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

President's Piece for Peace

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders

August 2016

On July 9–14, The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod met in convention in Milwaukee. As conventions go, I am more of one who endures them rather than looks forward to them. With that said I will say that this convention was probably the most productive and fruitful convention I have ever participated in. The topics of discussion and resolution were theological in nature and practical in application. There were 18 floor committees so that each committee could work with fewer resolutions allowing for more precise and accurate material. Over all I was very impressed by the presentations, floor discussions of the delegates, and general direction of the Synod on theological matters.

Conventions are divided into three categories. The three are elections, essayists, and resolutions. As far as elections were concerned, the entire presidium was re-elected. I have worked with these men for many years now and find them to be very qualified. They each possess great theological wisdom with compassionate hearts for Christ and His Gospel to be preached to the world. The new Secretary of Synod (Ray Hartwig is retiring) is John Sias from Montana. He is a skilled young man in theology and the handbook. I think he will fill this position very well.

The essayists all worked with the theme "Upon this Rock". The speakers were from inside and from outside of our Synod. One of them was a Roman Catholic who spoke about the social and political decay of our nation. He was very interesting and invoked the Church to stand on Christ the Rock on more than one occasion. Over all I was pleased with the essays and learned from them.

The resolutions of any convention are always interesting and at times can be a bit contentious. The tenor of the discussions was quite civil—even in the midst of contrary views. Emotions were kept in check for the most part as biblical theology oversaw the rational and reason for supporting or not supporting a particular resolution. The Office of the Ministry received a great deal of discussion and was overwhelmingly supported by the assembly. Divine Service, liturgy, preaching, hymnody, the Lord's Supper, and good order in the Church were discussed. Again, by large margins, the assembly voted for continuity, consistency, and confessional standards to govern the worship of Christ by His Church.

As optimistic as I am about the Synod in convention, it by no means indicates that our work is going to be any easier. If one message came through loud and clear it was that the society in which we live is no longer tolerant of Christianity. In fact, it is increasingly anti-Christian. Our only hope remains where it always has been. It is in Christ Jesus, the Solid Rock upon which we stand, that the wind and waves of persecution will not overcome us. The gates of hell will not and cannot prevail against Christ and His Church.

The direction and wisdom that came from this convention places us upon the ramparts of He who did everything necessary to secure our salvation. Just as His suffering and death was followed by the glorious resurrection, our lives are buried with Him in baptism only to be raised again to a new life that stands secure by faith in He who defeated sin, death, and the devil. As conventions of Synod go, I was blessed to have attended and participated. I pray the fruits of this labor will manifest faithfulness to God's Word and fidelity to the Lutheran Confessions. Therein is our hope and stay. Upon this Rock we shall stand. Upon this Rock we are secure unto eternal life.

President Saunders.

Calendar of Events

August		
11	Des Moines	Principal's Meeting
13	Marion	LWML Board Meeting District Office
Septembe	er	
5		Labor Day District Office Closed
8	Marion	Missions Committee 9:30AM District Office
22	Marion	Worship Committee 09:00AM District Office
		District Office
October		District Office
October 1	CHARLES CITY	New Hope Dedication 6:00pm New Hope
October 1 7-8	CHARLES CITY Solon	New Hope Dedication 6:00pm
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1 7-8	Solon	New Hope Dedication 6:00pm New Hope Confirmation Retreat Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Office Committee 1:00pm

Professional Worker Packet—Iowa District East

Save the Dates August 2016

Fall Pastors' Conference October 3-4, 2016

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Solon, IA

Confirmation Retreat October 7-8, 2016

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Solon, IA

Pastors Wives' Retreat October 14-15, 2016

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Solon, IA

Vacancy Updates August 2016

Calling Congregations:

New Hope, Charles City—Clarke Frederick (vacancy pastor) Trinity, Davenport—Senior Pastor Calvary, Deep River—Stuart Rethwisch (vacancy pastor) Immanuel, Grinnell—Fred Berry (vacancy pastor) St. Paul, Luzerne—David Lingard (vacancy pastor) Messiah, Mason City—Clarke Frederick (vacancy pastor) Trinity, Millersburg—Gary Sears (vacancy pastor) St. Matthews, Sherrill—Kris Kincaid (vacancy pastor) Faith, Waterloo—John Wegener (vacancy pastor) St. John, Waverly—Keith Brustuen (vacancy pastor)

Pastors Call Update:

Accepted: Edward Killian, Waterloo to Mr. Calvary, Beverly Hills, CA Matthew Versemann, Waverly to Trinity, Decatur, IL

Pending:

Declined:

DCE/School/Teacher Update

- Vacancies: Trinity, Davenport—Teacher
- Accepted: Jessica Dvorak, CUNE to Concordia, CR, DCE Laura Kester, CU St. Paul to Dubuque Lutheran School Rachel Wegener, CUC to Valley, Cedar Falls

Etched Upon the Heart August 2016

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

A number of years ago my oldest daughter gave me a coffee mug from a school that I have a degree from. The schools' insignia was printed on the cup. Over the years the dishwasher has begun to wear the insignia off of the mug. Compare that cup with crystal glassware where an insignia is etched. The former so often fades while the etched will endure for a long time.

It reminded me of the words of the hymn, "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" (LSB 422). Johann Heermann wrote:

"On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace, That life's riches, cares, and pleasures, Never may Your work erase; Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me, Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!"

That is what the Liturgy of the Church does for us as well. Standing at the altar of St. Paul's Chapel in Iowa City I found myself singing the liturgy from DS III which I had learned as a child from TLH. It was imprinted upon my heart. That is precisely what the liturgy can and does do for the believer.

There is little learned, nothing kept, and nothing etched upon the heart in the big-screen settings in some churches. When things change week after week little is learned and taken to heart, is anything even remembered? Children are lucky if they even learn the Lord's Prayer yet alone what Christ Jesus has done for them and what He gives them in the liturgy.

Why churches have deserted the liturgy is beyond me. Praise songs teach very little and in some cases are filled with false doctrine. Edward Mote wrote:

"My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand." - LSB 575.:1

That solid rock comes to us in the liturgy. What comfort that liturgy gives to someone who is on their deathbed. It speaks of Christ and it bespeaks us righteous. Mote wrote:

"When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil." - LSB 575:2

What a joy and privilege it is be anchored to Christ Jesus. What a joy to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament each Lord's Day in the Divine Service. Nikolai Grundvig wrote:

"Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us. The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us. Here the sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same, And evermore, our Redeemer.

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing, Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing; "I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see. My peace I leave with you. Amen." LSB 645:4-5.

I thank God that the liturgy has been firmly etched upon my heart. I thank God that I can come to the Divine Service and receive Christ's gifts of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, as those gifts are from Christ Jesus Himself.

Capital Campaign Update



Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Luke 24:46-47

Capital Campaign (Update: 7-7-16)

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: \$ 597,906 Gifts promised in next 1-7 years: \$ 31,850

Total to Date: \$ 629,756

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



O Taste and See...

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. John 6:51

What's your favorite "junk" food? True confession. There are some kinds of junk food I like and some I don't. One of my favorites is potato chips - the kettle cooked variety because they are crunchier. What I really like to do is dig in the bag for the chips that are curled over because they are even crunchier!



At the other end of the food spectrum is health food. This is food that helps us get and stay healthy like fruits, vegetables, and whole grains just to name a few. We know that eating the right kind of foods is supposed to help us grow, stay fit, and feel better as long as we follow the recommended guidelines.

As Christians, we know that in order to be spiritually healthy we need to eat the right spiritual food. John tells us that Jesus is that "living bread" that has come down from heaven. Teachers and students in our Lutheran schools and preschools "taste and see" the love and forgiveness that has come to us through the gift of God's Son every day.

In our Lutheran schools and preschools, our teachers get to teach our students that Jesus comes to us through baptism, Holy Communion, and the Bible. Classroom devotions, religion classes, chapels, and prayers are some of the wonderful ways in which Jesus comes to us through His Word. Math, science, and social studies classes also give teachers the opportunity to help students grow spiritually fit as they learn how Christ is present in these subjects as well. Lutheran schools and preschools also equip and fortify students so they are excited to share the Christ with others, too. Each day in a Lutheran school is like a smorgasbord of opportunities to learn and grow as believers in Christ.

Having the opportunity to hear about Jesus everyday is a blessing and not to be taken for granted. Even in Lutheran schools and preschools, Satan is hard at work tempting us to turn from Him and making or replacing it with something else more important. Sometimes that silver platter of sin and doubt can look mighty tempting. Selfish attitudes, bullying, tempers, dishonesty, and a financial commitment are just some of the meal replacements Satan uses to feed on the junk food of sin. Eating this kind of food might be enjoyable for awhile, but it will not help us be spiritually fit. Nor will it result in the heavenly feast that will one day be ours in heaven which Christ won for us by his death and resurrection. Teachers in Lutheran schools and preschools have the opportunity and responsibility to work with students in love and forgiveness with the proper balance of Law and Gospel.



A new school year is about to start! A feast of opportunities to taste and see that the Lord is good awaits each teacher and student. May each of us feed upon the Bread of Life this school year and beyond until we celebrate the feast of victory that awaits all believers in heaven.

> Jan Doellinger Assistant to the President = Schools

2016—2017 IDE Youth Retreats

Confirmation Retreat

October 7-8, 2016

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Senior High Retreat

November 18-19, 2016

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Middle School Retreat

February 3-4, 2016

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca





July 2016

<u>SUMMERFEST AUCTION</u> <u>1 Mile/5K Scholarship Runs - July 30!</u>



On **Saturday**, **July 30** Camp held it's annual Summerfest fundraiser auction. Quilts and other fine craft items were donated and auctioned off for the benefit of the camp. Past festivals have brought in over \$10,000 for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca.

Beginning at 10AM Camp hosted the 1-mile and 5-K fun runs for kids and adults. The top three placers in each event received 2017 camp scholarships! Activities such as the climbing wall, archery, horseback rides, and swimming were available before the auction.

RAGBRAI & TEAM IO-DIS-E-CA

Norvin Hoffmeier was Treasurer for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca from 1972-2002. When he passed away in 2003, it was decided an annual RAG-BRAI ride in his memory would be organized in support of the Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Funds raised from the ride benefit Camp's endowment fund, which is used for facilities and program expansion. That tradition continues today, and Team Io-Dis-E-Ca will be participating in RAGBRAI 2016 from July 24-30. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca and write RAGBRAI on the memo line. All funds raised benefit the camp. Please contact Alice Hoffmeier at 365-8586 for more information.

3271 Sandy Beach Road NE, Solon, IA 52333

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!



Important Dates

<u>July 30</u> Summerfest Fundraiser Auction 1-Mile, 5K Fun Runs

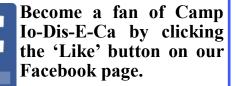
<u>August 2</u> Last Day of Summer Camp

<u>September 9-10</u> IED LWML Fall Retreat

October 7-8 IDE Confirmation Retreat

<u>November 18-19</u> IDE Sr. High Retreat

<u>February 3-4</u> IDE Jr. High Retreat & Snow-lympics



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 an even more exceptional year in Thrivent Choice giving?

Go to <u>https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/</u> 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!



Needs List

Miscellaneous Legos; Basketballs (10); Service Truck; Paper Towels; Toilet Paper; First Class Postage Stamps; Smoke Detectors; Carbon Monoxide Detectors; **Please see our web site for a complete list:** <u>www.campiodiseca.org</u>.

From the Kids, For the Kids Mission Offering

Each year the camp collects an offering called From the Kids, For the Kids. It's a way that we buy new program equipment here at camp so that kids can have a more enjoyable experience. We also take this opportunity to share this offering with kids who don't attend camp.

In just the past few years we've been able to replace all of our canoes at the camp pond, buy new lifejackets and paddles, and put in new basketball hoops and paint the basketball court. THANK YOU for your help in making Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca a more enjoyable facility! On average, our campers donate around \$1,200 per summer.

For next year, we'll be revamping our rec field and purchasing new equipment for our all-camp games such as Eagles Nest, Boofer, and Dare Base. The other neat thing with From the Kids for the Kids is that we'll share a portion of these donations with another children's ministry in Eastern Iowa. After all, its from the kids, for the kids!

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Evangelicals and a Culture of Life

Lutherans For Life Fall Conference Zion Lutheran Church 201 First Avenue, Hiawatha, Iowa Saturday, September 17, 2016 2:00 – 3:30 P.M.



Presenter: Seminarian Aaron Spratt

Come and join us to learn about the term Evangelicals and other life issues. Presentation is open to everyone in your congregations. Bring a car load of friends to this event. No cost. Refreshments will be served.

On September 17th, 2016, Seminarian/currently Vicar Aaron Spratt will give us some food for thought on "evangelicals" and life issues. In this election year, the term "evangelical" is in many headlines. How do we as LCMS members relate to that term? It is most often seen in the legal name of many of our congregations, but society has changed. How does that affect us?

Seminarian Spratt served as vicar at Immanuel, Iowa Falls, and St. John's, Hubbard, this past year. Prior to becoming a LCMS member and enrolling at Concordia Theological Seminary, Spratt and his wife had a difficult faith journey that included several "evangelical" churches. His experience is first-hand, and he will be sure to enlighten you with his presentation.

Evangelical Voters Feel Left Behind: Have Evangelicals Lost Their Values? Are Evangelicals "FOR Life"?



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To:	Church Administrative Assistants/Secretaries/Professional Office Workers
From:	Roger Curtis, Business Manager
Date:	Summer 2016
Subject:	September 20, 2016 Administrative Assistants Conference

The Iowa District West Administrative Assistants Conference Committee is excited to share with you another educational, encouraging, and enjoyable conference. We have a great practical program planned with Scott Vaughan, Church Communication Professional from South Carolina.

I encourage you to register by September 1 to receive the discounted registration fee and to assist the committee in planning details. The early registration fee of \$35 includes speaker materials and food (light continental breakfast, refreshments during breaks, and lunch). Make checks payable to Iowa District West and mail to First English Lutheran Church, Spencer. We appreciate the annual support from Thrivent Financial.

Your congregation is encouraged to pay for your registration, mileage, and lodging (if necessary). The conference committee has a block of rooms reserved at the Comfort Inn (located at 2101 Adventureland Drive in Altoona); 1 mile off Interstate 80 and 3.4 miles from Hope Lutheran Church in east Des Moines. Call the hotel at 515.967.7888; press #2 for the front desk; ask for the Iowa District West Administrative Assistants Conference rate. The special conference rate of \$70 (regular rate \$115) includes complimentary Wi-Fi, breakfast, and more. To receive this rate, reservations must be made by August 18.

The enclosed brochure contains more details about the conference. If others in your community wish to attend, feel free to copy the brochure and share with them.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Enthusiastically,

Roger Curtis and the Conference Committee

Dalend Mackey Master of Ceremonies



We are happy to have Dalend with us to help "guide" us through this day of learning and fellowship.

Dalend is a singer and songwriter of Christian music and also plays

guitar. He is a worship leader in Stuart, lowa. Dalend and his wife Brenda moved to the small town recently where Dalend leads a traditional service and a contemporary service on Sunday mornings, directs the choir and started a Youth Praise Team that leads worship once a quarter.

We thank Dalend for being a part of the conference!

Rev. Timothy Braun Senior Pastor at Hope



Rev. Braun will be leading us in worship and devotion. He has served at Hope Lutheran Church since 1983. Rev. Braun and his wife Marsha, have two children.

The committee would like to thank pastor and the staff of Hope Lutheran Church for hosting and sharing their beautiful facilities.

We also extend a heartfelt thanks to Hope's ladies group for preparing the food for the day. Your work is greatly appreciated!

All Are Invited

Iowa District West's 2016 Church Secretarial Conference is an excellent opportunity for all church office personnel (volunteer or paid), school secretaries, and office managers to relax, refresh and rejuvenate enthusiasm for church work.

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Registration fee is \$40

(includes all materials and lunch)

Register by September 1, 2016

and take \$5 off your registration fee!

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Thank you to Thrivent for their continued support!

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This year's conference is at Hope Lutheran Church, 3857 East 42nd St., Des Moines, IA. For a detailed map, go to: http://www.hopelutheran-dsm.org/how-to-find-us

2016 Church Secretarial Conference

for Ministry Assistant Professionals

This year's seminar ...



Tuesday, September 20

Hope Lutheran Church 3857 East 42nd Street, Des Moines, IA

Sponsored by ...



Scott Vaughan Keynote Speaker



Communication and technology continue to change. Social media has reshuffled the deck of local church communication. Is your church keeping up?

Churches are looking to

communicate in more effective and tech-savvy ways while also saving costs, including through better management of printed pieces such as newsletters, worship bulletins and posters.

Scott, a national church communication consultant from Columbia, S.C., will teach "Effective Communication." Through his presentation, you will learn:

- Tips for improving readership and management of your church newsletter;
- The importance of a church website strategy;
- What your church needs to understand about Facebook;
- Why face-to-face front-line ministries, including office relationships, are more important than ever;
- The role of email and text-messaging; and
- How to effectively communicate through writing.
- For more about Scott Vaughan Communications, LLC, please visit <u>www.svministry.com</u>



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Hosts

Rev. Timothy Braun and Hope Lutheran Church, Des Moines

Schedule

8:00 am	Registration
8:40 am	Opening devotion
	Dalend Mackey & Rev. Timothy Braun
9:00 am	Communication Speaker
	Scott Vaughan presents "Effective
	Communication" Program
12:00 noon	Lunch

3:15 pm Closing devotion

The Conference Committee

Roger Curtis	Iowa District West Office
Carol Fink	Zion, Denison
Cindy Flickinger	Mt. Calvary, Indianola
Linda Hallgren	Prince of Peace, Fort Dodge
Julie Moran	First English, Spencer
Kendra Sturgill	Hope, Des Moines

For more information about Iowa District West's 2016 Church Secretarial Conference, please call the District Office, 515.576.7666 or e-mail Roger.Curtis@idwlcms.org



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2016 FALL PASTORS' CONFERENCE October 3-4, 2016 | Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



Luther and the Reform of Pastoral Care Rev. Dr. Erik Hermann

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3271 Sandy Beach Road NE Solon, IA 52333

Cost: Pastors, Vicars, DCEs, other church workers\$55Emeriti, wives, etc.\$25

Register online at http://lcmside.org/2016-fall-pastors-conference Registration Deadline: September 26, 2016

Lodging:

Days Inn & Suits—Cedar Rapids

2215 Blairs Ferry Road NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Rooms are available at the Days Inn & Suites—Cedar Rapids for a total of \$67.95.

Please contact them by phone at 319-378-3948 **by September 26** to reserve your room. Be sure to mention the Iowa District East Pastors' Conference to receive the group rate. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Rooms are available at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca for \$28.

The Fee includes linens and breakfast on Tuesday Morning.

Please reserve your room during the online conference registration process under "Additional Items."

2016 FALL PASTORS' CONFERENCE October 3-4, 2016 | Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



Luther and the Reform of Pastoral Care Rev. Dr. Erik Hermann

Tentative Schedule

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:30-9:00 9:00-10:00 10:15-10:45 10:45-11:00 11:00-12:00 12:00-1:00 1:00 - 2:00 2:00-2:15 2:15 - 3:30	Matins Speaker, Session 3 District Business Break Sectionals Lunch Speaker, Session 4 Break Speaker, Session 5 and
3:30 - 4:00	Q&A Closing Worship
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