



PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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November 2015

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This issue of the Professional Packet is the tenth issue of 2015. The deadline for content that you would like included in the December / January issue is **November 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

November 2015

I hope that the coverage we have had in the past five Professional Packets concerning the Supreme Court ruling allowing for same-sex marriages has been helpful to our Church Workers and Congregations. I do want to say one more thing involving this issue. Our just concerns about the POTUS and SCOTUS decisions can tempt us to focus our attention on a side bar rather than on the essence of the problem.

The parable of Matthew 13:24-30 may be a good place to explain what I mean. The actions of our governmental leadership are so contrary to Holy Scripture and our Confessions that we can get caught up in decrying those elected and appointed to government vocations. It can and does get to the point that expressions indicate that they are our "enemy." This is what I wish to caution us about. It is very easy to address the moral breakdown of our nation on the government leadership. And to a certain extent they have dipped into the bowl of evil to wet their fingertips. Because of this they might be considered the "enemies" of the Church.

The parable of Matthew 13 would remind us that there is an enemy. He is the one who sows the weeds among the wheat. The enemy is Satan and the weeds are his evil desires and unregenerate followers who try to destroy the Kingdom of God and cause the Church to focus on something other than the Holy Word. His first tactic is to direct focus away from him. This is done by tempting us to look at and considering others as our enemies instead of the Evil One. I have even heard these statements made about fellow members of our congregations. Brothers and sisters this must not be so.

We are not one another's enemies. In the Church we are the baptized of Christ and are united in the Blood that has redeemed us from death and hell. The enemy would have us neglect pointing out his disastrous deceptions and instead fling the arrows of anger and hatred toward one another. In no way do I defend the decisions that have led the moral fiber of this nation to new lows. At the same time we will not be able to battle the Evil One and his sown weeds unless we rightly identify him as the enemy and preach the Victorious Christ who has crushed Satan's head under His Holy Heal. Sermons that fail to point out Satan as the enemy fail to fulfill the purpose of the pulpit. Studies of the Word that attempt to address the government and its leaders as the only source for our deteriorating society fall short of the fullness of the Truth. We certainly cannot condone any votes, actions, or decisions that work against the Word of God. At the same time we want to be able to identify the real enemy, the real Evil One and prepare our members to resist his temptations and say with Peter "get thee behind me Satan."

Sermons and studies need to condemn sinful behavior and the Tempter who delights in the fall of God's Children. They also need to proclaim where the victory is over sin and death. Victory is not found in elections or bills of congress. Victory is found in Christ Jesus our Lord alone, who by the power of the Holy Spirit changes hearts, changes minds, and changes lives that love His Commandments and rejoice in His blessed gift of forgiveness. Satan cannot have you, he cannot defeat the Church. She belongs to Christ and it is in Christ we have our hope and where all is conquered. The harvest is coming and you, the wheat, will not be overlooked nor cheated. Risen in the declaration that Jesus is for us and has redeemed us is all the hope we need. Indeed, speak against evil and its manifestations in our midst. Teach young and old alike the pure Word in all its truth. Do so by pointing out the first and real enemy. Do it by bringing to light the Son of God and His righteousness over evil. God bless you all to resist Satan as you proclaim his defeat at the hands of Christ.

President Saunders

Calendar of Events

November

1		IDE Today Submission Deadline
2	MARION	Stewardship and Congre- gational Services 9:00am District Office
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

December

3	MARION	Professional Church Workers 9:00am District Office
24-31		Christmas District Office Closed

Save the Dates

November 2015

Senior High Retreat November 20-21, 2015

Polemics: This Means War!

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE,
Solon, IA 52333

Circuit Visitor Catechesis January 7, 2016

**District Office
9:00am**

1100 Blairs Ferry Rd
Marion, IA 52302

Middle School Retreat January 29-30, 2015

Proper Identification: You Calling as Child

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE,
Solon, IA 52333

Vacancy Updates

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Calling Congregations:

St Paul, Bennett—Dan Redhage (vacancy pastor)
St. Paul, Luzerne—David Lingard (vacancy pastor)
St. Paul, Stanwood—Jan Horne (vacancy pastor)
Messiah, Mason City—Clarke Frederick (vacancy pastor)
Grace, Waterloo—Tom Wegener (vacancy pastor)

Pastors Call Update:

Accepted: Chris Lockie, Davenport to Prince of Peace, Racine, WI
William Traphagan, ND to St. Paul, Bennett/Stanwood

Pending:

Declined: Jason Peterson, Burt, IA to Grace, Waterloo
Karl Bollhagen, Hampton to Trinity, Red Bud, IL
Mitch Otto, Coralville to Southern, IL

2015 Directory Updates

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Page	Name	Change
6	Advisory—Rev. Dr. Dean Rothchild	Address: 512 Greenfield ST NE Cedar Rapids, 52402
13	Crawford, Jonathan	New Address: 2636 Fulton St. Dubuque 52001
31	Bennett	Remove Admin. Asst. Name
31	Bettendorf	Rev. Arthur Goldberger: pastorjackoslc@mediacombb.net
33	Cedar Rapids—King of Kings	Remove Elise Hexum
45	Ottumwa	Remove PO Box. Mailing Address is now: 295 Shaul Ave
53	Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca	Daniel: director@iodiseca.org
67	Bettendorf: Our Savior	oslpdir@mediacombb.net

If you have changes to the Fall 2015 Directory please email them to jon@lcmside.org.

If you did not receive your Directory at the Fall Pastors' Conference, please let us know!

Baptismal Font available

Our Redeemer—Independence has an 8-sided blond Baptismal Font available. For more information call 319-934-3647.

Hammond Organ available

Our Redeemer—Independence also has a Hammond Organ available. For more information call 319-934-3647.

Iowa District West is holding a Church & Clergy Finance/Treasurer workshop to be held on Saturday, November 7 at St. Paul, Webster City from 9 am to 3 pm. Registration fee is \$25 per church for a lot of information (includes one Congregational Treasurer's Manual and CD per congregation). The presentation will be taught by Karen Sansone, a CPA and Director of Tax & Compliance for the Synod. You can register at www.surveymonkey.com/s/treasurer_workshop.

LCMS Legal League

Please share the following with any active members who are lawyers:

I have the honor and responsibility of representing the Florida-Georgia District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod ("District"). Recently District President Gregory Walton, the District Board of Directors and the District Executive Team unveiled the LCMS Legal League.

As you might imagine, there is a need for attorneys who understand the LCMS structure. This is most certainly true when situations arise with regard to setting up an LCMS Church or School, purchasing property, employment law issues, landlord-tenant issues, estate planning, etc. As it happens, I try to answer as many questions as I can but often the questions are outside my realm of practice. In addition, and unfortunately, too often I am conflicted out and cannot assist our churches, schools, members, etc., further without a conflict waiver and that is not always practical. That is why we formed the LCMS Legal League.

The need is great but the workers are few...familiar words right?

We are trying to build a national database of LCMS attorneys who are active members of an LCMS congregation, who are licensed to practice law in at least one state in the US, and who have the ability to offer their unique legal services to an LCMS entity/member. The LCMS Legal League currently has a actively practicing members in Florida, Georgia, New York, Kentucky and Arkansas. With that said, the LCMS Legal League should be available to all 2,000 of our churches, schools and to our millions of members. Again, as you can see the need is great.

The LCMS does not require that your services be pro bono, although that is always welcomed and appreciated. It does not require that you even discount your services, again that is welcomed and appreciated. However, there is a real need to help our LCMS entities/members and what better way to do so than through a fraternal organization.

With all that said, I would really like you to consider joining the LCMS Legal League. There is no membership fee and no required pro bono hours. There is no minimum number of referrals you have to take and no maximum number of times you are permitted to assist. We simply need

Things to Share

November 2015

LCMS attorneys who are ready, willing and able to help God's people and his Church in their times of need.

Should you discover any LCMS Church, School, Ministry, Worker or member in need of assistance in any of these states, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We are in the process of developing a website for the LCMS Legal League. One component of our website will be that LCMS members will be able to request and/or locate League Members. We believe this automation will increase efficiency in making the connection with an LCMS League Member. For now, I am happy to serve as administrator of the process. Once our website goes live we will let you know.

Please consider allowing us to include you on our Roster. If you know of other LCMS attorneys who regularly attend worship and would also be a valuable asset to the LCMS Legal League, please either reach out to them or you can provide me with their names and contact information and I will reach out to them directly.

Thank you for your serious consideration in joining the LCMS Legal League. May God continue to richly bless you as you bless his body, the Church, by your service!

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

I am sure that we have heard the above question asked many a time as the assigned Gospel for Thanksgiving, Luke 17:11-19, has been read and preached. Our old sinful nature would like to identify with the Samaritan who returned to give thanks and glorify God for that which he has received. The other nine get held up as examples of failing to give thanks to God. Who are we kidding? Many are the times that we fail to give God the thanks which He deserves. God deserves thanks for “all that we have been given.” For we have received forgiveness of sins, life and salvation in and through Christ Jesus. I know that I don’t always give God the thanks which He deserves.

The hymn, Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness, so beautifully states:

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
leads for the captives’ liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.

When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plead:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.—LSB 563

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, the thing I am most thankful for this year has to do with the healing which took place for the abscess which I had on my colon. The last go round of antibiotics took care it and I am thankful that I did not have to have surgery. I was convinced that I would need surgery and had brought myself to that mode of thinking.

In dealing with that health concern I could have easily fallen into the category of “O you of little faith.” Jesus spoke these wonderful words to the Samaritan: “And He said to him, “Rise, and go your way; your faith had made you well.” Each time we receive the Eucharist, we too are sent forth by Jesus as people whose sins are forgiven and whose faith is strengthened.

We go forth from the Lord’s Table as the hymn says:

Sent forth by God’s blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended,
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.

With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear. - LSB 643

As you gather this Thanksgiving may you give thanks for the wonderful fact that Jesus has done it all for you. As Paul said: “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.” II Cor. 8:9. God grant you a great Thanksgiving Day.

Capital Campaign Update



Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Luke 24:46-47

Capital Campaign (Update: 10-15-15)

approved on 6/29/12 by Iowa District East in Convention.

- Pastors are being contacted by phone for potential names of those saints in Christ Jesus who may wish to make an individual gift.
- Dr. Rothchild will send a letter of introduction to potential donors and will follow-up with a phone call to schedule a personal visit.
- Dr. Rothchild will show the DVD and share other information at the time of his visit and the saints will be given a donor form to complete as they deem appropriate.
- Dr. Rothchild wishes to thank all our faithful donors, both individuals and congregations

Update:

Gifts received to date: \$ 517,058
Gifts promised in next 1-8 years: \$ 40,650

Total to Date: \$ 557,708

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!

Medicare Problematic with HSAs

Do you offer Option HDHP, Choice 1500, or Choice 2000 to your workers along with a health savings account (HSA)?

For workers who are age 65, eligible to enroll in Medicare, and are not receiving Social Security benefits yet, enrollment in Medicare Part A and Part B is **not automatic** and is **not mandatory**. However, if you have workers who are receiving Social Security benefits when they turn age 65, they will be automatically enrolled in Medicare. This can cause some confusion for workers, and can potentially have an impact on the benefits you offer to them.

Federal legislation prohibits people who are entitled to or enrolled in Medicare from contributing to a health savings account (HSA). If you offer your workers a high deductible health plan along with an HSA, and you have workers approaching age 65 and therefore will soon be eligible for Medicare, talk to them about possibly delaying their Medicare enrollment in order to prevent any adverse tax consequences regarding their HSA.

If a worker does become entitled to or enrolled in Medicare—even just Medicare Part A, he/she can no longer have contributions made toward the HSA. We know that not being able to contribute to an HSA can make it difficult for your workers to budget for out-of-pocket expenses under a high deductible health plan. However, there are some alternative options which may include putting in place a different personal spending account.

Concordia Plan Services encourages you to speak with its team of Employer Resources Specialists at 888-927-7526 who can discuss this situation and share options that may be available to you and your workers. We also ask for your assistance in raising awareness of this issue with your workers who may be in (or soon approaching) this particular situation.

Parish Nurse

November 2015



As Days Shorten in Fall/Winter, Moods Darken for Some Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is distinguished by the onset of depression during the winter months, when there is less natural sunlight. This depression generally lifts during spring and summer. SAD may be effectively treated with light therapy, but nearly half of those with SAD do not respond to light therapy alone. Medication and counseling can reduce SAD symptoms, either alone or in combination with light therapy. In addition, melatonin supplements offer promise, according to a research report through the [Seasonal Affective Disorder](#).

Taken from October 2015 Kansas Parish Nurse Ministry Resources

Submitted by Ronda Anderson RN, Parish Nurse, Bethany Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids.
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Please include these bulletin announcements for ILSTO in your Church bulletins

Nov. 1

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR IOWA LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY and SECONDARY SCHOOLS?
You have been told many ways you can assist by participating in fundraisers, volunteering your time and we hope you are able to do some of those. And here is another! It is the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO). This is a way to expand our schools and reach out to those in our churches and community. By donating to the ILSTO more students are able to receive more financial aid to enable them to attend. In addition the benefit to you is a great tax credit of 65% on your Iowa state taxes. Donate \$1000 and receive a tax credit of \$650, plus the usual charitable deduction on your federal taxes. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. You might also check the websites: www.iowalutheransto.org and www.iowasto.org

November 8

Students in our Lutheran schools need your help! The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization is at 15% of its \$790,000 goal as of Nov. 1. You have until the end of the year – Dec. 31 – to mail your gift. We know the need is becoming greater – How can you help? Giving is not limited to Lutherans, church members, etc. If you know someone who could benefit from a 65% tax credit, please give them a donor form. Remember the financial benefit to a contributor is a 65% tax credit on Iowa income taxes (which can be carried over for five years) and also a charitable contribution on your federal form. For more information about ILSTO go online to www.iowalutheransto.org or call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.

November 15

Time is short – December 31 is just around the corner! The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) will gladly accept your gift that will provide financial assistance to our students. Your donation needs to be postmarked no later than December 31. Tax credits are available but the closer you donate to the deadline please call to make sure credits are available. You will receive a 65% tax credit on your Iowa taxes and possible charitable contribution on your federal form. To get more information for donating to the ILSTO go online to www.iowalutheransto.org or www.iowasto.org or call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.

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TELL YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS ABOUT THE ILSTO:

You've been reading about the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization. This giving opportunity isn't just for Lutherans – anyone who pays Iowa state income tax can donate and receive the tax benefits. Please help spread the word to someone you know who would like to assist students in Christian education while receiving a great tax benefit of a 65% tax credit on their Iowa state tax and possible federal tax deductions. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. Check the website: www.iowalutheransto.org

Youth Ministry Page

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

Cost: \$45/registrant

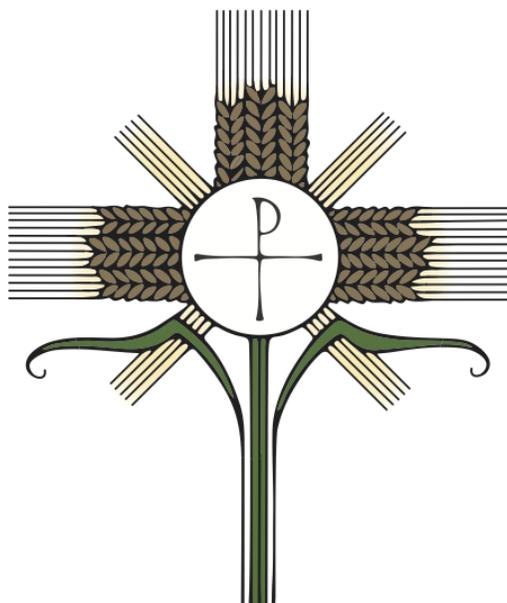
Presenter: Rev. John Wegener

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.



Higher Things, a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS will be hosting three conferences during the summer of 2016, and one is right in our back yard! The theme of the conferences is Bread of Life.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Jesus is the Bread of Life. He is the bread that came down from heaven. Our fathers ate manna in the wilderness and they all died. Jesus is the bread that a man may eat and never die. Believing in His Words and promises, receiving His Body and Blood, we live forever. We will receive His Words. We will eat His Body and drink His Blood. We will live forever.

Find registration information at www.breadoflife2016.org. Registration opens November 1st and has filled at multiple conference sites in the past few years. Prepare to register and pay deposits to save your spaces early!

Contact Crysten Sanchez, Conference Coordinator, with any questions:
csanchez@higherthings.org.

Vanderbilt University
Nashville, TN
June 28-July 1, 2016

University of Northern Iowa
Cedar Falls, IA
July 5-8, 2016

Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO
July 26-29, 2016

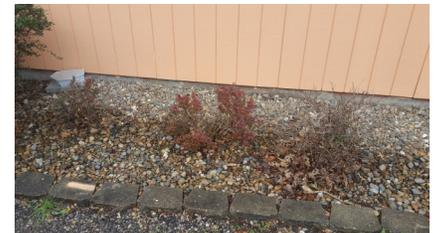
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



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Fall Workdays: October 24 and November 7

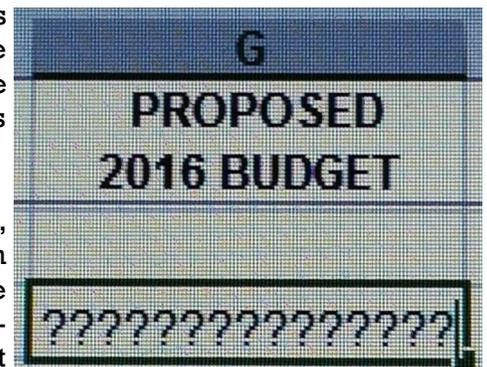
This past spring, a several volunteers came out and did a fantastic job of laying a new brick edging in front of the Omega Lodge landscaping. We hope to improve the landscaping in front of Alpha Lodge for our 2015 Fall Workdays by adding new rock, new shrubs, and replacing some of our brick trimming. 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!



Support Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca: Your 2016 Mission Budget

Though many of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's donations come from individuals and families, we also rely on congregations for financial support. Some congregations are generous enough to add Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca as a line item in their mission budget. Other congregations have groups such as their LWML societies make financial contributions.

Congregational contributions make the mission of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, that is, providing Christ-centered recreation, education, and inspiration for all, a reality. It merely about keeping the lights on or paying the heating bills, but it ensures that Camp's guests have a quality experience at a quality location. Does you congregation currently support Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca? If not, it can! We appreciate your support!



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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

October 23-24
IDE Pastors' Wives

October 24 & November 7
Fall Workdays

November 20-21
IDE Sr. High Retreat

January 8
Summer Camp Registration Opens

January 29-30
*IDE Middle School Retreat
& Snow-lympics*

April 15-16
*Higher Things Retreat
Grades 7+*

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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You are a blessing to Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)!

Through your partnership with LCEF, you are empowering ministries of The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod to share the Gospel. Thank you for investing in your faith community through LCEF! The following pictures show several examples of a ministry being impacted by you in Iowa District East.



LCEF is a nonprofit religious organization, therefore, LCEF investments are not FDIC-insured bank deposit accounts. This is not an offer to sell investments, nor a solicitation to buy. LCEF will offer and sell its securities only in states where authorized. The offer is made solely by LCEF's Offering Circular. Investors should carefully read the Offering Circular, which more fully describes associated risks. StewardAccount access features are offered through UMB Bank, n.a.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund-Missouri Synod (NMLS#3444)



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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 settings, children’s worship messages, or other congregational settings. The lessons may also be used for family devotions or table talks. “Notes to Family” offers applications and explorations for home dialogs.)

Text: Mark 5:21-24, 35-43 (Jairus’ Daughter)

What makes you afraid? There are the familiar phobias of children and adults (darkness, snakes, spiders). Few things are as frightening to a parent or grandparent as a seriously sick child. We can understand the fear of Jairus, who comes to Jesus begging on behalf of his daughter who is “at the point of death.” (vs. 23) The fears of the father changed from fear for her to fears for himself. The father is told that his daughter is dead. What would he do without her? The all-powerful Jesus takes the dead twelve year-old girl by the hand and says, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” The little girl gets up, walks, and eats.

Jesus who took away the fears of Jairus and His family takes away the fear of death for everyone. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we have His promise that we too will rise. Through the Apostle Paul, we hear God’s assurance, “We shall not all sleep. . . . For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.” (I Corinthians 15:51-52). Assured that Jesus’ victory over death is ours, we can bring all our fears to Him all the time. Jesus speaks to us when he says, “Do not fear, only believe.” (vs. 36) We believe Jesus’ promises. We can trust that Jesus will take care of us in life and death.

Some of our fears have to do with money: “Will I have enough to pay my bills?” Lutheran Church Extension Fund helps people invest money for emergencies, retirement, and other circumstances. Investments with LCEF help take away money fears. LCEF provides an opportunity for children to learn how to share, invest and spend as they participate in the Young Investor Club (Y.I.) Club.

Investments in LCEF also help churches take away money fears: “Will we have enough to fix the church roof?” “How will we pay for the new church building?” As they participate in LCEF’s Y.I. Club, children can be partners in providing resources to build and grow the church. Parents and children can learn more by visiting lcef.org.

Prayer: Dear Jesus you know all my fears. Help me to trust you in life and in death. Amen.

Small Stewards Bring Big Blessings Home—Notes to Family

What was Jairus afraid of when he came to Jesus? How did Jesus take away His fears? What are you afraid of? Why did Jesus say that the dead little girl was “sleeping”? How can Jesus’ words, “Do not fear, only believe” help you when you are afraid?

Parents, it is important to be sensitive to the fears of our children. More importantly, we share with them that Jesus knows and calms all their fears.

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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."

Things to Bring

- Bible
- Appropriate clothing and shoes for activities

Things Not to Bring:

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

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

In Christ,

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Iowa District East – LCMS

Iowa District East Youth Event Health Form/Release

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

If not available in an emergency, notify:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____ Cell _____
Doctor _____ Phone _____
Dentist _____ Phone _____
Pharmacy _____ Phone _____

Name of Family Medical/Hospital Insurance:

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____
Insurance Phone # (if applicable) _____ Primary Insured's Name _____
Activity Restrictions by parent's/physician's advice: _____
Other information: _____

Allergies:

_____ Hay	_____ Poison	_____ Insect	_____ Asthma	_____ Foods
_____ Fever	_____ Ivy	_____ Stings	_____ Other	_____
_____ Peanut	_____ Nuts	_____ Penicillin	_____ Drugs	_____
_____ Butter	_____	_____	_____	_____

Medications brought to event _____ Notes on giving _____

Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, antacids, anti-diarrhea medication and first aid MAY / MAY NOT (circle one) be administered to my child, as needed, by designated chaperones.

Special Considerations? _____

Authorizations / Release:

This health history is correct so far as I know and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed event activities except as noted above. I also give permission to the event coordinator or chaperone to order x-rays, routine tests and treatment. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the event coordinator to transport, hospitalize and secure proper treatment, order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

IDE Youth Event

Online Registration Planning Sheet

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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