



PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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August 2015

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This issue of the Professional Packet is the seventh issue of 2015. The deadline for content that you would like included in the September issue is **August 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

August 2015

As we gathered for convention in June the word came from the news reels that the Supreme Court of the United States had reached their decision concerning the definition of marriage and its legal status in the country. As I anticipated, and I am sure you did too, the decision was to make same-sex marriage legal in all 50 states. I have been writing about what that may mean for us as those Called by God to serve His Church with the Word and not to deviate from it.

I must admit that I do not venture to guess what the impact might be upon the Church. Fear seems to be pointing in the direction that we will shy away from officiating weddings. I pray that is not what faces us. At the same time we can't be too naïve and not be aware of what is going on around us in this world. I don't know if there will be demands upon us to marry same-sex couples in the church, I don't know if we will be left alone to carry on as we have in the past. I can tell you that the President of Synods office is asking the Council of Presidents to bring statements and policies that can be disseminated around the Synod as doctrinal stance, guidelines and documents of support. We will be doing the same at our IDE Board of Directors meetings.

What I do know is that we are called by our Lord to speak the truth in love. If St. Paul is any example to us, just look at his ministry. He was arrested and imprisoned in Philippi. As a result he was able to proclaim the truth to a Jailer and his family. In Thessalonica he preached "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ." Some believed but others "rounded up men of bad character" and started a riot against him. Yet his work strengthened the faith of a man named Jason. In Corinth Paul was opposed by the Jews who were abusive. The result of his teaching; Crispus and his household became Christians. One night the Lord said to Paul "Do not be afraid; keep speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you...". Later Paul had a chance to speak before Gallio a Roman proconsul. While in Ephesus, in response to Paul's preaching, there was another riot in the city. Yet there a congregation was planted and Timothy became her pastor. In Acts 21 Paul is arrested in Jerusalem and begins a journey to Rome that would take him to Caesarea where he is given an audience with Felix and later Festus, both prominent Roman leaders. He also was allowed to speak to King Agrippa of the Jews. All of this while being held prisoner. The ship he sailed on crashed ashore on Malta where God's protection of Paul was visibly seen and spoke truth to those who saw it. Finally he arrives in Rome, still a prisoner, and preaches and teaches.

The point of following Paul's ministry is in the simple fact Paul faced persecution every step of the way. In modern day terms he would not be considered much of a success as a minister. However in biblical terms he is as successful as it gets for the mere fact he remained faithful to his Call. He was to preach and teach the Word of God in each and every situation he found himself. Even when it meant hardship Paul never refrained from the bold proclamation of Christ Jesus, the Son of God. The fruit was born out by the Holy Spirit. Paul did not consider himself with the result, only the steadfast adherence to the Holy Truth.

That is our trek. Whether we will face the situations like Paul or not, I do not know. What I do know is that we have been Called into the Office of the Word to preach it and teach it without divergence from what it is and says. The Lord of the Church places us where we are in every situation, even if we are arrested or abused for preaching the Word. He does this so that ears will hear the Gospel. The Holy Spirit will take care of the fruit, the success thereof, the efficaciousness of the work. He simply expects us to trust what it is we all said and vowed is true. He expects us to be faithful in our doctrine and that our practice follow our doctrine. He is faithful and will never leave us or abandon us. That is His promise, therefore it will not be broken.

We as a church will be fine for we are gathered into the bosom of He who died and rose again with victory over sin and death. Even if persecutions beset us, we are still fine in the Hands of God. Satan has no authority over us nor do his minions. Paul preached that, he trusted it, he carried out the ministry with boldness and courage proclaiming the Word of God in all its' Truth and Purity. We can do nothing less.

God bless you all and keep you steadfast in each and every day we face. President Saunders.

President Saunders

Calendar of Events

August

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CEDAR FALLS

Principal's Meeting
9:30am
Valley Lutheran School

15

MARION

LWML Board
District Office

17

MT. VERNON

Youth Committee
6:30pm
St. Paul's

29

CEDAR RAPIDS

Worship Workshop
8:15am
Trinity

September

3

MARION

Circuit Visitors'
9:00am
District Office

7

Labor Day
District Office Closed

9

NEWHALL

Schools Committee
1:00pm
Central

10

MARION

Mission Committee
9:30am
District Office

21

MARION

**Stewardship and
Congregational Services**
9:30am
District Office

Save the Dates

August 2015

Worship Workshop August 29, 2015

Trinity Lutheran Church

1363 1st Avenue SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

Fall Pastors' Conference October 5-6, 2015

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE,
Solon, IA 52333

Confirmation Retreat October 9-10, 2015

The Cure for Your Soul

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE,
Solon, IA 52333

Pastors' Wives' Retreat October 23-24, 2015

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE,
Solon, IA 52333

Vacancy Updates

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Calling Congregations:

St Paul, Bennett/Stanwood—Tom Hedke and Dan Redhage (vacancy pastors)

Messiah, Mason City—Clarke Frederick (vacancy pastor)

Redeemer, Ventura—Scott Kozisek (vacancy pastor)

Grace, Waterloo—pastoral transition

Pastors Call Update:

Accepted: Jordan McKinley, Stanwood/Bennett to Trinity, Vallonia, IN

Pending: Stephen Henderson, Risen Christ, Davenport to Trinity, Crown Point, IN
Steven Hufford, Lombard, IL to Grace, Waterloo
Jesse Burns, Sanborn, IA to Redeemer Ventura

Declined:

DCE / School / Teacher Calls:

Vacancies: Trinity, Davenport—Preschool Teacher
Dubuque, Lutheran—2nd & 3rd Grade Teacher

Accepted: Nicholas Muench, Matteson, IL to Community Lutheran, Readlyn
Sandra Muench, Matteson, IL to Community Lutheran, Readlyn

Directory Updates

August 2015

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

Page	Name	Change
14	McHone, Randy	7102 HESS RD WATERLOO, IA, 50702-2208

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

We will soon begin compiling the Fall 2015 directory. Please have any updates to be included to jon@lcmside.org no later than August 15th.

From Rev. Dr. Dean F. Rothchild

August 2015

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

Since the last week of May I have been dealing with some health issues, an AFib bout that landed me in the hospital and some diverticulitis and an abscess on my colon. I am not sure if I will need surgery but will know in the next few weeks. It is not fun being sick but it is a reminder that we are not really the ones who are in control of our lives. As I am going through these struggles in life the words of St. Paul came to mind: "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28.

There are certain matters which we can never take into our own hands. For example, the question looms, "what am I going to do about my sins?" Where can I receive forgiveness? What about my many failures and misdeeds in life. In and of ourselves we have no answer for them.

Paul is writing to believers and he writes with certainty when he says "And we know." Paul knew from the Gospel that Christ Jesus had suffered on the cross and taken care of his sins and the sins of all people. Paul put it this way: "But when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons." Gal. 4:4-5.

In our baptism, we were called according to His purpose. Paul also shows how the redeemed life in Christ Jesus is lived out. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Eph. 2:10.

Do we always walk as we should? Definitely not. The old-Adam still clings to us and needs to be daily put to death! Thanks be to God for faithful Pastors who proclaim the Law which kills and then lead us to Christ Jesus. Thanks for the faithful Pastors who declare to their people through the absolution, both public and private, "to be of good cheer, your sins be forgiven you."

Thanks be to God for Pastors who preach Christ-centered sermons. Thanks be to God for the faithful administration of the Lord's Supper and for reminding us of the daily significance of our baptism!

The Church has and dispenses the gift of God which we all need – namely, the forgiveness of our sins. John wrote: "My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the payment for our sins; and not for ours only, but for those of the whole world." I John 2:1-2.

God has worked out the most important thing in our lives, which is our salvation. He did it through His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus promises as we go through the struggles of life: "And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20. I know that the Lord will bring me through this difficulty as His promises declare the victory He has given me in Holy Baptism.

Capital Campaign Update



Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Luke 24:46-47

Capital Campaign (Update: 07-13-15)

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: \$ 500,008
Gifts promised in next 1-8 years: \$ 40,750

Total to Date: \$ 540,758

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



From Webster dictionary-

STRESS: a state of mental tension and worry caused by problems in your life, work, etc.
: something that causes strong feelings of worry or anxiety
: physical force or pressure

To Reduce Stress

- **Get enough sleep.**
- **Exercise regularly. Just 30 minutes a day of walking can boost mood and reduce stress.**
- **Build a social support network.**
- **Set priorities. Decide what must get done and what can wait. Say no to new tasks if they are putting you into overload.**
- **Note what you've accomplished at the end of the day, not what you've failed to do.**
- **Try relaxation methods, deep breathing, prayer, stretch and relaxation may help.**
- **Seek help. Talk to a pastor, trusted friend or a mental health professional if you feel unable to cope, have suicidal thoughts, or use drugs or alcohol to cope.**

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call the toll-free, 24-hour National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255).
from NIH www.newshealth.nih.gov

Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Submitted by your Iowa District East parish nurse district representative,
Ronda Anderson RN, Bethany Lutheran Church, Parish Nurse
nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com**

Confirmation Retreat – The Cure For Your Soul October 9-10, 2015

Presenter: Rev. Jeff Pautz

Confession & Absolution has something in common with Cinderella from the Disney film classic. Little Ella is mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters and nicknamed Cinder-Ella because she is so dirty as a result of chores. Similarly, Confession and Absolution is treated as the ugly stepchild of the Christian Faith by the church because who wants to confess their sins. However, as ugly as sin makes us, our heavenly Father makes us beautiful again through this gift. The gift given is: Jesus. Come and join us as we study how Absolution is not only given publicly but also privately, from your pastor as from Jesus Himself, for the ongoing care and cure of your soul.

Senior High Retreat – Polemics: This Means War! November 20-21, 2015

Presenter: Rev. John Wegener

We will identify and respond to some of the most alarming false teachings on the college campus from other Christians! The devil is active with his lies and deception especially among Christians. He wants to rob you of any faith in Christ, and so is pleased to twist and misquote Scripture. Be ready to defend yourself and ward off the attacks of the devil with the pure and true teaching that God has revealed in His Word.

Middle School Retreat – Proper Identification: Your Calling as a Child January 29-30, 2015

Presenter: Rev. Paul Beisel

Who are you? Most kids would answer by stating their name. But who are you really? In relation to God, you are a child of the heavenly Father; baptized into Christ; a temple of the Holy Spirit. In relation to everyone else, you are a son or a daughter, a friend, a brother or a sister, a student, and a baptized member of the Body of Christ. During this retreat, we will explore what God's Word has to say to children regarding their life of faith toward God and love toward their neighbors. We will also learn how to confess our sins based on our station in life, and to rejoice in the word of absolution.

IN WHOSE CLOSET ARE THEY?

I have been trying to locate the records of IDE congregations that have disbanded. The normal routine is that a disbanding congregation presents its records to the LCMS archives at Concordia Historical Institute [CHI] in St. Louis. My list of disbanded congregation numbers 19. I have discovered that CHI has the actual records of the following:

Beautiful Savior-Maquoketa (1886-1997)
St. John-Four Corners, Van Buren County (1894-1951)
St. Martin-St. Clair Twp, Benton County (1912-1984)
St. Martin-What Cheer (1868-1980)
Zion-Oxford (1933-1967)

Upon further investigation, I have discovered the location of the following disbanded church records:

Center Grove-Center Twp, Clinton County (181-1921)—records at St. John-Clinton
Immanuel-Olive Twp, Clinton County (1871-1945)—records at Immanuel, Grand Mound
Redeemer-Rudd (1935-1971)—records destroyed in a parsonage fire
Trinity-Grand Mound (1903-1945)—Amalgamated with Immanuel-Olive Twp & changed name to Immanuel with records at Grand Mound
Zion-Mott Twp, Franklin County (1876-1933)—records at Trinity-Hampton

So, in whose closet are the remaining disbanded church records? I am asking your congregation to check and see if a disbanded congregation's records are located at your place. Records not yet located are as follows:

Concordia-Newhall (1916-1928)
Immanuel-Grant Center (1900-1965)
Our Redeemer-Elkader (1933-1971)
Redeemer-Dunkerton (1936-1938)
St. John-Lockridge (1893-1950)
St. Paul-Albia (1945-1955)
Trinity-Bremer (1916-1985)
Trinity-State Center (1925-1931)
Trinity-Washington (1931-1963)

If you happen to locate disbanded church records, please notify me at:

onamission1939@gmail.com

Allen Konrad.....><>
IDE Archivist

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



August 2015

SUMMERFEST AUCTION & 1-MILE/5K FUN RUNS ON AUGUST 1

Mark **Saturday, August 1** down on your calendars! We are weeks away from Camp's annual Summerfest fundraiser auction. Though our first quilts for auction have been delivered, we still need more quilts and other fine craft items to be donated and then auctioned off for the benefit of the camp. Send yours in today! Past festivals have brought in over \$10,000 for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca and we need your donations and attendance to make Summerfest 2015 a success. The Auction begins at 1PM.

In addition, this year we are hosting 1-mile (for kids) and 5K (for kids and adults) fun runs. The top three placers in each race will win 2016 camp scholarships. Those races begin at 10:00 AM. See you on August 1!



RAGBRAI & TEAM IO-DIS-E-CA



Norvin Hoffmeier

Norvin Hoffmeier was Treasurer for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca from 1972-2002. When he passed away in 2003, it was decided an annual RAGBRAI ride in his memory would be organized in support of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. That tradition continues today, and Team Io-Dis-E-Ca will be participating in RAGBRAI 2015 from July 19-25. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca and write RAGBRAI on the memo line. All funds raised benefit the camp. Please contact Alice Hoffmeier at 365-8586 for more information.

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Camp Presentations

Would you like to know more about Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca? Camp Director Daniel Sanchez is available to speak to congregations and groups about Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's mission, facilities, and programs. Call 319-848-4187 to schedule a speaker!



THRIVENT CHOICE

In 2014, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca received \$17,199 in Thrivent Choice contributions! 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

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

Important Dates

August 1

*Summerfest Fundraiser Auction
1-Mile, 5K Fun Runs*

July 28

Last Day of Summer Camp

September 18-19

IED LWML Fall Retreat

October 9-10

IDE Confirmation Retreat

November 20-21

IDE Sr. High Retreat

January 29-30

IDE Jr. High Retreat & Snow-lympics

From the Kids, For the Kids Mission Offering

Each year the camp collects an offering called From the Kids, For the Kids. It's a way that we buy new program equipment here at camp so that kids can have a more enjoyable experience. We also take this opportunity to share this offering with kids who don't attend camp.

The Lutheran East Side Mission in Davenport, IA was started so that the Lord and his gifts would be available to ALL people, especially those who live in Davenport's urban east side neighborhoods. A portion of our From the Kids, For the Kids offering will go to support the After School Program.

The East Side Mission provides several services to there are, including an after school program where they provide youth with Christian setting where they homework, community outreach, and participate in other activities. They also have a pantry stocked with food and other household necessities for families in need. For more information on how you can help this mission, please contact Pastor David Anderson at esmdav@gmail.com or call 563-323-6812.

THANK YOU!!!!!!



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Because good stewardship begins with small steps ... and a good role model. Help the young people in your life experience the joy of investing for the future while empowering ministry through the Young Investors (Y.I.) Club.



Investments through LCEF's Y.I. Club mean more. Invested funds make loans and services possible, which help keep ministries vibrant and reaching out with the Gospel. LCEF understands ministries and their unique financial needs.

Explore yiclub.lcef.org, LCEF's new website for toddlers, tweens and teens, playing fun and educational games, and learning stewardship concepts.

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Small Stewards - Big Blessing

Biblical Stewardship Lessons for and with Children

“Small Stewards” lessons focus on a Biblical child. The lessons can be shared with children in Sunday school openings, classrooms devotions, children’s worship messages, or other congregational settings. The lessons may also be used for family devotions or table talks. “Notes to Family” offers family applications and explorations.

Exodus 2:1-10 (The Child Moses)

The baby hidden in the bulrushes of the Nile River is discovered by the Egyptian princess and named “Moses” meaning “I drew him out of the water.” (vs. 10) God’s plan was for Moses to be drawn out of the water to be part of God’s plan to rescue Israel from hundreds of years of slavery. Moses would be God’s chosen leader to bring His people from Egypt to the Promised Land.

Like Moses we were drawn out of the water. God drew us out of the waters of baptism. The Apostle Paul explains that through baptism we were drawn onto the cross and into and out of the tomb. (Romans 6:3-4) We were baptized for new life in Christ. We were drawn out of the water of baptism for life as stewards.

God’s word to us is, “I drew him/her out of the water.” God drew us out of the water to live as His children worshipping and serving Him. God drew us out of the water to obey our parents, help our friends, and do our homework. God drew us out of the water to take care of His creation. God drew us out of the water to use our money to send missionaries throughout the world and to share the Good News of Jesus by supporting our churches.

When Moses was a child God already had a special plan in mind. Moses’ journey would include being an Egyptian prince, a desert shepherd, and finally a leader of God’s people. Who knows what special plans God has in mind for his children. Lutheran Church Extension Fund celebrates that children make a Kingdom difference. The Y.I. (Young Investors) Club members become important mission leaders as their investments help build churches and schools. Ask your pastor or Y.I. Club coordinator for more information or visit www.lcef.org.

Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, for drawing Moses out of the waters of the Nile River to serve as your leader. Thank you, Jesus, for drawing me out of the water of baptism to serve as your steward.

Small Stewards Bring Big Blessings Home—Note to Family

Did the little boy Moses understand God’s plan for Him? Was it a good plan? Do we always understand God’s plans for us? Are they good plans? When did God draw you out of the water of baptism? What difference does our baptism make in being part of God’s plan?

We don’t know all of God’s plans for us. However with our parents’ help we can make plans as to how we use our money. We should plan on sharing with others especially first of all giving to our church or Sunday school. We should plan on saving some money for college or other things way into the future. We might even make some plans to use some of our money to buy something special. An LCEF Young Investor Club account can help us with all those plans.

Visit lcef.org or contact Carole White, District Vice-President (carole.white@lcef.org)

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AUGUST 29, 2015 WORSHIP WORKSHOP

Liturgy, Music, and Art in the Divine Service

The Iowa District East Worship Committee is hosting a free workshop for pastors, organists, choir directors and others interested in church music, art, and liturgy.

This workshop will cover topics on liturgy, sacred music, playing organ, and what to do when you don't have an organist.

RSVP by registering online at: <http://lcmside.org>.



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Worship Workshop

Liturgy, Music, and Art in the Divine Service

August 29, 2015

	Time	Location	Presenter
Registration	8:15 – 8:45 AM		
Matins	9:00 AM	Sanctuary	
Plenary Session	9:30 – 10:30 AM	Sanctuary	President Brian Saunders Rev. Andy Wright
Sectional	10:45 – Noon	Sanctuary TBD TBD	Rev. David Hansen & Rev. Sean Hansen Karen Godecke Rev. Chris Neuendorf
Lunch	Noon		
Sectional	1:00 – 2:15 PM	Sanctuary TBD TBD	Katie Moss Karen Godecke Susan Benya
Vespers	2:30 PM	Sanctuary	
Dismissal	3:00 PM		

Worship Workshop

Liturgy, Music, and Art in the Divine Service

Plenary Sessions

Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders

The discussion about “liturgy” has been an ongoing topic for many years in the LCMS. Most of the discussions are centered on the familiarity we currently have with liturgy. A better place to start is with the New Testament use of the Greek word “Liturgia” both as a noun and in verbal forms. We will look at its use by St. Luke, St. Paul and the author of Hebrews to understand its New Testament origin. We will then look to the Lutheran Confessions and see how the Lutheran Fathers understood the term as it applies to the Church and Divine Service. A better appreciation for the theology of liturgy will greatly assist us with the issues concerning liturgy in the Divine Service today. This presentation will hopefully give us a foundation that will carry us through the day as we gather to further our knowledge, understanding, and appreciation for God’s Divine Service. Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders.

Rev. B. Andrew Wright

The liturgy of the Christian Church is rich in and steep in the history of the saints who have gone before us. Yet, where does it come from? We will take a look at the Divine Service as we have received it from our forefathers in the faith and see that really it has its source and substance in the Scriptures. The parts of the service sing and proclaim the Gospel of Christ using the words of the Bible itself. A theology and life of repentance and faith is proclaimed in the vivid words, which we sing, hear, and say culminating in the reception of the Lord’s Word and Supper. Come and join us as we study this wonderful topic and rejoice in the great gifts God has given to us including the liturgy of the Church.

Sectionals

Rev. Sean Hansen & Rev. David Hansen – Help My Church Doesn’t Have an Organist!

How do you make use of our hymnal's rich musical heritage when church organists are becoming so hard to find? One answer is provided by Church Music Solutions and their Substitute Organist Service. Using modern technology, this service plays high-quality music from LSB through your organ so that you can use the full resources of our hymnal and your own instrument even when an organist is not available. St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mount Vernon has been regularly using the Substitute Organist Service for the past four years. Pastor Hansen will talk about their experience with the program and its creator, Church Music Solutions. The presentation will include an overview of the ordering process and the experience of the resulting services. A member of the congregation will also be present to give their perspective on running the service program.

Another solution to the lack of organist situation is one used by Pastor David Hansen at St. John Lutheran Church, Center Point, and King of Glory Lutheran Church, Swisher. This dual parish makes use of a resource from Concordia Publishing House called “The Concordia Organist,” a 31 CD collection which provides pipe organ accompaniments for all of the hymns and liturgical music in *Lutheran Service Book*. The recordings in this collection feature organists Paul Grime, Kevin Hildebrand, and Richard Resch, playing the Schlicker organ in Kramer Chapel at CTS, Fort Wayne. Pastor Hansen and one of his volunteer music assistants will explain how they make use of this resource to accompany all hymns and liturgy for Divine Service.

Rev. Christopher Neuendorf

In the first two centuries of her existence, the Lutheran Church produced a wealth of hymnody, with the influence of the Church Year largely determining content and presentation. Even the earliest hymnals began with an extended section of hymns appropriate to the seasons from Advent through Trinity, and as time went on these hymnals included appendices providing specific hymns for every Sunday of the Church Year. This presentation will delve into the astonishing wealth of musical resources for the Church Year available to the early Lutheran Church, as well as how those resources are made available to us today for the edification of our people.

Katie Moss, D.M.A. – “What do I do with my feet!?”: Transitioning from the Piano to the Organ

Church organists come to this unique and challenging instrument with different levels of keyboard training. This workshop will focus on the differences between the piano and the organ and will address specific elements of musical leadership unique to the organ: keyboard and pedal technique, tempo and rhythm, registration, and creativity. It will provide resources to help organists **prepare** and **play** a church service that is consistent, easy for congregations to follow, and faithful to the texts and styles of our hymns and liturgy. What a blessing to be able to facilitate our congregations' singing of the faith! Participants of any and all levels of keyboard experience welcome to attend.

Karen Godecke, M.A. – Beyond the 3' x 5' Felt Banner: Whole-space Liturgical Art for All Season

Take a visual walk through the Church year via Liturgical Art considering these questions: What is Liturgical Art, what does it include, and how can this 'visual voice' of The Word serve the community-in-worship-space effectively?

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Karen Godecke, M.A. – Making Liturgical Art with Community

This session is about engaging all ages of the worship-community on a path of love and service through their participation in the processes and products of Liturgical Art-making. View a progression of Scripturally-based projects as they come to life in worship-space and in the hearts and minds of the 'Body of Christ'.

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Susan Benya, Ph.D. – (Hot!) Topics in Contemporary Church Music

(Hot!) Topics in Contemporary Church Music will examine issues and approaches relative to the planning, selection, presentation of music for worship that is free of limiting and divisive labels (i.e., "traditional" and contemporary") and restores worship music to its appropriate place as "handmaiden of the liturgy" and not an end in itself. Dr. Susan Benya, a lifelong church musician who serves as Director of Music at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, will review the reasons for the need to a return to "adjective-free worship" as opposed to the currently popular model of multiple services in different formats based largely on musical style. Dr. Benya has repeatedly witnessed the hazards of the popular approach and has worked to help restore a more holistic, unifying, and efficient worship model in the churches she has served. Specific suggestions and resources for accomplishing this goal will be provided, and difficult questions will be addressed.