship Lessons for and with Children**

("Small Stewards" focuses on Biblical stories celebrating God's children. The lessons can be shared with children in Sunday school openings, classroom settings, children's worship messages, or other congregational settings. The lessons may also be used for family devotions. "Notes to Family" offers applications and explorations for home "table talks.")

December Text: Luke 1:39-45 (Child: John the Baptist)

The earliest Scriptural recorded response to Jesus was that of John, the fetus in Elizabeth's womb, "For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44) Certainly Luke's Gospel shares a life message. Elizabeth's womb held more than a mass of cells. Elizabeth who had been surprised with a pregnancy in her late years, was carrying John who would also be called "the Baptist" and who would personally and powerfully introduce Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." (John 1:29)

The leap of John would be the first of many leaps of joy. Shepherds would leap as an angel chorus proclaimed the Savior's birth; aged Simeon and Anna would leap in temple halls; the diseased and distraught would help as Jesus touched them and pronounced them forgiven and healed; tax collector and Roman centurions would leap as they saw a Savior for all sinners; grieving women would leap at an angels announcement that the tomb was empty because Jesus had risen from the dead. The leap of John starts the leap through the Gospels and invites us to join in leaping for joy.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) joins in holy leaping. The mission and ministry of LCEF is to provide funds and services for the extension of the Gospel. The resources of investors make it possible for schools and churches to be built and remodeled as places for Gospel leaping.

LCEF encourages children to leap as learners, worshippers and stewards. The Young Investor Club provides children an opportunity to invest in the kingdom, learn the basics of stewardship, and to receive a generous interest on the investment. Seeing an account grow is another reason to leap for joy. Parents, grandparents, and others can learn more at [www.lcef.org](http://www.lcef.org). Y.I. Club investments make great Christmas gifts!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, may I join all creation in leaping at your birth.  
"Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rock, hills, and plans, Repeat the sounding joy." Amen

### **Small Steward Bring Big Blessings Home—Notes to Family**

Why did John leap for joy? When and why do your family members leap for joy? How will the joy of Jesus be celebrated in your family this Advent and Christmas season?

Parents, it is important that your children are joy leapers as worshippers. Make Advent family devotional times a daily priority. Take your children to the special Advent and Christmas services to share their joy with others.

Carole White, District Vice-President ([carole.white@lcef.org](mailto:carole.white@lcef.org))

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# Lutheran Church Extension Fund

> upper midwest districts



## LCEF \$1,000 Scholarships Available!

Apply by Feb. 28, 2016 at [lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships](http://lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships)

Six \$1,000 LCEF upper Midwest districts scholarships will be awarded this year. Your college choice can be anywhere, as long as it is accredited. Awards are not based upon the type of degree you are pursuing. Students must be a current LCMS member of Iowa Districts East or West, Minnesota North or South, North Dakota, North or South Wisconsin.

Do not wait until the last minute to apply; a one-page essay and letters of

recommendation are required. Graduating seniors and current college students should visit [lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships](http://lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships) for qualification details and application.

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# MINISTRY IS GROWING

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**3.5%** FOR  
**35 MONTHS**

\*NEW MONEY ONLY, \$500 MINIMUM DEPOSIT

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### Investment Ownership

Choose Either A. Sole/Joint or B. Trust

**A. Sole/Joint** Must be at least 18 years old. One or more owners with full rights of survivorship and not tenants in common. Interest is reported to the IRS using the Social Security number of the first owner listed.

1.

Name	
Social Security Number	
Date of Birth	
Street	
City/State	Zip Code
Email*	
Home Phone	Mobile Phone
Name	
Social Security Number	Date of Birth
Street	
City/State	Zip Code
Email*	
Home Phone	Mobile Phone

**B. Trust** Must send LCEF Trust Certification form, available at [lcef.org](http://lcef.org) or by calling 800-843-5233.

Name of Trustee

Social Security Number/TIN

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### Investment Amount

Term Note, Fixed Rate—3.5% for 35 Months

What amount would you like to invest?  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
New money only, minimum \$500

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### Member Congregation

Of what Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation are you a member?

Your Member Congregation \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_

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### Signature

Must be signed by all owners.

By signing this application, you agree to the certification statements listed in Investment Certification, below.

Signature of Primary Owner or Trustee	Date
Mother's Maiden Name	
Signature of Joint Owner or Trustee	Date
Mother's Maiden Name	

### Investment Certification

"I" and "my" refer to all applicants, whether one or more. I am of legal age and have received a current Offering Circular of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund—Missouri Synod. Prior to receipt of the Offering Circular, I was a member of, contributor to, or participant in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or any district or other program, activity, or organization that constitutes a part of the Synod or any of its districts, or I was an ancestor, descendant, or successor in interest to such person. (For Pennsylvania residents only: By signing this application, I agree that I was advised of the right of redemption described in the Offering Circular.)

Under penalties of perjury, I certify: 1. The Social Security or Tax ID Number shown on this application is correct. 2. I am either exempt from withholding or otherwise not subject to backup withholding. The IRS has not notified me that part of my dividend and interest is to be withheld as a result of my failure to report all dividend and interest income. Please draw an "X" through this paragraph if you ARE subject to backup withholding. 3. I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

Note: Due to Internal Revenue Service regulations, LCEF cannot record your investment until your Taxpayer Identification Number is provided and the certification signed. The IRS does not require your consent to any provisions of this application other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

\***Electronic Delivery Agreement for LCEF's Offering Circular**

☐ In lieu of receiving a mailed copy of the Offering Circular, I request LCEF to send to my household, via email, notification that the Offering Circular and Annual Report are available for review on LCEF's website. I understand that I may revoke this request at any time or change the delivery address by contacting LCEF.

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### Interest Payment Options

Interest is paid quarterly

Please select only one interest payment method:  
\_\_\_\_ Let interest accumulate in this investment.  
\_\_\_\_ Transfer interest to existing LCEF investment or StewardAccount®.  
\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Transfer interest to an external financial institution. **Attach voided check.**

### ABOUT BENEFICIARIES

Ensure your assets are given to the person or ministry of your choice. To designate beneficiaries, you must complete a Beneficiary Designation Form found at [lcef.org](http://lcef.org).

# Proper Identification: Your Calling as Child

## IDE Middle School Retreat

**January 29-30, 2016**

### **Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca**

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE  
Solon, IA 52333

Who are you? Most kids would answer by stating their name. But who are you really? In relation to God, you are a child of the heavenly Father; baptized into Christ; a temple of the Holy Spirit. In relation to everyone else, you are a son or a daughter, a friend, a brother or a sister, a student, and a baptized member of the Body of Christ. During this retreat, we will explore what God's Word has to say to children regarding their life of faith toward God and love toward their neighbors. We will also learn how to confess our sins based on our station in life, and to rejoice in the word of absolution.

Rev. Paul Beisel will be teaching on vocation. Pastor Beisel is pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Iowa Falls, IA.

The retreat will take place beginning on Friday, January 29 at 7pm and going through 3 pm on Saturday. This retreat includes dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. A complete schedule can be found on the next page.

This year we are offering online registration for all youth events. Visit <http://lcmside.org/2016-middle-school-retreat> for more information and to register online. For your convenience an Online Registration Planning sheet is included in this packet. You may use this to gather information before you register online.

The registration deadline for this event is **Friday January 22**.

The cost of the Middle School Retreat is \$45. Please fill out the online registration form. If paying by check, make checks payable to "Iowa District East." On the memo line write "Middle School Retreat." And mail to the District office at: 1100 Blairs Ferry Rd, Marion, IA 52302.

### **Things to Bring**

- Bible
- Appropriate clothing and shoes for activities

### **Things Not to Bring:**

- Irreplaceable or valuable items
- iPods, mP3 players, etc.
- Extra money

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the District Office at 319-373-2112 or email [jon@lcmside.org](mailto:jon@lcmside.org).

In Christ,

Jon Kohlmeier  
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Communications/Technology Coordinator  
Iowa District East – LCMS

# Schedule

## Friday

7:00 PM	Arrive/Settle In/Register
8:00 PM	Opening Devotion & Meal Prayer (Fireside)
8:15 PM	Pizza (Dining Hall) Games (Activity Room)
9:15 PM	Session 1 (Fireside)
10:00 PM	Evening Devotion (Fireside Room) Free Time
11:00 PM	Lights Out

## Saturday

8:00 AM	Breakfast and Table Talk (Dining Room)
8:30 AM	Morning Devotion (Fireside)
8:45 AM	Session 2 (Fireside)
9:30 AM	Free Time
10:00 AM	Session 3 (Fireside)
10:45 AM	Broomball
11:45 AM	Review Session & Devotion
12:00 PM	Lunch and Cleanup (Dining Room)
1:00 PM	Sno-Olympics
3:30 PM	Awards
3:45 PM	Depart

## Iowa District East Youth Event Health Form/Release

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Names \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### If not available in an emergency, notify:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Dentist \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Name of Family Medical/Hospital Insurance:

Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Phone # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Insured's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Activity Restrictions by parent's/physician's advice: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other information: \_\_\_\_\_

### Allergies:

_____ Hay	_____ Poison	_____ Insect	_____ Asthma	_____ Foods
_____ Fever	_____ Ivy	_____ Stings	_____ Other	
_____ Peanut	_____ Nuts	_____ Penicillin	_____ Drugs	
_____ Butter				

Medications brought to event \_\_\_\_\_ Notes on giving \_\_\_\_\_

Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, antacids, anti-diarrhea medication and first aid MAY / MAY NOT (circle one) be administered to my child, as needed, by designated chaperones.

Special Considerations? \_\_\_\_\_

### Authorizations / Release:

This health history is correct so far as I know and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed event activities except as noted above. I also give permission to the event coordinator or chaperone to order x-rays, routine tests and treatment. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the event coordinator to transport, hospitalize and secure proper treatment, order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# IDE Youth Event

## Online Registration Planning Sheet

Name	Email	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Gender	Age	Church	Registrant Type
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For current events visit: <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/iowa-district-east-lcms-6137224941>.

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