



# PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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## September 2015

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This issue of the Professional Packet is the eighth issue of 2015. The deadline for content that you would like included in the October issue is **September 15, 2015**. 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

September 2015

For the last several issues of the Professional Packet I have been addressing the Supreme Court decision on same-sex marriage and what impact that may or may not have on our ministry. In this edition, I wish to address the same topic as it relates to our Lutheran Schools. It is a slightly different situation since the Lutheran School is not in and of itself an Altar of the Church where membership is required to partake in its gifts. In the congregation, membership invites one to the Altar for the Body and Blood of Christ to eat and drink. It presupposes a catechized understanding and faith as to the Holy Scriptures and the Small Catechism. The common bond of faith and confession is bound to the Communion rail. The Lutheran School does not feed from the Altar as does the Divine Service. Reception of the gifts in our schools is from lips to ears. It is a matter of teaching, or what is called catechesis. The consequence of false eating and drinking is judgment. Therefore same-sex couples or advocates would not be communicant members of our congregations. The means to correct that is through teaching which is what our Lutheran Schools do.

If a student was to enroll at one of our schools who comes from a home of a same-sex relationship, I do not think that would be reason to deny them access to the school. Were they to enroll they would need to be instructed as to what Scripture teaches about marriage and God pleasing sexuality. We will not change that teaching or dilute it from the Word; we can't do that and remain a Lutheran School. The incoming student and those responsible must be made aware of that. They can then decide if they want their child to be enrolled. If they do enroll them they do so knowing what we teach and why we teach it. That does not necessarily avoid complaints and arguments but it sets the standard from which we will not divert.

This can be done faithfully and with a gentle spirit. St. Paul instructs us to speak the Truth in love and that we do by being honest. It would not do the soul of anyone any good if we were to advocate for that which the Holy Spirit condemns. To lie to someone about the Word of God is in reality not love but a crass form of hatred. To love means to speak the Truth so that the ears of the erring can hear the Word. The Holy Spirit uses the Word to kill the Old Adam and resurrect the New Man in Christ. Faith is created through the Word so it is the Word we want to teach and for every ear to hear. For this reason enrollment criteria for Schools is different than for Communicant membership. Enrollment is so we can teach. Membership is for the taught.

This situation we find ourselves in may just be a grand opportunity for us to shine like the stars in a darkened night. Our confession is from His Word and it cannot be broken. I pray we engage each opportunity the Lord of the Church puts before us to speak the Truth and speak it in love.

*President Saunders*

# Calendar of Events

## August

**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

**17**

**MARION**

**Worship Committee**  
9:00am  
District Office

**21**

**MARION**

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

## October

**5-6**

**SOLON**

**Fall Pastors' Conference**  
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

**9-10**

**SOLON**

**Confirmation Retreat**  
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

**15-16**

**URBANDALE**

**Teachers Conference**  
Gloria Dei

# **Save the Dates**

September 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

September 2015

## Calling Congregations:

St Paul, Bennett—Daniel Redhage (vacancy pastor)  
St. Paul, Stanwood—Jan Horne (vacancy pastor)  
Messiah, Mason City—Clarke Frederick (vacancy pastor)  
Grace, Waterloo—pastoral transition

## Pastors Call Update:

Accepted:      Jesse Burns, Sanborn, IA to Redeemer, Ventura (Installation 9/20)  
                      Stephen Henderson, Risen Christ, Davenport to Trinity, Crown Point, IN

### Pending:

Declined:      Steven Hufford, Lombard, IL to Grace, Waterloo

# Directory Updates

September 2015

*We are in the process of compiling  
information for the Fall 2015  
Directory. If you have any changes  
that you wish included, please send  
them to [jon@lcmside.org](mailto:jon@lcmside.org) as soon as  
possible.*

# What Mode are You In?

September 2015

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

As we were finishing our morning devotions today, President Saunders asked Jon Kohlmeier what he had going on today. Jon's reply was that he was in "publishing mode." That meant that he was working on both the Professional Packet and the next edition of the IDE Today. That question got me thinking about our churches.

The Church does get in the publishing mode through its newsletters and weekly email blasts. The question leads us into the fact that the church is always to be in the "proclaiming and confessing mode." As to the proclamation mode Jesus says: "and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem." (Luke 24:46-47). Through the preaching office, the Pastor proclaims Law and Gospel. The Law must come in all its sternness so that sin is exposed so that it can be repented of. The Gospel then brings its healing and forgiving balm.

What God's people do not need is the user-friendly babble which says nothing and leaves people feeling good about themselves and their sin. Such preaching will ultimately lead people to hell as it is void of Christ Jesus. Like it or not, Christless Christianity is invading far too many churches in America today.

The Church is called to confess Christ Jesus and His Word. As the Church continues to be attacked and maligned in our country, it has been given what the unbeliever needs, Jesus Christ. As to confession, Paul says: "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). To confess is to say the same thing. God's Word points out our sin and His answer to it in Christ Jesus. I am a sinner and Jesus has paid for all sin. It is really very clear and simple.

John Pless wrote:

*The pastor serves the royal priesthood by preaching God's Word and administering His sacraments. The royal priesthood, in turn, serves the neighbor just as Christ served us. This service is not only in the Christian congregation where the royal priesthood prays for and supports the pastor but most especially in the world where God has placed His people in a variety of vocations. Here the royal priesthood passes on the Gospel that it has received in the Divine Service as Christ is confessed and His people give reason for the hope that is within them (I Pt. 3:15). It is within the various stations of life where God's priests live that they do what priests are called to do as they speak the word of God to others, speak to God on behalf of others in prayer, and offer themselves as living sacrifices on behalf of the neighbor.<sup>i</sup>*

We see the life of the Church being carried forth by Pastor and people together. Pless adds these thoughts:

*Evangelism in the highest expression of priestly love for the neighbor as the confession of Christ calls the unbelieving neighbor out of the darkness of death into the life of the church. Speaking the words of God's law and Gospel, the royal priesthood bears testimony to Christ Jesus in the places where God has put them; in their families, in the places of daily work, and with friends. Such evangelism on the part of the royal priesthood assumes that they speak not of themselves but of Christ's cross, His name, and His Word. Faithful pastors will so teach their people so that they are prepared to give an adequate account of the faith once delivered to the saints. God's holy priests speak of their baptism and so call the unbaptized to 'repent and be baptized and those whose faith has withered to return to their baptism in repentance and faith.'<sup>ii</sup>*

Such is the work given to the Church. In carrying out that work, the Church is publishing by proclaiming and confessing and bringing Christ crucified and risen to a world in need. God bless you as you seek the lost and feed the found and care for the absent saints!

<sup>i</sup> John Pless, *Reflections on the Life of the Royal Priesthood*, Shepherd the Church, Essays in Pastoral Theology Honoring Bishop Roger D. Pittelko, CTS Press, 2002. p. 283

<sup>ii</sup> Ibid, 283.

# Capital Campaign Update



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

**Capital Campaign (Update: 08-13-15)**  
*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: \$ 506,547  
Gifts promised in next 1-8 years: \$ 38,650

**Total to Date: \$ 545,197**

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

# Youth Ministry Page

September 2015

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

**Cost: \$45/registrant**

Presenter: Rev. Jeff Pautz

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## **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.



# Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



September 2015



## Father/Child Retreat: Sept 11-12

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's annual Father/Child Retreat is coming up! Camp's annual weekend getaway for fathers, grandfathers, and their children is Sept. 11-12. It's a weekend filled with fun, family, and God's Word! There will be Bible study for both kids and adults. You'll get to do archery, go canoeing and hiking, and at night, enjoy s'mores around a toasty campfire! For questions or more information, e-mail Daniel at [director@iodiseca.org](mailto:director@iodiseca.org) or call 319-848-4187. Space is limited! The retreat will go from 7PM Friday to 4PM Saturday.

### Important Dates

September 11-12  
Father/Child Retreat

September 18-19  
IED LWML Fall Retreat

October 9-10  
IDE Confirmation Retreat

October 24 & November 7  
Fall Workday

November 20-21  
IDE Sr. High Retreat

January 29-30  
IDE Jr. High Retreat & Snow-lympics

### 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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## Imagine Immeasurably More

For nearly 45 years Parkview Lutheran Church, Eldridge has reached out with Gospel of Jesus Christ and inspired peoples lives. Week after week the Gospel in its truth and purity has been proclaimed and shared with this community. Now as they ponder the future for the next generations they are using the theme "Imagine Immeasurably More". John Sproul of Lutheran Church Extension Fund, Capital Funding Services has led them through a capital campaign for new fellowship space, preschool and office space. The new space will allow



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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.

#### I Samuel 3:1-10 (The Child Samuel)

Children of God are caretakers (stewards) of everything God has given them. They are stewards of the body that God created. Each of us is blessed with five senses—sight, hearing, smelling, tasting, and touching. The senses help us enjoy and explore the world that God created.

The boy Samuel is a wonderful example of a steward of the sense of hearing. Samuel used his ears to listen to God. Samuel thought he was hearing the voice of his master, Priest Eli. Eli suggested that God might be calling His servant Samuel. When God called, Samuel responded, “Speak, Lord, for your servant hears” (vs. 10). Samuel used his ears to listen to God many times in His life. God used Samuel to share His Word with the kings and people of Israel.

We are blessed with ears and the sense of hearing. God gives us our ears to listen to the wonderful sounds in His creation, to listen to parent and teachers and others who direct us, and especially to listen to God through His Word. Each Sunday we hear God’s Word in worship. As another year of Sunday school begins we hear Bible lessons which tells us about God’s love for us and His plan to save us through Jesus. We are blessed to listen in Sunday school and other church classrooms.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund helps build churches and schools where people can use their ears to hear about Jesus. Your church’s Young Investor Club (Y.I.) coordinators invite you to hear that your investments make a difference in sharing the Good News of Jesus. As a “club” member you’ll also hear birthday greetings, opportunities to receive benefits for good grades and community service, and other ways that children make a difference in Lutheran Church Extension Fund and your congregation. Ask your pastor or Y.I. Club coordinator for more information or visit [www.lcef.org](http://www.lcef.org).

**Prayer:** Thank You, Jesus, for my ears and the sense of hearing. Open my ears to hear Your word. As I hear the voice of my parents, teachers, pastors, and others who care for me, help me to listen respectfully in Your name. Amen

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### Small Stewards Bring Big Blessings Home—Notes to Family

Review the story of the boy Samuel (I Samuel, chapters 2 and 3). Why was the boy Samuel growing up in the temple? What do you think it was like for the boy Samuel to hear the voice of God? How does God talk to us? How can we listen more faithfully in church and Sunday school? How can we listen more faithfully to our parents and teachers? What’s your favorite sound?

Parents, it’s important that our children hear the voice of God. As the family begins a new fall routine make worship together a family priority and test your children’s hearing, “What did you hear in church today?” Make sure your children hear the Bible stories of Samuel and others who listened to God’s call as your children attend Sunday school and other church classes.

# 2015 Fall Pastors' Conference

October 5 – 6, 2015

## Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

3271 Sandy Beach Road NE | Solon, Iowa 52333

### "Reading Ephesians through Acts"

Dr. Thomas Winger will place the letter to the Ephesians into its context in Paul's ministry. This involves learning to hear the letter as pastoral proclamation from the apostle to his flock, addressing the problems that arose in this fledgling Jewish-Gentile mission over the matters of Christian unity, Holy Baptism, the role of the Holy Spirit, and the demonic threat in a pagan environment. We will have the opportunity to delve in great exegetical detail into key texts in the epistle, including salvation by grace (ch. 2), the office of the ministry (ch. 3-4), and holy marriage as a type of the Gospel (ch. 5). There will be lots of opportunity for discussion about this richly ecclesiological and sacramental text."

<b>Cost:</b>	Pastors	\$55
	Emeriti	\$25

Register online at <http://lcmside.org/2015-fall-pastors-conference/>

## Schedule:

### Monday, October 5

12:00-12:50 -- Registration  
1:00-1:30 - Opening Worship  
1:30-2:30 – Speaker, session 1  
2:30-2:45 -- Break  
2:45-3:30 – Sectionals  
3:45-4:45 – Speaker, session 2  
4:45-5:15 -- Vespers  
5:45        Supper

### Tuesday, October 6

8:30- 9:00 – Matins  
9:00-10:00 – Speaker, Session 3  
10:15-10:45 – District business  
10:45-11:00 -- Break  
11:00-12:00 – Speaker, session 4  
12:00-1:00 – Lunch  
1:00-2:15 -- Speaker, Session 5  
2:15-2:30 -- Break  
2:30-3:15 -- Sectionals  
3:15-3:45 -- Closing Worship/Itinerarium

## Lodging:

### Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

For information on lodging at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca please call 319-848-4187 .

### Days Inn & Suites—Cedar Rapids

2215 Blairs Ferry Road NE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Rooms are available at the Days Inn & Suites – Cedar Rapids for a total of \$72.75.

Please contact them by phone at 319-378-3948 **by September 16th** to reserve your room. Be sure to mention the Iowa District East Pastors Conference to receive the group rate.

# The Cure For Your Soul

## IDE Confirmation Retreat

**October 9-10, 2015**

**Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca**  
3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE  
Solon, IA 52333

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Rev. Jeff Pautz, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran in Muscatine, will be teaching the youth about the Confession and Absolution during the 2015 Confirmation Retreat.

The retreat will take place beginning on Friday, October 9<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 again offering online registration for all youth events. Visit <http://lcmside.org/2015-confirmation-retreat> for more information and to register online.

The registration deadline for this event is **Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

The cost of the confirmation retreat is \$45. Please fill out the online registration form and pay online or make checks payable to "Iowa District East." On the memo line write "2015 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,

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Comm./Technology Coordinator  
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# The Cure for Your Soul

## IDE Confirmation Retreat

### Schedule

#### Friday, October 9th

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 10th

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		
Fever	Ivy	Stings	Asthma	Foods
Peanut			Other	
Butter	Nuts	Penicillin	Drugs	

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.

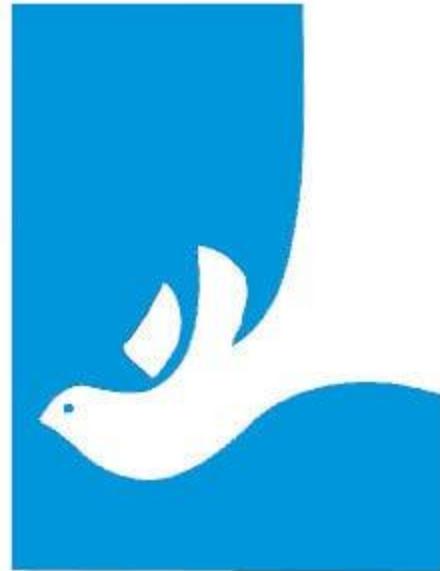
Special Considerations? \_\_\_\_\_

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Open to Marriage, Open to Children: Our Identity as God's Children



Come hear a special presentation from your District Life Coordinator, Rev. Alex Post from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marshalltown!

Meet a **young child** – what does he want to be when he grows up?

Meet a **young catechumen** – what does she think about marriage?

Meet a **newly married husband and wife** – what do they think about children?

Meet a **mother and father** – what do they say to their children?

Meet a **grandparent** – how does he or she encourage children and grandchildren with the pro-life message?

How can **each of us** lovingly and boldly proclaim God's truth to all people?

*Lutherans for Life, Lutheran Family Services, Equipping Youth, Bridgehaven,*  
and other for-life groups will also present!

**Sunday, October 18, 2015 @ 2pm**  
Zion Lutheran Church, Hiawatha

This presentation is perfect for all Christians concerned with life issues, especially moms, dads, teachers, pastors, elders, and grandparents!

## Biography

Pastor Alex Post is blessed to be called to faith through Baptism into Christ. He is also blessed to be husband to Esther, father to Logan (4), Elsa (2), and Nova (4 months), and pastor to God's children at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marshalltown. Pastor Post attended Concordia University in Wisconsin and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He has served as coordinator for Students for Life, attended life marches and life chains, volunteered at a shelter for pregnant woman called A Place of Refuge, and studies and teaches life issues for all ages. Pastor Alex Post is the Life Coordinator for Iowa District East.

## Topic

### **Open to Marriage, Open to Children: Our Identity as God's Children**

This discussion of our identity as baptized sons and daughters of God affirms the unique vocations of babies and children, students and employees, sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, and single persons, shifting the discussion away from our "sexuality." God calls us to an attitude of openness to marriage among young people and openness to having children among married people, both of which are being undermined by current cultural trends. Education and career are gifts from our Father in heaven, but God wants us to be open to the gifts of marriage and children as well.

## Life Issues Experience

My mother and father chose life for me, by the grace of God Who knit me together in my mother's womb! I've been involved with Students for Life at university, where I served as coordinator, planned a Bioethics Conference, attended the March for Life in Washington, D.C. and the Students for Life of America Conference, participated in sidewalk counseling at an abortion clinic, and volunteered at a shelter for pregnant women called A Place of Refuge. I walked in the March for Life and prayed at the 40 Days For Life vigil in Fort Wayne. As pastor at Redeemer in Marshalltown, I've helped coordinate Life Chain, walked with Birthright International at Oktemberfest in Marshalltown, petitioned elected leaders toward pro-life legislation, attended the March for Life and LCMS Life Conference last January, and brought youth to the Midwest March for Life in Des Moines. I am the Iowa District East Life Coordinator and my job is to connect congregations and pastors with Lutherans for Life and with other pro-life education and outreach opportunities.

## Target Audience

This conference is for all Christians concerned with life issues, moms and dads, teachers, elders, pastors, and anyone who is interested in the Word of God which counteracts current cultural trends that undermine God's gifts of marriage and children.



# **Operation Barnabas Conference**

# ***“Delivering Care to Military Families”***

Saturday, September 26, 2015

**9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.**

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

1100 SE Sharon Drive, Ankeny, Iowa

(Enjoy coffee and rolls from 9 to 9:30 a.m.)

There is no charge for the conference.

Lunch will be provided.

Join us as we work together to serve our military families.  
Hear presentations from national Operation Barnabas leaders and learn  
what churches are doing right here in the heartland to “deliver care to  
military families”.

Registration information in your church office or register at  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JPMXSJ5> by September 18.

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9:00 a.m.	Coffee and rolls
9:30 a.m.	Opening Devotion
9:45 a.m.	Operation Barnabas Overview - Chaplain Craig Muehler and Chaplain Michael Moreno (including best practices from Operation Barnabas Chapters)
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	PTSD Overview and Helps - Chaplain (Lt. Col) Steve Hokana
Noon	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Iowa National Guard Representatives and other Non-Governmental Organizations
1:45 p.m.	Break
2:00 p.m.	Operation Barnabas Training Opportunities
3:15 p.m.	Closing Devotions

**Presenters**



Captain (Ret) Craig Muehler is Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. He is responsible for delivery of care to our military chaplains across the globe, and serves as liaison with the Department of Defense to insure the free exercise of religion for both chaplains and service members.



Lt Colonel Steve Hokana, United States Army, has recently accepted the Call to serve as Associate Director, Ministry to the Armed Forces. In this role, he will continue to provide care to military chaplains and roles as determined by the Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces.



Chaplain Michael Moreno serves the Project Manager for Operation Barnabas, and also serves as Deputy Chaplain for 4th Marine Air Wing, Marine Forces Reserve.

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The conference, hosted by Iowa District East and Iowa District West Operation Barnabas Task forces is open to everyone. You do not need to be currently involved with an Operation Barnabas Chapter.

Are there people from your family or congregation deployed? How can you show concern for the individual suffering from PTSD? Join us as we work together to serve our military families. Hear presentations from national Operation Barnabas leaders and learn what churches are doing right here in the heartland to "deliver care to military families".

Speakers include:

- Rev. Craig Muehler, LCMS Ministry to Armed Forces Director, CAPT USN Retired
- Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel, Steven Hokana, U.S. Army
- CDR Michael Moreno, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy
- Representatives from the Iowa National Guard and other Non-governmental agencies assisting our military
- Rev. Brian Saunders, Iowa District East President

There will be no charge for the conference and lunch will be provided.

You are invited to bring underwear (L, XL and XXL), socks, winter hats and long underwear to be distributed to homeless veterans (men and women) in Story County.

Registration may be done by completing the form on the back or online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JPMXSJ5> by September 18.

## **Operation Barnabas Conference**

Saturday, September 26, 2015

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How did you learn about the Operation Barnabas conference?  
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How are you involved with Operation Barnabas?

- Not currently involved  
 Congregational representative  
 Circuit representative  
 Chapter Member

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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I would like to know more:

- Where is the closest chapter?  
 How can I start a chapter?  
 How can I become involved in a local chapter?  
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Return form to Carol Newsom, 6750 School Street, Unit 747, Des Moines, Iowa 50324 or online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JPMXSJ5> by September 18.