



PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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October 2015

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

October 2015

Just as soon as one thinks they have covered every facet of an issue another aspect of concern arises. We have been addressing the situation of same-sex marriage and how that may affect Churches and Schools we serve. Another question has come my way that should be addressed. I never thought I would ever be addressing this issue but many things have surprised me as of late. The question posed to me concerns a student or member's identity as male and female.

A recent article written in the January/April 2015 edition of the Concordia Theological Journal may be of interest to you pertaining to the question of sexual identity. It is written by Rev. Scott Steigmeyer, the new professor of theology and bioethics at Concordia University in Irvine, CA. It is a rather lengthy article but one worth reading on this topic. He points out that the culture in which we live has separated the definition between sex and gender. Sex is defined by ones anatomical, physical being. Gender is defined by ones image or perception of themselves. By this account a boy (by definition of physical anatomy) could call themselves a girl because of the way they perceive themselves (a mental authority).

What to do when a student or member has an identity governed by their physical anatomy but feels they have an image of themselves opposite what the anatomy defines? I do not believe this needs to be as difficult as the AMA or cultural context wants to make it. They fail to recognize this notion as sin and a rejection of the Creator of body and soul. In our Confession of Faith we recognize God "made them male and female." There was no question what sex or gender Adam and Eve were, even after the fall. Their identity (which is both sex and gender) was defined by God when He commanded them "to be fruitful and multiply". To do this they each needed the other. Every other system in the human body is self-complete except for the procreative system. A man cannot have another of him without a woman and vice versa (of course I mean this within the bond of Holy Matrimony.) Their blood circulates on its own, their eyes see, ears hear, tongue tastes, etc. all on their own. Yet the ability to be fruitful and multiply does not exist in and of itself per a man or a woman. God created this order for union and family, even as He ordered the mysterious relationship that is its image (Eph. 5); Christ and His Church.

The CTQ article explains this with exhaustive detail but I have attempted to summarize it for you. Were such students or members to bring to you the question of who they are, the answer is not in how they feel about themselves, nor their image or perception of themselves. It is in the God created physical anatomy of the procreation command of "be fruitful and multiply". It is in the means God has blessed humanity in order for them to be united in one flesh and were He to decide, raise family. Sterility does not alter this command. While some couples cannot conceive, it does not change the fact that the physical anatomy marks His design for the ability to procreate. We are therefore defined as to our sex and gender at birth.

When a member or student comes to us with this sinful confusion we serve them best by leading them into the Word of God, helping them to find their identity in the repentant confession of a sinner redeemed by the Cross of Christ. Identity is not a feeling or perception on our part. It is determined for us by God's creative hand. We hear their confession and joyfully bestow upon the broken heart the healing balm of Holy Absolution. We can courageously talk about the marvelous gift of God we have in the

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body He has joined to our soul. The body has His stamp of approval to be used in manner and way that brings glory to Him. In the resurrection He will gather our body and soul to Himself the same sex and gender whereby He created it.

There ought to be no question as to which restroom a person uses, which locker they dress in, or who they date and marry. The Holy Scriptures do not separate the definition between sex and gender. We are what we are from what is physically seen at birth. More importantly we are what we are as is seen by God the Father when He baths us in the redemptive Blood of His Son in Holy Baptism. There we became His. In baptism He keeps us in the Faith throughout this life until He brings us home to be with Him eternally. Our identity is in His creative and redemptive hands. Let this guide our belief, thinking, and practice should this situation arise. As I said, I never thought this would ever come before us in the Church. How naïve can I be? God bless you all as you serve Him in an ever increasing rebellious world. His Word will never fail you, His promises will never be taken away from you. As we remain faithful to Him in all things, we shall carry out our vocations in glory to Christ our Lord.

President Saunders

Calendar of Events

September

24

MT. VERNON

**Professional Church
Workers**
9:00am
St. Paul's

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

23-24

SOLON

Pastors' Wives' Retreat
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

27

MARION

District Board of Directors
9:00am
District Office

November

7

MARION

LWML Board
9:00am
District Office

20-21

SOLON

Senior High Retreat
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

26-27

Thanksgiving Holiday
District Office Closed

Save the Dates

October 2015

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

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Pastors' Wives' Retreat October 23-24, 2015

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Polemics: This Means War!

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Vacancy Updates

October 2015

Calling Congregations:

St Paul, Bennett—Dan 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
Michael Musick, St. Paul, Luzerne to Prince of Peace, Coralville

Pending: Jason Peterson, Burt, IA to Grace, Waterloo

Declined:

Does Your Church Provide Good Service

October 2015

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

I recently had to stop at a jewelry store to get a new battery for my wife's watch. I had probably driven by that store over 2000 times but had never been inside of it. Now you might be thinking, "he doesn't ever buy his wife any jewelry." The real answer is that that store is located on a corner that is somewhat hard to get to. So I went inside and found it to be a wonderful business, well operated and well laid out. It was geared toward great customer service which I received.

As I left the store I got thinking about the churches throughout our district. What kind of service do they provide to people who darken its doorways for the first time? What kind of first impression do people receive when they enter? Are they greeted by people with a welcoming smile and a warm hello? The sad reality is that often we only get one chance with a visitor.

When you visit a church you can use many different criteria when thinking about its service to you. But a simple one would be to ask this: "If I were a person on the way to hell when I entered the doorway, would I have been confronted with God's Word so that I could have been brought to faith in Christ Jesus or not? Sad to say, I have been in services where I would have still been on the way to hell when all was said and done.

What would good service look like in your church? Good service would include the Divine Service being offered. Good service would include good textual and Biblical preaching which properly divides Law and Gospel. Good preaching must have the Law which kills the old Adam so that the Gospel can then resurrect that which is dead. Good service is when Jesus is proclaimed as the focal point of preaching and not some add on at the end because He was omitted.

We have been served by Christ Jesus Himself through His suffering, death, and resurrection. He continues to serve us through His Word and Sacraments. We come together in the Divine Service to receive His gifts and we depart to confess Christ Jesus through our various vocations. Paul wrote: *"who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."* (Phil. 2:6-8).

Good service in the church is grounded in receiving the proper nourishment through Word and Sacrament. I am afraid that "user-friendliness" sometimes denies calling "sin" a "sin." If we are afraid to confront sin then we are not much more than a useless social club. We could have a sign outside which states: "Only sinners are welcome!" For Jesus said: *"But go and learn what this means, 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."* Thanks be to God that in Christ Jesus we have the "compassionate one" who has sacrificed Himself for the sins of the world, yours and mine included. May that be the kind of good service which your church provides!

Capital Campaign Update



Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Luke 24:46-47

Capital Campaign (Update: 09-14-15)

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: \$ 510,206
Gifts promised in next 1-8 years: \$ 39,175

Total to Date: \$ 549,381

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

Business Office Page

IDE's Group Workers' Compensation Plan thru Church Mutual Insurance Company



***** NEW & IMPROVED 2016 BILLING *****

Beginning in January 2016, the billing process for the Iowa District East Group Workers' Compensation Plan will be improving. Invoices reflecting the premium due for the 2016 policy year will still be sent to you from Church Mutual as usual.

WHAT CHANGES FOR YOU?

- Ability to choose a payment plan option
- Endorsements will be processed immediately
- Bills/Credits will be issued immediately – no lag time in premium credit due
- Payment(s) will be made directly to Church Mutual Insurance Company

For any other questions, please call
Church Mutual Insurance Company's National Customer Service Group
At (800) 554-2642, select Option 1.

Thank you!

Did you know?

The top four health habits that take the most years off your life in descending order are:

smoking, obesity, hypertension, and physical inactivity.

While God is ultimately in control of our time on earth, a change in those habits could translate into having more opportunities for ministry, more time to play with your grandkids, and perhaps even more time on this earth to one day hug your great grandchildren.

Source: Good Housekeeping

Submitted by Ronda Anderson RN, IDE Parish Nurse District Representatives
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Greetings in Christ,

October 2015

I'm pleased to see and hear reports of the new 2015-16 school year. New staff members have joined us to fill vacancies in the Districts and many new students and families have joined our ranks as Lutheran schools worldwide continue to serve and we are urged to Keep Calm, He Carries us on. (Romans 15:6).

I recently spent two days in the hospital, where God thankfully helped deal with my physical needs. You may know how hard it is to be in a bed under someone else's scheduling for a bit, and it reminds me how we can rely on God in these and all our stressed times. May God bless and keep you throughout this year, and may He lead you to successfully "Keep Calm – He Carries Us On."

I am also once more attaching a note of importance from the Iowa Department of Education. Please read it carefully.

There are other items which may be useful in your particular area of ministry. I hope you will find them useful this fall. I will see you at Fall Conference, if not sooner on one of my school visits. If I can assist you in any way, please email me (jeff@lcmiside.org) or call 319-784-7636.

May God bless you with a fine school year and bless your students through you!

Jeffrey Pool
Assistant to the President in Education

2015 Hearts for Jesus

Hello!

We are in the middle of winter-lots of cold evening and morning temperatures. Afternoons are much nicer, especially when there is lots of sun and no wind.

In the month of July I had a friend come to visit. We traveled around seeing different parts of South Africa. What a great time! I will share a little bit more about that in my newsletter this month.

Term 3 started a few weeks ago. I'm sure the next half of our year will fly by now that we are past the halfway mark. I'm looking forward to sharing more of our school events in the coming months.

Thanks for being such great supporters while I'm here. I know you pray for me, let me know if there are any ways I can pray for you!

Joyfully,
Kristin Matasovsky (Our 2015 Hearts for Jesus Mission in Africa.)

2016 HEARTS FOR JESUS

Comfort Dogs (Especially Dog Gracie from Davenport, who will be present at our Fall Educators Conference)

From DT MAGEE of Iowa State Board of Ed.

As the beginning of the school year draws closer, it is a good time to review your staff files and notify individuals who have licenses set to expire. The Department of Education has an application on their Education Portal/Edinfo (<https://portal.ed.iowa.gov/iowalandingpage/Landing.aspx>) that allows approved users to search your district's employees' licenses that may be expiring during this upcoming school year. Access your Department of Education Portal/EdInfo

site and select the “Staff License Expiration” application. Select your school district/building and enter the dates you would like to view and press enter (I recommend viewing the entire year, so use October 1st of the 2014-15 school year through the end of the current school year to capture all expired/expiring licenses). All staff members entered in BEDS for the 2014-15 school year who have a license expiring during the dates you specified will be listed. Access the BoEE license search page (<https://www.iowaonline.state.ia.us/boee/>) for staff members hired after the 2014-2015 BEDS report was submitted.

If you have difficulty locating or using this application, contact Mike Baethke (515-281-5286) or Marlene Dorenkamp (515-281-5507) with the Iowa Department of Education for support. Thank you for your assistance,

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At our Fall Conference, we will receive information on how your church and school can soon receive a copy of the new film *The First Rosa*, the story of Rosa Young, a pioneer in Lutheran education in America who marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This will be a great resource to share with them to help us grow in multiracial understanding and the importance of trusting God to lead us to grow together as His people. There will be information on how to schedule and receive this resource. Please do what you can to share with others.

During 2016-17, there will also be a release of many more resources to celebrate the Reformation anniversary. *Sola Fides, Sola Gratia, Sola Scriptura!*

Have you completed your Fall Conference registrations yet? If not, please *immediately* contact Iowa District East office and Pam Krog to determine if you can still register. You must also make reservations with Stoney Creek Lodge in Des Moines to reserve guestrooms as available. Please urge your staff members to update LIEF forms so we can honor years of service. Dr. Brian Friedrich of Concordia Nebraska will lead us through our keynote address, President Brian Saunders will be our Bible study leader, and many speakers and exhibitors will be present. See you there.

Has your congregation replaced the ones you have used?

Have you yet encouraged church vocations by identifying students who could become pastors, teachers, DCEs, music directors or others to go to a synodical college or colloquy program to study to replace our current workers? Our Concordia University System provides great training and many scholarship and assistance programs. Each congregation should consider encouraging at least enough students to replace their current staff in the future. God bless you.

Jeffrey Pool
Assistant to the President
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Confirmation Retreat – The Cure For Your Soul October 9-10, 2015

Cost: \$45/registrant

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

Cost: \$45/registrant

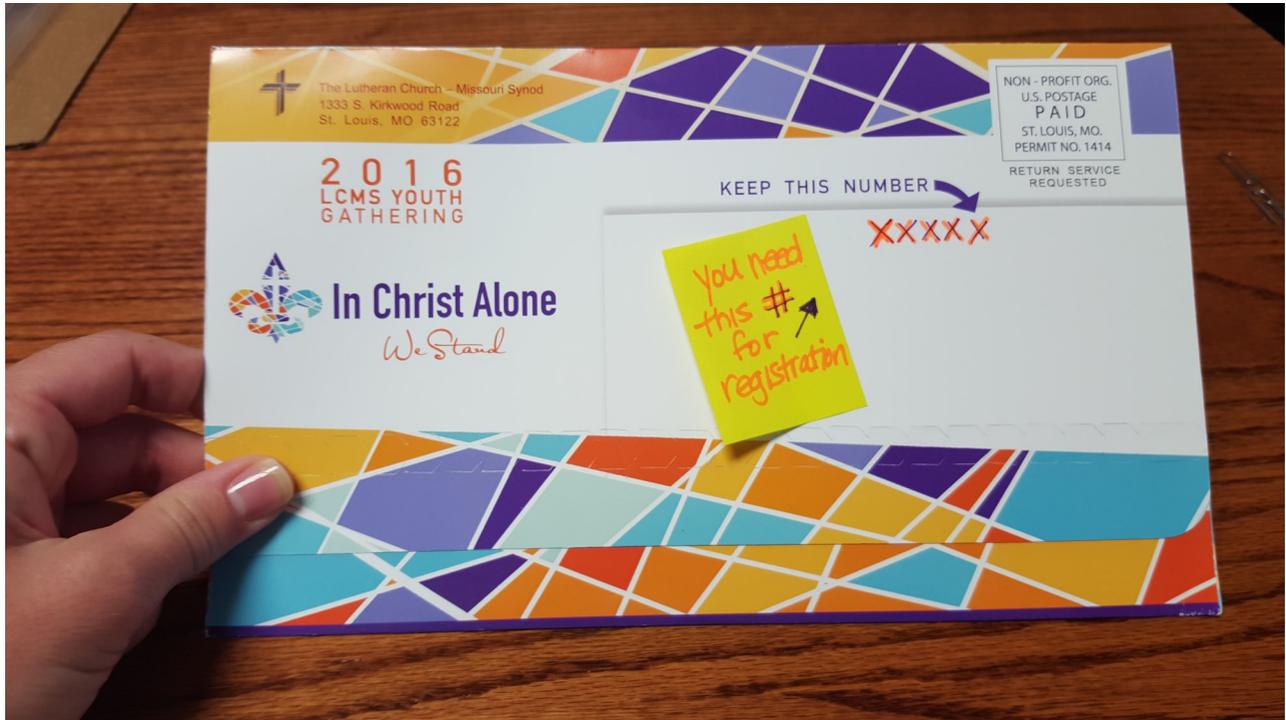
Presenter: Rev. John Wegener

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.



“NYG REMINDERS: You can start entering registration data for your group online on and after Sept 9, 2015. The forms and congregational check cannot be postmarked before October 21, 2015. Don’t forget to keep the envelope shown above. It has your congregational ID # on it. If you have any questions please contact Leon Kroemer (klkroemer@msn.com) or Randi Petrik (youth.bethanycr@gmail.com), your IA East District Coordinators”

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



October 2015

IDE Confirmation Retreat - October 9-10

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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 9th at 7pm and going through 3 pm on Saturday. This retreat includes dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Go to <http://lcmaside.org/2015-confirmation-retreat/> for more information.

FALL WORKDAYS: OCTOBER 24 and NOVEMBER 7

This past spring, a few workers came out and did a fantastic job of laying a new brick edging in front of the Omega Lodge landscaping. We hope to improve the landscaping in front of Alpha Lodge for our 2015 Fall Workdays by adding new rock, new shrubs, and replacing some of our brick trimming. As usual, our workdays will get started at 8AM and go until 4PM, but feel free to come anytime in those hours. We'll also be providing lunch for all of our volunteers. We hope to see you on October 24th or November 7!



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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

September 28

Trinity Lutheran School XC Invite

September 28

IDE XC Meet (Campground)

October 5-6

IDE Fall Pastors' Conference

October 9-10

IDE Confirmation Retreat

October 23-24

IDE Pastors' Wives

October 24 & November 7

Fall Workdays

November 20-21

IDE Sr. High Retreat

January 29-30

*IDE Middle School Retreat
& Snow-lympics*

Retreat Improvements

A 2014 IED LWML Grant has paved the way for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca to do some major improvements. We've already improved the WIFI at camp by adding 3 new signals in the Alpha Lodge along with installing permanent sound and projection in the Dining Hall. But what's next?

Alpha Lodge will see many new beds and mattresses beginning this winter so that when we start up in 2016, Alpha Lodge guests can enjoy a much more comfortable and accommodating retreat experience. Do you wish to contribute to this effort? Write "Retreat Improvements" in the memo line of your check donation and we'll see it used to make Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca a better place for all who come!



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

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- > Visions realized.
- > Communities impacted.

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Small Stewards - Big Blessings

Biblical Stewardship Lessons for and with Children

("Small Stewards" focuses on Biblical stories celebrating God's children. The lessons can be shared with children in Sunday school openings, classroom 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.)

Text: Jeremiah 1:4-7 (God calls a youth—Jeremiah—to be His prophet)

Every child has lamented being too young or too little. They are too little to board the amusement park ride or too young to be part of an adult adventure. Jeremiah used "too little" as an excuse, "I am only a youth." (vs. 6) God did not see Jeremiah as too young to be His "prophet to the nations." God would accompany His spokesman with His word and with his presence. For forty years Jeremiah shared God's judgement with Israel and often experienced suffering because of the messages from God "I'm too little," is only one of the many excuses of children and adults. "I'm too tired," "I'm too busy," "I'm inexperienced." Jesus could have offered many excuses to avoid His mission. Fortunately, Jesus accepted and completed His Father's plan. Like Jeremiah, Jesus experienced suffering. He suffered for the sins of the world.

The God who responded to Jeremiah, "Do not say 'I am only a youth'" also reminded Timothy, "Let no one despise you for your youth." (I Timothy 4:12) Service in God's kingdom does not have any age or size qualifications.

The mission and ministry of Lutheran Church Extension Fund blesses children as churches and schools are built as worship and education centers. LCEF also invites the participation of children as young investors. No child is too young to begin investing. Children are blessed with the knowledge that their investments are making a difference in the kingdom and making a difference in their financial future as the investment grows with generous interest returns. Parents and children can learn more by visiting www.lcef.org.

Prayers: Dear Jesus thank You for being the difference in our lives as our Savior. Thank You for the example of Your prophet Jeremiah. Whatever our age, help us to hear and answer Your call. Amen.

Small Stewards Bring Big Blessings Home—Notes to Family

Who was Jeremiah? Using the Lutheran Study Bible, a Bible dictionary, or some other resource find out more about this prophet. Jeremiah had some really hard assignments from God! What excuses have we sometimes used (as adults and children) to try to escape God's call for us? How can God use children to serve Him in the home, church, school, or community?

Parents, sometimes children are too little or too young for certain activities. We want them always physically and emotionally protected. We want them to fully celebrate their membership in God's kingdom and the gifts He gives them. If your church doesn't have a Young Investors' Club talk to your pastor about starting one (or volunteer to be the coordinator).

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

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2015 Fall Pastors' Conference

October 5 – 6, 2015

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

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"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."

Cost:	Pastors, Vicars DCEs, Church Workers	\$55
	Emeriti	\$25

Register online at <http://lcmiside.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

\$28—Please note this during registration under “Additional Items” Payment is made to Iowa District East.

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

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.

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 9th 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 2rd**.

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

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In Christ,

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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 Oktoberfest in Marshalltown, petitioned elected leaders toward for-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 for-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.

Polemics: This Means War!

IDE Senior High Retreat

November 20-21, 2015

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE
Solon, IA 52333

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.

Rev. John Wegner, pastor of College Hill Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, will be teaching the youth about errors found on the college campus during the 2015 Senior High Retreat.

The retreat will take place beginning on Friday, November 20th 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 again offering online registration for all youth events. Visit <http://lcmside.org> 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 November 13th**.

The cost of the Senior 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 "Senior High Retreat."

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Gender _____ Birthday _____ Age _____ Grade _____
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Parent Names _____ Phone _____ Email _____

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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	_____
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Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

IDE Youth Event

Online Registration Planning Sheet

Name	Email	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Gender	Age	Church	Registrant Type
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For current events visit: <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/iowa-district-east-lcms-6137224941>.

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