



Professional Worker's Packet

Iowa District East—LCMS March 2016

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The Professional Packet is Iowa District East's monthly newsletter sharing updates on vacancies, upcoming events, and district news.

President's Piece for Peace

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders

March 2016

In this season of Lent sermons and classes will focus on the passion of Christ. This is good and right that this be done. Apart from Jesus' passion in our stead we remain sufferers of our own device. His passion is penitential payment in full for all our transgressions. In the passion of Jesus, God the Father purchased our sins and now He owns them. We need not carry with us the pain and guilt of iniquity. Satan's defeat is certain and sure, so is the forgiveness of sins He bestows upon us in Word and Sacrament. The passion is a powerful pulpit and easel proclamation. It prepares us to receive the great news of Jesus victory over sin and death evidenced by His bodily resurrection from the dead.

I might also encourage us to spend some time with the little attended but very important event after Jesus burial and before the angel's announcement of His resurrection. I refer to His descent into hell. That truth is confessed in the Creeds of the Church and spoken with such regularity it is sometimes overlooked as to its immense importance to our salvation. Was Jesus ever in hell? Could the Son of God ever be present in such a place where there is eternal suffering? Wasn't His suffering on the cross enough, did He need to suffer some more in the fires of damnation? This topic can be puzzling to the student of the scriptures and confessor of the Creeds.

The truth is, yes, Jesus was in hell but not to suffer. Yes, the Son of God was present in such a place as that but not as the damned. I have thought of Jesus descent into hell in the manner of a marathon runner who wins the race. The race was long and arduous, hills to climb, corners to navigate and exhaustion to overcome. At the completion of the race one would think that the runner would sit and catch their breath. Yet the victor traditionally takes the flag of their country in hand and runs around the track a few times showing, without question, that they won the battle of the race.

This analogy might fall dreadfully short but Jesus ran the race all the way to the end of His life. It was in His death that Satan was defeated. Our sins were paid for and the Devil could not accuse the faithful anymore. Forgiven sins exist no more in the sight of God. Jesus' descent into hell was His victory lap. He proclaimed the defeat of the Evil One and that all who are in Christ are free from the flaming arrows that are doused in the Blood of the Lamb.

The idea that Jesus could be in hell at any time is hard for us to conceive. Yet it is what the Word of God tells us. Jesus physically descended just as He physically ascended. The Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration, article IX says "Herein the burial and the descent into hell are differentiated as distinct articles, and we simply believe that after the burial the entire person God and man, descended into hell, conquered the devil, destroyed hell's power, and took from the devil all his might." What magnificent words from our Lutheran Fathers. It profits us nothing to try and figure out how this could happen. It is ours to trust the Word and take it for what it says as divine revelation and eternal truth. Our peace in Christ depends on it.

God bless you all in this Holy season.

President Saunders.

Calendar of Events

March

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Good Friday
District Office Closed

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Easter Day

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MT. VERNON

**Professional Church
Workers**
9:30
St. Pauls

April

2

CEDAR RAPIDS

**Parish Nurse
Convocation**
9:00am
Bethany

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READLYN

Schools Committee

11-12

HIAWATHA

**Spring Workers
Conference**
Zion

15-16

SOLON

Higher Things Retreat
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

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MARION

Board of Directors
9:00am
District Office

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MARION

Worship Committee
9:00am
District Office

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MT. VERNON

**Professional Church
Workers**
9:30am
St. Pauls

Save the Dates

March 2016

Spring Church Workers Conference April 11—12, 2016

Speaker: Rev. Dr. James A. Baneck, North Dakota District President

The Christological Nature of Preaching

Zion Lutheran Church
201 1st Ave
Hiawatha, IA 52233

LWML Iowa East District Convention June 17-18, 2016

God's Plan of Salvation (Jeremiah 29:11)

William Penn University
Oskaloosa, IA

Fall Pastors Conference October 3-4, 2016

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
Solon, IA

Vacancy Updates

March 2016

Calling Congregations:

New Hope, Charles City—Clarke Frederick (vacancy pastor)
Immanuel, Davenport—Peter Mueller/David Anderson (vacancy pastors)
Risen Christ, Davenport—Associate Pastor vacant.
Trinity, Davenport—Associate Pastor of Worship
St. Paul, Luzerne—David Lingard (vacancy pastor)
Messiah, Mason City—Clarke Frederick (vacancy pastor)

Pastors Call Update:

Accepted: Justin Kane, Morganton, NC to Grace, Waterloo

Pending: Mark Brase, Fairfield to St. John, McCook, NE
Paul Nus, Millersburg/Deep River to Trinity Cheyenne, WY

Declined: Michael Scudder, Mt. Pleasant to Trinity Girard, IL
Jacob Sletten, San Pedros, CA to Immanuel, Davenport

DCE/School/Teacher Update

Vacancies: Central, Newhall—Middle School—Language Arts
Dubuque Lutheran, Dubuque—5th/6th

Accepted: Jan Doellinger, Assistant to the President for Schools
Jenean Williams, Dubuque to Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa, WI

Pending: Josh Nimmer, teacher, CR to Emmaus, Fort Wayne, IN
Sarah Nimmer, teacher, CR to Emmaus, Fort Wayne, IN

Declined: Randi Petrick, DCE, CR to Family of Christ, Tampa, FL
Mark Sperry, DCE, DeWitt to Crown of Life, Colleyville, TX

2015 Directory Updates

March 2016

Page	Name	Change
29	Parris, Michael	Move to Emeriti. Phone: 641-426-0348
35	Davenport—Immanuel	Email immanuel3834@q.com
47	Victor—St. James	Zip: 52347-0127
74	Add: Emeritus Principal Waterman, Dave (Sherry)	7002 Waterview Dr SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 H 319-632-1305 davewaterman1974@gmail.com

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

Things to Share

March 2016

ILSTO Update

An opportunity to assist Lutheran education AND receive a state of Iowa tax credit is now in its eleventh year of operation. The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) assists families who meet certain income guidelines, and your contribution can help the STO help others. This year almost 700 Lutheran students received \$761,000 in tuition assistance to attend a Lutheran elementary or secondary school in Iowa. Visit the STO website at iowalutheransto.org or call STO program manager Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991 for more information. This year our contribution limit rises to over \$822,000 so your help is very much needed. If you are new to the program, now is a good time to talk to your tax preparer about the tax credits for 2016. Also ILSTO is now eligible to receive your CHOICE dollars from Thrivent as an additional gift with no tax consequences.

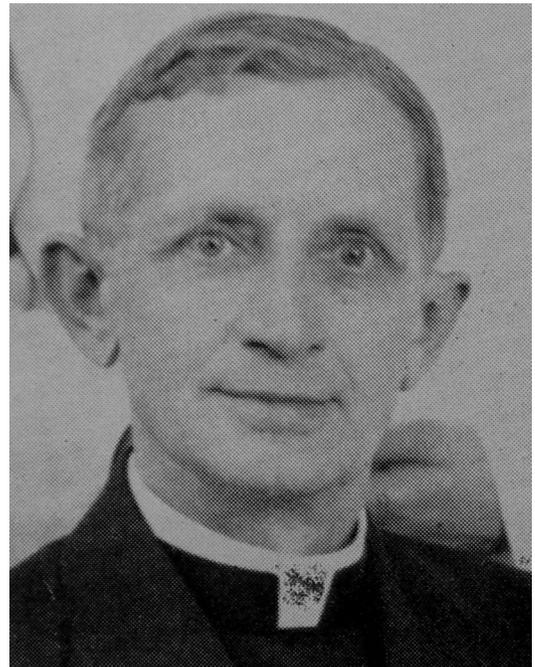
Congregation Statistics

If you have not already returned your Congregation Statistics please do so as soon as possible. We are still missing several congregations' statistics.

Vocatio

Registration is Open for Vocatio Concordia Seminary, St. Louis is hosting their annual *Vocatio* program for high school students (students enrolled grades 9-12 for Fall 2016). The dates are June 25-30, 2016. This six-day program is designed to encourage and equip young men and women to consider their vocation as Christians. This event includes a Concordia University System college fair, presentations, servant event in Perry County, and more. <http://www.csl.edu/admissions/visit-us/visitation-events/vocatio/>

WHO IS THIS PASTOR? While gathering photos of pastors who have served the LCMS in Iowa, a photo was not identified correctly and the source is no longer known. If anyone recognizes the pastor in this picture, please contact the IDE Archivist at onamission1939@gmail.com with this pastor's full name and where he served.



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

In a recent Bible Study in the Lutheran Witness, Rev. Jacob Allstaedt wrote: “Our culture seems to define love as nothing more than fleeting feelings that are conditional, wavering and self-serving. If our understanding of love is nothing more than feelings, what happens when feelings change? If people can fall in and out of love with each other, could our heavenly Father fall out of love with us? Nothing could be further from the truth! God’s love for us is not the world’s love. God’s love is an action, and He loves us unconditionally, unrelentingly and self-sacrificially in the person and work of Jesus Christ.”ⁱ

Love not only acts but love “speaks.” John wrote: “By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in Him, and he in God.” I John 4:9-14.

As we look at those words we see exactly how God put His love into action in sending His Son into this world to die upon the cross. He is the world’s Savior and we live through Him. Our sins have been dealt with once and for all. So how does love “speak?”

Love speaks through God’s Word which calls us to repentance. That is done primarily through the Pastoral Office where faithful preaching and pastoral care are applied to the souls of the sheep entrusted to the care of the Pastor. But the body also has an obligation to care for one another and to be willing to admonish the erring brother or sister. Paul wrote: “And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able also to admonish one another.” We speak forth the truth in love. To not “speak” is to not love, but to allow the unrepentant to remain in their sin and unbelief.

As love acts it speaks. Martin Luther said: “The noblest and greatest work and the most important service we can perform on earth is bringing other people, and especially those who are entrusted to us, to the knowledge of God by the Holy Gospel.”ⁱⁱ We dare not let fear get in the way of us confessing Christ Jesus to someone else.

Luther carries this a little further in describing the message that is to be proclaimed: “The greatest of all services is to free him [my fellow man] from sins, to liberate him from the devil and hell. But how is this done? Through the Gospel, by preaching it to him and telling him that he should cling to the works of Christ and firmly believe that Christ’s righteousness is his and his sins are Christ’s. This, I say, is the greatest service I can render my fellow man. Cursed be the life that a man lives only for himself and not for his fellow man. On the other hand, blessed be the life in which man does not live for, and serve, himself but his fellow man.”ⁱⁱⁱ

All of this is rooted and flows from the Divine Service where Christ’s people gather to receive the gifts of God: forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. For it is from the Divine Service, where your sins are forgiven that you are sent into the world, to love, to act in love, and to speak in love. Such is the life of the redeemed and baptized in Christ Jesus.

ⁱJacob Allstaedt, Lutheran Witness, February, 2016, p. 28.

ⁱⁱWhat Luther Says, Vol. 2, p. 958.

ⁱⁱⁱWhat Luther Says, Vol. 3, p. 1282.

Capital Campaign Update



Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Luke 24:46-47

Capital Campaign (Update: 3-7-16)

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: \$ 582,896
Gifts promised in next 1-7 years: \$ 34,500

Total to Date: \$ 617,396

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

Free ID Protection Services for CHP Members

Concordia Health Plan (CHP) members and their covered dependents now have **free** identity protection services through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota (BCBSMN) and Experian.

Experian will provide the following identity protection services on behalf of BCBSMN. Upon enrollment, you will be eligible for services that include:

- Credit monitoring – Monitors activity that may affect credit
- Fraud detection – Identifies potentially fraudulent use of identity or credit
- Credit/identity repair – Provides assistance in repairing identity or credit

To enroll, go to www.bluecrossmn.com/concordia and sign in to your My Blue Cross portal, click “View Plan Detail” on your dashboard, and then look for the Protect Your Identity section in the right-hand column.

If you are enrolling yourself or another covered dependent who is an adult, click on “Enroll For Adults.” If you are enrolling covered dependents under 18 years of age, click “Enroll For Children.”

You will need information from your BCBS medical ID card to sign up. You’ll be asked for the prefix, which is the first three to five letters of your identification number. Next, you’ll type in your identification number (consisting of the numbers that follow the prefix) plus your member number. Finally, type in your group number.

Note: You will need to completely log out after each registration and log back in to register another covered dependent.

If you have questions or want to enroll over the phone, please call 866-926-9803 and reference Engagement Number PC98145 for ProtectMyID for adults or Engagement Number PC98146 for FamilySecure for children under 18 years of age.

Coverage for this service will remain in place as long as you continue to have active Blue Cross coverage. If you terminate your health coverage with Blue Cross, your identity protection coverage remains in effect until the end of that year.

If you already signed up to receive credit protection services as a result of either the Anthem or Premera cyberattacks, that protection covers you for two full years. We want to ensure that anyone who chooses the credit protection services will remain covered as long as they are a Blue Cross eligible member. Signing up for the additional credit protection will ensure there is no interruption in credit protection coverage.

Stay Healthy! Use Your Preventive Care Benefits

The Concordia Health Plan encourages members and their enrolled dependents to take the preventive steps necessary to maintain good health and spot potential health concerns.

It's easy to do when preventive care services are covered at 100%*.

For more information about your preventive care benefits, visit ConcordiaPlans.org and go to Health > Concordia Health Plan > Concordia Health Plan Options. Find your CHP option and then look for "Preventive" at the bottom of the page. Here you will find preventive care guidelines and recommendations, as well as a Provider Preventive Care Notice to share with your health care provider prior to preventive exams, screenings, and well-child care visits.

And don't forget – you and your enrolled spouse can earn Vitality points for completing the following preventive activities:

- Dental exam
- Flu shot
- Colorectal screening
- Mammogram**
- Pap smear

You can complete and submit a form to earn your points for preventive activities at powerofvitality.com under Points > Points Planner > Prevention.

*Limitations do apply; office visit copays may apply for HMO options.

** Only 2D mammograms are covered 100% as a preventive benefit

Enjoy the Taste of Eating Right!

Kristen M. Leccese

Now that the calendar has turned from February to March, we're all thinking about how exactly we can undo the damage winter may have done to our waistlines.

National Nutrition Month® is a nutrition education and information campaign sponsored each year by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The goal of National Nutrition Month is to raise awareness about making healthy, informed food choices and developing consistent eating and exercise habits.

Obesity in our country has become a very serious health issue – excessive weight gain is seen at younger ages every day, the average body weight is rising, and more people are suffering from obesity-related conditions like diabetes and heart problems. This is the result of unhealthy food choices as well as an increasingly sedentary lifestyle. In honor of National Nutrition Month, make a real effort to change your unhealthy eating habits, fuel your body with proper nutrition, and get moving!

5 Tips for a Healthier Diet:

You may be surprised at how delicious healthy sweets can be. Get creative – have a bowl of yummy fruits like raspberries, blueberries, bananas, melon, strawberries, whatever you prefer. One of my favorite healthy desserts is honeydew melon sprinkled with some cinnamon. It tastes great, and it's likely to satisfy your sweet tooth without having to reach for those cookies.

Do you tend to reach for “comfort foods” when you're upset, angry or nervous? Make a serious effort to replace this habit with exercise. You may not feel like getting out for a walk, or hitting the gym after a stressful day, but it's a fact that working out releases endorphins that will make you feel better. If you don't want to make a trip to the gym, exercise at home. Turn on some music and dance, do jumping jacks, stretch, jump rope, hula hoop – just get yourself moving somehow, and make it fun! Your junk food craving will likely subside, and you'll feel so much better than if you had buried your stress in a pile of chocolate cake.

Don't try to change your entire lifestyle overnight. Developing healthier eating habits won't happen that quickly – make small changes every day, like using olive oil instead of butter when you cook or having a salad for lunch instead of a burger and fries for lunch. Over time, healthy eating habits will settle in and become more natural for you.

If you're a vegetarian, be sure to get enough protein through foods like beans, nuts, and soy products. If you're not a vegetarian, try these anyway for more variety in your diet. Also, don't make protein the central part of your meal – many people in the US eat too much protein. Instead, aim for a good balance of protein, whole grains, and vegetables.

Know the difference between “good fats” and “bad fats”. Good fats include monounsaturated fats like canola oil, peanut oil, and olive oil, as well as avocados, nuts and pumpkin or sesame seeds. Polyunsaturated fats fall into the “good fat” category as well, including fatty fish such as salmon, herring, mackerel, anchovies, and sardines. Other sources of polyunsaturated fats are unheated sunflower, corn, soybean, and flaxseed oils. Bad fats include saturated fats found in red meat and whole milk dairy products, and trans fats found in processed and fried foods as well as in cookies, candies and baked goods. Try to add more good fats to your diet and avoid saturated and trans fats as much as possible!

You can find out more about National Nutrition Month at www.eatright.org/NNM.

Submitted by your IDE Parish Nurse District Representative, Ronda Anderson RN, Parish Nurse, Bethany Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids. nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com

**PARISH NURSE CONVOCATION
SATURDAY, APRIL 2
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH—CEDAR RAPIDS**

**2202 Forest Dr SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403**

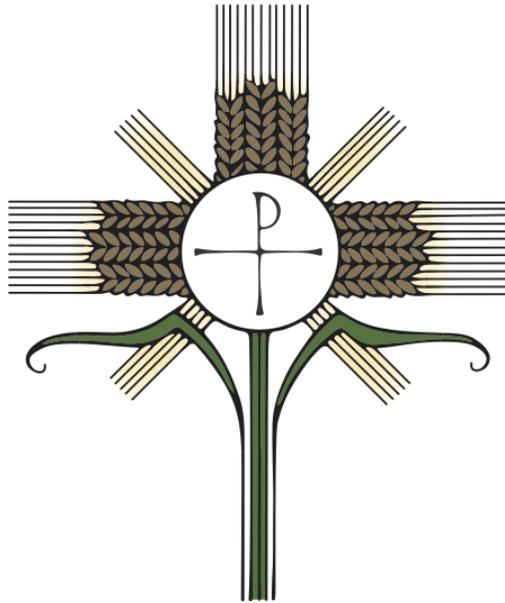
All IDE Parish Nurses are invited to attend this event sponsored by a grant provided by InFatih Community Foundations.

This Convocation will give district parish nurses the opportunity to meet together at the district level. The days agenda is intended to offer opportunity for spiritual development, sharing of resources, education and networking.

Contact nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com with any questions.

Youth Ministry Page

March 2016



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

2016—2017 IDE Youth Retreats

Confirmation Retreat

October 7—8, 2016

Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca

Senior High Retreat

November 18-19, 2016

Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca

Middle School Retreat

January 27-28, 2016

Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca



IDE ARCHIVES

RESOURCE LIBRARY: There has been an attempt over the past decade to establish a resource library at the IDE Headquarters. Periodicals of various kinds were collected and stored in the Archives area on the 2nd floor. However, once the Cassette Video Library was disbanded, the journals were set up in that room and the place then identified as the IDE Resource Library. You are welcome to come to this Library and read and research on the premises. Here is a list of some of the materials on the shelves.

Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly—[1928-2009; some recent issues]
Concordia Journal—[1979-2013]—St. Louis
Concordia Theological Monthly—[1930-1946, 1953, 1966-1974]—St. Louis
Concordia Theological Quarterly—[1977-2012]—Ft. Wayne
Der Lutheraner—[1844-1941 (bound); some between 1938-1974 (unbound)]
Die Abendschule—[1873-1877; 1889-1906]
Die Ev. Luth. Freikirche Zeitschrift—[1877-1892]
Lehre und Wehre—[1855-1915 (bound); some between 1894-1928 (unbound)]
Lutheran Witness—[1893-2016]
Lutherisches Volksblatt—[1873-1879]
The Springfielder—[1965-1976]—Springfield, Illinois

PHOTOS OF YESTER-YEAR CHURCH FACILITIES: Recently, congregations were reminded to start searching their storage places for pictures of church(es), school(s), and parsonage(s) used prior to the present facilities. Your archivist would like to put together a slide presentation of these structures for the 2018 District Convention. Hard copies or digital format photos are welcome. Contact the archivist when ready to send. ***Please don't wait 3 years before starting to look!***

Archivist: Allen Konrad
onamission1939@gmail.com

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



March 2016

2016 Summer Camp Staff

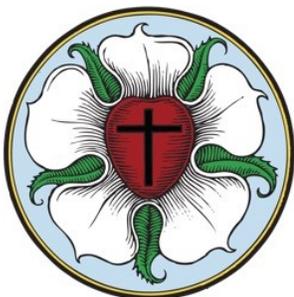
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is looking for college-aged young adults to make a difference in the lives of children. The opportunity to serve at a camp awaits! Go to www.nloma.org and click on the employment tab at the top of the page to submit your application today! We are currently looking for camp counselors and a Horse Camp Manager.

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca also needs Junior Counselors (JC's) to assist the summer program. Applicants should be at least 15 years old. JCs spend the week with a cabin group enjoying the many camp activities and serving as a positive role model and motivator for younger campers while helping the cabin counselors supervise younger campers. It's a great experience for only \$95 per week. Please contact Camp Director, Daniel Sanchez by emailing daniel@campiodiseca.org for more information or to receive an application.

Am I Crazy? Being a Christian in the 21st Century

A spring retreat from Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca and Higher Things for grades 7+

Congratulations! You are a practicing Christian in the 21st Century, and that's not exactly a popular thing today. Christians can often find their beliefs ridiculed and belittled by friends, classmates, and anywhere on the internet. Sometimes, these hateful arguments can be so convincing and so fierce, any Christian may ask himself, "Am I crazy to believe in this Jesus guy?" Yet, in the midst of being overrun with arguments and dissent, we hear the words of Jesus, "But take heart; I have overcome the world." (Jn 16:33) The truth is that Jesus hasn't left us to ourselves in fending off the assaults of unbelief, but has armed the Church with His holy Word and sacraments, continually giving forgiveness of sins and faith to Christians. The challenge isn't that you are some crazy Christian living in this world, but that you are a Christian, a baptized child of God, living in a crazy and sinful world. Join us as Pastor George Borghardt presents on what's crazy and what's not about Christianity and living in the 21st Century.



The retreat is being held April 15-16 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca with registration costing \$50 per person. The retreat will begin at 8PM on Friday April 15 and finish around 4:00PM on Saturday, April 16. Rev. George Borghardt is the Senior Pastor of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in McHenry, Illinois and the President

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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 2015, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca received \$18,294 in Thrivent Choice contributions! Thank you donors for making this program a success for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Will you help make 2016 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

4WD pickup truck; Tractor; 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

April 15-16
Higher Things Retreat
Grades 7+

April 23 & April 30
Spring Workdays

May 2
Registration Discount Deadline #2

June 15
Summer Camp Begins

July 30
Summerfest Auction

October 7-8
IDE Confirmation Retreat

November 18-19
IDE Sr. High Retreat

2016 Spring Workdays

Spring is upon us and an opportunity to prepare Camp's site for its summer camping season is right around the corner! Our spring workdays are coming up on Saturday, April 23rd and Saturday, April 30th. We need your help working on repainting the basketball court and spreading new sand on the sand volleyball court and pond beach. On the other side of Alpha Lodge we will be doing some yardwork in the garden below the gazebo. This will be pulling out all of the grass that has grown into the garden and laying down a fresh layer of mulch. Finally, we will adding an area of mulch around the Middle Cross fire ring behind Alpha Lodge. If you can and are willing to donate your time and energy in service to the mission of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca please contact sitemanager@iodiseca.org or give the office a call at 319-848-4187. As always, lunch is on us. We'll see you on April 23 and April 30!



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

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Tasting the Spirit's Fruit

(Note: The Spirit hangs the fruits of the Spirit on the tree of the church. As your partner in stewardship education, Lutheran Church Extension Fund offers these devotional reflections for congregation leaders, stewardship partners, and individuals. Watch for them monthly)

"The fruit of the Spirit is love." Galatians 5:22 **The Fruit of the Spirit is**

LOVE

"Love" is loosely used in our culture. There's a vast difference (hopefully) from love of pizza to love of one's spouse. In the Greek culture of the Apostle Paul's time, the conversations were a little less complicated with three Greek words describing different kinds and levels of love. In Galatians, chapter 5, the Apostle uses the word "agape." This was the most intimate and intense love. This was sacrificial love. "Agape" love is the "love" of John 3:16, I John 3:16-17; I John 4:7-12.

We have been blessed to journey again through another Lenten season and Passion Week. "God is love." (I John 4:16) We have seen the perfect love of the Father putting His only Son on the cross. We have seen the Son willingly offer Himself as the sacrifice for sin. We have received the Spirit's outpouring of that love in our hearts.

The Galatians 5:19-21 introduction to the fruits of the Spirit emphasize that our sinful nature is to love oneself and to fulfill the desires of the flesh. The Spirit directs and empowers us to love like Jesus. Faithful and fruitful stewards live and share the love of Christ.

The Gospel--the love of God in Christ--motivates the mission of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). Investments in LCEF are used to build and maintain churches and schools where the love of Christ is shared day after day. Reflecting the culture, parents and grandparents are tempted to buy love by giving children what they want. Christian stewards know that Christ has purchased for us what we ultimately need--the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

It is our privilege to share His love with the next generations and to invite them to share Christ's love with us. LCEF offers the Young Investor (Y.I.) Club as an important stewardship education component where children are encouraged to share His love in tangible acts of service. To learn more about the Y.I. Club and other investment opportunities of Lutheran Church Extension Fund contact your District LCEF; VP Carole White (carole.white@lcef.org) or visit lcef.org.



Prayer:
 Holy Spirit,
 thank you
 for the sav-
 ing mes-
 sage of
 Jesus' love
 for me.

Help me to share the fruit of that love as I love others in His name. Fill Your church with the fruit of love in Jesus' name. Amen.

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IOWA DISTRICT EAST SPRING WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Zion Lutheran Church, 201 1st Ave | Hiawatha, IA 52233

April 11-12, 2016

Topic: The Christological Nature of Preaching

Presenter: Rev. Dr. James Baneck
President, North Dakota District

Registration Fee: (Includes meal Tuesday and breaks)

\$ 55.00 - Pastors, Vicars, DCEs, Deaconesses and other church workers

\$ 25.00 - Wives, Emeriti

Housing (you are responsible for making your own reservation)

Days Inn & Suite, Cedar Rapids

Phone: 319/378-3948

2215 Blairs Ferry Road NE

Cedar Rapids, IA 52404-7031

IDE Spring Conference Rate: \$65.41 plus tax.

Make your motel reservation by March 25,
2016.

Tentative Schedule

Monday, April 11

12:00 – 12:50 Registration
1:00 Opening Worship
2:00 Session 1
3:15 Break
3:45 Session 2
5:00 Closing Devotions
Supper on your own

Evening Free

Tuesday, April 12

8:30 Opening Devotions
9:00 Session 3
10:00 Break
10:30 Session 4
11:45 Break for Setup
12:00 Lunch Break at Zion
1:15 Session 5
2:15 President's Report / District Q&A
3:15 Break
3:30 Session 6 (wrap up)
4:00 Itinerarium

Directions to Zion Lutheran Church

I-380 to Exit 24B. Turn East on Blairs Ferry Rd. Turn left onto Center Point Rd. Turn left onto W Willman Street. Zion will be on the left.

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Name: _____

Spouse: _____ (if Attending)

Congregation/City: _____

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Conference Fees

Pastors, Vicars (\$55) \$ _____

DCEs, Deaconesses and other church workers

Wives, Emeriti (\$25) \$ _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

**If paying by check make checks payable and
mail to:**

Iowa District East
1100 Blairs Ferry Road
Marion, IA 52302-3093

Memo: *Spring Worker's Conference*

Registration Deadline: **March 28, 2016**

Iowa District East Symposium

Io-Dis-E-Ca 3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE, Solon, Iowa 52333

*“Concerning civic affairs they teach that lawful civil ordinances are good works of God and that Christians are permitted to hold civil office, to work in law courts, to decide matters by imperial and other existing laws, to impose just punishments, **to wage just war, to serve as soldiers**, to make legal contracts, to hold property, to take an oath when required by magistrates, to take a wife, to be given in marriage.” - Augustana XVI*

Our confessions clearly state that engaging in just war is a good work of God. But what exactly is “just war”? How did the reformers define just war? What modern considerations ought the Christian make when determining whether or not war is justified? These and many other questions will be addressed at the May 20th - 21st Iowa District East Symposium.

The Symposium will be held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, 3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE, Solon, IA 52333 on Friday May 20th and Saturday May 21st. Sign-in begins at 8:00 on Friday with opening Matins at 9:00 on Friday and concludes with Vespers at 2:30 on Saturday. Lunch will be provided both days with dinner on your own. \$16 includes lunch only and \$36 includes a room at the camp. (Please make checks payable to Camp IoDisECa)

For those staying the night, we will be having *gemütlichkeit* (beer and snacks) and a parliamentary debate. (If you are unfamiliar with the proceedings of this form of debate, follow the links [here](#) for an introduction.)

Papers to be Presented

Augustine and the Doctrine of Just War – Rev. Collin Duling

Biblical Considerations for the Doctrine of Just War – Rev. Travis Berg

Martin Luther on the Doctrine of Just War with Modern Implications – Rev. Alex Post

The Magdeburg Confessions and Justly Opposing Tyranny – Rev. Michael Kearney

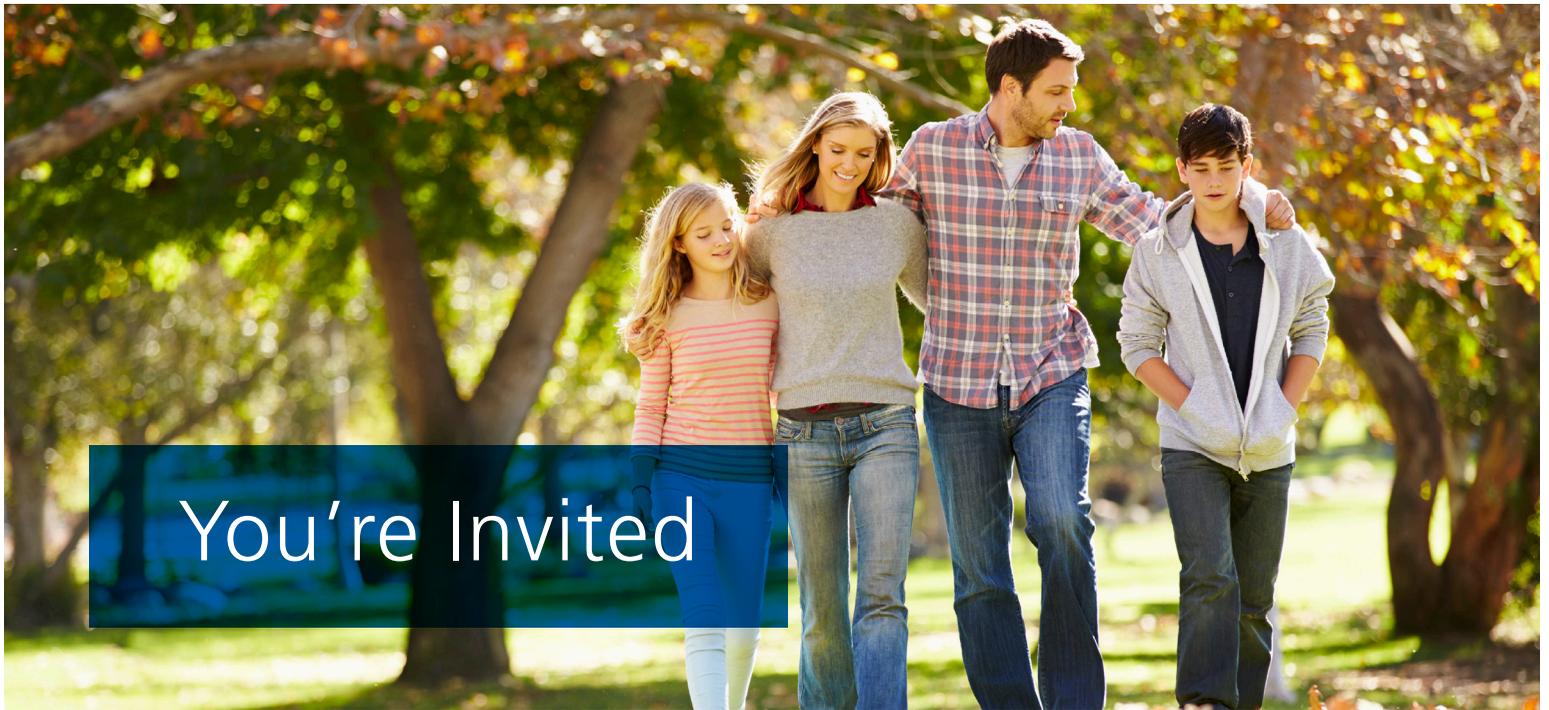
The Impact of the World Wars on the Doctrine of Just War – Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders

Theological Implications of “On Killing” by David Grossman – Rev. Sam Beltz

Women in Combat – Rev. John Preus

Please rsvp so that we can prepare enough food for the event.

Contact – Rev. Michael Kearney kearney.isu@gmail.com



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Come learn how the Concordia Health Plan has you covered!

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You can offer your workers the peace of mind that the all-inclusive CHP can provide. With the CHP, you have a variety of coverage options to choose from, and the CPS Employer Resources Team would like the opportunity to tell you more about the options and the benefits that are included.

We'll be holding five workshops throughout the Iowa District East in June. Those responsible for making decisions about worker benefits should attend.

Questions? Call 319-373-2112 and ask to speak to Rev. Dr. Dean Rothchild.

Please Join Us!

Monday, June 6

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Park View Lutheran Church in Eldridge

Tuesday, June 7

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church in Waverly

Wednesday, June 8

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids

Wednesday June 8

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Iowa City

Thursday, June 9

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marshalltown

Register today at lcmiside.org.

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JUNE 13-15, 2016

Class begins on June 13 at 1 p.m. Class concludes on June 15 at noon.



Dr. R. Reed Lessing

Dr. Lessing serves as senior pastor at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Prior to that he was on the faculty at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, for 14 years.

His books include *Interpreting Discontinuity: Isaiah's Tyre Oracle* (Eisenbrauns, 2004), *Jonah* (Concordia Publishing House [CPH], 2007), *Amos* (CPH, 2009), *Isaiah: Chapters 40-55* (CPH, 2011), *Prepare the Way of the Lord: An Introduction to the Old Testament* (co-authored with Andrew Steinmann, CPH, 2013) and *Isaiah: Chapters 56-66* (CPH, 2014).

Isaiah 40-66 (1.5 CEU)

Isaiah 40-66 are some of the most significant chapters in the Old Testament, if not the entire Bible. Participants will not only study this section of Isaiah but will also be resourced with many sermons and Bible studies.

Optional Readings:

Isaiah: Chapters 40-55 (CPH, 2011)
Isaiah: Chapters 56-66 (CPH, 2014)

Location:

College Hill Lutheran Church
2322 Olive St.
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

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IDE GOLF OUTING

FAWN CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

ANAMOSA, IA



Monday, June 20, 2016

Arrive by 8:30am; Tee-Off at 9:00am

All IDE Professional Church Workers, Pastors, Staff and spouses are invited to join us for a day of golf at Fawn Creek Country Club.

Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.
Lunch and Prizes provided courtesy of Thrivent.

In case of inclement weather, call Fawn Creek—319-462-4115 or Rev. Rothchild—319-350-9564



- Who:** All Professional Church Workers, Pastors, Staff, and Spouses
- What:** Annual Two-Person Best Shot Golf Tournament
9 Holes—Bring your own partner, or we will pair you up
- When:** Monday, June 20, 2016
Arrive by 8:30am; Tee-off at 9:00am
- Where:** Fawn Creek Country Club
1601 130th Street (right along US Hwy 151)
Anamosa, IA 52205
- Cost:** \$15.00 Green Fees & Cart Rental
(payable to Fawn Creek at golf outing)

Registration opens March 15, 2016. You can register online through our website <http://lcmiside.org>. Please contact the District Office at 319-373-2112 with any questions.