



# PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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This issue of the Professional Packet is the ninth issue of 2014. The deadline for content that you would like included in the next issue is **October 15th**. Content can be submitted anytime before then by emailing it to [jon@lcmside.org](mailto:jon@lcmside.org).

# President's Piece for Peace

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders

October 2014



As is usually the case when I am asked to teach continuing education courses for our church workers I end up learning from them as much if not more than they learn from me. I was asked by the Office of International Missions to teach a pastoral care course for the missionaries of the Latin American Region. I enjoyed teaching them and I pray they enjoyed studying with me. What did I learn from them? I could not help but notice the commitment they all had to prayer. I was humbled and even

ashamed of how feeble my prayer life is. They began and ended each day with prayer that included you the church workers of IDE. They believed in the blessing of prayer and exercised it with great diligence.

While teaching them I came across a new publication from CPH called *Meditations on Divine Mercy*. It is a compilation of devotions and prayers written by the blessed Dr. Johann Gerhard, translated by President Matthew Harrison. It is full of scriptural treasures and guidance in prayer.

In our congregations and schools we are gathering everyone together after a long summer slowdown. This book by Gerhard is an excellent resource to use assisting you in a life of prayer for your congregations, individual members, students and families. To keep them in constant prayer is a heavenly service you can provide for these who belong to Christ by grace. It is easy to forget, easy to get too busy, easy to find excuses for neglecting the privilege of lifting our member families and each other to the Throne of Grace in prayer. This need not be so. We have a marvelous resource to remind us and teach us the value of this gift called prayer.

I share with you one segment of it to interest your appetite and invite you to feast on the Word from this devotional. It is catechetical in structure and an ocean of fresh water to the thirsty soul. Gerhard says:

*Whoever is truly a child of God through faith will, with childlike trust, address his or her heavenly Father every day in prayer. The one whose heart the Holy Spirit has made His home will, as a spiritual priest, daily offer to God this incense of prayer. There are four immovable truths on which our confidence to pray rests. Because of these, we may be certain that our heavenly Father mercifully hears our prayers. The truths on which our certainty rests are: (1) God's omnipotent kindness; (2) God's unfailing truthfulness; (3) Christ's intercession as our mediator; and (4) the Holy Spirit's testimony.*

I recommend this wonderful little work translated by President Harrison. I think you will find it a blessing to your soul. I know that your congregations and schools will be blessed by the prayer you offer up for them on a regular, daily, committed basis. You are prayed for each day from this office. You are prayed for weekly by the missionaries of the Latin American Region. You are constantly interceded for by Christ Jesus Himself. God bless you all each and every day with His marvelous and unending grace.

*President Saunders.*

# Calendar of Events

## September

<b>22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>Marion</b>	<b>Board for Stewardship and Congregational Services</b> 9:30am District Office
<b>25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Marion</b>	<b>Missions Committee</b> 9:30am District Office
<b>25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Marion</b>	<b>Circuit Counselor Catechesis</b> 9:00am District Office

## October

<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Hiawatha</b>	<b>Lutherans for Life State Meeting</b> 3:00pm Zion
<b>6<sup>-8</sup>TH</b>	<b>Rock Island, IL</b>	<b>Fall Pastors Conference</b> w/ CID Immanuel—Rock Island
<b>10<sup>-11</sup>TH</b>	<b>Solon</b>	<b>Confirmation Retreat</b> Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
<b>16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Cedar Rapids</b>	<b>Retired Pastors Luncheon</b> Hauser Home
<b>23<sup>-24</sup>TH</b>	<b>Urbandale</b>	<b>Iowa Teachers Conference</b> Gloria Dei
<b>28<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Marion</b>	<b>Board of Directors</b> 9:00am District Office

# Save the Dates

October 2014

## Fall Pastors' Conference October 6—8, 2014

with Central Illinois District

**Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Rock Island, IL**

3300 24th Street  
Rock Island, IL. 61201

## Fall Confirmation Retreat October 10—11, 2014

**Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca**

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE  
Solon, IA 52333

## Iowa Teachers' Conference October 23—24, 2014

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
Urbandale, IA**

8301 Aurora Avenue  
Urbandale, IA 50322

## Senior High Retreat November 21—22, 2014

**Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca**

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE  
Solon, IA 52333

## Church & Sanctuary Photos

IDE Archives is planning to put on a continuous slide presentation at the display table at the next IDE Convention. Our Archivist has been requesting landscape photos of the church exterior and one from the entrance to the sanctuary. There are many congregations which have not yet responded. Please send the pictures of your church to the IDE Archivist.

## Fall Confirmation Retreat

Registration is open for the Fall Confirmation Retreat. Please visit <http://lcmside.org/2014-confirmation-retreat/> for more information. Please have your groups registered by October 3rd.

You will need the following Information for each registrant:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Contact Email Address
- Contact Phone Number
- Age
- Gender
- Church (Name and City)

## 2015 District Convention

Your congregations should have received the first mailings of information for the upcoming District Convention.

The 2015 theme is “Witness, Mercy, Life Together—Mission: The Church in Motion” The Convention will take place at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Cedar Rapids on June 26-27, 2015.

For up to date information on the 2015 Convention visit our website: <http://lcmside.org/2015-district-convention/>. You can also keep an eye on our Facebook page <http://facebook.com/lcmside> or our twitter account <http://twitter.com/lcmside>.

## Tell Us What You Think

It has been nearly a year since the Professional Packet took on its current form. If you have comments or suggestions on things that would be helpful to include in the Professional Packet, things you like, or things that we could be doing better, let us know by emailing Jon Kohlmeier at [jon@lcmside.org](mailto:jon@lcmside.org).

## Fall 2014 Directory

You'll notice that there are no Directory Updates in this issue of the Professional Packet. The Fall 2014 Directory will be distributed at the Fall Pastors Conference.

## Faith Lutheran Sanctuary Dedication

By God's grace, the day that we've all been waiting for is almost here! On October 19th, at 3:00pm, Faith will celebrate the formal dedication of their new sanctuary. Please join them for this historic event in the life of the congregation.

# Vacancy Updates

October 2014

## Calling Congregations:

Trinity, Lowden—Steven Anderson (vacancy pastor)  
Messiah, Mason City—Clarke Frederick (vacancy pastor)  
Trinity, Ottumwa—Kevin Saylor (vacancy pastor)  
Redeemer, Ventura—Scott Kozisek (vacancy pastor)  
Grace, Waterloo—pastoral transition  
St. Paul, Williamsburg—Gary Sears (vacancy pastor)

## Pastors Call Update:

**Pending:** Steve Henderson, Risen Christ, Davenport to Trinity, Crown Point, IN  
Ronnie Koch, Fredericksburg to Redeemer, Ventura

**Declined:** Michael Salemink, IN to Trinity, Lowden  
Thomas Ogilvie, MNS to Grace, Waterloo

## DCE / School / Teacher Calls:

**Vacancies:** Trinity, Cedar Rapids—Principal  
Central, Newhall—Principal  
Community, Readlyn—Teacher, Principal or combo

The District Board of Directors appointed Jeffrey Pool as Assistant to the President for Schools in Iowa District East.

# Simple Invitation

October 2014

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

Have you ever wondered why America is at best 45% confessing Christian? Could it be because the church is not inviting people to come and meet Jesus? We read in John 12:20-21: *“Now there were certain Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast; these therefore came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and began to ask him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”* Whom do you know who needs to meet Jesus?

Conservative figures would put the number of unchurched people in our country at somewhere around 170 million.

I think that many times the simple invitation must also include the offer which says I will be by at such and such a time to pick you up and bring you to my church where you can meet Jesus. Coming to the Divine Service is mainly about coming “to receive.” For our Lord Jesus reveals Himself and gives Himself to us throughout the Divine Service. The Divine Service is about Jesus serving sinners like you and me.

As we confess our sins we receive Holy Absolution in the name and stead of Christ Jesus, as the Pastor bestows the forgiveness of sins upon us. What a treasure is received! As the Pastor preaches from one of the appointed pericopes, Christ Jesus is presented, and we hear of His work for us and for our salvation. What a gift is received in the sermon, the gift which again is none other than Christ Jesus.

In the Holy Sacrament we receive Christ’s body and blood – in, with, and under the bread and wine – for the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus meets us in the most intimate way, by giving us Himself. We come as beggars to His table to receive what only He can give!

Sometimes we can forget what God wants from us. He wants hearts which are being led to repentance so they can receive the forgiveness which only He can bestow. Jesus is present in your church through the Divine Service. Your people hopefully are coming to receive.

Part of the challenge comes in catechizing your people as to what it means to be Lutheran and what the Divine Service is all about. Preaching that comes from the lectionary will keep you solidly tied to a text and anchored in the liturgical life of the church. Preaching will then be sacramental, flowing from the new life in Holy Baptism and leading to the Holy Supper. It will help you and your people understand which way the verbs are pointing, the Gospel from above and the Law from below. It will help your people see that the Divine Service is about God serving us from above and about all that I am trying to do and bring to God.

We all know people who are apart from the church and from Christ Jesus and hence are on the way to hell. To whom do you need to be making the simple invitation and be inviting and bringing to where they can meet Jesus? May God use you to be His voice in that place. St. Paul says: *“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me”* (Galatians 2:20).

# Capital Campaign Update



## Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Luke 24:46-47

### Capital Campaign (Update: 9-11-14)

*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.
- Dr. Rothchild wishes to thank all our faithful donors, both individuals and congregations

#### **Update:**

Gifts received to date: \$ 399,712  
Gifts promised in next 1-10 years: \$ 46,883

**Total to Date: \$ 446,595**

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

Dear Administrators, Principals, and ECE Directors:

It has been a blessing to be able to visit many of your sites in the last two months (eventually all of them by Fall Conference.) I have been delighted to see what a good start you have all had for the new year and am praying for your staff each day as they serve the Lord and His children. I have a couple of reminders that are already being covered by many locations.

A "safety" note to all who have children in their care - please remember as required by NLSA that all electrical outlets not in use should be covered. This prevents curiosity from becoming a tragedy, and we want kids to be safe. Are classroom medications stored according to standards? Any other issues that can be simply corrected?

I want to commend teachers who have spent time and talent creating bulletin boards, displays and worship centers in classes to make the presence of the Lord apparent in their classrooms. More and more families do not have these things in their homes these days, and your efforts are important. Classroom libraries which allow for choices of good Christian materials for reading choices also accomplish this. God bless your efforts.

Please remember our professional responsibility to update professional data with the District Office. Administrators need to update the school description and data on the Lutheran Portal, and all called workers can also update their LEIF (Lutheran Educator Information File) on the Portal as well. You are not able to be considered on a call list without this updated information. Administrators can now request access to the Portal to do LEIF searches for two months by calling Pam Krog at the District Office (319-373-2112). You need to have an account for the portal to receive search rights (username and password). Technical problems with the Portal are handled by the portal technical support. Principal updates also help us have the names of those to be honored at conference for ministry anniversaries.

Please complete your school registrations for the Fall Conference at Gloria Dei in Urbandale October 23-24 as soon as possible. The conference team has assembled a great program for us.

I am also working on ideas and sources for a Preschool level conference, hopefully in early spring, as I know you need CEU credits and further training for staff as well as the spiritual boost these events provide. Look for more soon, and please call or e-mail any ideas.

God bless you as you continue this most important work.

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# Youth Leaders' Page

October 2014

Topics and speakers have been decided for our next round of Youth Events. Beginning next fall Pr. Beltz will speak at the Confirmation Retreat on the Lord's Supper. The Senior High Retreat will be led by Pr. Max Mons—he will talk about Apologetics and teach the high school youth to always be ready to “make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” In January 2015, Pr. Andrew Richard will speak at the Jr. High Retreat about praying the Psalms. Finally the 5th & 6th grade gathering will focus on the theme “Like Him.”

## Until He Comes

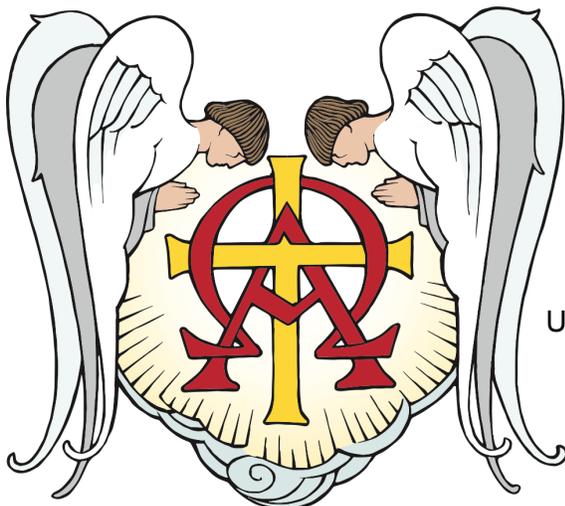
Confirmation Retreat  
October 10–11, 2014

Come and join us as we study how our celebration of the Lord's Supper is not just a private thing we do as Christians. Rather as St. Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 11:26, the Lord's Supper is the Church's central act of public witness.

## “Oh, my God!”

Junior High Retreat  
January 30–31, 2015

There are no better prayers and hymns than the ones that are in Scripture. We use the Psalms all the time at church and personally in every time of need. But what do they mean? What is hyssop? Why is David always talking about rocks, caves, and fortresses? Why all the language of shields and battles? And what does it all mean for you? Come learn what was happening to David when he wrote the Psalms and learn from him how to pray them and find refuge in God our fortress.



## Apologetics Not Apologies

Senior High Retreat  
November 21–22, 2014

High school life provides you with a challenging climate in which the reliability and truth of God's Word is mocked and your faith in Christ is often ridiculed by friends, classmates, or even your teachers. St. Peter implores us to “*always be ready to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you*” (1 Pet. 3:15). In an effort to help you do just that, our retreat will discuss three of the most common objections to Christianity.

## Like Him

5th & 6th Grade Gathering  
April 24th, 2015

What is your image? What is your identity? In other words, who or what are you like? As we look at ourselves, we don't have to look very far to see that we are unlike God. As we sin and experience the pain of sin in our lives, being Like Him might just be the last thing on our minds. That is why we need Jesus. Now that we identify with Jesus, what is life like? Join us in answering these questions as we explore life in Christ under our theme Like Him.

## Te Deum 2015

### Higher Things Conferences

July 14-17  
University of Nevada  
Las Vegas, NV

July 21-24  
Calvin College  
Grand Rapids, MI

July 28-31  
Concordia  
University  
Seward, NE

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## “Huh? Say what??” - Hearing Loss

Hearing is one of our five senses, giving us access to sounds in the world around us: peoples' voices, the honk of a car horn, sirens or other alarms sounding safety warnings, music, and much more.

**Hearing loss** is defined as a permanent or temporary, mild or severe condition preventing a person from receiving and understanding sounds around him or her.

**Deafness** is a condition that prevents a person from receiving sound in all or most forms – a hearing impairment so severe that a person cannot process sound information with or without the aid of amplification (e.g., “hearing aids”).

Sound is measured by its loudness (intensity, measured in decibels or dB) and its frequency (pitch, measured in units called hertz or Hz). Hearing loss may occur in either or both of these areas, and may exist in only one ear or in both ears.

Hearing loss is generally described as one of four types:

- Conductive hearing loss is caused by diseases or obstructions in the outer or middle ear; usually affects all frequencies of hearing evenly, and doesn't result in severe loss of hearing; a person with conductive hearing loss is usually able to use a hearing aid with good results, or can be helped medically or surgically.
- Sensorineural hearing loss results from damage to the delicate sensory hair cells of the inner ear, or the nerves that supply the inner ear; these losses range from mild to severe; they often affect one's ability to hear certain frequencies more than others (e.g. high vs. low pitches); even with devices to increase volume, a person with sensorineural hearing loss may hear very distorted sounds, sometimes making the use of a hearing aid even less successful.
- Mixed hearing loss refers to a combination of conductive and sensorineural loss, and means that a problem occurs in both the outer or middle and the inner ear.
- Central hearing loss results from damage to the nerves or nuclei of the central nervous system, either in the pathways from the ears to the brain, or in the brain itself.

### Causes and Contributing Factors

Many conditions and diseases may contribute to hearing loss: in children, it may be either congenital (present at birth in about 50%) or acquired (occurring after birth, due to factors such as infection, medication exposure, head injuries, etc.)

The most common cause of acquired hearing loss is excessive noise exposure (think rock concerts and headphones!). Other factors include ear wax buildup; fluid behind the eardrum; ear infections; infectious diseases (measles, mumps, meningitis); smoking (smokers are more likely to have hearing loss than non-smokers); and head trauma.

## Common Signs of Hearing Loss

With age-related hearing loss, you may notice:

- Asking people to repeat what they say.
- Thinking others are always mumbling/not speaking clearly.
- Difficulty understanding speech in noisy environments.
- Turning the volume up on the TV or radio louder than normal.
- Ringing in the ears (tinnitus).
- High-pitched sounds are hard to distinguish from one another (men's voices will be easier to hear and understand than higher pitched women's voices).

## What Help is Available?

Suspected hearing loss should be evaluated as soon as possible to rule out potentially reversible causes (such as ear wax blockage or medication side effects). It's also helpful to have baseline hearing tests done, so your doctor can note any changes that occur in the future. In some cases, there is no known cure for hearing loss; then, treatment is focused on improving your everyday function. The following may be helpful:

- Hearing aids or cochlear implants.
- Telephone amplifier or other assistive devices.
- Sign language (for those with severe hearing loss).
- Speech reading (e.g. lip reading, captioned films, etc.)
- Favorable seating in group settings.
- Speech, language and auditory training from a specialist. Remember, hearing loss and deafness can cause both physical (e.g. not hearing a fire alarm) and psychological (social isolation) problems; untreated hearing loss results in lower socio-economic status, more difficulty in gaining work skills that assure financial security – productivity loss related directly to hearing impairment compares with asthma, diabetes, and musculoskeletal diseases in terms of burden of disability. If you have a sudden change in your hearing, or notice hearing loss associated with other symptoms such as headache, vision changes or dizziness, contact your health care provider immediately!

Early detection is very important to identify effective treatment, and beginning it promptly may delay or prevent further hearing loss.

# Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



October 2014

## UPCOMING RETREATS:

### **IDE Confirmation Retreat & Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Father/Child Retreat**

The theme for this year's **IDE Confirmation Retreat** is titled, *Until He Comes*. It is a study on the Lord's Supper that will be led by Pastor Samuel Beltz from St. John Lutheran Church in Oskaloosa, IA. Participants will take a look at how the Lord's Supper isn't just merely a private thing we do as Christians, but something that is the Church's central act of public witness. The retreat begins at 7PM on Friday, October 10 and ends at 3PM on October 11. Registrations can be submitted online though the Iowa District East website ([www.lcmside.org](http://www.lcmside.org)).



Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's annual **Father/Child Retreat** will be happening October 17-18 here at Camp. Dads, this is your opportunity to spend some quality time with the kids! We'll have Bible study and plenty of outdoor fun. Things will get started at 7pm on Friday the 17th and end around 4PM on the 18th.



## **FALL WORKDAYS: OCTOBER 25 and NOVEMBER 8**

If you are looking for a service project to do with your congregational group, please consider coming to one of our camp workdays! We'll be concluding work on our Amphitheater and working on re-staining the decks on Omega Lodge, as well as doing some landscaping in the front of the building. Please contact Site Manager Paul Moritz by emailing [paul@campiodiseca.org](mailto:paul@campiodiseca.org) or by calling the camp. We hope to have you here to help us keep Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca a beautiful place for all of our guests!



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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!



## 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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Convection Oven; First Class Postage Stamps; Copy Paper; Toilet Paper; Trash Bags (18 and 33 Gallon); Smoke Detectors; Carbon Monoxide Detectors; Clorox Bleach; Disinfectant Spray; Popsicle Sticks. **Please see our web site for a complete list: [www.campiodiseca.org](http://www.campiodiseca.org).**

## Important Dates

October 10-11

*IDE Confirmation Retreat*

October 17-18

*Father/Child Retreat*

October 25 & November 8

*Fall Workdays*

November 21-22

*IDE Sr. High Retreat*

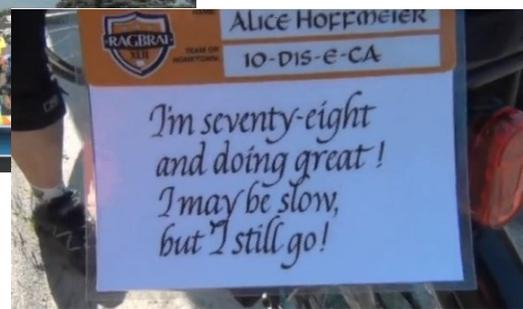
January 30-31

*IDE Jr. High Retreat & Snow-lympics*

## RAGBRAI RIDE RAISES OVER \$1000 CAMP IO-DIS-E-CA

Many thanks to long-time Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca enthusiast Alice Hoffmeier, whose annual ride in memory of Norvin Hoffmeier netted supporters of the Camp and Alice to contribute over \$1,100 for the ongoing mission of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca.

When Norvin Hoffmeier 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. In this year's ride, Alice made KCRG TV9 news!



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

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*For more information about eligibility and to get an application, call 800-843-5233 or visit [lcef.org](http://lcef.org).*



However, traditions which hide Christ or direct our hearts away from Christ are to be examined and avoided. Our salvation is in Christ and not in the tradition.

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## GOLDEN TREASURE TRUTHS

By Rev. Bob Riggert

*“I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. . . . circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee. . . . But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.” Philippians 3:4-7*

**TRADITION!**

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The musical “Fiddler on the Roof” has a powerful scene where Tevye laments the changes in his country and family singing, “Tradition! Tradition!” Tevye assumes traditions can protect his family and way of life. During a period of his life Saul’s song was also “Tradition!” Saul reflected on his credentials with the church at Philippi. Saul persecuted Christians to defend the traditions. Saul felt that Stephen and others who spoke of the resurrected Jesus and the freedom from the ceremonial laws of the Old Testament had to be silenced.

Saul was the one who was silenced as Jesus spoke to him on the way to Damascus. Saul sees the Light of Jesus, hears the Good News of his Savior, is baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus, and is chosen and empowered to bring the Gospel to the Gentiles. Paul lives in the grace of His Lord Jesus Christ. Paul willingly gives up his former life and celebrates the new life in Christ.

We may still sing our “tradition” choruses. Many traditions are helpful and appropriate. Family traditions unite and strengthen the family. Traditions in the church which bring the family of God together at the cross of Jesus to worship Him are always important. However, traditions which hide Christ or direct our hearts away from Christ are to be examined and avoided. Our salvation is in Christ and not in the tradition.

Being a Lutheran Church Extension Fund investor is a tradition in some families. Seeing the stewardship example of grandparents or parents, children continue to support the mission of the church through their LCEF investments. Some families are starting a new tradition with the ConnectPLUS opportunity to bring special blessings to new investors. Others are enrolling children in the Young Investor (Y.I.) Club to help them grow as stewards who save and share. While LCEF traditions bring valuable lessons and new opportunities, the mission of LCEF is much bigger than the tradition. LCEF shares the Good News of Jesus through the church ministries that are supported.

Reflection: What traditions are enjoyed by your family? What traditions in the church are helpful to seeing the Savior? Have you seen any traditions which have distracted us from seeing Jesus? What stewardship traditions are you passing on to the next generations?

Prayer: Forgive us Lord for seeking salvation in ourselves—who we are, what we know, what we’ve accomplished. The Truth is that our only hope is in You and Your sacrifice. Help us to build our lives and continue to build your church on the Truth rather than tradition. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen

Carole White, District Vice-President ([carole.white@lcef.org](mailto:carole.white@lcef.org))

Rev. Bob Riggert, Director of Customer Services ([bob.riggert@lcef.org](mailto:bob.riggert@lcef.org))

Ruth Gerken, Promotions Director ([ruth.gerken@lcef.org](mailto:ruth.gerken@lcef.org))

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Growth leads to building new sanctuary at Faith, Waterloo

Laborers for Christ have set up camp at Faith, Waterloo while constructing a new sanctuary and converting the existing sanctuary to fellowship space and offices.

Laborers For Christ members bring experience and expert knowledge in construction, typically cutting the project management costs 10% to 30%. Laborers For Christ can also update existing facilities, helping you acquire tax credits, and/or money and energy savings.

This money-saving benefit is secondary to the uplifting presence Laborers For Christ brings to your ministry. Laborers enjoy attending worship services, Bible studies and becoming part of your ministry. For more information contact Carole White [carole.white@lcef.org](mailto:carole.white@lcef.org).



**“For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.” – Hebrews 3:4**

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Parents! Pastors! Teachers! Grandparents!  
All concerned about the lives of children!

You are invited by

**Lutherans For Life of Iowa**

to hear author **Linda Bartlett** present her new book

**“The Failure of Sex Education in the Church:  
Mistaken Identity, Compromised Purity”**

**ON**

Sunday, October 5, 2014  
At Zion Lutheran Church  
201 First Ave, Hiawatha IA  
Begins at 3 pm

Refreshments will be served

RSVP by email [townchick27@gmail.com](mailto:townchick27@gmail.com)

A \$10 fee due at check-in time. This fee covers a copy of the book that will be used during the panel discussion.

Panel Participants include:

Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, President of Iowa District East;  
Rev. Paul Beisel, Pastor of Immanuel, Iowa Falls and  
Rev. Stephen Preus, Pastor of Trinity, Vinton.

**For more information about the topic and Linda’s book,  
please visit [www.ouridentitymatters.com](http://www.ouridentitymatters.com) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)**

Linda Bartlett is the former national president of Lutherans For Life. She is the founder of Titus 2 for Life, a grassroots outreach that strives to mentor biblical manhood and womanhood. Linda is the co-founder and first president of LFL of Iowa and the co-founder and president of The Lighthouse Center of Hope in Iowa Falls, IA. She was instrumental in helping to launch Word of Hope, the post-abortion ministry of Lutherans For Life. Linda served as chairman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod’s Sanctity of Life Task Force and on the board of Lutheran Family Service of Iowa. Linda’s Vocation is a helper. She helps as a wife, mother, grandmother, friend, co-worker, and advocate for life.

- **Do you wonder why children are sexualized?**
- **Do you wonder why Christian youth may speak out against abortion, but defend same-sex “marriage”?**
- **Do you wonder why so many Christians who have been through years of abstinence education dress provocatively, cohabit, or become pregnant outside of marriage?**

For 30 years, Linda Bartlett has been involved with young Christians and their parents, working with single and married moms, and listening to women who’ve had abortions. All that she learned motivated her to write a book she never intended to write. That book, *The Failure of Sex Education in the Church: Mistaken Identity, Compromised Purity*, has been described as a “catechism” for parents, pastors, teachers, those struggling with sexual temptations, and everyone who is concerned about the sexualization of children.

For a half-century, Christians and non-Christians alike have been taught to believe that “children are sexual from birth”. ***Nowhere in Scripture does God describe children this way.*** The phrase was coined by a humanist named Alfred Kinsey who believed infants and children can enjoy and benefit from early sexual activity. His social science was wrong, but his research was widely accepted. Our nation and even the Church were set on a dangerous course. ***By accepting Kinsey’s data and the expertise of other like-minded humanists, the Church played a role in bestowing a mistaken identity, compromising purity for multiple generations, and ultimately putting human lives at risk.***

A false identity has both temporal and eternal ramifications. For the sake of children and the future of the Church, we need to know the origin of sex education, then ask:

- **What fellowship has light with darkness (2 Corinthians 6:14-16)?**
- **Upon what foundation have we built?**
- **What is our understanding of who and Whose we are?**
- **Are we primarily sexual beings or sons and daughters of God made holy by Christ’s blood in our Baptism?**

Bartlett takes no delight in pointing out error, but is motivated by love for her own children and grandchildren and by love for God’s Word. With painstaking care, she explains why the Church can no longer participate in a tragically flawed social experiment. Going beyond diagnosis, she proposes a hopeful, radical and thoroughly biblical remedy.

**For the sake of our children and grandchildren, we are in need of honest and kind dialogue and panel discussion.** LFL of Iowa invites you to be part of that dialogue and discussion on October 5 at Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha.



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ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS, 61201

6-8 OCTOBER 2014

Greetings in Christ!

You can still register for the 2014 Fall Pastors' Conference. This year, the Fall Conference will be a joint conference with Central Illinois District, October 6-8, 2014, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Island, Illinois. The Reverend Doctor Roland Ziegler, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, will present on Martin Luther's Antinomian Theses and Disputation.

Beginning with this conference we are offering online registration! This should streamline the registration process both for you and on our end at the District Office.

To register:

1. Visit <http://ide-fall-2014.eventbrite.com>
2. Select the number of people you will be registering and click the green "register" Button.
3. Fill out the registrant information including: Name, email address, and your Church and city name in the "Company / Organization" field.
4. To complete your registration click the yellow "Check out with PayPal" button.
5. If you do not have a PayPal account, click "Pay with a debit or credit card" and fill in your information.
6. Click "Pay."
7. You should then be taken to an order confirmation screen.

If you have any questions about the online registration process feel free to contact me by email at [jon@lcmSIDE.org](mailto:jon@lcmSIDE.org) or by phone at 319-373-2112.

If you pre-registered before June 30th, you will be receiving a copy of "Only the Decalogue is Eternal" this fall. If you did not you are responsible for getting your own copy. The cost of the books are \$13.00 for English and \$18.50 for English & Latin.

This is an official District Conference. Your attendance is required. If you have not registered by September 15, the District Office will contact you. If you are unable to attend any portion of the Conference, please send regrets (with the reason for your absence) to the Conference Committee Secretary, Rev. Christopher Neuendorf either by email to [pastor.neuendorf@att.net](mailto:pastor.neuendorf@att.net) or by mail to Iowa District East, 1100 Blairs Ferry Rd. Marion, IA 52302

In Christ,  
Jon Kohlmier, Comm. / Tech. Coordinator  
Iowa District East - LCMS



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Monday, October 6

11:30 AM-12:45 PM .....CHECK-IN  
1:00 PM.....OPENING SERVICE (SANCTUARY)  
2:00 PM.....SESSION I—REV. DR. ROLAND ZIEGLER (GYM)  
3:00 PM.....BREAK  
3:15 PM.....SESSION 2—REV. DR. ROLAND ZIEGLER (GYM)  
4:15 PM.....BREAK  
4:30 PM.....VESPERS (SANCTUARY)  
5:00 PM.....SUPPER (FELLOWSHIP HALL)  
6:15 PM.....THEOLOGICAL PUB QUIZ (GYM)

### Tuesday, October 7

8:00 AM.....SECTIONAL PAPERS (SEE ATTACHED)  
9:00 AM.....BREAK  
9:15 AM.....MATINS (SANCTUARY)  
9:45 AM.....SESSION 3—REV. DR. ROLAND ZIEGLER (GYM)  
10:45 AM.....BREAK  
11:00 AM.....SESSION 4—PRESIDENT SAUNDERS (GYM)  
12:00 PM.....LUNCH (FELLOWSHIP HALL)  
1:00 PM.....DISTRICT REPORTS (IDE—FELLOWSHIP HALL; CID—GYM)  
1:30 PM.....SESSION 5—REV. DR. ROLAND ZIEGLER (GYM)  
2:30 PM.....BREAK  
2:45 PM.....SESSION 6—PRESIDENT MILLER (GYM)  
3:45 PM.....BREAK  
4:00 PM.....VESPERS (SANCTUARY)  
5:00 PM.....SUPPER (ON YOUR OWN)

### Wednesday, October 8

8:00 AM.....SECTIONAL PAPERS (SEE ATTACHED)  
9:00 AM.....BREAK  
9:15 AM.....MATINS (SANCTUARY)  
9:45 AM.....SESSION 7—REV. DR. ROLAND ZIEGLER (GYM)  
10:45 AM.....BREAK  
11:00 AM.....SESSION 8—REV. DR. ROLAND ZIEGLER (GYM)  
12:00 PM.....ITINERARIUM (SANCTUARY)



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ROLAND ZIEGLER

on

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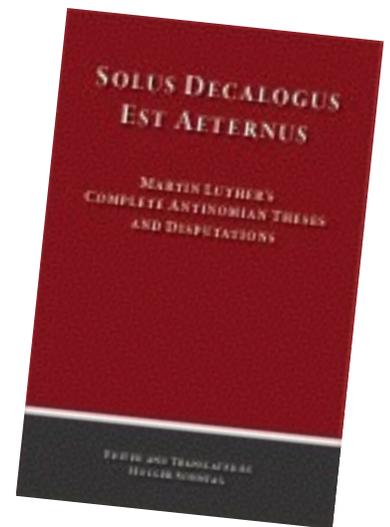
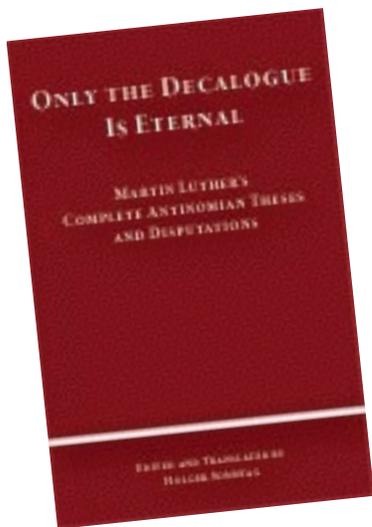
**Pre-Register by June 30, 2014**

to the District Office and

**\* a book is included \***

with your \$50 conference fee  
thanks to a generous grant  
from Church Extension Fund.

Please indicate if you prefer  
English-only or English & Latin (only +\$2)



Note:

- Quantity limited to one per registrant.
- The books will be ordered, and then delivered to you by your Circuit Visitor at your August Circuit Meeting.
- It's expected that all attendees will have obtained a copy of the book and become familiar with the contents \*before\* the conference.
- Discussion Questions and other articles forthcoming via email.

If you miss the June 30 deadline, books can be ordered at:

[www.lutheranpress.com](http://www.lutheranpress.com)

\$13.00 shipped for "Only The Decalogue is Eternal" (English-only)  
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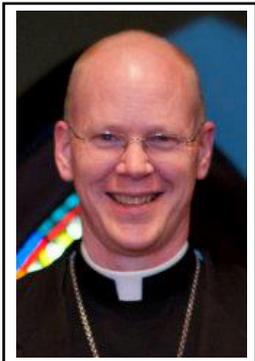
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## **Rev. David Ramirez**

### **Children Need the Law:**

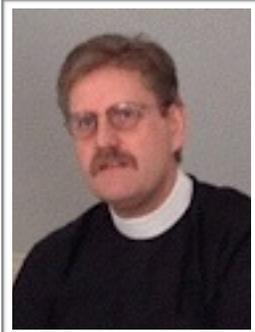
How Lutheran Catechesis Promotes Love of the Law.



## **Rev. W. Max Mons, S.T.M.**

### **The Proper Distinction of Law and Gospel:**

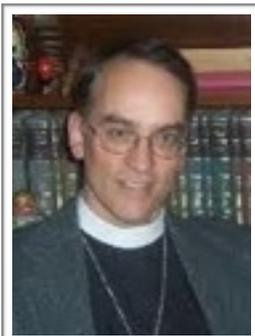
A Look at the Sermons of Luther, Walther, & Seltz



## **Rev. Dr. Matthew Rueger**

### **The Law in Counseling:**

How Do You Deal With Those Who Will Not Repent?



## **Rev. Dr. Burnell F. Eckardt**

### **The Law and Christian Piety:**

How the Liturgy Restores and Reflects Christ's Image In Us.



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## HOTEL INFORMATION



Radisson on John Deere Commons—Moline  
1415 River Drive, Moline, Illinois, 61265  
(309) 764-1000

\$99.00 for Double, breakfast included



**Holiday Inn**

Holiday Inn Rock Island  
226 17th Street, Rock Island, Illinois, 61201  
(309) 794-1212

\$89.00 for Double\*  
\$89.00 for Single\*

\*Includes a 20% coupon for breakfast at Bennigan's connected to the hotel for each night's stay.

Reservations should be made under the group name  
“FALL PASTORS' CONFERENCE” to receive the correct rates. Space  
is limited so book your room early. September 19 is the deadline for  
the group rate.

# Confirmation Retreat



# Until He Comes

October 10-11, 2014

**Presenter:**

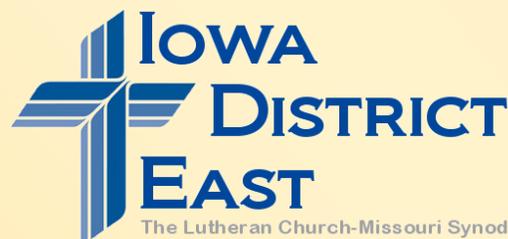
Rev. Samuel Beltz

St. John Lutheran Church  
Oskaloosa, IA

Come and join us as we study how our celebration of the Lord's Supper is not just a private thing we do as Christians. Rather as St. Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 11:26, the Lord's Supper is the Church's central act of public witness.

- Who:** 7th & 8th Grade Confirmands  
**When:** October 10-11, 2014  
**Where:** Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca  
**Time:** 7 pm Friday—3 pm Saturday  
**Cost:** \$45.00

Contact the Iowa District East office at  
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for more information.



# Until He Comes

## IDE Confirmation Retreat

**October 10-11, 2014**

### **Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca**

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Solon, IA 52333

Come and join us as we study how our celebration of the Lord's Supper is not just a private thing we do as Christians. Rather as St. Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 11:26, the Lord's Supper is the Church's central act of public witness.

Rev. Samuel Beltz, pastor of St. John Lutheran in Oskaloosa, will be teaching the youth about the Lord's Supper during the 2014 IDE Confirmation Retreat.

The retreat will take place beginning on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 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 offering online registration for all youth events. Visit <http://lcmside.org/2014-confirmation-retreat> for more information and to register online.

The registration deadline for this event is **Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

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

### **Things to Bring**

- Bible
- Appropriate clothing and shoes for activities

### **Things Not to Bring:**

- Irreplaceable or valuable items
- iPods, mP3 players, etc.
- Extra money

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

In Christ,

Jon Kohlmeier  
[jon@lcmside.org](mailto:jon@lcmside.org)  
Comm./Technology Coordinator  
Iowa District East – LCMS



# Until He Comes

## IDE Confirmation Retreat

### Schedule

#### Friday, October 10th

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 11th

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 \_\_\_\_\_