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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

September 2016

The lyrics of a famous pop song go like this “school’s out for summer.” That is a resounding chorus filling the air of early June. Now we find ourselves in the dog days of August which bring forth lyrics from a much older song; “school days, school days, good ole golden rule days.” While the latter lyrics may seem to involve that which we identify as Christian – since it speaks of the golden rule – truth be told our Lutheran Schools have a much greater ethos to offer than simply the golden rule. I am not belittling the fact that Scripture admonishes us to “do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” A world, a school, a church where that is followed would indeed be a pleasant place. But did you know that the golden rule is a cornerstone in at least five other major world religions? Therefore it is not uniquely Christian and not uniquely Lutheran.

Our Lutheran Schools and our catechetical classes have much more to offer than simply proper behavior. We do not start with behavior in our instruction. We start with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We start with the cross – the very place we were justified before God the Father. We start with the beautiful splash of water with the Word that brought us out of the kingdom of death and into the marvelous light of life. We start with the forgiveness of sins and the new life we now have in He whose behavior was perfect, yet suffered in our place so that we may enjoy the blessing of eternal life in Christ.

It is an immense honor to be given the vocation to teach the Word of God to His lambs. It is a privilege undeserved- – yet graciously granted – that we may impart saving truths to these whose ears are open to the sweet taste of divine food. God has selected each of you to be His mouth piece in a classroom setting. Whether it is daily in the school or weekly in catechesis you are called by God to articulate and teach His saving grace in Jesus Christ.

We have three new teachers Called to our IDE schools and one DCE. They are

- Laura Kester- Dubuque Lutheran, Dubuque
- Michael Paulson- Trinity Lutheran, Davenport
- Rachel Wegener- Valley Lutheran, Cedar Falls
- DCE Jessica Dvorak- Concordia, Cedar Rapids

As each school and congregation welcomes them, I encourage all of you to do so as well. It is always beneficial for our IDE congregations to lift to the Throne of Grace our principals, teachers, support staff, DCE’s and everyone in our congregations who teach the Holy Word. Pray for the students and their parents. Pray for them in divine service, in daily devotions, and throughout the year that the blessings of the Catechism are learned and carried out in their lives.

I know we dare not change lyrics under copyright but maybe this time of the year our Lutheran schools and congregations can sing “school day, school days, good ole Lutheran learning days.” Or maybe this stanza would suffice:

*Lord, help us ever to retain
The Catechisms doctrine plain
As Luther taught the Word of truth
In simple style to tender youth. (LSB 865)*

God bless you all in this upcoming catechetical year.

President Saunders.

Calendar of Events

September

5		Labor Day District Office Closed
8	MARION	Missions Committee 9:30AM District Office
15	MARION	Worship Committee 09:00AM District Office
21	DAVENPORT	Schools Committee 1:00PM Trinity

October

1	CHARLES CITY	New Hope Dedication 6:00pm New Hope
3-4	SOLON	Fall Pastors Conference Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca
7-8	SOLON	Confirmation Retreat Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca
10	MARION	Office Committee 1:00pm District Office
14-15	SOLON	Pastors Wives' Retreat Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca
25	MARION	Board of Directors 9:00am District Office

Save the Dates

September 2016

Fall Pastors' Conference October 3-4, 2016

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
Solon, IA

Confirmation Retreat October 7-8, 2016

Topic: 10 Commandments

Presenter: Rev. James Preus

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
Solon, IA

Pastors Wives' Retreat October 14-15, 2016

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
Solon, IA

Communications Workshop November 5, 2016

District Office
Marion, IA

Senior High Retreat November 18-19, 2016

Topic: Polemics: This Means War!

Presenter: Rev. John Wegener

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
Solon, IA

Vacancy Updates

September 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 Verseemann, Waverly to Trinity, Decatur, IL

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

DCE Interns: Josh Schmitt, CU Irvine to Trinity Cedar Rapids

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

As I began to think about what I would write this month, I found myself spending some time watching the Rio Olympics. The athletes who are competing are all chasing after a gold medal. Only those who win will receive the gold medals. Others will receive silver or bronze medals but most of the participants will win nothing and will only have the satisfaction of having competed.

The Olympics is somewhat similar to how many people view salvation. It is something which is “earned.” One who wins a gold medal has indeed put in many hours of hard work and training. For some their whole life has been focused toward that goal of winning the gold medal. Bryan Wolfmuehler writes: “It seems strange to talk about the danger of good works, almost blasphemous. In fact, it is blasphemy to our flesh, the most fundamental heresy. Our flesh wants to trust in good works because it maintains the illusion of our own goodness and our strength to do good works. It trusts in this strength and finds comfort in these works.”¹ In an American culture that is bent on winning it should come as no surprise that people see salvation as something which also has to be earned!

Nothing could be further from the truth. Instead of trying to trust in one’s own worthless deeds, God gives to the world His Son Jesus. Salvation has been earned for you by Jesus. Salvation is bestowed upon you in the water and Word of Holy Baptism. In that sense you have been “given gold,” a crown of life, righteousness, and glory! Wolfmuehler states: “Dear Christian, the Gospel is for you. The forgiveness of sins is for you. Jesus, and His death and resurrection, His mercy and grace, His undeserved kindness are still for you, today and always. Your life is hidden with God in Christ, and it is His lavish love and kindness, not your obedience and commitment, that makes a Christian life.”²

With the Olympics I also watch the medal count. I always want the United States of America to come out with the most medals, not only the total, but to have the most in each category. I don’t want anyone to be ahead of the USA. So much of American Christianity is filled with people trying to do their best and being driven by the Law instead of hearing the Gospel. The reality is that our best is never good enough because God demands 100% perfection. Hence we fall short. Wolfmuehler writes: “This pride pushes itself into our theology. The logic goes like this: “If God is mad at me because of my sins, He will be happy with me because of my works.” This is the foundation of every non-Christian religion, the creed of every social organization, and the motto of every sensitive conscience. Our fallen reason thinks the most important thing is to be good, to do good, and to try hard.”³

No matter how hard you try, no matter how many good works you do, it is never enough, and you always fall short. Christianity is about Jesus who has done it all, given His best, for lost sinners like you and me. Rather than trying to “chase gold,” we have our rest and peace in Jesus. (Matthew 11:28-30). We have Jesus who has striven and “won for us.” It is not about us in the Church, but it is all about “Jesus!” One last word from Wolfmuehler: “The cross stands as the unwavering, unmoving, unquestionable answer to the question “What does God think of me?” The answer is this: He loves you, and He forgives you all your sins. You can be sure of this. You cannot undo the cross. You cannot undo God’s love for you. The love of God is certain and sure, as certain and sure as the death and resurrection of Jesus. This is the basis of our confidence and the source of our Christian comfort, and it is from this certainty that all our theology flows.”⁴

Instead of chasing gold, we live in the forgiveness of sins. We receive gold after gold in Holy Absolution, faithful Christ-centered preaching, and at the Lord’s Table. Thank God for faithful shepherds who deliver those golden, blood bought gifts to the sheep Christ has given them to care for!

¹ Wolfmuehler, Bryan. *Has American Christianity Failed?*. CPH. c. 2016, p. 28.

² *Ibid*, p. 27.

³ *Ibid*, p. 27.

⁴ *Ibid*, p. 37.

Capital Campaign Update



Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Luke 24:46-47

Capital Campaign (Update: 7-31-16)

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: \$ 604,281
Gifts promised in next 1-7 years: \$ 29,575

Total to Date: \$ 633,856

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

Heart Failure/Congestive Heart Failure

submitted by Ronda Anderson RN, IDE Parish Nurse District Representative

article written by Dorothy E. Degnitz BSN, Parish Nurse Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, WI

The term Heart Failure (HF) is used when the heart is unable to keep up with its workload to pump enough blood to meet the needs of the body. Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) is HF with edema (fluid in the tissue) of feet, legs and if severe in the abdomen and organs such as the lungs and liver. It is estimated that 1 in 5 Americans will develop HF in their life time. Nearly 6 million Americans had HF in 2015. One in 9 deaths include HF as a contributing cause. Not all conditions that cause HF can be reversed but treatments can help reduce/control the signs and symptoms and most people with HF can lead a productive active life.

Signs and Symptoms include:

- shortness of breath with activity and in severe HF at rest
- fatigue and weakness
- swelling of feet and ankles
- rapid or irregular heart beat
- reduced ability to exercise
- persistent cough or wheezing with pink or red-tinged phlegm
- sudden weight gain
- increased need to urinate at night
- abdominal swelling
- lack of appetite and nausea
- difficulty concentrating or decreased alertness
- and if caused by a heart attack usually chest pain and other signs of heart attack

Risk factors for HF include: high blood pressure, infection or inflammation of the heart muscle, abnormal heart rhythms, chronic diseases such as diabetes, HIV, thyroid problems, sleep apnea, and congenital heart defects. Several other unusual conditions can contribute to HF as well as lifestyle behaviors and practices such as over use of alcohol, tobacco, substance abuse, and obesity.

Diagnosis The primary health care provider will order some blood tests, chest x-ray, ECG (electrocardiogram which tests the electrical activity of the heart) and an Echocardiogram (which checks any problems with function). If more information is needed a stress test and possibly a CT scan or an MRI may be ordered. If there are problems with the blood vessels of the heart, a coronary angiogram will be ordered.

Treatment will depend on what the tests show the cause to be and will usually require some medications such as diuretics and various heart medication. It is important to know how to take the medication and what can interfere with their action such as some supplements and over-the-counter meds that one might already be taking. Sometimes the individual may need to alter the diet such as eating no grapefruit, or limiting greens, etc. For some causes surgery procedures will be needed such as coronary bypass, valve repair or replacement, or implanting a pacemaker. In very severe or advanced HF, the individual may need a heart pump assist or heart transplant.

Scripture tells is in Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

More information is available at:

www.mayoclinic.org/congestiveheartfailure

www.americanheart.org

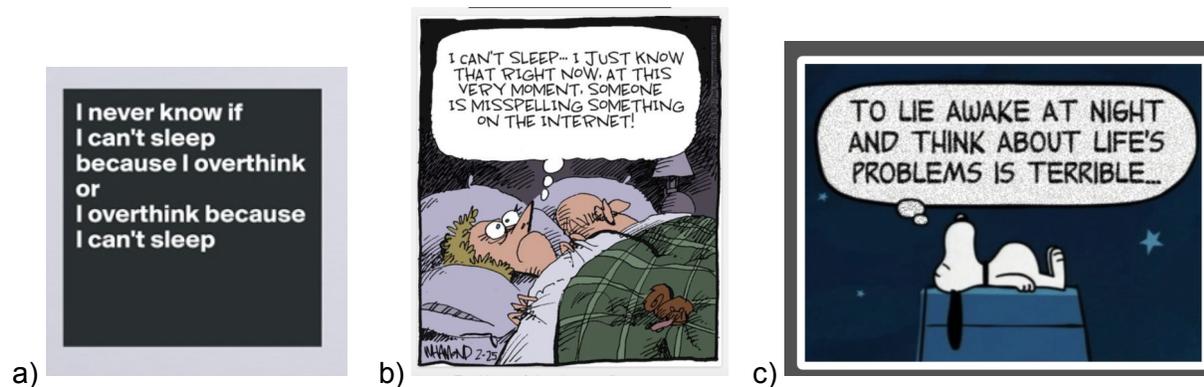
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Safe in the Cross

In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone O Lord, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8

What are some things that make you lose sleep at night? Look at the following graphics. Maybe one, several, or all three answer that question for you.



I think it's safe to assume that everyone of us, at some time, has lost sleep over a situation that is either personal, connected to our ministry, our nation and world or all of these. Here are three situations that can and do keep church workers awake at night.

Situation #1: In June, I attended the GOSPEL conference in Portland, Oregon. GOSPEL stands for "Gathering of School People – Educational Leaders." In other words, this is a yearly conference for all of the LCMS District Education Executives/Assistant to the Presidents. The main topic of this conference was School Safety. One of the first things the presenter did was tell us where all the exits were and how to get out of the building in the event that an intruder came into the building. I think this was for me the first time, other than in a school setting, that an instructor gave us directions on what to do in case of a threat or active shooter.

This is the world we live in today. We talk about and practice fire and tornado drills in our schools and preschools. Now we have to have a crisis management plan and talk about and practice what to do in the event there is a threat or God forbid, an actual intruder with intent to physically harm students and staff. Pastors and congregation leaders – I have to ask. Does your congregation have a crisis management plan? If not, please consider discussing this with your leadership. If you don't know where to start, ask for help. I am sharing with you the following resources that we received at GOSPEL this past June. You can access this Google file below which is available on Luthed.org.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B72ZYplzdR66UndRN2Q4bHRGbWs>

Situation #2: Back in the 1980's when I was getting my Masters degree in Administration I had to take one class on legal issues. Today, that's not enough. The #1 issue facing our schools and congregations is the application of non-discrimination rules that impair our ability to be who we are. "A new concept – that 'sexual liberty' trumps religious freedom – has begun to impact churches, ministries, and individual Christians across this nation." ("Protecting Your Ministry", p.4) Sexual orientation, gender identity ordinances (SOGIs) have passed which elevate sexual special interests over over religious freedom.

The LCMS has partnered with Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) in creating a manual to help LCMS schools, congregations, agencies, auxiliaries, RSOs and other ministries to help you prepare for legal intrusions that other Christians leaders around the country have already faced.

You should have received a notification from President Harrison with a link to “Protect Your Ministry”, which is available on pdf. All leaders are encouraged to make thoughtful use of this resource. Learning from what others have experienced will help you protect your school and congregation and allow you to continue to carry out mission and ministry. (<http://www.lcms.org/socialissues/freetobefaitful?srctid=1&erid=11558837&trid=9c2125fb-d111-4f42-8b4a-e3df327e7135>)

Situation #3: In early August, a long time Cedar Rapids high school principal resigned after 35 years. His retirement comes at the request of the Cedar Rapids Community School District after his handling of inappropriate conduct involving a substitute teacher being charged with sexual exploitation last school year. Several days later the assistant principal and activities director resigned. A third district administrator, the Human Resources Director, has also departed.

What does this have to do with IDE professional church workers? The answer is threefold. The first is make sure church and school staff is trained properly and keeps their certification up to date. Second, make sure that policies and procedures are up to date, and reviewed periodically. Many IDE schools review policies on a 3-year cycle. Finally, follow the policy as written. Better to have a policy that may not cover an issue thoroughly than to not have a policy at all.

The occasion that inspired David to write Psalm 4 is, most likely, the time his son, Absalom, led a revolt against him and David had to flee Jerusalem. (2 Samuel 15-18). Betrayed by his son, David is forced to abandon his home and run for his life. How will David sleep in light of this and much more? David writes, “In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.” (Ps 4:8)

At the cross we see that Jesus is betrayed by one of his disciples, abandoned by the other disciples, accused, mocked, beaten, ridiculed. God the Father turns his back to Jesus and forsakes him. How will Jesus “sleep” in light of all of this? In Jesus all our sins are forgiven, all guilt is taken away, our relationship with God is restored, Satan is silenced, and sadness turns to joy.

How will you sleep in light of this? Both David and Jesus entrusted their situations to God. In faith, trust, and hope we will do likewise, safe in the cross. Sweet dreams!



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, 2017

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



Summer 2016



IDE CONFIRMATION RETREAT October 7-8

What do the 10 Commandments actually say? Join us at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca as Pastor James Preus from Trinity Lutheran Church in Ottumwa as we look at the two tables of the Law.

1. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.
2. Love your neighbor as yourself.



Join us for a great weekend of fun, activities, fellowship, and catechesis! Online registration will be made available through the District website. The needed forms will also be available on the District website at lcmiside.org.

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 RAGBRAI ride in his memory would be organized in support of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Funds raised from the ride benefit Camp's endowment fund, which is used for facility and program expansion. That tradition continues to this day, and Team Io-Dis-E-Ca participated in RAGBRAI 2016 from July 24-30. You can still make a donation in honor of Alice Hoffmeier's ride by making checks payable to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca and write RAGBRAI on the memo line. Please contact Alice Hoffmeier at 365-8586 for more information.



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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

September 9-10
IED LWML Fall Retreat

October 7-8
IDE Confirmation Retreat

November 18-19
IDE Sr. High Retreat

November 5 & 12
Fall Workdays

February 3-4
IDE Jr. High Retreat & Snow-lympics



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updates, news,
and fun!



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 <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; 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: www.campiodiseca.org.**

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 to provide scholarship funds for kids what can't otherwise afford to attend summer 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! This year, campers raised \$950 in support!

We're very excited to apply this money to our recreation field, which could use several updates from equipment, Big Event game supplies, updated soccer goals, and baseball diamond improvements. Thank you to all of our campers for your contribution in making Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca a better place!

THANK YOU!!!!!!

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For current rates visit
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Freshening Up Curb Appeal

“A lot of planning has gone into this project. As we made the needed repairs [to windows, siding and more], we also hope to dramatically improve our building's energy efficiency, said Pastor Chris Hinkle, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wapello, Iowa. “Without the help of LCEF we'd be patching patches for several more years.”

Thanks to the support of its investors, Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) was blessed to help fund St. Paul's remodeling project which was completed by early summer 2016. The congregation updated the curb appeal of their church with new siding and windows, they also helped increase the comfort by installing new air conditioners. “St. Paul is now up to date and welcoming,” said Iowa Districts LCEF Vice President Carole White. “The facility is a better reflection of the congregation's warm, welcom-



Celebrating five baptisms, June 23, 2014



Before renovation (above) at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wapello, Iowa, and the work almost completed (below.)



ing members and message of St Paul.”

The congregation is located in a rural community with a population of more than 2,000. St. Paul is home to 94 baptized members. “While it's a smaller congregation, they had several visitors the day I had the pleasure of worshipping with them,” said White. “We're grateful that St. Paul members are also strong LCEF investors. The congregation nearly doubled their level of investors, to greater than 13%, when only 7.5% was needed to receive their LCEF Shared Blessings loan fee waiver. The members are very engaged in the ministry which is wonderful to witness.”

If your Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod (LCMS)
congregation or school is

considering a renovation or new construction, prayerfully consider LCEF loan funding. Contact Carole White or visit lcef.org to learn more.



We Need Your Help!

- Y.I. Back to School Service Contest, Aug 28 - Sept 25
- Win \$1,000 for Your LCMS ministry from LCEF



August 28 - September 25, 2016
Our district Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is hosting a **Young Investors (Y.I.) Back to School Service Contest.**

You can win \$1,000 for your Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) church/school! Any age can participate: Sunday school students, youth and adults.

How?! Share a video (two minutes max) or a photo of your community service at lcefuppermidwest.strutta.com

Did You Know?

LCEF's Young Investors (Y.I.) Club members (ages 7-18) can earn up to \$25/year for 10 hours of community service.

Learn more at lcef.org/yi-club or call LCEF at 800-843-5233.



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The Other End of Life

Advances in life sustaining technology, increasing health care costs, and a culture that offers death as a solution to our problems all combine to raise many questions about end-of-life concerns. What about the problem of suffering? Can Christians ever stop a particular treatment? Can we refuse treatment? Is it okay to have a Living Will or other Advance Directives? This presentation will focus on the fact that Christians have a unique, Gospel-centered approach to dealing with these and other questions that come up regarding "The Other End of Life."

Saturday, September 10, 2016

4:00 pm

Faith Lutheran Church

1555 W Ridgeway Ave

Waterloo, Iowa

Open to all

Meal to follow (freewill donation)

Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb grew up in the small, southern Minnesota town of Good Thunder. There he married his childhood sweetheart, RoxAnne. The Lambs have been blessed with two sons, a wonderful woman they claim as their daughter, and six grandchildren. Dr. Lamb and RoxAnne live in Marshalltown, Iowa. Dr. Lamb received a B.A. in Biology from Mankato State University in 1973. In 1975 he enlisted in the USAF and served as an Emergency Medical Technician at the USAF Academy Hospital in Colorado Springs. He entered Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1978, served his vicarage year at St. Paul, Royal Oak, Michigan; and graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1982. In 1994 he received his Doctor of Ministry from Concordia, St. Louis. Prior to accepting the position of Executive Director of National Lutherans For Life in April 1996, Dr. Lamb served as senior pastor at St. Paul, Garner, Iowa, for fourteen years. During this time he also served as Circuit Counselor, Zone LWML Counselor, member of the board of directors for Lutheran Family Service of Iowa, chairman of the board of directors for a community/school youth program, spiritual advisor for a local Lutherans For Life chapter, and chaplain of the Garner Volunteer Fire Department. He presently serves on the Sanctity of Life Committee for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Life Ministries. He speaks nationally and internationally, focusing on the God-given value of human life. He is the author of numerous sermons, devotionals, brochures, articles, and essays connecting God's Word of Life to the life issues. Dr. Lamb retired as executive director of Lutherans For Life on December 31, 2015. Questions? Contact Kie Maas [\(319\) 231-5711](tel:(319)231-5711)

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: Seminararian 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, Seminararian/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?

Seminararian 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.

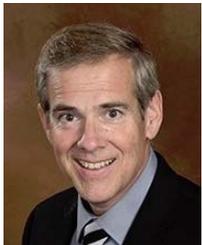
Dalend is a singer and songwriter of Christian music and also plays

guitar. He is a worship leader in Stuart, Iowa. 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.



Registration fee is \$40

(includes all materials and lunch)

Register by September 1, 2016

and take \$5 off your registration fee!

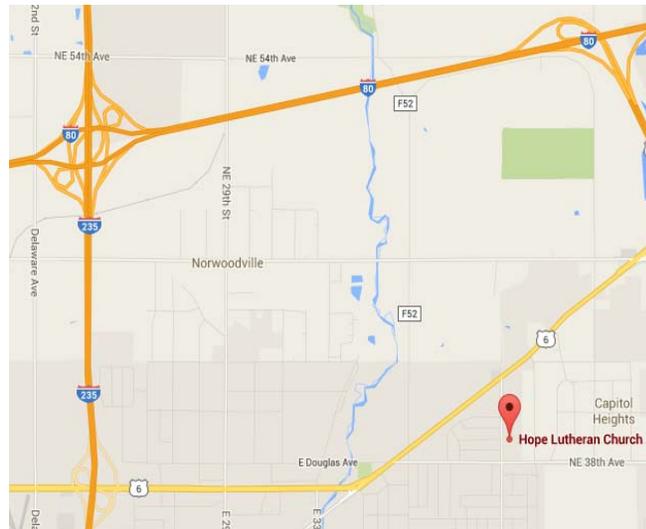


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This year’s conference is at Hope Lutheran Church, 3857 East 42nd St., Des Moines, IA. For a detailed map, go to: <http://www.hopelutheran-dsm.org/how-to-find-us>

2016 Church Secretarial Conference

for Ministry Assistant Professionals

This year’s seminar...



Effective Communication:
the Joy of God’s Gifts

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

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 www.svministry.com

Master of Ceremonies

Dalend Mackey

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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Registration Form – 2016 Church Secretarial Conference

Name _____ Church Name _____

Church Address _____ STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Church Phone _____ E-mail address _____

--- Registration confirmation will be sent via email ---

Mail registration fee of \$40 (\$35 if postmarked by September 1, 2016), payable to Iowa District West, to:

Attn: Julie Moran
First English Lutheran Church
1311 East 18th Street
Spencer, IA 51301



2016 FALL PASTORS' CONFERENCE

October 3-4, 2016 | Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



Luther and the Reform of Pastoral Care

Rev. Dr. Erik Herrmann

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
3271 Sandy Beach Road NE
Solon, IA 52333

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

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

Lodging:

Days Inn & Suites—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."

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Tentative Schedule

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

12:00-12:50 Registration
1:00-1:30 Opening Service
1:30-2:30 Speaker, Session 1
2:30-2:45 Break
2:45-3:30 Sectionals
3:30-3:45 Break
3:45-4:45 Speaker, Session 2
4:45-5:15 Vespers
5:15 Dinner

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

The 10 Commandments

IDE Confirmation Retreat

October 7-8, 2016

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE
Solon, IA 52333

The Two Tables of the Law

We will go through what the Ten Commandments actually say and split them into two tables. 1. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. The first commandment is the foundation of all Ten Commandments. The final nine go into detail on how we should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. The first three commandments teach us specifically how to fear, love, and trust in God. 2. Love your neighbor as yourself. This commandment summarizes the final seven commandments. God loves his creation, so we love one another. Christ did not come to be served, but to serve, so we too serve one another. The Fourth Commandment sets the stage for the second table of the law.

The Uses/Functions of the Law

We know what the Law is. But do we know why? We will learn how the Law curbs, shows us our sin, and guides us. The chief function of the Law is to show us our sin and need for a Savior.

The Promises of the Law Verses the Promises of the Gospel

The Law does show that God is good, but the promises are conditional. The Gospel shows that God is good, but it frees us from the conditions of the Law.

Rev. James Preus, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Ottumwa, will be teaching the youth about 10 Commandments during the 2016 Confirmation Retreat.

The retreat will take place beginning on Friday, October 7th 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 again offering online registration for all youth events. Visit <http://lcmside.org/2016-confirmation-retreat> for more information and to register online.

The registration deadline for this event is **Friday September 30th**.

The cost of the confirmation retreat is \$45. Please fill out the online registration form and pay online or make checks payable to "Iowa District East." On the memo line write "2016 Confirmation Retreat."

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

In Christ,

Jon Kohlmeier
jon@lcmside.org
Comm./Technology Coordinator
Iowa District East – LCMS

The 10 Commandments

IDE Confirmation Retreat

Schedule

Friday, October 7th

7:00-8:00 pm	Arrive and Register
8:00-8:30 pm	Opening Worship
8:30-8:55 pm	Pizza (Alpha Dining)
8:55-9:15 pm	Icebreakers
9:15-10:00 pm	Relays (Basketball Court)
10:00-10:45 pm	Session 1
10:45-11:00 pm	Evening Devotion
11:00-11:30 pm	S'mores/Free Time/Get Ready for Bed
11:30 pm	Lights Out

Saturday, October 8th

8:00-8:45 am	Breakfast and Table Talk
8:45-9:00 am	Morning Devotion
9:00-9:45 am	Session 2
9:45-10:45 am	Game
10:45-11:00 am	Break
11:00-11:45 am	Session 3
11:45-12:00 pm	Break
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch (Alpha Lodge Dining) Pack Up Room
1:00-2:00 pm	Servant Event
2:00-2:45 pm	Topic Review & Closing Devotion
2:45 pm	Depart

Iowa District East Youth Event Health Form/Release

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Gender _____ Birthday _____ Age _____ Grade _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Parent Names _____ Cell _____ Work _____

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>.

If you have questions please contact Jon Kohlmeier at jon@lcmside.org or 319-373-2112.



Oktoberfest!

St. Paul's in Kewanee, Illinois will be hosting the Twenty-first Annual *Oktoberfest!* and Gottesdienst Central from Sunday afternoon, October 9th, until Tuesday, October 11th. St. Paul's is just across the Mississippi River, about a 45 minute drive from the Quad Cities.

The event begins Sunday the 9th with Vespers at 5 p.m. Following the service is our annual bratwurst banquet. When everyone has had their fill of brats and beer, our featured guest **Rev. Dr. Benjamin Mayes**, Assistant Professor of Historical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana will give a synopsis of his Monday seminar.

Following the banquet is the after-the-party party, at the home of Rev. Dr. Burnell Eckardt, the pastor at St. Paul's.

On Monday, October 10th, Divine Service is at 9:00 a.m., with Rev. Michael Frese from Redeemer in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as our special guest preacher. Following the service and a continental breakfast, Dr. Mayes will hold forth for the rest of the day, in two sessions running until about 2:45, followed by Vespers.

On Tuesday, the conference will continue in the same format, with discussion of liturgical and theological ramifications of decisions made at this summer's triannual convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, with Pastor Eckardt.

Dr. Mayes will be speaking on "The Call and the Ministry according to Johann Gerhard." CID pastors will remember Dr. Mayes' presentation on this topic at the Pastoral Conference last spring; this will be a continuation of the discussion.

Johann Gerhard has been called the "Arch-theologian of Lutheranism," and was the most influential of seventeenth-century Lutheran theologians. He decisively influenced Protestant theologians to study the evangelical (i.e., Gospel-centered) character of pre-Reformation Christianity. Gerhard has been an area of particular interest for Dr. Mayes, who served until this fall as an editor of professional and academic books at Concordia Publishing House (CPH) in St. Louis. In particular he served as general editor for Gerhard's Theological Commonplaces. Dr. Mayes still serves CPH as managing editor and co-general editor of Luther's Works: American Edition.

REGISTRATION: \$50 per person, \$70 per couple, students \$25 — includes Sunday banquet and Monday continental; no charge for children with parents. Send your name, address, and which days you plan to attend to b.f.eckardt@gmail.com, or call 309-852-2461. You may pay the registration fee when you arrive.

Recommended Lodging: AmericInn, 309-856-7200. Special rate \$94.00 (mention Oktoberfest when you register, by September 12th); also Aunt Daisy's B & B, 309-853-3300; Motel 6, 309-853-8800; Super 8 (Galva), 309-932-2841; Best Western (Annawan), 800-637-5958; Kewanee Motor Lodge, 309-853-4000.

Greetings in Christ!

Iowa District East provides many services, programs and helps for the spiritual growth of our pastors. However, there is less offered for the spiritual growth of our pastors' wives. To improve in that area, we have been working on a short retreat for the encouragement and spiritual growth of our pastors' wives. This retreat will take place at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca on Friday evening, October 14, 2016, through Saturday, October 15.

We have worked to keep the costs down, and are aiming at a total registration cost of just \$60. This will include lodging for one night, three meals, snacks, a guest speaker and program. We would like to encourage each congregation to consider helping to pay for part or all of this retreat. Not only is it a "continuing education" opportunity for the wives, it is a time to encourage and uplift each other. It is a time for them to share concerns and problems with other wives facing the same challenges.

Please consider helping out financially with the registration cost. We would also ask that church members be encouraged to bless their pastor's wife with the gift of a meal for her family while she is gone, or babysitting services, or volunteering to drive her children to various commitments.

Please make checks out to Iowa District East with "2016 Pastors' Wives Retreat" in the memo line. You can send checks in, prior to the retreat, to the District Office at **1100 Blairs Ferry Road, Marion, IA 52302**.

In Christ,

Pastors' Wives Planning Committee

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