



Professional Worker's Packet

Iowa District East—LCMS February 2016

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The Professional Packet is Iowa District East's monthly newsletter sharing updates on vacancies, upcoming events, and district news.

The deadline for content that you would like included in the March 2016 issue is **February 15**. Content can be submitted anytime before then by emailing it to jon@lcmside.org.

President's Piece for Peace

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders

February 2016

Blessed New Year to all of you. I pray the Lord of time and eternity grant you wisdom and joy as you carry out the vocations He has afforded you through His church. We enter the year of 2016 the same way we concluded 2015. We have been and are those who fall at the feet of Christ and cry with our 1st century brother "Lord be merciful to me for I am a sinner." While the penitent cry rises like the incense of the evening sacrifice, our ears are opened by the Holy Spirit to hear and receive the Holy and precious Word of God. His Word is true and everlasting as it says "the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses you from all your sins." This Divine Gift is ours in 2016 as it is ours throughout our journey this side of heaven.

2016 is also a unique year in that America will be holding a national election. The once every four year extravaganza is once again upon us. After traveling to many countries in this world I have come to greatly appreciate the freedoms we enjoy in the U.S.A. Not the least of these is the right to vote for the leadership of our country as well as local government. It is a blessing from God and a right as a citizen of this nation.

Being a political year I only offer this advice for the sake of a friendly reminder. Citizenship in this nation is a privilege while citizenship in the Kingdom of God is an act of His grace. Luther wisely laid out for us the distinction between the three estates. He labeled them the estate of the church, home, and the state. A Christian is a participant in all three at the same time. That being the case it is important to be able to understand the distinction between them.

From the perspective of the Church Worker it is important to maintain the pulpit and the teaching easel as the place where the Law and the Gospel are proclaimed. In other words, proclamation of the Word is not a time to announce which political candidate members of the church should be voting for. When the text speaks to any issue, that issue should be in the sermon or instruction. Matters of life, love, marriage, purity, and etc. are clearly addressed in the Word. Proclaim them and teach them with the authority God allows. Which particular candidates to support or vote for is not in the Word.

When we proclaim and teach the Council of God rightly dividing the Word of Truth we shape and form the conscience of our members so they can make their own decisions when it comes to the voting booth. Your membership may have affiliation with many different political parties and may vote as they choose, or choose not to vote at all. That decision is theirs and theirs alone.

Bible classes are the most vulnerable time for comments to arise about politics. That can come from the class without your expecting it. You may politely recognize the comment but redirect the attention back to the Word and let Christ speak from the text under study. Issues of social ethics can still be studied and discussed without attaching the topic to a person or party. With the vast media coverage of political candidates our church members know who stands for what or can be encouraged to find this out before they go to the poles.

This side of heaven the law must have its God given place for the sake of decency and good order in society. This, however, is not a replacement for the Gospel to be preached and taught in the portion of the Kingdom God has called you. Remember Paul's words in Romans "I am not ashamed of the Gospel for it is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe it: first for the Jew and then for the Gentile." You can trust the Gospel to do what it promises. In the middle circle on the gym floor at the seminary in Ft. Wayne are the words *κηρυξον τον λογον* which means Preach the Word. That is what we have been given the real privilege to do for the sake of a people who live in a nation that Christ redeemed that they may live in His Kingdom forever.

God bless you all.

President Saunders

Calendar of Events

January 2016

29-30

SOLON

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

February

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MARION

**Missions Committee
9:30am
District Office**

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MARION

**Youth Committee
5:30pm
District Office**

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MARION

**LWML Board Meeting
District Office**

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MT. VERNON

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

March

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CEDAR RAPIDS

**LLL Convention
10:00am
King of Kings**

Save the Dates

February 2016

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

Speaker: Cynthia Khan from People of the Book Lutheran Outreach

King of Kings Lutheran Church

Spring Church Workers Conference April 11—12, 2016

Speaker: Rev. Dr. James A. Baneck, North Dakota District President

The Christological Nature of Preaching

Zion Lutheran Church
201 1st Ave
Hiawatha, IA 52233

LWML Iowa East District Convention June 17-18, 2016

God's Plan of Salvation (Jeremiah 29:11)

William Penn University
Oskaloosa, IA

Vacancy Updates

February 2016

Calling Congregations:

New Hope, Charles City—Clarke Frederick (vacancy pastor)
Immanuel, Davenport—Peter Mueller/David Anderson (vacancy pastors)
Risen Christ, Davenport—Associate Pastor vacant.
Trinity, Davenport—Associate Pastor of Worship
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

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

2015 Directory Updates

February 2016

| Page | Name | Change |
|-------------|------------------|---|
| 15 | Killian | Address: 3220 West Ridge Dr, Waterloo, IA 50701 Cell: 319-369-0336 |
| 25 | Boyce, Bruce | Cell: 319-242-2129 H: 319-332-1303 (no answering machine) |
| 27 | Mueller, Howard | New Email: howardwueller3@gmail.com |
| 27 | Mueller, Gilbert | Change city to Bettendorf (from Davenport). |
| 29 | Andersen, Mark | Email: maandrsn@frontier.com Address: 501 1st Street E Lyndon, IL 61261 |
| 31 | Bettendorf | Pastor Goldberger email: pastorjackoslc@mediacombb.net |
| 57 | L'Heureux, Brian | Email: brian.lheureux@vlscrusaders.org |
| 60 | School email | school@trinitycr.org |
| 67 | Bettendorf | Email: oslpdir@mediacombb.net |

If you have changes to the Fall 2015 Directory please email them to jon@lcmside.org.

Things to Share

February 2016

Congregational Statistics

Keep your eyes open for the 2015 Congregational Statistic Report which will be sent to you the first week of February. Rosters will send out “Log In” information for the congregation to submit their statistics electronically. They need these completed by February 29th.

ILSTO Update

We are pleased to announce that in 2015 the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) reached its goal and raised over \$790,000 for tuition assistance. Because of your support, families and students will receive financial help to attend Lutheran elementary and secondary schools in Iowa for the 2016-2017 school year. Our goal for 2016 will increase to \$822,535. Thank you for your generosity and your part in the Lord's work.
Dewey Torkelson (ILSTO program manager)

Living in the New Year and in the New Life!

February 2016

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

2016 has arrived and the weather has turned cold for a few days. It has caused us to bundle up a bit more and use a little more common sense as we travel about. The Old Testament lesson for the Baptism of our Lord was from Isaiah 43:1-7. The prophet introduces us to water in v. 2: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you." For most of us when we think of water we might be led right back to the water and Word of our Baptism.

Isaiah 43:8 states: "Bring out the people who are blind, even though they have eyes, and the deaf, even though they have ears." As I thought about that the words found in the catechism under the Third Article came to mind: "I am by nature spiritually blind, dead, and an enemy of God." Those are hard words for people to put their arms around. You might hear things like "You are really condemning people with those words." You may hear the notion expressed that there is "some good" in everyone. Have we lost sight of the fallenness of mankind and the need for repentance and for Christ Jesus? Just as the cold temps harden the lakes and ponds so also unrepentant hearts harden toward God and neighbor.

Some people will admit they have sinned but then they will hand you their bag of good deeds to cancel out the sin and even the score. Isaiah 64:6 declares: "For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities like the wind, take us away." Why would anyone want to claim a filthy garment instead of the perfect merits and holiness and righteousness of Christ Jesus?

Sometimes Pastors and churches can be guilty of trying to "coddle" that which needs to be killed by the Law. We can also be guilty of trying to "reform" that which needs to be put to death by the Law. As we can see above we have nothing to present to God that would make us righteous in His sight. Paul said: "nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified." Galatians 2:16.

Isaiah declares in v. 1: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you." In the Word we meet Jesus and His perfect life and His complete work and what He has done for our salvation. We receive cleansing through His shed blood and have our sins forgiven because He laid down His perfect life for us on the cross and took it up again in His resurrection. In our baptism He says to us: "I have called you by name; you are Mine!" We have been splashed with His blood, cleansed of our sins, and taken out of the waters and placed in safe ark of His body called the holy Christian Church.

Our eyes and hearts have been opened. We now see and hear and confess as Paul wrote: "that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." Romans 10:9-10.

We have moved from death to life, from being an enemy of God to being at peace with God. For Christ is the one who has made peace as Paul declares: "and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross." Colossians 1:20. In and through Christ Jesus we truly can live in this New Year and from a new life which we have been given in Christ Jesus. We demonstrate that in mercy and service toward our neighbor.

Capital Campaign Update



Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Luke 24:46-47

Capital Campaign (Update: 1-5-16)

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: \$ 550,834
Gifts promised in next 1-7 years: \$ 37,375

Total to Date: \$ 588,209

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

Business Office Page

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



***** 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!

Flu Prevention

planning ahead // Ellen Wade on Thursday January 14, 2016

We've all been there. Aches and pains, sneezing, coughing, runny nose, upset stomach, fever. These are all classic symptoms of the flu. While most people who come down with the flu will recover in a few days, the virus does have the potential to be life threatening, making it important to prevent the illness before you catch it.



While winter is the most common time to catch the flu, it can actually strike any time of year. To help protect yourself, your family and those around you, the CDC recommends taking the following precautions:

Get an annual flu shot.

The CDC suggests that receiving the annual flu shot is the most important step in protecting against the flu virus. The vaccine protects against what has been determined as the most common flu virus strains for that year, and can help limit flu illness. The CDC encourages anyone six months and older to receive the flu shot, but especially those 65 and over, those with chronic health conditions, those who are pregnant, young children, health care professionals and those who work with children under six months of age.

Prevent the spread of germs.

Preventing the spread of germs goes a long way to helping keep others safe from many illnesses, not just the flu. They may seem like no brainers, but many of us often forget to follow them when we are sick. If you are sick, stay home, and limit your contact with others. If you are sick with flu-like symptoms, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone, unless you are receiving medical care. Likewise, limit your interaction with those who are showing symptoms of being ill. Additionally, when you cough and sneeze, cover your nose and mouth, and wash your hands often. And, disinfect surfaces that are potentially contaminated with germs, including work surfaces, toys, handles and any other surface that people touch often.

Take an antiviral medication.

If your doctor prescribes an antiviral medication to help treat your illness, take it as prescribed. These types of medications often work best if taken within two days of getting ill, and can help shorten the length of time you are sick. Getting the flu is not fun. Help limit your chances of getting yourself or anyone around you ill by following these tips.

Source: [CDC](#)

Submitted by the Iowa District East Parish Nurse Rep, Ronda Anderson RN,
nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com

Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course



April 5, 2016: 4:30-8:30 p.m.; April 7, 2016: 4:30-8:30 p.m.
April 9, 2016: 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; April 19, 2016 4:30-8:30 p.m.;
April 21, 2016 4:30-8:30 p.m.; April 23, 2016: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location: Mercy Medical Center, Education Room B
Basement Level – 701 10th St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

PURPOSE:

Faith community nursing (also called parish nursing) is a recognized specialty practice that combines professional nursing and health ministry. Faith community nursing emphasizes health and healing within a faith community. This course will provide the basic preparation for the nurse interested in practicing in the faith community nurse role in her/his faith community. The Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Curriculum course is based on the curriculum developed through the International Parish Nurse Resource Center, which curriculum is owned by Church Health Center of Memphis, Inc., 1210 Peabody Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104.

OBJECTIVES:

- Describe how the history and philosophy of healthcare and nursing provides a spiritual foundation for parish nursing.
- Describe the roles of faith community in promoting health, healing, and wholeness.
- Identify ethical issues in parish nursing practice.
- Discuss the importance of documentation including legal responsibilities.
- Describe professional boundaries and the need to establish them.
- Discuss communication techniques, including characteristics of active listening and therapeutic communication.
- Describe transforming life issues of family violence, suffering, grief and loss.
- Identify how to access resources for individual and families in the faith community.
- Discuss the role of health advocate within the context of parish nursing.
- Explore the need for interdisciplinary collaboration among health care providers.

FACULTY:

Ronda Anderson, RN, Parish Nurse, Bethany Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids

Elaine Boes, RN, BSN, NE-C, Parish Nurse, St. Wenceslaus Church, Cedar Rapids

Melissa Cullum, RN, MSN, MBA, Faculty Affiliate, IPNRC

Additional faculty from the community as appropriate for the different subject matter covered.

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

35.7 contact hours of nursing continuing education credit will be awarded for attending all classes for the course. Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is IBN Provider #57. No partial credit will be given.

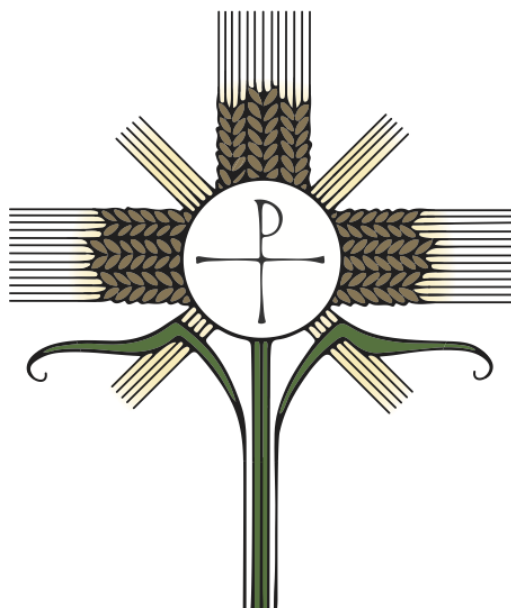
REGISTRATION FEE:

Course registration fee is \$100 which includes all learning materials, food, refreshments, and continuing education credit. Registration is open through March 16, 2016.

For questions or to register, please call Melissa Cullum, Manager of Community Benefit and Mission Outreach Ministries at Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at 319-221-8568 or email at mcullum@mercy.org.

Sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa





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. 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.

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

Hospital Chaplaincy

February 2016

Dear Brothers,

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics is a Level One Trauma Hospital located in Iowa City. 80% of the people admitted to the hospital come from other hospitals that cannot help them or they come to the Emergency Room from the scene of an accident. Obviously this is a critical and scary time for patients and their families and they are in great need of spiritual care. The reality is that most patients leave the UI Hospital either cured to some extent or they die.

Iowa District East provides a part time LCMS chaplain to visit your members in your stead to provide spiritual care when you are not able to.

Up until now the Hospital has provided me with a list of people who register their religious preference as being LCMS. However due to HIPPA laws this may be changing in the very near future and I will no longer have access to the list of LCMS patients.

This means I won't know your member is there and I cannot provide spiritual care to your member and their families as truly and rightly expressed in our Lutheran Confessions unless you contact me and tell me your member is there. Once I visit the patient and the patient gives me permission to share information with you, I will keep you informed about what is going on, keeping you in the loop.

Another way is to inform your members that they will be questioned by the nurse during the intake interview once they reach their room. She will ask if they have a religious preference. Instruct your members to answer their preference is Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The nurse will then ask if they would like to see the LCMS Chaplain and instruct them to answer yes. The hospital will then notify me they are there and desire a visit.

If they don't specify that they are Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, they will be visited by a hospital staff chaplain, the majority of which are women from other denominations or even non-denominational churches.

The best way to contact me is by email at: ideuichaplain@live.com. My phone number is 319-558-9083, but I will ask you to also email me the information as I am seldom in a position to write down the information you share with me.

I look forward to visiting your members in your stead and working with you to provide them with the spiritual care they need at this critical point in their lives.

In Christ,

Rev. Michael Musick
LCMS Chaplain – University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics
Iowa City, Iowa

Your Congregation's Old Facilities

If you attended the 2015 IDE Convention in Cedar Rapids, you probably took a few moments to stop by the IDE Archive table in the Exhibition Room to view a slide presentation of the Exterior and Sanctuary of each of our District Congregations. It took your archivist most of three years to get all those pictures collected from the various congregations. A couple never responded.

So, plans are in the making for an Archives Presentation for the 2018 District Convention. We are assuming it will again take three years to get everyone on board and respond to the request. That is why this is coming to you at this time.

What the Archivist is looking for:

1. Present your Archivist with a picture of all church buildings your congregation worshipped in up to, but not including, the present building.
2. Present your Archivist with a picture of every parsonage building your congregation made available to the pastor from day one up to today.
3. Present your Archivist with a picture of every school building your congregation may have used in its ministry.

Format of the Photos:

1. Black and white photos are preferred
2. Have someone in your congregation put the photos into a JPEG (JPG) format
3. Try to make the photo at least 100-200 KB in size (if larger, that is even better).

Sending Directions:

1. Send the photos as an attachment to an e-mail
2. Send them to the Archivist at: onaission1939@gmail.com
3. Let the **SUBJECT TITLE** of your e-mail look like this:
Subject: Old Photos (Name of your congregation) plus (Location of congregation)
(example: **Old Photos King of Kings-Cedar Rapids.** Do not mess with adding "Lutheran Church" which will only lengthen the subject title.)

And now the waiting game begins as we look forward to, Lord-willing, an IDE Archives presentation at the Convention in 2018.

In Christ Jesus,

Allen Konrad.....><
IDE Archivist
November, 2015

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



January 2016

IDE Middle School Retreat - Jan 29-30

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.



Summer Camp Registration NOW OPEN!

**“Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”
John 8:58**

Registration for our 2016 summer camp program “I AM” is now open! You can register by going to Camp’s website at www.campiodiseca.org to register online or to download and mail in a completed registration form.

Join us this summer as we learn about Jesus and what it means when he says, “I am..” the Bread of Life, the Good Shepherd, the Light of the World, the Resurrection and the Life, and more!



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 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 for more information or to receive an application.

3271 Sandy Beach Road NE, Solon, IA 52333

phone 319.848.4187

web www.campiodiseca.org

email 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 2015, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca received \$18,294 in Thrivent Choice contributions! Thank you donors for making this program a success for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Will you help make 2016 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!



THRIVENT
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Needs List

4WD pickup truck; Tractor; 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.

Important Dates

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

June 15
Summer Camp Begins

July 30
Summerfest Auction

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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web www.campiodiseca.org

email camp@campiodiseca.org

IOWA EAST & WEST LCEF



For more information on LCEF loans, investments, and services, please contact:

Carole L. White LCEF V.P. Iowa East & West 1150 Home Park Blvd #7 Waterloo, IA 50702

Toll Free Phone: 1-877-439-5233 carole.white@lcef.org



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For current rates visit lcef.org



Lutheran Church Extension Fund > where investments build ministry

Y.I. Club Where Saving Money is Fun . . . and Helps Others Learn About Jesus



Sharing time with close friends and family is a valuable gift. Make the time you spend with the special young people in your life memorable and fun. Because good stewardship begins with small steps ... and a good role model. Help the young people in your life experience the joy of investing for the future while empowering ministry through the Young Investors (Y.I.) Club.

Investments through LCEF's Y.I. Club mean more. Invested funds make loans and services possible, which help keep ministries vibrant and reaching out with the Gospel. LCEF understands ministries and their unique financial needs.

Explore yiclub.lcef.org, LCEF's website for toddlers, tweens and teens, playing fun and educational games, and learning stewardship concepts.

Congratulations Paige Licht, the 2015 Iowa Districts East and West Lutheran Church Extension

2015 Scholarship awarded

Fund (LCEF) \$1,000 Scholarship award winner. Paige is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll, Iowa and the daughter of Rev. Brian and Lynette Licht.



On January 3, 2016 Carole White, LCEF vice president serving Iowa East and West, presented Paige the scholarship in front of her home congregation.

In her application essay, Paige wrote the following:

"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce." Proverbs 3:9. The Lutheran Church Extension Fund provides members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod the opportunity to do as this bible verse teaches. In doing so, LCEF is not only changing the lives of the church workers, congregations, schools, organizations, and businesses it supports, but also the lives of its investors. LCEF allows investors to honor the Lord by giving them the opportunity to be a part of supporting the earthly Church with their wealth."

LCEF is blessed to have the funds available to support our youth as they pursue post-secondary education. It is our prayer that they are equipped to become strong, Christian leaders as adults.

The deadline to apply for this year's Iowa LCEF scholarship is February 28, 2016. For details and the online application go to <http://lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships>.

LCEF is a nonprofit religious organization, therefore, LCEF investments are not FDIC-insured bank deposit accounts. This is not an offer to sell investments, nor a solicitation to buy. LCEF will offer and sell its securities only in states where authorized. The offer is made solely by LCEF's Offering Circular. Investors should carefully read the Offering Circular, which more fully describes associated risks. StewardAccount access features are offered through UMB Bank, n.a.



Lutheran Church Extension Fund

> upper midwest districts



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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 for qualification details and application.

Who wins? Want timely updates on deadlines? Like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/LCEFuppermidwest](https://www.facebook.com/LCEFuppermidwest) or follow our tweets @LCEFMariaH. Questions? Contact Maria. Hendrickson@lcef.org.

LFCU NEWS

“Countless Blessings, Joyful Sharing”

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Who We Are:

Lutheran Federal Credit Union (LFCU) serves members within the LCMS community along with its congregations and entities nationwide.

What We Do For The LCMS

We connect the LCMS community together through modern mainstream banking which allows you to replace your secular provider. By actively using our products and services, it enables LFCU to provide lending opportunities to others in the LCMS community, plus it allows us to provide sponsorship dollars to LCMS ministries.

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LFCU offers free checking accounts, free savings accounts, free debit cards, and low cost ministry credit cards (no personal guarantees required) for your congregation business accounts. Plus, we offer all the conveniences of free online banking, free mobile banking, and Shared Branch access.

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-Congregation Member, NE

Apply at:

www.lutheranfcu.org

Click “Open an Account”

314.394.2790

Contact Us At:

Lutheran Federal Credit Union
10733 Sunset Office Dr. Suite 406
St. Louis, MO 63127
operations@lutheranfcu.org



1 January 2016

Dear Pastor,

My name is Nancy McHone. I am the LWML Iowa East District Heart to Heart District Leader. I'd like to share information with you about the Heart to Heart Sisters program.

The purpose of the Heart to Heart (H2H) Sisters program is to "motivate, equip, challenge, and ensure opportunities for women of diverse ethnic groups to serve the church, participate in the LWML, witness to the world, and grow in relationships as sisters in Christ." Often times ethnic women are new to our congregations and, because of language barriers, may be isolated from women in the rest of the church body.

I was honored to be chosen by our IED LWML Board of Directors to be part of the District Leader and Sister Training at the 2015 Des Moines LWML Convention. The training concentrated on Bible studies stressing 'Awareness' of attitudes toward interactions with other cultures and 'Action' in recognizing the value of cultures around us.

I have contacted our LWML Zone presidents and offered myself as possible program for their societies to expand the awareness and, prayerfully, involvement in the H2H program. .

I am asking for your assistance in recognizing and locating ethnic groups within our Iowa District East. Any help you could give me in this area would be most appreciated. I can be reached at any of the numbers listed below.

Thank you for your time. God bless your ministry.

Joy in His Service,

Nancy McHone
nlmchone@gmail.com
319-296-3442





Lutherans
For Life

Essay Contest
2016

CONTEST on SANCTITY of LIFE

For students in Grades 6 through 12

(Any Lutheran student or student in a Lutheran school)

Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents, Lutherans For Life

Contest Guidelines:

1. Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the 2016 Conference theme: **Here We Stand** and Ephesians 6:13 *“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.”*
2. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are: abortion, the handicapped, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician assisted suicide or euthanasia.
3. Essays should include student’s name, grade (Identify school or church) and email address. If entries are submitted by a teacher or pastor, please include their name and email address. This information should be submitted on the title page. All sources for references, statistics and quotes should be incorporated within the essay and then included in a bibliography at the end.

Grades 6 - 8 should submit essays up to 400 words

Grades 9 - 12 should submit essays up to 750 words

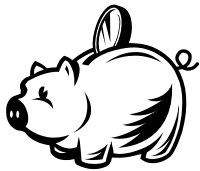
4. Entries first should be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word to your State LFL Federation by February 29, 2016. Send State entries to: Sherry Johnson at Johnsos8@mediacombb.net
5. One winner in each grade division in the state of Iowa will be awarded \$100.00 by Lutherans For Life of Iowa.
6. Winning state entries (one from Grades 6-8 and one from Grades 9-12) from each State Federation should be submitted digitally by May 1, 2016.
7. Grand Prize for national winning entry at each level: \$250 plus free conference registration to the October 21 - 22, 2016 LFL Conference at St. Michael’s Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Minnesota and 2 hotel nights at the conference hotel (depending on travel distance).
8. All entries become the property of Lutherans For Life.
9. For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see: lutheransforlife.org

Pennies For Life



Life is a precious gift!

In gratitude to God
and as a way of
helping the ministry of
Lutherans For Life of Iowa,
please give a penny for
each year of your life!



It's easy!

Just drop your pennies of gratitude into
the "Pennies For Life" container. A check
for the total amount will be sent to
Lutherans For Life of Iowa.

Your pennies will help:

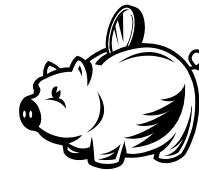
- support Iowa caring pregnancy centers
- share the For Life message with schools
and congregations in Iowa, and
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When it's full,

a check for the total amount will be sent to Lutherans For Life of Iowa to help with educational projects and outreach.



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Lutherans For Life of Iowa
www.lutheransforlifeofiowa.org

ISLAM AND YOU

All Christians are invited to attend the 73rd Annual Iowa District East Lutheran Laymen's League Convention to hear Cynthia Khan share her knowledge of ISLAM. Cynthia lives in Detroit, MI, a city with a large Muslim population. She has firsthand experience with the Muslim community and is a director at POBLO, People of the Book Lutheran Outreach. Her husband is a former Muslim. She will speak on the methods used to share the truth of the Christian faith, and what challenges face Christian families, the church and society as we see an ever growing number in our midst. Cedar Rapids is the home of one of the first mosques in the U.S. and has had a Muslim population since the early 1900s.



The convention will be held at **King of Kings Lutheran Church, 3275 N. Center Point Road, Cedar Rapids, IA 52411** on **Saturday, March 12, 2016**. Sign-in begins at 9:00 AM; convention starts at 10:00 AM and will conclude about 4:00 PM.

A noon meal will be served. Registration is \$20 in advance or \$23 at the door.

Please register by March 5th to allow for meal planning. Please contact Dick Hoelz for reservations by mail, e-mail, or phone.

Dick Hoelz, 3519 Heatheridge Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402,
rahoelz@imonmail.com or (319) 363-1214.

The speaker has requested that only Christians be invited to the event.

Yes, we will be attending the LLL Convention on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at King of Kings Lutheran Church. Registration is \$20 and includes a noon meal, and morning and afternoon snacks.

Make checks payable to IDE LLL.

Name(s)

Number Attending ____

Address

Phone _____

IOWA DISTRICT EAST SPRING WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Zion Lutheran Church, 201 1st Ave | Hiawatha, IA 52233

April 11-12, 2016

Topic: The Christological Nature of Preaching

Presenter: Rev. Dr. James Baneck
President, North Dakota District

Registration Fee: (Includes meal Tuesday and breaks)

\$ 55.00 - Pastors, Vicars, DCEs, Deaconesses and other church workers

\$ 25.00 - Wives, Emeriti

Housing (you are responsible for making your own reservation)

Days Inn & Suite, Cedar Rapids

Phone: 319/378-3948

2215 Blairs Ferry Road NE

Cedar Rapids, IA 52404-7031

IDE Spring Conference Rate: \$65.41 plus tax.

Make your motel reservation by March 25,
2016.

Tentative Schedule

Monday, April 11

12:00 – 12:50 Registration
1:00 Opening Worship
2:00 Session 1
3:15 Break
3:45 Session 2
5:00 Closing Devotions
Supper on your own

Evening Free

Tuesday, April 12

8:30 Opening Devotions
9:00 Session 3
10:00 Break
10:30 Session 4
11:45 Break for Setup
12:00 Lunch Break at Zion
1:15 Session 5
2:15 President's Report / District Q&A
3:15 Break
3:30 Session 6 (wrap up)
4:00 Itinerarium

Directions to Zion Lutheran Church

I-380 to Exit 24B. Turn East on Blairs Ferry Rd. Turn left onto Center Point Rd. Turn left onto W Willman Street. Zion will be on the left.

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Register online at <http://lcmside.org>.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____ (if Attending)

Congregation/City: _____

Fees:

Conference Fees

Pastors, Vicars (\$55) \$ _____

DCEs, Deaconesses and other church workers

Wives, Emeriti (\$25) \$ _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

**If paying by check make checks payable and
mail to:**

Iowa District East
1100 Blairs Ferry Road
Marion, IA 52302-3093

Memo: *Spring Worker's Conference*

Registration Deadline: **March 28, 2016**