



PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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This issue of the Professional Packet is the first issue of 2015. The deadline for content that you would like included in the next issue for March is **February 15, 2015**. Content can be submitted anytime before then by emailing it to jon@lcmside.org.

President's Piece for Peace

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders

February 2015

This morning when I looked out the window at 6:00 a.m., I could see about 7 inches of fresh snow covering my driveway and sidewalks. I am so thankful I serviced my snow blower this Fall when it was warm. I cranked it over and away it ran. Within 45 minutes, all was clear. What I did notice all too soon was that my fingers were quickly numb. Albeit the temperature was -7, I still had not gotten that cold that quickly. Competitive as I am I wasn't going to go in and warm up before finishing so on I went. By the time I did get into the house I literally could not unzip my coat. Eventually thaw gave way to pain and then to feeling again. Karen assured me my fingers would come back good as new. That of course set up the old joke "When they do thaw will I be able to play the organ? Answer: yes. Reply: good, because I couldn't before." (If you haven't heard that one before you are too young to remember Red Skelton or Hennie Youngman.)

I suppose I could use that introduction to talk to you about making sure you wear gloves and bundle up during the frigid days we have ahead. But you already know how to do that. I do want to talk about organ playing. I have never been accomplished at it and have always admired those soldiers of the bench who dedicate their ability so that the rest of us can sing the Faith. Whether it is organ, piano, or keyboard I appreciate willingness to contribute to the vocal aspect of Divine Service.

As of late I have worshipped in a goodly number of our congregations who are receiving organ music but have no organist. They are using a program that works with properly equipped organs that plays the liturgy and hymnody by computer. At first I wondered how this would work with the flow of Divine Service. I feared all sorts of hick-ups, elongated pauses and a difference between the hymns selected and the hymns programmed. I have officiated Divine Service and accompanied many an organist over my many years. I appreciate every one of them and enjoy working with them. It is my preference. Sad to say, however, there are fewer and fewer organists, pianists, and musicians available. It has gotten to the point where some of our congregations would have no music accompanists if not for the technology now available.

To my pleasure I am glad to say I am very impressed with the way some of our congregations have had to make use of this new technological resource when they have no other alternative. It certainly is better than having no organ at all. In fact in one service I attended I didn't realize there was no organist until after the closing hymn. I am sure it is more difficult than I am aware but the flow of the service was not interrupted and the hymnody was blessed with accompaniment.

My point here is twofold. First: thank you, all of you, pastors and teachers for working to teach our congregations and school children to sing the Faith. While you are teaching them to sing you are teaching them the wonderful mysteries of the Heavenly Kingdom. It is never wasted time to teach the people of God to sing. The efforts you make to select hymns, coral pieces, antiphons and so forth are fruitful and beneficial. So is the desire to accompany the singing. Again, thank you.

Second: If you ever get to the point where there is no one to accompany, when there is simply no one who can play for Divine Service, maybe look into the organ options that are now available. If need be check with one of our congregations who use it now. It may not be the best answer to the dilemma, it might not be a usable option with your organ. Yet, some of our congregations have found it to be useful and have maintained a good integrity to the music of Divine Service. Preferences and desires may be one thing, realities can be another.

For all of you who assist us each weak with your talent on the bench I can't thank you enough. Every chance you get to express your gratitude to those who accompany, please do so. They practice and work hard for very little. When those fingers get like mine, frozen and unusable, I also thank such options that allow us to continue singing the songs of the Angels in holy liturgy. Teach the Faith by singing the Faith. I think it was Luther who said that. Oh, and by the way, wear your gloves. And when your fingers get cold, go inside and warm up. God bless you all.

President Saunders.

Calendar of Events

January

20	CEDAR RAPIDS	Professional Workers 9:00 am Concordia
27	MARION	Board of Directors 9:00 am District Office
30⁻³¹	SOLON	Jr. High Retreat Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

February

1		IDE Today Deadline
5	MARION	Missions Committee 9:30 am District Office
5	MT. VERNON	Youth Committee 6:30 pm St. Paul
9	HIAWATHA	Board for Stewardship and Congregational Services 9:30 am Zion
18		Ash Wednesday
21	MARION	LWML Board 9:00 am District Office
28	MARION	LWML Board (Snow Date) 9:00 am District Office

Save the Dates

February 2015

Junior High Retreat January 30—31, 2015

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE
Solon, IA 52333

Circuit Visitor Catechesis April 9, 2015

District Office

1100 Blairs Ferry Road
Marion, IA 52302

5th and 6th Grade Gathering April 24, 2015

Lutheran Interparish School

804 Court Street
Williamsburg, IA 52361

Family Life Conference April 25, 2015

2015 District Convention June 26-27, 2015

Marriott Hotel and Convention Center

1200 Collins Rd NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Things to Share

February 2015

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—Missions: 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>.

2014 Congregation Statistics

Please be prepared to submit your congregation’s statistical information in the coming weeks. LCMS Rosters and Statistics will distribute a formal notification to your congregation to submit year-end statistical information. This notification will include information on how to access the report form online.

The submitting of statistical information is a bylaw expectation of membership in synod.

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—onamission@lbt.org.

February 2015 IDE Today Deadline

The deadline for submission for the February 2015 issue of *IDE Today* is **February 1st**. Please send any submissions that you wish included in the issue to jon@lcmside.org.

Vacancy Updates

February 2015

Calling Congregations:

Messiah, Mason City—Clarke Frederick (vacancy pastor)
Trinity, Ottumwa—Calling Graduate—Kevin Saylor (vacancy pastor)
Redeemer, Ventura—Scott Kozisek (vacancy pastor)
Grace, Waterloo—pastoral transition

Pastors Call Update:

Accepted: Daniel Redhage, SD to Trinity, Lowden

Pending: Mark Schreiber, MNS to Redeemer, Ventura

Declined: Jordan McKinley, Bennett/Stanwood to St. John, Oakes, ND
Mitch Otto, Coralville to Redeemer, Ventura

DCE / School / Teacher Calls:

Vacancies: Trinity, Cedar Rapids—2nd Grade Teacher
Community, Readlyn—Principal
Central, Newhall—4th Grade Teacher

Directory Updates

February 2015

Please take a moment to add these changes and corrections to your Fall 2014 directory.

Page	Name	Change
16 (add)	Rev. Thomas Ogilvie	2115 E Court St. Iowa City, IA 52245 Cell Phone: 507-440-9989 Office Phone: 319-668-1266 Saint Paul Lutheran Church 500 Clark St Williamsburg, IA 52361
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45	Williamsburg—Immanuel	Address: 2978 225th St Williamsburg, IA, 52361
46	Williamsburg—St. Paul	Admin. Asst.: Helen Ramsey
49 (add)	Brei, Eric	Director of Youth Ministry Our Savior, Bettendorf Home Address: 4574 34 th St. Court Bettendorf, IA 52722 Cell Phone: 217-412-2806 Church Phone: 563-332-5141 Church Email: dym@oursaviorbett.org Personal Email: ericbrei1@gmail.com

Please notify the District Office of any changes in email address, home address or staff changes. Include 7 all professional worker changes within your congregation, school or preschool.

Whose Story Matters?

February 2015

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

I am convinced that each time the Church loses the focus of her mission or confuses her mission with the work of the state that the devil wins. How many churches have given up the clear proclamation of the Gospel for a message of social activism? Yes, Christians are to be involved in the political process by voting and praying for its leaders and that is our duty in the left-hand kingdom. However, as soon as a congregation or church body makes those things its mission it ceases to be a herald of the Gospel and the devil has her right where he wants her.

Another area of concern can be that of focusing on our story instead of His story. Michael Horton wrote: “Just think of how we use the word “testimony” today. While the object of the apostles’ testimony and witness in the New Testament is always to Christ’s person and work, we typically use these words to refer to our own experience, transformation, and improved lives. I am not saying that there is no place for this, but its priority suggests that we have made ourselves the main attraction. Instead of finding ourselves in God’s story, we create a supporting role for God in our own narratives of personal and social transformation.”ⁱ By nature we just love “tooting” our own horn even with the things of God!

For it is our story in life which is the problem. For we are by nature and deed united to Adam. It is by God’s grace through faith in Jesus that we are now “in Christ Jesus.” In baptism, His story has now become ours. We don’t confess our story but rather we confess Jesus Christ and what He has done! Paul puts it this way: *“that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.”* (Romans 10:9-10).

It is God’s story made manifest in Christ Jesus that matters. John states: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him; and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness did not comprehend it. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”* (John 1:1-5, 12).

It is just as dangerous to assume that the people in the pew have heard His story before so it isn’t that important. Or, we don’t want to offend people so preach no Law that kills. Failing to do so means the Gospel has no one to resurrect and make alive. Lest we ever forget, Paul declares to us: *“And you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.”* Our story does not look so good.

Paul continues with Christ’s story on our behalf: *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished upon us.”* *“But God being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).”* (Eph. 1:7-8a, 2:4-5). We have been brought into His story through the water and Word of our baptism. As we live in that baptism and continue to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament, His story gives to us all that we need to live our life in Him!

ⁱMichael Horton, *The Gospel Driven Life: Being Good News People in a Bad News World*, Baker Books, 2009, p. 99.

Capital Campaign Update



Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Luke 24:46-47

Capital Campaign (Update: 01-15-15)

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: \$ 456,136
Gifts promised in next 1-10 years: \$ 44,883

Total to Date: \$ 501,019

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

Concordia Plan Services Negotiated Rate with Paychex

A National Company with Expertise in Clergy Payroll and Taxes

Concordia Plan Services has negotiated with Paychex (a national company with expertise in clergy payroll and taxes) to provide payroll services at a discounted rate as a way to help LCMS ministries manage their payroll responsibilities and ensure efficiency and accuracy.

The Iowa District East Office has recently switched to Paychex. The transition has been seamless and in addition to a large financial savings, the staff we have worked with have been extremely helpful, knowledgeable, professional and friendly!

With more than 40 years of payroll experience, Paychex was chosen for their outstanding customer service, expertise with the unique needs of church payroll, commitment to business continuity and backup systems, and willingness to provide a dedicated payroll specialist for LCMS employers.

Employers who are not enrolled in the Concordia Plans are still eligible for discounted prices.

Visit ConcordiaPlans.org/Paychex for more information and a Paychex e-brochure!



Intern Positions at LCMS Foundation this Summer

The LCMS Foundation has two internships for current college students this summer. One has a general business focus; the other is more specific to marketing. Please visit <http://www.lfnd.org/Jobs/default.asp> for more information on these positions, and feel free to share as broadly as you'd like with those who might be interested in this.

Blessed Lutheran Schools Week

We will soon celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week! As our Schools give thanks to God for His MERCY, we are reminded of all His merciful acts in the forgiveness of our sin and His many ways of providing for the needs of His people. We are especially thankful here in Iowa East for our schools and their dedicated staff members, and for our families. We have been blessed by an over-the-top response to the ILISTO efforts to raise matching funds to allow schools to receive school choice funding. Thanks to Dewey Torkelson and his committee for pursuing them. We will join our other partners in Christian Education on March 8 in Des Moines for a rally at the state capitol (more information soon) in support of issues beneficial to our Lutheran schools. We will pray for God's blessings and wisdom for our legislators as they vote on issues supporting free choice in education in our state. Please join us there if possible.

Lutheran School Administrators Meet in Orlando

In early February our Lutheran Education Association administrators will gather in Orlando for growth in skills, mentoring, and exchange of information common to all of our schools. Is your congregation providing funds to send your administrators to such training? The money is well-spent in training our administrators to be the best they can be in leading our schools to lead children to Christ. Register now!

Speaking of...

Speaking of training, Iowa East and West Districts share the yearly Fall Teachers Conference to help provide more training for our teachers at all levels in classroom skills and sharing the Gospel. Our October 15-16 Conference in Urbandale will be no exception, with fine speakers and Bible study planned over the two day program. Plan now to send YOUR staff!

Confedex...

The Conference of District Education Leaders, held each year to train District staff leaders, was recently held. The theme was international missions, helping us consider how to better minister to the children and families of Third World areas and emerging missions. One of our Hearts for Jesus school mission offerings focuses on ministry in Africa. Watch for more details on how YOU can be involved.

Hearts for Jesus

You have the opportunity through your child's chapel offerings to participate in the two efforts we have chosen this year. Mission Africa supports our Synod's outreach in worship and Christian Education to bring the Gospel where it is urgently needed in Africa. Part of your funding supports educational missionary Kristin Matasovsky of northern Iowa who is working as a teacher in South Africa. Share your monetary support through tax-deductible offerings to your school's Hearts for Jesus project one through February. Show where your heart is by sharing in this project. Donations can also be sent to the District Office with "Hearts for Jesus" in the memo line.

Reminder to School Administrators

Save the date: **Monday, August 3** for the Summer Administrators Conference. Hosted by Iowa District East.

Preschool Staff Members

Our District is now planning a one day workshop for preschool staff in Spring 2015. We wish to offer training and CEUs (Continuing Education Units) to all who attend. Watch for a special mailing soon.

As I have now completed 6 months of service in this position and visited all our schools and preschools, I would like to assure you that Christian Education thrives in Iowa East, and we pray God will bless the future years. God bless you!

Youth Leaders' Page

February 2015

“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.

Like Him

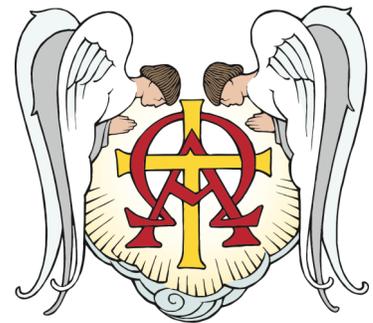
5th & 6th Grade Gathering
April 24th, 2015

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.

Registration for the 2015 Higher Things Conferences opens Nov. 1st!

Te Deum, Te Deum Laudamus, “We Praise You, O God.” All praise, all glory, all honor, all everything goes to you, O Lord, for You sent Your Son who died on the cross for us. He rose again. He saves. He is the sacrifice that makes us — and our praise — acceptable to You.

In the Te Deum, we confess all that God the Father did for us in the sending of His Son. And by faith, we join our voices with those apostles, prophets, martyrs, and of the whole Church of all times and places, in praise and worship of the Holy Trinity...giving us a glimpse right into the divine Throne Room of heaven itself!



This summer's 2015 Higher Things Conferences will rejoice in the gift of the Te Deum, a hymn of praise that gives us a foretaste of what's happening in worship in heaven and on earth.

Download the Registration Packet and register at tedeum2015.org. Call or email Crysten Sanchez (319-389-0105, registrar@higherthings.org) with any questions! See you at Te Deum!

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NE - July 14-17, 2015
- Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI - July 21-24, 2015
- Concordia University, Seward, NE - July 27-31, 2015

Submitted by Ronda Anderson RN
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Donation of Old Eyeglasses

Your eyeglasses (reading and distance) as well as non-prescription sunglasses will be distributed to children and adults in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Reading glasses and sunglasses are especially needed! <http://www.uniteforsight.org/donation.php>

Importance of Your Eyeglass Donation

- People in developing countries need eyeglasses but cannot afford them.

In remote areas of the world villagers have traveled days on foot to reach locations where missions have been temporarily set up. The costs however would be more than most recipients make in a year. It is money they and their families desperately need to survive.

In cases where eyesight is very poor a pair of glasses can mean recipients are suddenly employable, or family members will be able to see what their loved ones and their surroundings truly look like for the first time in their lives. Suddenly having clear vision, when there was once no hope, is an experience of such magnitude that its joys cannot be fully expressed except through the looks on patients' faces when first looking at their new world. The Lion's Club strives to be a global leader in community and humanitarian service, eyeglass collection is one area they excel in! Please consider contacting the Lion's Club in your area to obtain an eyeglass collection box. Encourage your members to clean out their drawers. You may be surprised how many glasses you collect that are no longer needed or wanted.

Secure Church Records

To all IDE Congregations,

If your congregation has not yet come up with a way to secure your important church records by having them duplicated, you may wish to put the following on your congregation's Annual Voters' Meeting Agenda. Your IDE Archivist is making the same offer that was made at the 2012 IDE Convention. If you would like to have your Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Death Ledgers; and your official Council & Voters' Minutes duplicated, make arrangements to bring those records to the IDE Convention which will meet on 26-27 June, 2015. If all goes according to plan, the records will be photographed and returned to your representative by the end of the Convention. Later, two CDs will be created of those records—one given to the participating congregation and the other filed with the IDE Archives. If interested, please contact your IDE Archivist and make the arrangements.

In Christ Jesus,

Allen Konrad.....><>
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Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



February 2015

2015 Summer Camp Theme: Set Free

“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” – John 8:34-36

Jesus comes to set you free. Throughout his ministry, Jesus healed the sick, made the deaf hear, the lame walk, and the blind see. Yes, he even forgave people their sins. Through the lens of his ministry, we see Jesus’ death on the cross and his resurrection as the ultimate act of setting people free. Jesus paid the price so that we are freed from being slaves to sin.

Being a slave means that someone owns you, and sin owns people. Even some of our most beloved biblical figures have been slaves to their sinfulness. King David and the Apostles Peter and Paul are some of those who have been owned by sin. They were enslaved to sins such as hatred, denial, adultery, lying, deceit, and even murder. Their mistakes are sins that we can relate to.

David, Peter, and Paul were freed from their sins. By delivering the forgiveness Jesus won on the cross, the Holy Spirit sets us free from our sins too, just as they were! Their freedom from their sins is something we can relate to. Join us this coming summer as we explore their stories and our own stories of being *Set Free*.

Summer camp registration is open! We are adding two more programs to our lineup. The first is Basketball Camp for Jr. High youth and the second is Defending the Faith Camp, which is an apologetics themed camp for Sr. High youth. Stay tuned for more information on these programs at our website and on our Facebook page!

2015 Summer Staff

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is one of dozens of Lutheran camps across the country looking for college-aged young adults to make a difference in the lives of children. The opportunity to serve at a camp awaits! Go to www.nloma.org and click on the employment tab at the top of the page to submit your application today!

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca also needs Junior Counselors (JC's) to assist the summer program. Applicants should be at least 15 years old. 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. It's a great experience for only \$95 per week. Please contact Camp Director, Daniel Sanchez by emailing daniel@campiodiseca.org for more information or to receive an application.



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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 2014 contributions was \$17,199! Thank you, donors, for making this program a success for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Will you help make 2015 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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Needs List

Convection Oven; Ping Pong Paddles; First Class Postage Stamps; 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 30-31

IDE Jr. High Retreat & Snow-lympics

April 10-11

Higher Things Retreat: Grades 7+

March 1

Early Bird Registration

Discount Deadline #1

May 8-9

Mother/Child Retreat

June 10

First Day of Summer Camp

August 1

Summerfest Auction Fundraiser

Support Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca: Your Congregation's 2015 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 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!



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

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Lutheran Eastside Mission

February 2015

Winter Greetings from Lutheran East Side Mission,

Soon we will be entering the season of Lent and are reminded of God's gift to us year round. Although our lives become busy throughout the year, knowing that God is never too busy for us is the greatest blessing of all. Of course, it can be a challenge for us in getting our friends, co-workers and even our own families to recognize how important our faith is. But God cares for all of His children equally and yet has individual plans for each one of us. No doubt there will be questions as to what directions God has planned, but by sharing our faith through encouragement and outreach to others we will help to unite people under one God. We are grateful that God's plan for Lutheran East Side Mission is exemplified through you and your prayers.

The year 2014 provided ample evidence that our gracious and giving God has plans for Lutheran East Side Mission. Many prayers were answered and endless blessings were celebrated. The Mission was blessed with having the Summer Fun Program for nine weeks including in July when 25 of our children enjoyed attending a three day mini camp at Grace Lutheran in Dewitt, Iowa. Thank you to Grace Lutheran and the many kind and caring Christians who sponsored our children. We enjoyed a day out at the Licht farm and, as always, can't wait to return. Through Vacation Bible School, Our Savior Lutheran, Bettendorf, collected boxes and boxes of school supplies for the Mission children. Once again, as in former years, Our Savior Lutheran Church and Preschool held a can drive in November and collected toiletries, paper products and canned goods to fill the Mission pantry. In December Immanuel Lutheran Church, Davenport, hosted an afternoon Christmas party for the children. The event offered free Christmas shopping, gift wrapping, lunch, and games including a 5 pm Worship Service followed by a family pot-luck. Thrivent Financial through the program "Action Team", along with Roy & Jan Hagen paid for most of the cost associated with the event. The East Scott County Chapter of Thrivent Financial purchased Christmas gifts for every child who attended the Christmas party. Donations for the children's free gift shopping were given by members of Immanuel, Park View Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran, Bennett. Thank you to the volunteers who helped the children shop and wrap.

The year 2014 was one filled with endless opportunities for Mission and Circuit related events. Private donations and sponsorships from our Circuit churches provide what is needed for the Mission to have our doors open for Sunday morning Worship service at 11:30, the After School Program is Monday - Thursday 3:00 - 5:00, the Summer Fun program is offered during summer break, Youth Group meets weekly, the Ladies' Group with Bible study meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays 6:30 - 8:30 and the ESL Classes meet several times during the month. If you would like to volunteer at the Mission please contact our office at (563)323-6812. Thank you to Debbie Hartman, Our Savior Lutheran and Elyssa Luckinbill, Pastor Anderson's Step-daughter, for volunteering at the After school/Summer Fun Program. Our greatest needs continue to be on Sunday mornings, we desperately are seeking van drivers for Sunday mornings, Sunday school teachers and Christian friends who will pray with us and for us.

Take advantage of the gifts God has given you and share your talents with us this year. "The things which are impossible with you are possible with God." LUKE 18:27

God's Blessings



U of I Hospital Chaplaincy

February 2015

Pastor Michael Musick at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Luzerne is serving as the IDE Chaplain at the hospital. Starting in January 2015 he is making the trip from Luzerne to the hospital five half days a week. Donations from Iowa District East congregations help to provide for Chaplain Musick's mileage and salary.

The Chaplaincy Endowment fund has been established and is over \$368,000! After it reaches \$500,000, the earnings will go toward supporting the chaplaincy at the U of I Hospitals. All gifts will be used for growing the fund with the goal of supporting a full time chaplain at University Hospitals.

Please continue to pray for the Chaplaincy program, Chaplain Musick's safe travels, his caring for hurting patients, families, and staff, day after day. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire any & all who have been so blessed to contribute to the IDE Chaplaincy Endowment Fund.

Please make donations to **Iowa District East** and designate to the Chaplaincy Endowment by writing "**Chaplaincy Endowment Fund**" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to:

**Iowa District East
1100 Blairs Ferry Rd
Marion, IA 52302**

If you or others have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact the IDE Office at 319-373-2112.



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

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Iowa District East 2014 Scholarship Winner Andrew Thompson presented with scholarship on January 4



“Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) has personally touched my life by providing funding for my home church of St. John’s in Newhall, IA. With that funding, we added a new addition that about doubled the size of our church building. This helped change not only the lives of the members of our church, but also those living in the community around our church. It also enabled our church to better spread the good news of Jesus to others in the community. So, not only do I like many things about LCEF, it also warms my heart to hear and see how LCEF is assisting congregations in accomplishing their ministry related goals. ...[LCEF’s] mission and vision are built around spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. “God works for the good of those who love him,” Romans 8:28.

LCEF is blessed to provide annual scholarships to our outstanding LCMS students throughout the upper Midwest districts of Iowa East, Iowa West, Minnesota North, Minnesota South, North Dakota, North Wisconsin and South Wisconsin. The online scholarship application for the 2015 scholarship is posted at lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships/. Application deadline for the 2015 scholarship is February 28, 2015

Loans that Support Your Ministry’s Needs



Supporting Your Ministry Needs

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) offers ministry loans for Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations, schools and organizations. Achieve your ministry’s goals while partnering with an organization committed to sharing the Gospel.

LCEF helps you through the loan process, whether you need to build, remodel, purchase equipment or refinance. We are committed to empowering ministries in Kingdom work. Learn more at lcef.org or call 800-843-5233.

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Small Stewards - Big Blessings

By Rev. Bob Riggert

Biblical Stewardship Lesson for and with Children

(You are invited to share these lessons with children in Sunday school openings, classroom devotions, children's worship lessons, or other church settings. They can also be used in the home for family devotions. Each month a Biblical "small steward" will share a "big blessing" as a Spirit-blessed example of stewardship).

February text: Luke 2:41-52

How did the boy Jesus use His time? The Bible tells us very little about Jesus' life as a little boy in Nazareth. The Bible tells us that "Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." As a human being Jesus was a typical child (except that He was perfect!) He probably played with other children in the neighborhood. He helped His father and mother.

We know that Jesus loved to learn. He loved to learn about God's Word and wanted to grow as a Child of His heavenly Father. When He was twelve years old Jesus was in the temple exploring the truths of the Old Testament with the temple teachers. Jesus who fulfilled God's promises was learning about those promises.

Jesus is an example of being stewards of our minds. God has given us our minds to learn about the wonder of God's world, but to especially learn the truths of His Word. When small stewards (children who see God's gifts and take care of those gifts) increase in wisdom they experience big blessings. God wants us to use our minds to not only learn math, reading, social studies, and other subjects, but especially to use our minds in Sunday school, worship, and family devotions to learn more about God's love for us in Jesus.

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund Young Investors Club encourages us to be good stewards of our money as we add to our savings accounts but also encourages us to be wise stewards of our minds. Y.I. Club members help others learn about Jesus and can also earn up to \$25 per year for good grades.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, open up my heart to learn about You. Fill my mind with the truths of Your Word. Keep my heart and mind pure like Yours. Amen.

Small Stewards Bring Big Blessings Home—Notes to Family

Jesus loved to learn! The small boy Jesus was a steward (caretaker) of His mind. Families have the joy of seeing hearts and minds develop as parents encourage reading and learning times in the home. Parents can ask: What did you learn in school today? What was your Sunday school lesson about? Do you have your homework done? Is that television program or internet game good for your mind?

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund Young Investor Club encourages wise stewardship of money and minds. Find out more about the good grades incentive from your church's Y.I. Club coordinator or by visiting www.lcef.org. Let me learn like Jesus. Let me learn of Jesus!

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2014 Scholarship Winner from the Iowa District East

Andrew Thompson of St. John, Newhall, Iowa



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Read more about last year's scholarship winners at lcefuppermidwest.org/news-feed.

Apply before Feb. 28, 2015 lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships

Six \$1,000 LCEF upper Midwest districts scholarships will be awarded this year. Your college choice can be anywhere, as long as it is accredited. Awards are not based upon the type of degree you are pursuing. Students must be a current LCMS member in Iowa District East.

A one page essay and two 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.

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Junior High Retreat

“Oh, My God”

January 30–31, 2015



Presenter:

Rev. Andrew Richard

St. Silas Lutheran Church,
North Liberty, IA

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.

- Who:** Junior High Youth
- When:** January 30-31, 2015
- Where:** Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
- Time:** 7 pm Friday—4 pm Saturday
- Cost:** \$45.00

Contact the Iowa District East office at
(319) 373-2112 or email jon@lcmiside.org
for more information.



"Oh, My God"

IDE Junior High Retreat

January 30-31, 2015

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE
Solon, IA 52333

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Rev. Andrew Richard, pastor of St. Silas Lutheran Church in North Liberty, will be teaching the youth about Prayer and the Psalms during the 2015 IDE Junior High Retreat.

The retreat will take place beginning on Friday, January 30th at 7pm and going through 3 pm on Saturday. This retreat includes dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

This year we are offering online registration for all youth events. Visit <http://lcmside.org/2015-junior-high-retreat> for more information and to register online. For your convenience an Online Registration Planning sheet is included in this packet. You may use this to gather information before you register online.

The registration deadline for this event is **Friday January 23rd**.

The cost of the Junior High retreat is \$45. Please fill out the online registration form. If paying by check, make checks payable to "Iowa District East." On the memo line write "Junior High Retreat." And mail to the District office at: 1100 Blairs Ferry Rd, Marion, IA 52302.

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.

In Christ,

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"Oh, My God!"

IDE Junior High Retreat

Iowa District East Youth Event Health Form/Release

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Gender _____ Birthday _____ Age _____ Grade _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Parent Names _____ Phone _____ Email _____

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

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Like Him

April 24, 2015



Presenter: Daniel Sanchez - Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

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.

- Who:** 5th & 6th Grade Youth
- When:** April 24, 2015
- Where:** LIS—Williamsburg
- Time:** 5:30—11:30pm
- Cost:** \$25.00

Contact the Iowa District East office at
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for more information.

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IDE 5th & 6th Grade Gathering

April 24, 2015

LIS - Williamsburg

804 Court Street
Williamsburg, IA 52361

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Daniel Sanchez, Camp Director of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, will be teaching the youth about the 2014 Camp Theme Like Him during the 2015 IDE 5th & 6th Grade Gathering.

The retreat will take place on Friday, April 24th at 5:30pm and going until 11:30pm. This retreat includes pizza on Friday.

This year we are offering online registration for all youth events. Visit <http://lcmside.org/2015-5th-6th-gathering> for more information and to register online. For your convenience an Online Registration Planning sheet is included in this packet. You may use this to gather information before you register online.

The registration deadline for this event is **Friday April 17th**.

The cost of the 5th & 6th Grade Gathering is \$25. Please fill out the online registration form. If paying by check, make checks payable to "Iowa District East." On the memo line write "5th & 6th Gathering." And mail to the District office at: 1100 Blairs Ferry Rd, Marion, IA 52302.

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Activity Restrictions by parent's/physician's advice: _____
Other information: _____

Allergies:

_____ Hay _____ Poison _____ Insect _____	_____ Asthma _____ Foods _____
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IDE GOLF OUTING FAWN CREEK COUNTRY CLUB ANAMOSA, IA



WHO: All Professional Church Workers, Pastors, Staff, and Spouses

WHAT: Annual Two-Person Best Shot Golf Tournament
9 Holes – Bring Your Own Partner, or We Will Pair You Up

WHEN: Monday, June 29, 2015
Arrive by 8:30 a.m.; Tee-Off @ 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: Fawn Creek Country Club
1601 130th Street (right along US Hwy 151)
Anamosa, IA 52205

HOW MUCH: \$15.00 Green Fees & Cart Rental (*payable to Fawn Creek at golf outing*)



*Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Lunch and Prizes provided courtesy of Thrivent.
In case of inclement weather, call Fawn Creek @ 319-462-4115 or Rev. Rothchild @ 319-350-9564.*

Look for registration information on our website by February 1, 2015!

