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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

October 2016

A book found its way into my hands that I wish to make known to you. It is a recent publication from Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catharines, ON, Canada. The title is *The Wittenberg Reformation (1545)*. This body of work was translated by Dr. John R. Stephenson and presented to me as a gift. I hadn't had a chance to read it until recently. It is a marvelous account as 5 of the Reformation giants put pencil to paper and summarized the essence and value of the 1517 Reformation. It allows us to enter the minds and theology of men like Luther, Bugenhagen, and Melancthon some 28 years after the 95 Thesis were posted on the castle church door.

Dr. Stephenson lets these theologians speak to us about the core of the Reformation and its impact on the doctrine of the Church concerning her life in the grace of God. The document was originally broken up into 5 parts but Melancthon added one more with his editing. The parts are:

1. Proper pure doctrine, which God has given, revealed, and mandated to the church.
2. Proper use of the sacraments.
3. Preservation of the preaching office and of obedience toward curates of souls, as God wills to have the Ministry of the Gospel preserved and Himself powerfully preserve it.
4. Preservation of proper discipline, by church courts or spiritual jurisdiction.
5. Preservation of necessary studies and schools.
6. The necessity of bodily protection and fitting provision (upkeep and support).

I won't go into any detail on each of these 6 because I plan on writing about them in upcoming editions of the IDE Today. This is a year that will be focusing on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and this is one resource that I think will be very helpful as you instruct and preach preparing for October 31, 2017. In some senses the power of this document is in its simplicity. The basics of the Faith are contained in points 1-4 and the provision for them is in 5 & 6. Simple as it is this document is full of meat to satisfy the hungry soul day in and day out. I think you will enjoy it and be blessed by the work offered by Dr. Stephenson.

As a bonus this book has an addendum written by an associate of Dr. Stephenson's, Thomas Winger. He is the author of the Concordia Commentary volume on Ephesians. We were blessed to have him last year at our Pastor's conference presenting his material. He is a brilliant theologian and excellent writer. His addendum is called *The Household of God; Observations on "Church" in the New Testament and the City of Ephesus*. This is 20 pages of historical theology that is filled with practical suggestions and application for the doctrine of Church. If nothing else it challenges our contemporary thinking and expands our understanding of the question asked by the Saxon immigrants in 1838; "What is Church, Are we Church?" This too will be food for your teaching isle and stimulation for your theological prowess.

You can purchase this wonderful material through Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary www.concordia-seminary.ca isbn #978-0-9682851-6-9. I commend this book to you and look forward to the discussions it produces and the fruit bore therein. God be with you all.

Calendar of Events

September

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MARION

Circuit Visitors
9:00am
District Office

October

1

CHARLES CITY

New Hope Dedication
5:00pm
New Hope

3-4

OLON

Fall Pastors Conference
Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca

7-8

OLON

Confirmation Retreat
Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca

10

MARION

Office Committee
1:00pm
District Office

14-15

OLON

Pastors Wives' Retreat
Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca

25

MARION

Board of Directors
9:00am
District Office

29

MARION

Communications
Workshop
8:45am
District Office

November

12

WILLIAMSBURG

IDE Science Fair
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Save the Dates

October 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 October 29, 2016

District Office
8:45am
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

October 2016

Calling Congregations:

New Hope, Charles City—Chris Gorshe (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)
St. Matthews, Sherrill—Kris Kincaid (vacancy pastor)
Faith, Waterloo—John Wegener (vacancy pastor)
St. John, Waverly—Keith Brustuen (vacancy pastor)
Zion, Wilton—Jeffrey Pautz (vacancy pastor)

Pastors Call Update:

Pending: Bert Mueller, Westgate to St. Paul's, Woodworth, IL

From Poverty to Being Completely Supplied

October 2016

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

St. Paul wrote: “For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability they gave of their own accord, begging us with much entreaty for the favor of participating in the support of the saints, and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.” II Corinthians 8:3-5, 9.

Those who live in poverty are lacking. The Greek can literally mean “to be a beggar.” Luther spoke of being like a beggar coming to have one’s bag filled. What makes us beggars before God are our sins.

We are much like the lady who begged to receive the crumbs which fell from the master’s table.

Our poverty can exhibit itself in many different ways. We see the needs of our neighbor and of our church and yet we are “unwilling” to share or give from that which we have received from God. We have been blessed and yet we are “unwilling” to share in the support of the saints (fellow believers). We doubt God’s supply house and think that if we give something away or give to needs beyond our own congregation that we won’t have enough, and hence we become “unwilling.” When that happens we end up living self-centered lives of poverty amidst the blessing which we have received in life.

Jesus Christ enters into our spiritual poverty. He gives His life completely and fully into death upon the cross. He was “willing.” He gives completely and abundantly beyond measure from a storehouse which is eternal and will never run out. He becomes poor and empties Himself. “Who although He existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” Phil. 2:6-8. Jesus had everything and yet He gives it all up for our redemption. He trusts God with His life to the point of His very death and subsequent resurrection. To make our lives full He becomes the beggar in our place.

In Christ Jesus we are now supplied with all that we need, namely the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation in His name. That is what makes us rich in Christ. We have received an eternal inheritance in Christ Jesus. Christ Jesus absolves us through the voice and words of our Pastor’s in Holy Absolution and we are rich. Christ Jesus is proclaimed boldly in the sermon and we hear “be of good cheer, your sins be forgiven,” and yes, we are rich again. We gather with fellow saints to receive the body and blood of Christ Jesus in Holy Communion; our sins are forgiven and again we are richly blessed and provided for!

As the forgiven in Christ Jesus we begin to see the needs of fellow saints, of those outside the Christian Church, and of the absent saints within our midst and we respond beyond our own ability. We can do this without selfish concern as we are supplied so that we can share. We truly are blessed in Christ Jesus. “For in Him all the fullness of the Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him, *you have been made complete.*” Colossians 2:9-10a.

Capital Campaign Update



Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Luke 24:46-47

Capital Campaign (Update: 9-15-16)

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: \$ 612,339
Gifts promised in next 1-7 years: \$ 27,725

Total to Date: \$ 640,064

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

Short Workouts Can Be Good for Your Heart What's not to love about that?

submitted by Ronda Anderson RN, IDE Parish Nurse District Representative

Most people know that exercise is important for heart health.

However, not everyone knows just how much exercise is enough. Is it 15 minutes a day? 30 minutes? 1 hour? Time to set the record straight.

The recommendation is that all adults get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week. At a minimum, aim for at least 10 minutes at a time. After that, it's your choice. You could do 30 minutes a day, five days a week.

Or two 15-minute sessions a day, five days a week. Or three 10-minute sessions a day for five days.



Be sure to do activities that will strengthen your muscles, too. Look for moderate- or high-intensity activities that work all your major muscle groups at least two days a week. The major muscle groups are: legs, hips, back, abdomen, chest, shoulders and arms.

Yes, 10 or 15 minutes at a time is okay. Short bursts of activity can, in fact, help your heart. And most people should be able to carve out 15 minutes twice daily or 10 minutes three times daily for heart-healthy physical activity. Exercise can lower your risk for heart disease by reducing heart disease risk factors (high blood pressure and high cholesterol are two). Physical activity can actually lower your blood pressure by as much as some medications. It can also increase your levels of good cholesterol. Exercise can even improve your blood circulation, which may also reduce your risk for heart disease. For women, regular moderate aerobic exercise is thought to reduce heart disease risk by 30 to 40 percent.

Making short workouts count: regular aerobic exercise strengthens your heart. You can get a moderate-intensity aerobic workout from many activities, like: • Biking • Brisk walking • Doubles tennis • Dancing • Water aerobics. What's most important is that you simply get moving! In addition to doing what you typically think of as "exercise," you can also get physical activity from your everyday routine. General gardening counts. So does house cleaning, yard work or washing your car. Just be creative and move more! Check with your doctor first; it can be overwhelming to know where to start if you haven't exercised much before, or you haven't exercised in awhile. If you are physically inactive or you have a health condition such as arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, pregnancy or other symptoms, check with your doctor before starting an exercise program or increasing your activity level. He or she can tell you what types and amounts of activities are safe and suitable for you.

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God Started It

“...then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.” Gen. 2:7 ESV

Summer vacation whizzed by and now it's October! Some of our IDE teachers have papers to grade from two weeks ago, and others have their lesson plans done through Reformation Day. Some of them are doing everything new for the first time as a first year teacher. You must admit that there is something exhilarating about preparations – something that a little medication...oops, I mean meditation will help.

God started it.

Yes, He set the 2016-2017 school year in motion long before anyone was thinking about it. He created it with Adam and Eve at a time when there were few concerns about enrollment, safety, and the Iowa Department of Education. Those first students, who were so perfect in the beginning, turned a bit bad over time – kind of like an apple...rotten to the core. (no pun intended) Being the first sinners isn't the kind of recognition one would want to hang your hat on. And, it's not something they could blame on their Father!

God started everything. He gave the whole world to Adam and Eve. They didn't have to figure out how to integrate faith into their curriculum. Faith was their curriculum and God expected that everything would be integrated into faith. What a great way to start!

You are teaching your Adam and Eves many things this school year. A good idea to keep in mind is who we are and who's we are. Our roots began way before we even were a twinkle in our parent's eye. Before we were conceived, Christ knew us. Then we were born and then we were born again through our Baptism. Now we need to remember our “roots” (to be faithful in our devotion life, in worship, Bible study, attending the Sacrament, etc.) so we can pass the faith on to our students, parents, families, and co-workers.

Everything you *think, say, and do* belongs to God. Hear again the questions from Romans 10: 14,15 (NIV). It reads:

“But how are they to call him in whom they have not believed?
And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?
And how are they to hear without someone preaching?
And how are they to preach unless they are sent?”

Teachers need to assume this year, each and every day you walk into your classrooms, that you are blessed to be teaching unbelievers – sinners – little Adam and Eves. How will these precious little sinners become saints without YOU telling them about Jesus. If they don't hear it from you, you can't count on them hearing it from anyone else.

Hear those words again...everything we *think, say, and do* belongs to God. Yes, that means science, social studies, language arts, math, religion and memory work, music, lunch, hallways, recess, the workroom, the hallways, after school, and week-ends! Everything. Everywhere. That is what we signed up for when we became a Lutheran school teacher, staff member, an administrative assistant, a principal, a pastor, a cook, a custodian. That is what we are called to do!

In the many conferences and meetings with administrators I have been able to attend, when the topic turned to what or who was the deciding factor that makes or breaks the relationship with a Lutheran school for a family it is...the teachers. No pressure there, right?!?! Listen again to the words from Romans 10:15(NIV)that Paul uses to help us understand the honor and privilege we have in being his messengers on the front line with our students, parents, and families. “And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” In our own and on our own sinful “Adam and Eve-ness”, we just aren't up to this incredibly difficult task. We fail miserably. BUT thanks be to God. He gives us the victory, and the power, and the energy, and wisdom, and the love, and the grace, and the

compassion, and the firmness and fairness, and the humor, and the knowledge...to call on Him, to be rooted in Him, to draw close to Him in everything we think, say, and do as His messengers.

You and I, we may never know what affect we have on our students, but each day, we deliver and live our life so that these precious students will also be able to call on the name of the Lord Jesus and be saved, just as you and I have been. To be sure, there will be hills and valleys this year – count on it. But more importantly, count on never being alone, but instead knowing that Christ is with us every step of each and every day.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

2016—2017 IDE Youth Retreats

Confirmation Retreat

October 7-8, 2016

Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca

Senior High Retreat

November 18-19, 2016

Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca

Middle School Retreat

February 3-4, 2017

Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca



ARCHIVES

From Pastor's House to Headquarter Buildings

SYNOD ORGANIZES: When our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (originally named *Deutsche evangelisch-lutherische Synode von Missouri, Ohio, und anderen Staaten*) was first organized in 1847, six conference districts were established with their headquarters in St. Louis, MO; Chicago, IL; Ft. Wayne, IN; Monroe, MI; Fairfield Co., OH; and New York City, NY. In 1854, the Synod was divided into four Districts: Western (MO, IL, LA), Central (OH, IN), Northern (MI, WI), and Eastern (NY, PA, DofC, MD). As more of the American continent was settled and territories were divided into States, divisions of Districts continued. In 1876, the Western District was instructed by convention to organize a district in Iowa.¹

IOWA DISTRICT ORGANIZES: Iowa District came into existence during a convention held on 20 August, 1879, at St. Paul Lutheran in Ft. Dodge, Iowa. Present were Synod President H.C. Schwan, Professors C.F.W. Walther of Concordia Seminary-St. Louis, MO and A. Crämer of Concordia Seminary-Springfield, IL. Iowa delegates present were 19 voting pastors [representing Caloma, Davenport, Dayton, Denison, Dubuque, Fenton, Ft. Dodge, Lemars, Lowden, Magnolia, Maxfield Township, Mott Township, Olive Township, Robin, Spirit Lake, St. Ansgar, Sumner, Victor, Webster City]; 21 advisory pastors [representing Aurelia, Boone, Charlotte, Clarinda, Dexter, Fairbank, Fontanelle, Gliddon, Guttenberg, Homestead, Iowa City, Jefferson Township, Luzerne, Lyons, Manson, Sherrills Mount, Sioux City, State Centre, Vinton, Wilton], 3 teachers [representing Ft. Dodge, Luzerne, Waterloo]; and 19 voting congregation delegates [representing Algona, Caloma, Denison, Dubuque, Ft. Dodge, Lowden, Magnolia, Marcus, Mott Township, Olive Township, Spirit Lake, St. Ansgar, Webster City].. During the convention, 17 congregations were received into synodical membership.²

IOWA DISTRICT DIVIDED: Iowa District, from the Missouri River to the Mississippi River, continued until 1936 under the pastoral leadership of these District Presidents: J. Lorenz Craemer [1879-1888], Phillip Studt [1888-1891], Ludwig Friedrich Brust [1891-1894], Ernst Zuerrer [1894-1900], Ottomar Cloeter [1900-1906], Ernst Zuerrer [1906-1909], Albin D. Greif [1909-1914], Theodore Wolfram [1914-1927], and Herman A. Harms [1927-1936].³

During its 38th District Convention, held 2-8 August, 1936 in Waterloo, IA, Iowa District was divided into East Iowa and West Iowa. The dividing line running between Winnebago and Worth Counties in the north, down to between Decatur and Wayne Counties in the south. The following resolution was adopted by the joint session: (a.) That a joint board of three members from each District, making a total of six control the work at Iowa City; (b.) That this board not only have control of the physical property but also be authorized to call and supervise the men and determine their salaries; and that said Board shall be responsible for its action to both Districts; (c.) That for the time being the present arrangement at Iowa City be continued...Departmental division of Student Welfare and Institutional Mission.⁴

During those 57 years from the organization of Iowa District until the division, one could say that the District Headquarter was in the home or church office of the presiding District President. For Iowa District East, that approach seems to have continued from 1937 until 1960. Then, in 1960, the IDE Board of Directors decided to acquire office space in the Granby Building (230 2nd Street SE, Suite #312) in downtown Cedar Rapids. District President Walter D. Oetting, Vice-President Frederick H. Ilten, and Mrs. Fairchild were empowered to make decisions in procuring the equipment for the office as it became necessary.⁵ After having operated out of the Granby Building for five years, in 1965, the Coordinating Counselor, Rev. Martin P. Studtmann, was given the responsibility of renting additional office space in the building, for no more than \$75 a month, until the new office quarters were completed.⁶ The move to the new facilities took place in May, 1966.⁷ IDE headquarters moved from downtown Cedar Rapids to the northeast part of the city. Office space was rented in the Executive Plaza, located at 4403 1st Ave NE and Suite #501 is where things happened for the next 24 years.



Granby Building⁸



Executive Plaza

While the Iowa District East was administered out of Suite 501, an Office Facility Task Force was organized in the fall of 1984. Its recommendations were presented to the June, 1985 IDE Convention followed by an enabling resolution. A search for facilities for purchase took place 1986-1987, with a potential site search from July, 1988 to June,

1989. The Board of Directors considered an advanced site for purchase and the Marion City Council approved a rezoning of the property under consideration. An architect was selected in January, 1990. A facility floor plan was approved in March, 1990 along with an approval of the exterior design plan.⁹ Members of Iowa District East were introduced to the proposed drawing of the building and the floor plan in a special insert to the *IDE Today*, November, 1990 issue. In 1994, the present facilities of IDE Headquarters became a reality, located at 1100 Blairs Ferry Road, in Marion, Iowa.

END NOTES

¹ *Lutheran Cyclopedia*, CPH, 1954, pp. 609-613

² *Erster Synodal Bericht Iowa Districts der deutschen evang.=luth. Synode von Missouri, Ohio u.a. Staaten im Jahre 1879. (1st Synodical Report of Iowa District of the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other States in 1879)*

³ *Lutheran Cyclopedia*, CPH, 1954, p. 613

⁴ *Proceedings of the 38th Convention of the Iowa District of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States*, 2-8 August, 1936.

⁵ *IDE Board of Directors Minutes* 29 Mar 1960

⁶ *IDE Board of Directors Minutes* 26 Jul 1965

⁷ *The Lutheran Witness—Iowa District East Edition*, Vol. 88:No. 2, February, 1969

⁸ <http://www.loopnet.com/Listing/16543143/230-2nd-St-SE-Cedar-Rapids-IA/>

⁹ *IDE Today*, Vol. 2:No. 9, November, 1990








Black Cross		Symbolizes Jesus' death and pain and reminds us that faith in Jesus is what saves us. "For one who believes from the heart will be justified" –Rom 10:10
Red Heart		Even though the cross is black, it does not kill our hearts, but makes us alive. "The just shall live by faith" – Rom 1:17
White Rose		Faith in Jesus brings true joy, consolation and peace, not worldly joy and peace – John 14:27. White is the color of angels and blessed spirits.
Blue Sky		Symbolizes our hope for the coming joys of heaven, though not yet revealed.
Gold Rim		As a circle is unending, so the joys of heaven will be unending. Its gold color reminds us that the joys of heaven are more precious than any other treasure.

Image Sources:

Luther's Rose Symbol:

<http://www.lcgs.org/images/lutheran%20rose.jpg>

Symbol Explanation:

<http://s3.amazonaws.com/churchplantmedia-cms/ccchapelhill/luther-chart.jpg>

REFORMATION 2017: Following are three more pages on individuals who played a part in the events of the Reformation back in 1517. If you wish to make these and other issues available to the membership of the congregation, go to this web-site to down-load a **Bible Study**, or a **Handout**, or a **Bulletin Insert**: <http://lutheranreformation.org/>

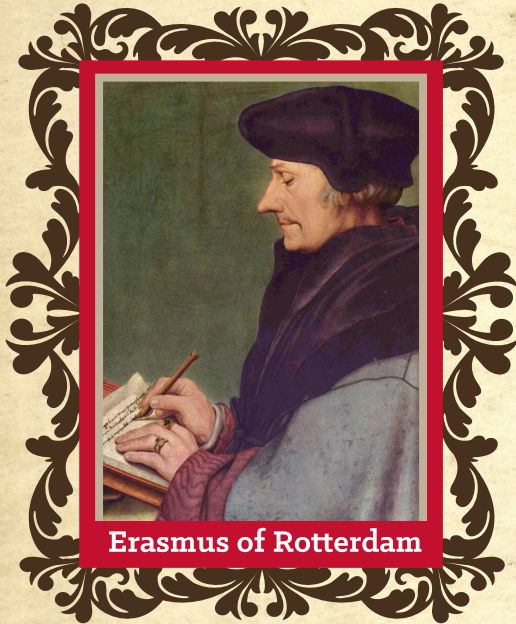
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ERASMUS OF ROTTERDAM

Born: Oct. 28, 1466

Died: July 12, 1536



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Erasmus, Scholar of the Enlightenment eclipsed by Luther and the Reformation

“AS CHANGEABLE AS A CHAMELEON” APPEARS IN A BOOK OF ADAGES BY THE HUMANIST DESIDERIUS ERASMUS. Here Erasmus explains that the adage was used by the ancients to describe someone who is inconstant and changes to suit his audience. Surprisingly, then, in his introduction to the New Testament, he used the word “chameleon” to describe the apostle Paul, who was “all things to all men.” Here Erasmus introduces versatility as a virtue to be imitated, and imitate it he did.

In his opening volley against Martin Luther, his *Diatribes on Free Will*, Erasmus elevated versatility to a theological virtue. In his rejoinder, *Bondage of the Will*, Luther regarded theological inconstancy as a damnable vice. Even in his old age, Luther would consider this work one of his greatest achievements. For Erasmus, true Christianity consisted of an ethical philosophy of Christ — following Christ by conforming to His behavior, exhibiting love and maintaining peace. As such, Erasmus presents free will as something unimportant and uncertain. For Luther, Erasmus’ theological waffling was nothing less than sacrilege. Where Scripture has spoken clearly, the theologian must make assertions. The theologian must assert, along with the Holy Spirit, that man’s will is bound to sin and there is nothing he can contribute to his salvation, that he is saved by God’s grace alone in the person and work of Christ Jesus.

Early in the course of the Reformation, a number of young humanists such as Martin Bucer were attracted to the Reformation and saw in Luther another Erasmus. Both had even expressed admiration of each other. Like Erasmus, Luther had criticized indulgences, monasticism and other abuses in the church and advocated for a return to original sources. For Luther, this meant a return to the Bible. In fact, Luther based his German translation of the New Testament on Erasmus’ critical version of the Greek New Testament. But whereas Luther was a man of vocation, bound to his call to serve as a doctor of the church and who took seriously his duty to teach the Word of God, Erasmus, released from his monastic vows by a dispensation from the pope, lived a transient life that reflected his values of academic freedom and independence.

Illegitimately born, Erasmus of Rotterdam was educated at various parochial schools in the Netherlands and forced by poverty into monasticism. An appointment as secretary to the archbishop of Cambrai enabled him to study at the University of Paris. Thereafter, he taught in Cambridge, England, among other places; took a doctorate in Turin; and worked for a publisher in Basel. To preserve this freedom, Erasmus — pressured by the pope to do so — attacked Luther.

Erasmus’ influence during his own lifetime began to wane as Luther became more popular. Today he is most known for his humorous satire, especially his *In Praise of Folly*. Yet, he was a hero for many philosophers during the Enlightenment, and his version of an ethically oriented, tolerant and doctrinally ambiguous Christianity has gained traction. Erasmus’ legacy continues to present an alternative that is attractive to our sinful nature, a legacy that elevates human freedom and robs Christ of His glory.

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JOHANN TETZEL

Born: 1465 | Saxony, Germany

Died: Aug. 11, 1519 | Leipzig, Germany



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A Dominican monk hired by church authorities to sell indulgences in Germany

“AS SOON AS THE COIN IN THE COFFER RINGS, THE SOUL FROM PURGATORY SPRINGS!” So went the sales pitch of the Dominican monk Johann Tetzel, who hawked forgiveness of sins like a carnival barker. Tetzel was born in 1465 in Saxony, Germany, and joined the order of Dominican monks in 1489. His specialty was selling indulgences, and by the spring of 1517, he was selling indulgences authorized by the pope in the territories of Albrecht, archbishop of Mainz, just over the border from Wittenberg. He claimed that the papal cross, under which these indulgences were sold, held as much power as the cross of Christ.

Why was Tetzel selling papal indulgences in Albrecht's lands? Some years earlier, when Albrecht was already the archbishop of Magdeburg, he also wanted to become the archbishop of Mainz. Appointments like these came at a cost, and Pope Leo X was in dire need of money to build St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The two churchmen struck a deal: Tetzel would go into Albrecht's territories and raise funds through the sale of indulgences. Half of the money would go toward the building of St. Peter's and the other half would pay off Albrecht's loan, secured to buy the new archbishopric.

An indulgence was a cancellation, imparted by the Roman Catholic Church, of all or part of the punishment for sin suffered here or in purgatory. Indulgences had originated as an inducement for men to fight for the Church as Crusaders. Soon a lucrative business of selling indulgences arose to fund construction of churches and other pious purposes. They also funded not-so-pious purposes, like the buying of church offices. Concordia Historical Institute has a papal indulgence issued in 1482. This indulgence states that the bearer has paid the indulgence price and is entitled to full remission of sins upon confession. The priest is instructed to say, “I absolve you from each and every transgression, wickedness and sin, however great and serious they are.”

When Martin Luther's parishioners asked him about indulgences, he was concerned that there would no longer be any true repentance. He was afraid people would reason that if pardon from all sin could be purchased, there was no need for further concern about their souls. Luther knew he must protect his flock from this dangerous practice.

Luther thought that church officials would certainly do something about this after he alerted them. Imagine his surprise when the pope didn't correct but defended such abuses! Furthermore, it was Pope Leo's extravagant lifestyle that exacerbated his financial situation and prompted Tetzel's activities.

Tetzel may have been Luther's first target, but it soon became clear that Tetzel was just a greasy cog in a large, corrupt machine.

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JOHANNES GUTENBERG

Born: 1395? | Mainz, Germany

Died: 1468 | Mainz, Germany



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Gutenberg's invention helped spread the ideas of the Reformation to the masses

COULD JOHANNES GUTENBERG HAVE KNOWN WHEN HE FIRST CONCEIVED THE IDEA OF MOVEABLE TYPE that it would contribute to the spread of the Reformation and the Renaissance and lead to the education of all levels of society? One might question his presence in the “Faces of the Reformation” series. But considering that his presses printed not only Luther’s 95 Theses but also the papal indulgences that sparked Luther’s polemic pen, it seems fitting that he should be included.

Gutenberg was born about 1395 as the son of a metalsmith, and he became acquainted with the printing business at a very young age. His invention of the moveable type press made the mass production of books a reality that would change the world. By 1450, his new invention was operating. As with most new ideas of this scale, the road was not smooth. In 1546, Johann Fust, Gutenberg’s financial backer, won a lawsuit against him regarding repayment of the funds. Gutenberg’s employee and son-in-law, Peter Schöffer, testified against him. Before this lawsuit was finalized, Gutenberg had printed a Latin Bible that contained 42 lines of Scripture per page. This “42-line Bible” is known as the Gutenberg Bible. The press for the Bible, Gutenberg’s masterpiece, along with a second book containing only Psalms, was lost to Fust in the court case. The Psalter was published after the court case with no mention of Gutenberg; only Fust’s and Schöffer’s names appear as the printers.

Gutenberg never really bounced back financially from losing his press to Fust. He set up another printing press and continued to print, but because he did not put his name in the books and papers he produced, it is not known how much was produced as he competed with his old press shop. In 1465, an honorific title was bestowed on Gutenberg in recognition for his invention. This was accompanied by a salary that supported him until his death three years later.

Gutenberg is often thought of as a contemporary of Luther, but in fact he died 15 years before Luther was born. In Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, he declares that “we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (EPH. 2:10). The stage was set for the coming battle between Luther and his followers and the pope and his supporters.

The Reformation has often been called the war of pamphlets. Pamphlets, the quickest and most economical form of printing with moveable type, had been around for decades before Luther started to employ them, but the volume of pamphlets increased as much as one-thousandfold in the first few years after Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the church door. Printing shops sprang up all over Germany, and many came to Wittenberg like moths to a flame. Even the artist Lucas Cranach partnered in a printing business there.

Gutenberg’s invention made books more obtainable for the first time in history. The book that helped codify the German language and that was used as a tool in teaching reading was Luther’s German Bible. For the first time, Germans could read the Scriptures in their own language at a cost that was within reach for the common man.

Surely Gutenberg would have been amazed at the world-altering events that resulted from the works planned in advance for him to do.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
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What can you, your family, and your congregation do to protect babies and help their families?

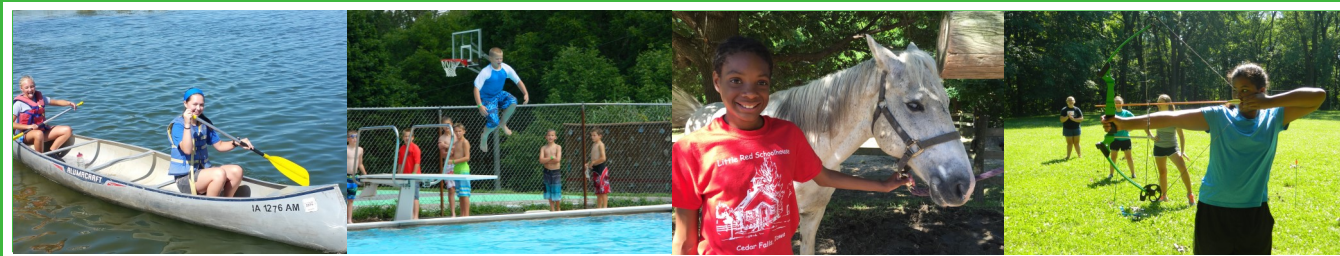
1. **Hear God's Word** for your life in the sermon, Divine Service, Bible Study with your pastor, and daily prayer at home with your family!
2. **Give a good public witness** to your community at the **Life Chain** on Sunday, October 2nd from 2-3pm. Find a Life Chain near you at www.lifechain.net.



3. **Pray at a Planned Parenthood location with 40 Days for Life** – find a location near you at www.40daysforlife.com (Waterloo, Des Moines, Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, Davenport).
4. **Come to the Lutherans for Life annual conference** in Bloomington, Minnesota on October 21-22 (<http://www.lutheransforlife.org/conference/>).
5. **March with us** at the Midwest March for Life on January 14 in Des Moines (<http://www.iowartl.org/midwest-march-for-life/>).
6. **Attend** the Washington D. C. March for Life and LCMS Life Ministries Conference January 27-29 (<http://www.lcms.org/life>).
7. **Support** your local pregnancy resource center with prayers, supplies, and volunteering.
8. **Get creative** – start a diaper drive, a walk or run for life, or another service project or event in your community! Give me a call with any questions or ideas.

Pastor Alex Post, Iowa District East Life Coordinator
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Marshalltown IA
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Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



October 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 lcmside.org.

FALL WORKDAYS: NOVEMBER 5 & 12

We have a busy fall coming up and we would love your help for our upcoming workdays. Help us to keep up the progress that has been made! Our two fall workdays will be on November 5th and 12th beginning at 8AM. We're planning on two projects. First, we hope to rebuild the Upper Cross campfire site. This is where we have campfire each night of summer camp. Second, we want to revamp the landscaping work along the southwest side of Alpha Lodge by the dining hall entrance.



The current benches at Upper Cross have begun to rot around their footings. We will be replacing them with stone masonry-style footings and then place new bench boards on top. For this we need people for digging and placing cinder blocks for the framework of the footings, mixing and pouring concrete in and around the blocks, and pressing rocks into the concrete as it cures. Lunch is provided!



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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

October 3-4
IDE Pastors' Conference

October 7-8
IDE Confirmation Retreat

October 14-15
IDE Pastors' Wives Retreat

November 18-19
IDE Sr. High Retreat

November 5 & 12
Fall Workdays

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



Follow Camp on
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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.**

Support Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca: Your Congregation's 2017 Mission Budget

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

Congregational contributions make the mission of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, that is, providing Christ-centered recreation, education, and inspiration for all, a reality. It isn't merely about keeping the lights on or paying the heating bills, but it ensures that Camp's guests have a quality experience at a quality location.

Does your congregation currently support Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca? We appreciate your support!



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Congregational Line of Credit: Supporting Ministry in the Face of the Unexpected

An unexpected repair.
An unplanned technology update.
A variance in contributions over the summer months.

These are times when you can tap into a line of credit to fund an unplanned expense. Whether you anticipate the shortage or not, a line of credit can help ensure that operations continue on track.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund's (LCEF) Congregational Line of Credit is a valuable resource that can help you ensure the continuity of your ministry. With a line of credit, you have the flexibility of drawing funds as you need them, and you only pay interest on the actual amount advanced.

Credit Amount: maximum of \$100,000 or 15% of previous year's income

Term: up to three years

Rate: competitive monthly variable rate

For details, contact your District Vice President Carole White.

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Website: lcef.org.

LCEF Videos

Consider using these short LCEF videos during announcements, beginning of Bible class, at church council meetings or other meetings.

vimeo.com/156707693 What is LCEF?

vimeo.com/153020864 Family Emergency StewardAccount

vimeo.com/70554230 Y.I. (Young Investors) Club

Win \$1,000 for your LCMS Ministry from LCEF

Our district Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is hosting a Young Investors (Y.I.) Back to School Service Contest August 28 - September 25, 2016. You can win \$1,000 for your Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) church/school! Any age can participate: Sunday school students, youth and adults. There will be a \$1,000 winner from each LCMS district in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin. How?! Share examples of your community service in a video clip of 30 seconds up to two minutes (maximum) or a photo at lcefuppermidwest.strutta.com

Show our young people how we serve others in our church, school and local communities. Shine for Jesus! Share this contest! Encourage friends, family and your LCMS church members and school families to share your entry via Facebook #service4Jesus so your service story is shared. You might help spark service ideas for others.

<http://lcefuppermidwest.strutta.com/>

To see all the entries to date, click on ENTRIES at the top of the contest page.



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://lcmside.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

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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,

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