



PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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Happy New Year! This issue of the Professional Packet is the first issue of 2014. The deadline for content that you would like included in the next issue is **February 15th**. Content can be submitted anytime before then by emailing it to jon@lcmside.org.

IDE Today Submissions are due February 1st. Those can also be sent to jon@lcmside.org

TOVA ROSH

February 2014

HASHANAH TIKATEVU

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders

Greetings in the Name of Christ our Lord. The heading of this encouragement is my feeble attempt to communicate from Hebrew into English. The words read: "May you be inscribed for a good New Year." New Year's Day has come and gone and you have probably greeted many with "Happy New Year." This is an appropriate greeting yet so short lived. When does New Year turn into "intermediate year" or "old year"? Doesn't St. Paul tell us that the "old is gone and the new has come"? When Paul says that he is not speaking of a calendar turn from one month to the next or even one year to the next. He is talking about the eternal consequences of the "old Adam" with which we were born, which has given way to the new life in Christ we have through baptism. So, in Christ and His precious gifts, we have New Years every single day of our lives.

How sad it is for those who worship a Christless God, praying in the Hebrew language they are still looking for a Messiah to come. And how few in the current Jewish Faith are even looking for a Messiah. Most are looking for a Messianic Nation or a Messianic Age where the Laws of Moses will reign supreme and everyone will learn to get along in peace. Nice hope, empty promise.

Current day synagogue worshippers celebrate Rosh Hashanah on the first and second days of Tishri (Sept.). The reason they do this in the early Fall is to commemorate the creation of the world. For 10 days God passes judgment on the world so the first of the month (or the New Year) requires the Jewish religionist to think over his past deeds and try to make a fresh start during the coming year. Dietary rituals during these days include fish (for a prosperous year, God told Adam and Eve to multiply like the fish of the sea) and honey (sweetness in the days to come).

One of the more interesting customs is when they go to fresh running water on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. This ceremony is called Tashlich, and a prayer is said to the Almighty asking Him to wash away from them all their sins and drop them in the depths of the water. See how close to baptism one can get, but without Jesus baptism is simple water only. While current Judaism lives only on the hope of running water in a stream, we, the Holy Christian Church, have hope in the living Word of God. Not only do we hope in His Word but The Church is blessed to have the Word in physical form when the promises of God are attached to the waters of baptism. We don't just hope God will drop our sins into water so they can float away downstream. We have absolute confidence that the blood shed for us on the Cross has paid for all our sins in full. It was John who wrote in his first Epistle chapter 5 "This is the one who came by water and blood - Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood, and it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: The Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement." The blood of Christ splashed on us in the precious waters of baptism have given us what Jesus had earned by His death and resurrection.

That is why New Years is every day for the Holy Church. We are new every day and never without His grace and mercy. His Word and Sacraments are His gift to the Church. They make us new in His sight and we bask in them on a frequent basis, all year long. Our food is more fruitful than fish and sweeter than honey. It is His Body and Blood that forgives us and renews us while strengthening us without fail. In fact, we could actually think of each Divine Service as an opportunity to say "*Tova Rosh Hashanah Tikativu*". It has meaning far beyond a wishful ritual. It is a living reality in Christ Jesus our Lord. How blessed we are the first day of the year and as much so at its end. God be with you and bless you in His Divine Goodness.

President Saunders

Calendar of Events

January

23RD Cedar Rapids Professional Church Workers
9:00 am
Bethany Lutheran Church

28TH Marion Board of Directors
9:00 am
District Office

31-1ST Solon Jr. High Youth Retreat
7:00pm
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

February

1ST IDE Today
Submission Deadline

3RD Cedar Rapids Board of Stewardship and
Congregational Services
9:30am
Bethany Lutheran Church

7TH Marion Youth Committee
6:00 pm
District Office

20TH North Liberty Missions Committee
9:00am
St. Silas

27TH Cedar Rapids Professional Church Workers
9:30 am
Concordia Lutheran Church

March

8TH Cedar Falls IDE Spelling Bee
Valley Lutheran School

Save the Dates

February 2014

SAVE THE DATE.....APRIL 26, 2014



How does LCMS doctrine apply in our hiring process? Should a background check be performed for church volunteers? Why does our church/school need an Employee Handbook? What controls are in place to prevent fraud and theft? How do we account for the gift of stock our church just received? Are the taxes being calculated correctly? Are we in compliance with the current health care laws? What do the retirement changes mean to our employees?

Questions such as these will be addressed by experts in the field at the **Iowa District East Church Leaders Conference**. An attorney, a tax professional, and a Concordia Plan Services representative will be addressing these concerns and more.

Put this date on your calendar and plan to join us! Invite your church & school leaders, congregational, elder, & trustee chairmen, business & office managers, treasurers, and pastors!

Watch for more information to come in the next couple of months.

Spring Workers' Conference May 5-6, 2014

Presenter: Rev. Peter Bender, *Peace Lutheran Church Sussex, WI*

Bethany Lutheran Church
2202 Forest Drive SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

Look for registration materials soon!

IDE Golf Outing Monday June 23rd, 2014

Fawn Creek Country Club
1601 130th Street
Anamosa, IA 52205

Vacancy Updates

February 2014

Calling Congregations:

Cedar Rapids, Word of God
Lowden, Trinity—Outreach Missionary
Riceville, St. Peter
Victor, St. John

Vacancy Pastor: B Northwick
Vacancy Pastor: Jan Horne

Pastors Call Update:

Accepted: Gregory Hyatt to Melcher/Lacona
Andrew Richard, N. Liberty to St. Silas, N. Liberty
David Zimmer to Christ the King, Spencer, IA

Pending: Gary Sears, Conroy to Zion, Ellendale, ND
Michael Wagnitz to Trinity, Lowden as Outreach Missionary

DCE / School / Teacher Calls:

Vacancies: Our Savior, Bettendorf – DCE
Bethlehem, Mason City – Preschool Director

Accepted:

Declined:

Directory Updates

February 2014

Please take a moment to add these changes to your Fall 2013 directory.

Page	Name	Change
7	Saylor, Kevin	Cell Number: 641-777-7670
11 & 33	St. Silas	Physical Address: 1295 Jordan St. Ste 5 North Liberty 52317
32	Monticello—St. John	Secretary: Teresa Tobiason— stjohnsjd@hotmail.com
57	Maddick, Bethany	Email: bethany.maddick@cune.org

Please notify the District Office of any changes in email address, home address or staff changes. Include all professional worker changes within your congregation, school or preschool.

People Need Forgiveness of Sins

Rev. Dr. Dean F. Rothchild

February 2014

I am sure that when kids returned back to school from Christmas break they probably were asking the question: What did you get for Christmas? By then it was probably all old news and they had moved on to something else. The glitter of human gifts quickly fades into our desire to have something new and exciting.

Another question which we don't often ask deals with "getting what you deserve." What if God gave us what we truly deserved? Do we even speak in such terms? I know that if God gave me what I have earned and deserved that He would be giving me hell because of my sins! That would not be something I would look forward to, nor would I be eager to share that news with anyone else!

The words of St. Paul come to mind: "Namely that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their sins against them. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." II Cor. 5:19a and 21. God condemned His Son Jesus in our place. He made Him to be sin on behalf of all people. One should never doubt the love of the Heavenly Father for us because of what He put His Son through in our stead! Paul also wrote: "Having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross." Col. 2:14.

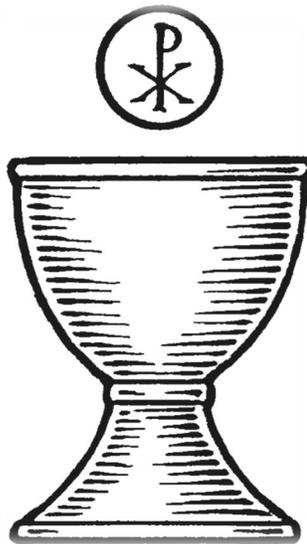
When people come to the Divine Service, Christ Jesus is ready to give them what they need. Therefore people ought to be able to come to the Divine Service knowing what they will receive. What people will receive from Christ Jesus is the forgiveness of sins. Now that may sound very elementary but I am afraid that in some quarters such is not the case.

After one confesses his/her sins, the pastor bestows the absolution. Sins are forgiven.

That is what people need. The sermon, whether it be of a narrative, thematic, or expository format, should deliver Christ Jesus and Him crucified. People need to hear in the sermon that their sins are forgiven.

Now, if for some reason the pastor has failed in the above regard, we find ourselves at the communion rail. Here Christ again delivers what people need: the forgiveness of sins. Churches should consider weekly communion if they do not already offer it. That does not mean people have to receive the Lord's Supper weekly, but it makes it available for those who have the need to receive the forgiveness of sins.

For it is from the Sacrament of the Altar that we are sent back out into the real world to confess the faith and to serve our neighbor. As the hymn puts it:



*Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God
from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service
in all who believe.
With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever living,
The task of our everyday life we
will face.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and
His name that we bear.
- LSB 643 (selected lines)*

May God's people whom you are called to serve be receiving and rejoicing in Christ Jesus and the forgiveness of their sins!

Rev. Dr. Dean F. Rothchild is Assistant to the President and the Director of the Proclaiming Christ Jesus Capital Campaign.

Capital Campaign Update



Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Luke 24:46-47

Capital Campaign (Update: 1-14-14)

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.

Update:

Gifts received to date: \$330,424

Gifts promised in next 1-10 years: \$47,267

Total to Date: \$ 377,691

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

Focus on Schools

Lois Warnsholz

Assistant to the President—Schools

February 2014

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.” The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) reached its goal of almost \$600,000 in 2013. Thus, more families can be assisted and/or more funds can be allocated to a family needing tuition assistance to one of our Iowa Lutheran schools.

Iowa Lutheran Educators Conference will take place on Thursday and Friday, October 23-24 at Gloria Dei in Des Moines. Please feel free to let us know if you have suggestions for sectional speakers and/or topics. You can email the information to me at lois.warnsholz@luthed.org

Independent Accreditation – The guidelines that were written to allow Lutheran schools to use their National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) as their state of Iowa accreditation have not been as helpful as hoped. It is also a challenge for the state to insure that all public parties who work with our schools on accreditation understand and follow the new guidelines. Schools may contact Brian L’Heureux (brian.lheureux@vhscrusaders.org)

2014 Legislative Session – The session began January 13th. Please keep all those connected to our Lutheran schools informed and encourage them to write/call legislators on matters that may affect our Lutheran schools. Two websites to help keep people informed are www.iowachristianschools.org and www.iowaalliance.org. At these sites sign on to receive important emails and newsletters. You can also go to the Iowa government site to see bills of the house and senate.

Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization – It’s time again when schools begin their registration process for the next (2014-15) school year. This is the time to encourage parents who need assistance to complete ILSTO paperwork and to begin outreach. Watch for deadline dates!!!!

Interested in contributing? Go to www.iowalutheransto.org. The ILSTO goal is \$816,000 because the tax credit cap for the state was raised to \$12 million. What a blessing!!

Two IDE Schools win U.S. Cellular Contest

Megan K. Mertz



Students and staff of Dubuque Lutheran School in Dubuque, Iowa, celebrate winning \$25,000 for the school in the U.S. Cellular Calling All Communities contest Dec. 10. The school has 35 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. (Linda Nudd)

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, U.S. Cellular representatives surprised the staff and students of two LCMS schools — **Dubuque Lutheran School in Dubuque, Iowa**, and **Valley Lutheran School in Cedar Falls, Iowa** — with checks for \$25,000.

The two schools were among more than 4,000 elementary and secondary schools around the country to participate in the U.S. Cellular Calling All Communities contest. The 20 schools receiving the most votes during the three-week voting period each won \$25,000 to use as needed.

“We were probably the smallest school to receive it,” said Linda Nudd, principal of Dubuque Lutheran School, which has only 35 students in its kindergarten through fifth-grade classrooms. “We were competing against high schools that had 1,000 students. Our God is an awesome God!”

“It was a districtwide effort,” explained Principal Glenn Rollins of Valley Lutheran School, which has some 200 students in kindergarten through Grade 12.

Both principals attributed the win to the support of parents, associated LCMS churches and members of the district in helping to spread the word via social media. This year, each voter could only cast one vote during the entire voting process.

“I know that we got votes from around the country,” Rollins said. “We’re in a long line of schools in Iowa District East to win this contest.”

Since 2010, five other Lutheran schools from the district have won the contest.

Dubuque Lutheran School will use the money for tuition assistance, a parking lot repair fund, new math curriculum, professional development and continuing education, new technology and increased marketing. Valley Lutheran School will use the winnings for its student scholarship fund and to purchase new technology.

Both schools will tithe a portion of the prize money. Valley Lutheran School will designate a portion to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, a camp and retreat center affiliated with the Iowa District East, while Dubuque Lutheran School will let each class decide how to donate a portion of the total amount.

“Since we were blessed, we want to share it with others, and that’s what God wants us to do,” Nudd said.

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Youth Leaders' Page

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Upcoming Youth Events of Iowa District East

Every school year, the IDE Youth Committee organizes four main youth events. We have a Confirmation Retreat, Senior and Junior High Retreats, and 5th & 6th grade Gathering. Whether you have one youth or twenty, these events provide a wonderful opportunity for Christian learning, fellowship, and fun.

Registrations for the 5th and 6th Grade Gathering are due **April 11th, 2014**.

IDE 5th & 6th Grade Gathering

When: April 25, 2014
Where: Lutheran Interparish
School

Topic: "Clothed with Christ"

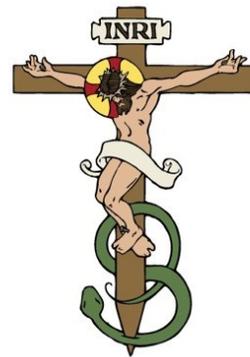
Register by Apr 11

The 5th & 6th Grade Gathering packet is included in this professional packet.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Rev. Sean Hansen, Youth committee chairman at 319-895-8772.

Higher Things

The mission of Higher Things is to assist parents, congregations, and pastors in cultivating, encouraging and promoting a distinctively Lutheran identity among their youth and young adults. Through summer conferences, youth from around the country participate with hundreds of other Lutheran youth in worshipping as Lutherans, learning as Lutherans, and playing as Lutherans. The theme for the 2014 conferences is "Crucified." 1 Corinthians 2:2 says "For I decided to know nothing among you except Christ and Him crucified." Can't get much more Lutheran than that! Contact Crysten Sanchez – 319-389-0105.



July 1-4
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL

July 8-11
Concordia University WI
Mequon, WI

July 22-25
Utah State University
Logan, UT

Federal Online Exchanges Delayed for Small Businesses

The White House recently announced that small businesses will not be able to buy health insurance via www.HealthCare.gov, which gives online access to federally-run Small Business Health Organization Program (SHOP) exchanges. The SHOP offers companies with fewer than 50 employees the opportunity to buy small group coverage through an exchange.

Small businesses that want to utilize the federally-run SHOP exchanges, which are set up in 34 states, can sign up through an insurance agent or broker or directly with a health insurance company. The federally-run online SHOP exchanges are scheduled to be available November 2014 in Arkansas, Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, New Hampshire, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Online state-based SHOP exchanges are currently available to small businesses in the following 15 states – California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington, as well as the District of Columbia. Although it is a state-run SHOP exchange, Maryland is delaying its online access until next November.

This recent delay is the second to impact the SHOP exchanges. Earlier this year the White House delayed small business employees from being able to choose among any of the plans available on the exchanges. For 2014, employers will select the coverage for all workers instead.

Reporting the Cost of CHP on Workers' Form W-2s

Concordia Plan Services (CPS) wants to remind employers* in the Concordia Health Plan (CHP) they are still **exempt** from the IRS requirement of having to report the cost of employer-sponsored health coverage on each worker's Form W-2.

On March 29, 2011, the IRS released Notice 2011-28 exempting employers that provide coverage through a self-funded church health plan, such as the CHP, from the requirement to report the cost of health coverage. (Other W-2 reporting obligations continue to apply.) This exemption was reaffirmed in IRS Notice 2012-9.

The IRS notice suggests that some of the exemptions provided may be transitional. However, CPS will continue to monitor IRS guidance and share information with you as it becomes available.

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod employers that offer health plans other than the CHP may not be eligible for the exemption from reporting the cost of health coverage, and should check with their health plan carrier or review IRS Notice 2012-9 to determine whether an exemption is applicable.*

I'M YOUR SKELETON!

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made!" Psalm 139:14

The human baby has more than 300 bones at birth, but by adulthood, there are 206 bones (some of them have fused together).

Major Functions of the Skeleton

- support
- movement
- protection
- blood cell production
- storage and
- endocrine regulation

Diseases of the Skeleton

Osteoporosis is a disease, particularly prevalent among the elderly, resulting in bones losing calcium, becoming thinner and weaker, sometimes disappearing completely.

Scoliosis is a side-to-side curve of the spine, often creating a "C" or "S" shape of the spine when seen on an x-ray.

Arthritis is a group of more than 100 inflammatory diseases that damage joints and their surrounding structures. Arthritis can attack joints and joint capsules throughout the body, most commonly the neck, shoulders, hands, lower back, hips or knees.

Cancer of the bones may originate in the bones or spread there from another part of the body.

Leukemia is a cancer of blood cells, but starts in the marrow of the bone. Abnormal white blood cells multiply uncontrollably, affecting the production of normal white blood cells and red blood cells.

Bursitis is caused by inflammation of the bursae, the small fluid-filled sacs that act as lubricating surfaces for muscles to move over adjacent bones; most commonly affects the shoulder and hip joints.

Fractures of bones are common injuries, and may be due to a forceful blow (10-16 pounds of pressure will break a bone on average; skulls and femurs [thigh bones] are much tougher to break...) or related to weakened bones due to other diseases.

Caring for Your Skeleton

Your bones are working for you every day, so take good care of them!

- protect them when playing sports – use helmets, elbow and knee pads, and other protective equipment
- milk and other dairy products (low fat cheese and yogurt) are important in your diet, so you get enough calcium (and vitamin D) for bone health
- stay active! – running, jumping, dancing and other sports strengthen your bones and increase density

God gave YOU an amazing body- take good care of it!



Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



February 2014

Summer Camp Registration

Register before March 1 and save up to \$35 per camper!

Check out all the details or register online at www.campiodiseca.org! Registrations can also be submitted via mail, fax, or by phone. Don't have a registration form? All forms are available at our website!

We're excited for another wonderful summer! Under the theme *Like Him*, we're sure all of our campers will have a wonderful time enjoying the outdoors, studying God's Word, and making new friends and unforgettable memories. See you this summer!



January 31 - February 1 IDE Jr. High Retreat & Sno-lympics

Join us at the end of January for an exciting weekend as Rev. Bert Mueller presents on "Who am I, and why am I here. Come tackle some tough life questions in this study on the doctrine of vocation. This retreat will focus primarily on the vocations of a young adult and the vocation of marriage.

After the retreat on Saturday, the annual Sno-lympics take place. Which congregation's youth will take home the trophy? Hopefully, yours!



Go to <http://lcmside.org/>, click on the professional packet link and download the registration forms for your group today! See you there!

THRIVENT CHOICE

Our total Thrivent Choice for 2013 contributions was \$14,653! Thank you donors for making this program a success for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Will you help make 2014 another excellent year in Thrivent Choice giving?

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



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email camp@campiodiseca.org

Camp Presentations

Would you like to know more about Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca? Program 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!



Horse Program Supervisor - 2014

We are seeking an adult (21+) to supervise our 2014 summer horse program. Successful completion of courses requiring skills and competency in riding, riding instruction techniques, safety, and stable management is desirable. For more information contact Daniel at 319.848.4187 or email daniel@campiodiseca.org.

Needs List

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

2014 Summer Staff & Junior Counselors

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca needs LC-MS college-aged individuals to serve as camp counselors. Camp counselors serve as faithful witnesses, teachers, and mentors for youth while at summer camp in addition to leading fun games, hilarious songs, and adventurous activities. Apply online now at www.nloma.org.

Junior Counselors (JC's) are also needed to assist the summer program. Applicants should be at least 15 years old and have completed the ninth grade. JCs spend the week with a cabin group enjoying the many camp activities and serving as a positive role model and motivator for younger campers while helping the cabin counselors supervise younger campers. Great fun and a great experience for only \$90 per week. Please contact our Program Director, Daniel Sanchez for more information.

Important Dates

January 31 - February 1
IDE Jr. High Retreat & Sno-lympics

March 1
*Early Bird Discount
Registration Deadline 1 (\$35)*

April 28
*Early Bird Discount
Registration Deadline 1 (\$10)*

June 18
First Day of Summer Camp



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

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web www.campiodiseca.org

email camp@campiodiseca.org



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

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Youth engaged as Stewards.

If you wander into a confirmation class in Iowa and see Bob Riggert, LCEF's Director of Customer Service handing out hats you can just say YES, as in Youth Engaged as Stewards –Managing God's Gifts to God's Glory. This is a program developed by Bob Riggert, retired Youth, Education and Stewardship Executive of



Iowa District West for confirmation age and high school youth.

Riggert shared, "I didn't do a great job of teaching youth about the stewardship of talent and money in my pastoral ministry and thought that other pastors also struggled with it. The goal of the experience is to educate and engage them in their role as God's steward especially focusing on their management of God's money."

Riggert has already presented the program at Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines, Zion, Manning and Zion, Atlantic. If you are interested in Riggert presenting at your youth group or confirmation class please contact him at bob.riggert@ialcef.org.

\$1,000 LCEF Scholarships Available!

Apply before February 28, 2014 at lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships

One \$1,000 Iowa District West LCEF scholarship will be awarded. Your college choice can be anywhere... As long as it is accredited. Awards are not based upon the type of degree you are pursuing.

Do not wait until the last minute to apply; a one page essay and letters of recommendation are required. Graduating seniors and current college students should visit lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships for qualification details and application.

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

Help Your Favorite Lutheran School Win \$1,000

This February, Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) will be giving away a \$1,000 prize to a Lutheran School in Iowa. Help your school win \$1,000 by taking the 'Young Investor Club Challenge.' The quiz is 10 questions long and can be taken between January 26th and February 16th. LCEF will award the \$1,000 prize to the school based on quiz results. Visit www.yichallenge.org to take the quiz.



*When have
your prideful
preferences
complicated
your
relationship
with God and
others?*

**Lutheran
Church
Extension
Fund**



GOLDEN TREASURE TRUTHS

By Rev. Bob Riggert

*“Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah and served Laban for another seven years.” Gen 29:30
“Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons because he was the son of his old
age.” Gen. 37:3*

Many of our personal preferences have little impact on our lives or the lives of others. However when our preferences become treasures that affect the lives of others or lead us away from God, they need to be confessed and corrected.

Jacob grew up as the preference of his mother Rebekah. Jacob preferred wife Rachel over wife Leah which led to preferring Joseph over his other sons. God had lessons of humility to teach Jacob and his family. Jacob is humbled in a wrestling match that leads to covenant blessings and a new name: “Israel.” The family is humbled with an impulsive decision to sell Joseph that haunts the brothers for decades. The family is humbled by a drought and negotiates for food in a foreign land. The brothers are humbled to fall before the brother they had sold.

There is no pride in Jesus. The sinless Son of God comes to earth in humility. The scenario of Jacob and his family could be one of the many backgrounds that direct Paul’s counsel to the church at Philippi: “Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Have this mind which is yours in Christ Jesus . . . He made himself nothing . . . He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:3-8) Jesus had no prideful personal preferences. He preferred to die for us. We are His treasure.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund is your partner in managing monetary treasures. Investments assist local congregations in building and maintaining ministry facilities and provide financial services for church workers. Investors of all ages get to express their preferences in the type of investments offered. Visits www.lcef.org or contact your District vice president for additional information on how your preferences might be addressed.

Reflections: When have your prideful preferences complicated your relationship with God and others? What are the joys and blessings of knowing that you are among God’s preferences? How has God humbled you and blessed you to be a blessing to others?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, forgive my prideful preferences. As You directed the family of Jacob in their earthly trials, bless my family. Thank you for calling us and keeping us in your family, the Church. Amen.

“Note: Lutheran Church Extension Fund offers a “Treasure Chest” of financial support for congregations, church workers, and members of all ages. For additional information contact:

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Junior High Retreat

"Who am I, and why am I here?"

Come tackle some tough life questions in this study on the doctrine of vocation. This retreat will focus primarily on the vocations of a young adult and the vocation of marriage.

Presented by: Rev. Bert Mueller

When: January 31–February 1, 2014

Where: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Time: 7:00pm Friday – 4:00pm Saturday

Cost: \$42.00 for whole event

\$10.00 for Snolympics only

ACTIVITIES

Get to know other Junior High kids from around the District and build friendships that will last a lifetime. There will be games, small group Bible study, fellowship time, and worship.

WINTER SNOLYMPICS

If you cannot attend the retreat but want to join in the fun of **Winter Snolympics**, come out for lunch at Noon on Saturday for Games, Friendship and Food!



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Please mark the event for which you are registering:

___ **Junior High Retreat** *Registration due January 17th*
 \$42 per registration

___ **5th & 6th Grade Gathering**
 \$20 per registration (youth only)

___ **Other:** _____

This registration is for a: ___ Youth ___ Adult Counselor (please check one)

Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ Parent(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Home Church: _____

Youth Counselor: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Make checks payable to "Iowa District East" or "IDE." On the memo line, write the name of the event.

Youth Counselors: Send checks with the registration forms to:

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

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Bible
Sleeping bag
Pillow
Appropriate clothing and shoes for activities
Swimsuit/trunks & towel
Snacks to share during movies

WHAT SHOULD I NOT BRING?

Irreplaceable or valuable items
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Extra money
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You are responsible for any property you bring to the event

Iowa District East Youth Event Health Form and Photo Release

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Gender _____ Birthday __/__/__ Age ____ Grade this Fall _____
Address _____ Information Provided By: _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____
Parent 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____ Cell _____ Work _____
Parent 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____ Cell _____ Work _____

IF NOT AVAILABLE IN AN EMERGENCY, NOTIFY:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____ Cell _____
Doctor _____ Phone _____
Dentist _____ Phone _____
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NAME OF FAMILY MEDICAL/HOSPITAL INSURANCE:

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____
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Activity Restrictions by parent's/physician's advice?: _____
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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? _____

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Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Greg Seltz, coming to Trinity, Cedar Rapids, March 29th



We are “the church of the Lutheran Hour.” *What does this mean?* Rev. Gregory Seltz will answer this question on March 29th when he is the Lutheran Laymen’s League (LLL) guest speaker at Trinity Lutheran School, 1361 – 7th Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52404. All people, men women and children, are welcome to attend the 71st annual IDE LLL convention. Rev. Seltz will be sharing how Lutheran Hour Ministries is crossing cultures and building bridges for the Gospel Ministry all over the world. Registration begins at 9:00 A.M. and the convention at 10:00 A.M. A noon meal will be served by the Trinity Fellowship Committee in the church basement. The convention will conclude by 4:00 P.M.

Please register for the convention so we can have an accurate count for the meal. The pre-registration fee is \$18 per person or \$20 if you register at the door. We cannot promise a meal if you do not pre-register, however you can attend the sessions for \$10 with no meal. Make checks payable to IDE LLL (Iowa District East Lutheran Laymen’s League). **Deadline for pre-registration is Monday, March 24, 2014.** Please pre-register by contacting Richard Hoelz, President IDE LLL. He can be reached at:

Telephone (319) 363-1214

E-mail rahoelz@imonmail.com

Mail 3519 Heatheridge Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Yes, we will be attending the 2014 LLL Convention on Saturday, March 29, 2014. Registration is \$18 per person if done **before March 24, 2014** and includes the noon meal.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Please make checks payable to IDE LLL



IDE 5th & 6th Grade Gathering

Clothed With Christ

Who: 5th or 6th grade members of an LCMS church
Guests and friends also welcome!
(Registered)

When: April 25-26, 2014

Where: Lutheran Interparish School, Williamsburg

Time: 8:00pm - 8:00am

Cost: \$20 per youth (adults are free)

Gathering Director: Kaja Mueller
kaja@ourredeemer.org or 319-338-5626

WHY ATTEND?

It's an awesome night of swimming, bowling, games, music, pizza, and fun with friends as we learn about and celebrate our Life in Christ!

The clothes we wear say something about who we are and what we do.

Adam and Eve sewed fig leaves together to cover the shame of their sin - and we've all inherited and wear these clothes of sin.

But just as God clothed them in garments made from animal skins, He sees our situation and gives us new clothes, too. In Jesus, God came down from heaven and clothed himself in humanity to take care of our sin. Now, through God's Word and Sacraments, we are given heavenly clothes and have "put on Christ."



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