



# Professional Worker's Packet

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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

April 2016

It is a regular occurrence that I receive free copies of books asking for my review or endorsement. I must admit I do not get to all of them but I do give honest reviews after a thorough reading. I am generally thankful for anyone who has taken the time and pain staking effort to write a book. Once in a while I am stricken with the content to the point I think the author hit a cord with issues we are confronted with today in the confessing church.

One such book has dawned my desk. It is a compilation of many authors but edited by John Warwick Montgomery and Gene Edward Veith. Two editors who use their middle names must be worth reading, right! The title of the book is "Where Christ is Present" a theology for all seasons on the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. There are 12 different chapters, all dealing with the clarity and essence of the Reformation. I don't want you to think this is just another historical account of an event long ago. There is of course some history in it but the vast majority is pure, practical theology.

I think this book would be an excellent resource for bible study or selected lectures you may give as you prepare your congregations and schools to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation on October 31, 2017. The entire book could be an outline or each chapter is divided with headings for the same purpose. The single most beneficial aspect of this book is that it brings the theology of the Reformation to the conditions we find ourselves as citizens in a shrinking world and ever worldly society. Some of the comparisons between the 16<sup>th</sup> century and the 21<sup>st</sup> century are almost eerie.

The great blessing of the book is that it displays the courage we may have in our theology as we confront the issues of a dying world. Sin and corruption have not changed in their consequences, only the means by which it is carried out in the lives of human beings. The Reformation shows us that the Word of God has confronted such a context in the past and it does so still today. The victory of Christ over sin and death is as powerful for us now as it was when Luther and the Reformers risked their lives for the sake of the Gospel. The Lord of the Church then is the Lord of the Church now. Preaching Christ crucified was the direction given by Paul in the 1<sup>st</sup> century, it was followed by Luther in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, it has not changed and is still given to us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I highly recommend this book for every church worker and confirmed member of our church. Some chapters are more helpful than others but that is always the case when a book has multiple authors. I commend this book to your reading and pray the blessings I received from it may also be yours.

Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders

## **The book is published by:**

NRP Books, an imprint of 1517. The Legacy Project  
P.O. Box 54032  
Irvine, CA 92619

ISBN# 978-945500-09-1

Link to "Where Christ Is Present" on Amazon: <http://amzn.to/24fxXNb>

# Calendar of Events

## April

<b>28</b>	<b>MT. VERNON</b>	<b>Professional Church Workers 9:30am St. Paul's</b>
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## May

<b>14</b>	<b>MARION</b>	<b>LWML Board Meeting District Office</b>
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<b>20-21</b>	<b>SOLON</b>	<b>IDE Symposium Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca</b>
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<b>30</b>		<b>Memorial Day District Office Closed</b>
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## June

<b>4</b>	<b>MARION</b>	<b>LCMS Convention Orientation Meeting 9:00 District Office</b>
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<b>17-18</b>	<b>OSKALOOSA</b>	<b>LWML Convention William Penn University</b>
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<b>20</b>	<b>ANAMOSA</b>	<b>IDE Golf Outing</b>
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<b>22</b>	<b>ALTOONA</b>	<b>Lutheran Day at Adventurland</b>
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# Save the Dates

April 2016

## 2016 LCMS Convention IDE Delegate Meeting

For all IDE delegates to the 2016 Convention.

District Office  
1100 Blairs Ferry Road  
Marion, IA 52302

9:00am

## 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

April 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:** Paul Nus, Millersburg/Deep River to Trinity Cheyenne, WY
- Pending:** Brian Saunders, Cedar Rapids to Our Redeemer Cedar Falls—  
Assistant
- Declined:** Mark Brase, Fairfield to St. John, McCook, NE  
Jeffrey Dorth, West Bend, WI to Trinity, Davenport  
Bert Mueller, Westgate to KFUCO, St. Louis, MO  
Michael Scudder, Mt. Pleasant to Trinity, Appleton, MN

## DCE/School/Teacher Update

- Vacancies:** Central, Newhall—Middle School—Language Arts  
Dubuque Lutheran, Dubuque—5th/6th, Kindergarten  
Trinity, Cedar Rapids—5th grade and 3rd grade
- Accepted:** Josh Nimmer, teacher, CR to Emmaus, Fort Wayne, IN  
Sarah Nimmer, teacher, CR to Emmaus, Fort Wayne, IN
- Pending:**
- Declined:** Bill Meyer, principal, Davenport to Trinity, Tinley Park, IL  
Bill Meyer, principal, Davenport to Trinity, Crown Point, IN  
Hannah Keuning, teacher, Newhall to Mt. Olive, Des Moines

# 2015 Directory Updates

April 2016

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15	(add) Kane, Justin	3414 DESTIN DR WATERLOO IA 50702  revjustinkane@aol.com  Grace Lutheran Church Waterloo 1024 WEST 8TH STREET WATERLOO 50702-2208  Cell: 828-446-2521 Office: 319-235-6705
25	Eckhardt, Wilfred	New email: beckhardt31@gmail.com
48	Waterloo, Grace	Rev. Justin Kane, revjustinkane@aol.com

If you have changes to the Fall 2015 Directory please email them to [jon@lcmside.org](mailto:jon@lcmside.org).

# Things to Share

April 2016

## Congregation Statistics

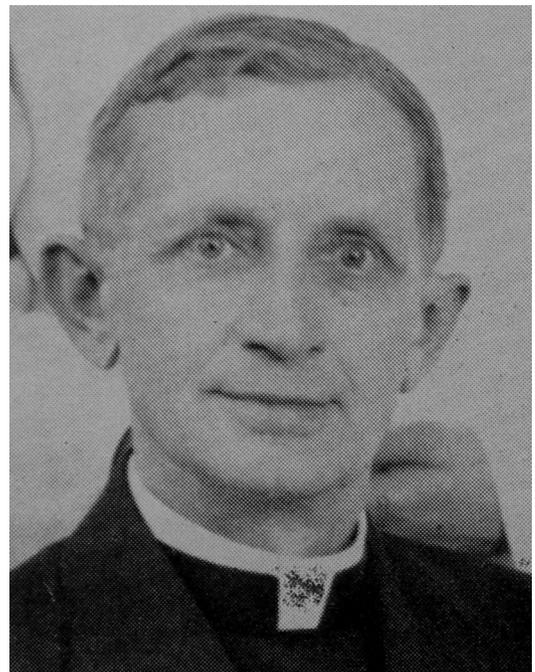
If you have not already returned your Congregation Statistics please do so as soon as possible. We are still missing several congregations' statistics.

## 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](mailto:onamission1939@gmail.com) with this pastor's full name and where he served.



As I sit down to write this it is two days before taxes are due. I am thankful that task has been done for a month or so and the refund is already in the bank. For many people the tax news will not be so good, in fact the one line will read “tax due” or it might read “payment due.” Whatever it is called, something is definitely owed.

That sounds a great deal like what is owed due to our sins. Paul said: “For the wages of sin is death.” The prophet Ezekiel said: “The soul who sins will die.” Paul also reminded us “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” There is a common theme at work here involving sin and death and no one is immune because “all have sinned.”

I’m dead because of my sin. I’m going to die someday because of my sin and the fact that I am a sinner. In fact no one by nature is immune from that. I didn’t even mention the fact that if I die without Jesus Christ, I am going to spend eternity in hell. And so is your neighbor apart from Christ Jesus. Now that doesn’t sound very politically correct today but it is the truth! It’s what we have earned and it’s what we deserve.

However, there is another part of this narrative. It involves Jesus, the Word of God become flesh in the incarnation. Listen to how St. Paul describes what Jesus has done for all people: “And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having cancelled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.” Col. 2:13-15.

Let us look and rejoice in what has happened. The payment which was due because of our sins has been paid for by Jesus. The debt caused by our sin has been paid in full. This has all been done for you. There is a new verdict, instead of “guilty,” we are forgiven. Instead of death, we have been given life already in the Water and Word of Holy Baptism. Instead of hearing of an eternity in hell we are given heaven as a gift.

That great exchange is constantly taking place. Daily we repent and drown the old Adam in our baptism. In the Divine Service or privately, the Pastor bestows Holy Absolution upon us and we are freed from sin and the accusing guilt. In the preached Word we hear, “be of good cheer, your sins be forgiven you.” And in the Holy Supper Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and for the strengthening of our faith. The Pastor pronounces the benediction and we go forth into the world to love and serve our neighbor as the redeemed in Christ the crucified! That truly is a “great exchange” to rejoice in!

# Capital Campaign Update



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

### Capital Campaign (Update: 4-13-16)

*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: \$ 587,137  
Gifts promised in next 1-7 years: \$ 34,325

**Total to Date: \$ 621,462**

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

April 2016

Paychex is offering a limited time promotion exclusively for Concordia Plans employers.

**50% off of payroll services for a year if you run your first payroll by May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016!**

**\*\* \*\*After the first year discount, your pricing will continue at the Concordia Plan Services negotiated discount of 35%.**

We know that many of our LCMS employers struggle with payroll—not just paying employees on time, but also reporting hours of service, paying benefits and staying compliant with filing taxes. For that reason, Concordia Plans Services (CPS) has researched experts in the field, and now you can take advantage of CPS's preferred pricing on payroll processing services with Paychex and save 35% on the retail cost. We want to help relieve your burden and keep you focused on the mission and ministry of the church.

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Paychex has dedicated LCMS payroll specialists with expertise in the unique aspects of church payroll, including housing allowances for rostered workers.



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Utilize resources that are designed and selected to work together with the Concordia Plans, including automated transmission of CRSP contributions to Fidelity through EBSO and HSA funds to LCEF or SelectAccount. In addition, easily integrate with commonly-used ministry products like Shepherd's Staff, Church 360° Ledger, and QuickBooks.



Leverage a complete employee management solution with fully integrated recruiting, hiring, payroll, time & attendance, performance management, and more with the all-new Paychex Flex™ platform.

## Iowa District East Parish Nurse Convocation

A grant provided by InFaith Community Foundations funded the first IDE Parish Nurse Convocation on Saturday, April 2, 2016 held at Bethany Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids. This convocation offered opportunity for spiritual development, sharing of resources and networking time for the seven out of the known sixteen parish nurses in our district. Those that attended were from Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, and DeWitt.

The morning began with an ice breaker and introductions. President Saunders then presented "A Matter of the Eye, the Ear, and the Mouth". Who knew the words "love" and "feed" had so many meanings?! The parish nurses were greatly encouraged by President Saunders' kind words. Many books were recommended for further spiritual development.

Multiple resources were shared with one another while the group networked. Many helpful websites were shared. Each of the district parish nurses were gifted with two books, Visitation and A Simple Way to Pray, and a token of appreciation, as well as a healthy lunch. A greeting was shared via email with the group from our IDE Life Coordinator Pastor Alex Post.

If your congregation is interested in learning more about parish nursing please contact your district representative, Nurse Ronda at nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com or contact the church office at 319-364-6026.

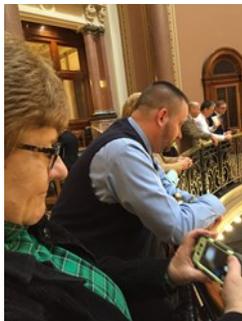


**Thanks to everyone for the warm welcome** I have received as I begin to serve as Assistant to the President for Schools. I am excited and humbled with this opportunity to do ministry in IDE. I hope and pray that I can be of assistance and support to all of the schools in our district. Please feel free to contact me with any thoughts, concerns, or questions.

## School Choice in Iowa - Part I



Just a little over a month ago, March 1, I was at the state capitol in Des Moines attending the School Choice Rally. Hundreds of students, teachers, and parents from Christian schools across the state attended the noon rally. Iowa East and West Lutheran schools were represented by students, parents, and administrators from Trinity - Davenport, Valley Lutheran - Cedar Falls, and Clarinda Lutheran School. We heard legislators speak about the progress the state has made in advocating for school choice. Also speaking were several parents who have experienced the blessings of being able to send their children to a Christian school.



Much has changed in the past decade when it comes to getting involved in politics and school choice. Brian L'Heureux (Valley Lutheran) and Merrilee Sump (Clarinda) are two administrators, pictured here, who can attest to that. Advocating for Lutheran schools at the state capitol is not in an administrator's toolbox that came with their administrator's license. Thankfully, our schools have several organizations that are the public policy voice of Iowa's Protestant, Christ-centered schools. With the assistance of these organizations, Lutheran schools are able to carry out their mission and give parents the opportunity to be able to send their children to a Lutheran school in Iowa.

One of these organizations is the Iowa Association of Christian Schools (IACS). "IACS represents Christian schools in public policy both by tracking legislation/public policy to provide information to member schools, as well as advocating on behalf of our member schools in the Iowa Legislature. IACS also educates Iowans on the benefits of school choice programs and Christ-centered education, building a culture of excellence in education and school choice in Iowa." By the way, Brian L'Heureux is currently president of IACS.

IACS has been instrumental in lobbying for:

- Independent Accreditation passed in 2013!
- Tuition Tax Credit.
- Increased textbook funding. Worked successfully with private school partners in 2010 to expand funding to include classroom instructional technology.
- Transportation dollars for parents who transport their students to school or to provide busing to private schools.
- The Educational Opportunities Act, which funds our School Tuition Organizations (STOs) We worked with coalition partners to dramatically expand this program in 2013! This program has brought needed resources to many of our member schools through scholarships to eligible families.

I hope this information has been interesting, helpful, and useful. Independent accreditation and the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) have had a HUGE impact on Lutheran schools in Iowa over the past decade. Education Savings Accounts (ESA) are on the horizon. Lutheran school administrators, Boards, pastors, faculties and staff, students, and parents can praise God for all that has been accomplished in Iowa through the efforts of our elected officials and those who advocate on behalf of us for school choice through Iowa Association of Christian Schools and Iowa Alliance for Choice in Education.

For more information go to: [www.iowachristianschools.org](http://www.iowachristianschools.org) and [www.iowaace.org](http://www.iowaace.org)

And finally, I thought I would share with you a quick graphic review about how the mind of a middle schooler works these days. Many of you are middle school teachers by virtue of the fact that you teach confirmation classes and/or teach upper grades in a Lutheran school. This graphic comes from BRAIN WAVES Instruction. I hope you find it helpful. (Thanks to Denise Carley for sharing it on Facebook.)

# How the **MIND** of a **MIDDLE SCHOOLER** works

**Middle school students typically have an attention span of 10-12 minutes.**

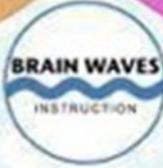
**The brain growth that occurs between the ages of 10-15 is the greatest in human life.**

**Teens learn best through interaction and activity.**

**Adolescents misinterpret emotions and instructions up to 40% of the time.**

**Middle schoolers retain 5-7 bits of information at a time.**

**Adolescents need 9-13 hours of sleep per night to function best.**



# 2016—2017 IDE Youth Retreats

## Confirmation Retreat

October 7-8, 2016

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

## Senior High Retreat

November 18-19, 2016

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

## Middle School Retreat

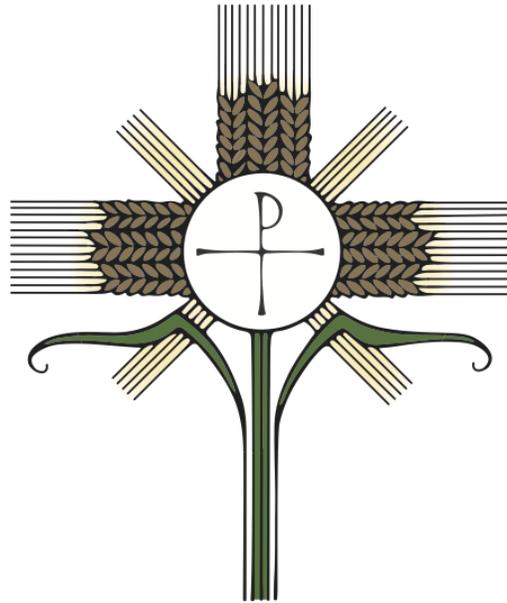
February 3-4, 2016

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



# Youth Ministry Page

April 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](http://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](mailto:csanchez@higherthings.org).

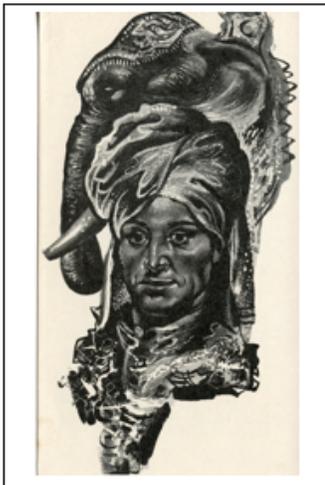
Vanderbilt University  
Nashville, TN  
June 28-July 1, 2016

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

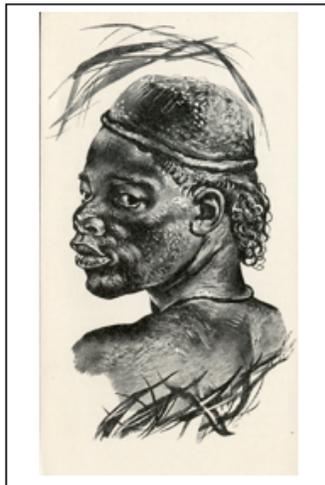
Colorado State University  
Fort Collins, CO  
July 26-29, 2016

# IDE ARCHIVES

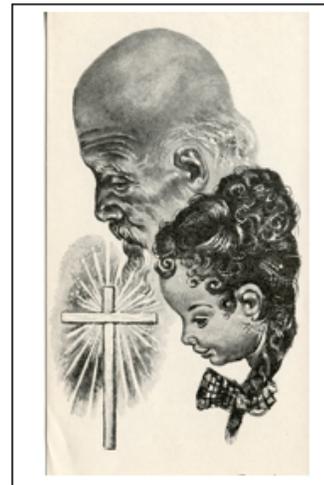
Thanks to the watchful eye of Joann Hartman of the Elkader, Iowa area, a container of old, musty documents concerning Our Redeemer Lutheran Church-Elkader (est. 1935; disbanded 1971) was discovered and turned over to the IDE Archives. The documents are primarily Pastor W.H. Tensmeyer's weekly "newsletters" with Sunday worship information included. There are three volumes covering 1943 to 1945. Of special interest to your archivist was a number of 6"x10.5", folded into thirds, tracts published by the Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States. The tracts were inserts in Our Redeemer's Sunday bulletin as the pastor was preparing the congregation for their upcoming Mission Festival day. I am showing the picture portion of each tract so you can see what visual-aids were used to inspire our Elkader brothers and sisters in Christ to keep focused on what their mission was within their own congregation and the synod at large even during those World War II years. —A. Konrad



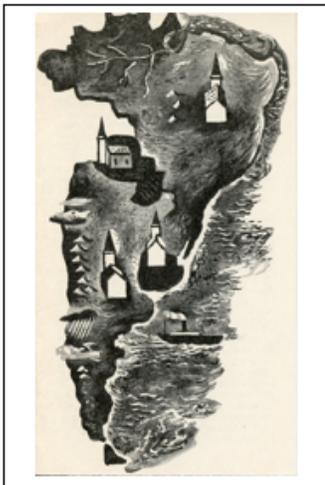
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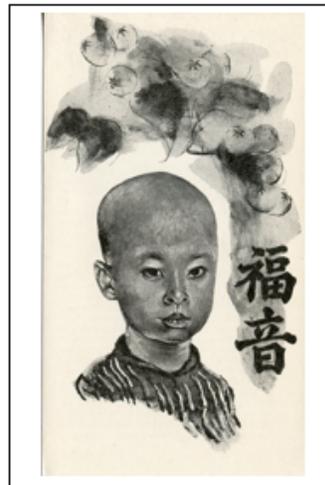
Africa



Christian Education



South America



China



Blind-Deaf-USA Negroes

# Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



April 2016

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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!



## **THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS**

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca hosts dozens of volunteer projects annually. Often times, we provide the supplies and volunteer groups provide the labor. In the past, we've had volunteer groups build picnic tables, clean up our woods, and even build activities such as disc golf and human foosball. With a Thrivent Action Team, you can team up with Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca to fund your volunteer project up to \$250. The \$250 can be used to buy supplies and equipment for a project, but also can be used to help pay for an overnight volunteering retreat at Camp! Contact us to help set up a volunteer project at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Remember, any Thrivent Financial member can apply for and lead an action team!



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email [camp@campiodiseca.org](mailto:camp@campiodiseca.org)

## 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](http://www.campiodiseca.org).**

## Important Dates

April 23 & April 30  
*Spring Workdays*

May 2  
*Registration Discount Deadline #2*

June 15  
*Summer Camp Begins*

July 30  
*Summerfest Auction*

Aug 2  
*Summer Camp Ends*

October 7-8  
*IDE Confirmation Retreat*

November 18-19  
*IDE Sr. High Retreat*

## 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](http://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 up to four more camp counselors.

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](mailto:daniel@campiodiseca.org) for more information or to receive an application.



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

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The Parkview, Eldridge renovations have progressed since the photo on the left was taken in January. Renovations for the church include a new central entrance, offices, expanded fellowship hall and kitchen on the main level, "cry room" for little ones and improved Sunday



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FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL

Tasting the Spirit's Fruit

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

The deceiver has always dangled the illusion that we are the source of our own joy. Adam and Eve's eyes were not opened as they tasted the fruit as Satan promised (Genesis 3:5-7). They were more than temporally disappointed. They were eternally lost. Satan continues to suggest that joy is found in oneself and others, or in worldly experiences. We continue to pick our own fruit with the result of displeasure and damnation.

Jesus describes Himself as the true vine. Attached to the Vine, we bear fruit. In the Upper Room dialog with His disciples, Jesus promises, *"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."* (John 15:11) Jesus' journeys from the Upper Room to the cross of Calvary. His death is the sacrifice for all the sources of meaningless joy. Jesus resurrection is the proclamation of joy to the world and joy to every sinner.

Jesus promised His followers that He would send His Spirit to them. In the presence and power of the Spirit, Jesus promised, *"I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. . . Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."* (John 16:22-24)

The Pentecost outpouring is celebrated this month. The Spirit brings more than wind, languages, and tongues of fire to Jerusalem. The Spirit brings the proclamation of the crucified and risen Lord. The Spirit brings his gifts to the apostles and to the church. The Spirit brings fruits. The Spirit brings joy through Jesus to us.

Joy is expressed in a variety of ways. In the early church, joy is expressed in generosity (2 Corinthians 8:2). The Macedonian Christians expressed their joy in a generous offering to those in need. Paul notes the joy of giving (2 Corinthians 9:7) God's stewards are joyful.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund is blessed by the Spirit to be a joyful partner in sharing resources for ministry. LCEF investments build and maintain mission and ministry sites where the joy of the resurrected Jesus is shared. Through the Young Investor Club children experience the joy of learning to manage God's resources for His kingdom work.

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Prayer: Holy Spirit, thank you for the joy of the resurrected Jesus. Fill your church with the fruit of joy. Amen.

(Note: As your partner in stewardship education, Iowa District East Lutheran Church Extension Fund offers these devotional reflections for congregation leaders, stewardship partners, and individuals.)

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# CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

# 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)

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### Optional Readings:

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

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# CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

# JUNE 13-15, 2016

## Dr. R. Reed Lessing: Isaiah 40-66

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# ***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 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>. 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

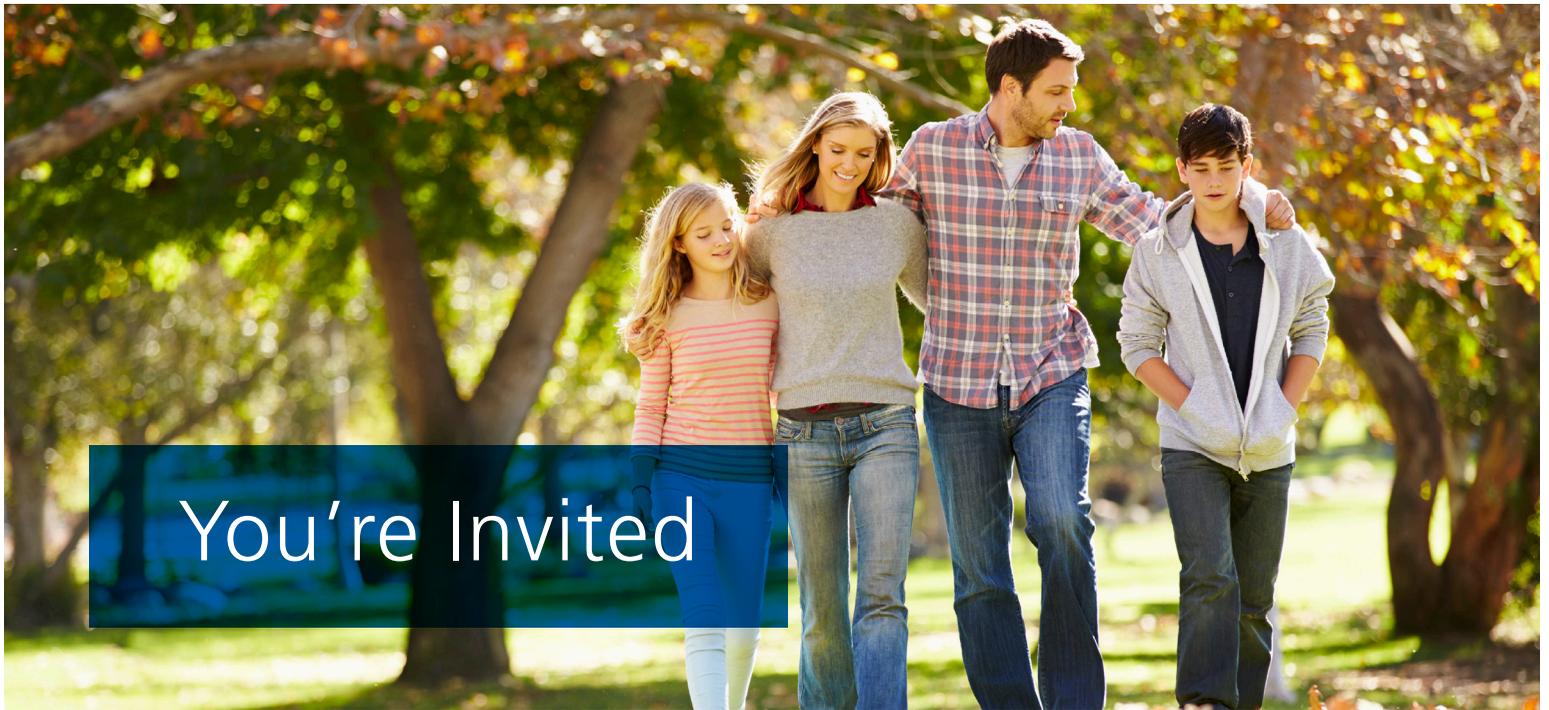
*The Impact of the World Wars on the Doctrine of Just War* – Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders

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

*Women in Combat* – Rev. John Preus

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

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### 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

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their own spiritual growth?" It is hoped that our time together will bring us closer to each other and to our Lord, who speaks to us in and through Psalms.

#### July 25-27, 2016 Hosanna Lutheran Church

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#### DR. DAVID SCHMITT

Schmitt is the Gregg H. Benidt Memorial professor of homiletics and literature. He is one of our church's brightest thinkers in the areas of preaching and devotional studies. He is able to engage the intersection of faith and culture, particularly literary culture and visual arts, and does so by drawing upon our confessional Lutheran tradition.

A prolific author, he has two new books in

the works: *The Pilgrimage of Preaching, a homiletics text on the art of preaching, and Restoration Spiritualities, a literary study on late 17th-century faith and literary culture.*

#### Sermon Structures

In sermon preparation, every preacher reaches that point where he needs to consider how he will order the ideas and experiences that go into the sermon. In this workshop, pastors will consider how to use various sermon structures: thematic structures that emphasize confessing a teaching of the faith, storied structures that emphasize retelling the story of the text and dynamic structures that emphasize shaping the experience of the hearers. Through theoretical explanation and practical examples, participants will encounter different sermon structures and be equipped to use them more intentionally in their preaching.

#### SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Continuing Education workshops offered by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis provide an opportunity for exploration of contemporary topics that influence the practice of ministry. They are designed for pastors, church workers and laypeople.

**Unless otherwise noted, all workshops begin at 1 p.m. Monday and conclude at noon Wednesday. There are no sessions in the evening.**

#### COSTS

Tuition for the three-day events is \$140, which includes CEUs. Housing and meals vary from site to site and are the responsibility of the participant. Information is available from the host pastor. A full refund for cancellations will be given up to 14 days before the event.

#### July 25-27, 2016 Resurrection Lutheran Church

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#### DR. MIKE MIDDENDORF

Middendorf's Concordia Commentary: Romans 1-8 was published in 2013. He has also completed volume two over chapters 9-16, scheduled for publication in May 2016. After completing his Th.D. at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 1990, he served in the parish and then at Concordia University Texas, Austin. Since 2001, he has been a professor of theology in Christ College at

Concordia University, Irvine, Calif., where he regularly teaches undergraduates, graduate students and seminarians in the Cross-Cultural Ministry Center.

#### Reaching into Romans

Many people regard Paul's letter to Rome as the most influential book in the Bible. Luther contends it contains "most abundantly the things a Christian ought to know" and that "every Christian should know it word for word, by heart" (AE 35:380, 365). Yet Romans is neither anthropocentric nor individualistic. It focuses our attention primarily upon God, His righteousness through faith (Rom. 1-4; 9-11), and the life He graciously bestows in and through our Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 5-8; 12-16). In addition to stressing these overall themes, in-depth attention will be given to the letter's most significant and controverted passages.

#### July 18-20, 2016 St. Johns Lutheran Church

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#### REGISTRATION

Register for workshops online at [www.csl.edu](http://www.csl.edu) no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of each workshop. After you register, you will receive a detailed schedule and a pre-session reading list. Workshops must have a minimum number of participants in order to be held. Please reach out to the on-site contact for directions, housing and meal information. Email addresses are listed with each workshop. Cancellations by phone or in writing at least 14 days before the workshop will receive a full refund.

<b>June 6-8, 2016</b> <b>David Adams</b> West Fargo, ND <small>NEW</small>	<b>July 18-20, 2016</b> <b>Mike Middendorf</b> Orange, CA	<b>Aug. 1-3, 2016</b> <b>Jeff Kloha</b> Charlottesville, VA
<b>June 13-15, 2016</b> <b>Andrew Bartelt</b> Knowles, OK <small>NEW</small>	<b>July 25-27, 2016</b> <b>David Schmitt</b> Cary, NC	<b>Aug. 1-3, 2016</b> <b>David Peter</b> Stuttgart, AR <small>NEW</small>
<b>June 20-22, 2016</b> <b>David Adams</b> Plymouth, MN <small>NEW</small>	<b>July 25-27, 2016</b> <b>Timothy Saleska</b> Mankato, MN <small>NEW</small>	<b>Aug. 8-10, 2016</b> <b>Charles Arand</b> Haslett, MI
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<b>June 22-24, 2016</b> <b>Jeffrey Gibbs</b> Oskaloosa, IA		<b>Aug. 10-12, 2016</b> <b>David Peter</b> Cleveland, OH
<b>June 29 - July 1, 2016</b> <b>Todd Jones</b> Metairie, LA <small>NEW</small>		<b>Aug. 15-17, 2016</b> <b>Joel Okamoto</b> Riverton, UT <small>NEW</small>
		<b>Aug. 22-24, 2016</b> <b>Joel Okamoto</b> Springfield, MO <small>NEW</small>

#### UPCOMING CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

**Faith and Writing Workshop**  
**July 26-28, 2016**

**Summer Lay Bible Institute**  
**Aug. 6, 2016**

**Theological Symposium**  
**Sept. 20-21, 2016**

**Fall Lay Bible Institute**  
**Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016**

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### DR. DAVID ADAMS

Adams is associate professor of exegetical theology and coordinator of international Seminary exchange programs. His expertise is in understanding the Old Testament in its ancient Near Eastern context. In addition to teaching courses in biblical Hebrew and Old Testament, he has led the Seminary's efforts in the area of biblical archaeology. That study of the ancient coupled with an emphasis on the significance of God's presence with His people is central to Adams' presentation.

### NEW The Present God: Exploring a Major Biblical Theme

For many Christians, the theological value of the Old Testament is limited to messianic prophecies and the comforting assurances of the psalms. Such a perspective runs the risk of impoverishing our teaching and preaching by failing to recognize the foundational role of the Old Testament for the Christian faith and the rich variety of ways in which its theology is communicated. In this presentation, Adams will explore one major theological motif, the presence of God, and show how it shapes the faith of the Old Testament and the fulfillment of that faith in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ in the New Testament.

### June 6-8, 2016 St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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### June 20-22, 2016 Glory of Christ Lutheran Church

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### REV. TODD JONES

Jones is assistant professor of practical theology and director of Resident Field Education. His previous service in pastoral ministry and as a mission executive coupled with his academic and administrative strengths combine to make him an effective presentation leader.

### NEW Engaging Small Groups

Through study, discussion and shared experiences, individuals grow in their faith as they live it out. Unfortunately, many congregations struggle to engage their members and others in their small-group process. This workshop will challenge you to rethink some assumptions that might be hindering your efforts to build a vibrant small-group ministry.

### June 22-24, 2016 Trinity Lutheran Church

122 W. Wesley, Jackson, MI 49201  
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### NEW Congregational Dynamics

Congregations are complex organizations. While conflict and its devastating effects can be easy to identify, many times conflict is a symptom of a failed organizational system. This workshop will introduce a systems theory approach to congregational life. Participants will be equipped to begin to identify systems in stress.

### June 29-July 1, 2016 Atonement Lutheran Church

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### DR. JOEL OKAMOTO

Okamoto is the Waldemar and Mary Griesbach Professor of Systematic Theology and chairman of the department. He is renowned for his thoughtful analysis of the issues the Church faces in an increasingly non-Christian culture. Among his areas of study are the concept of truth for Christian life and witness, a contemporary account of the theology of Luther and Lutheranism, and the intersection of science and theology.

### NEW Theology for Pastoral Ministry in a Scientific Age

It might be said that many pastors don't know enough about science. But what non-scientist does? Most of us could be better informed about science, but this won't help much unless our theology also is adequate to deal with the assumptions, methods and findings of modern science. In this workshop, we will explore theological topics important in a scientific age for pastors and their ministries, including God, creation, human creatures and the Scriptures.

### Aug. 15-17, 2016 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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### NEW Being Lutheran in a Post-denominational Situation

"Denomination" means less and less to individual American Christians and the notion of "being Christian" is increasingly thin and personal. Recently Christian researcher George Barna summarized the situation by saying: "People say: 'I believe in God. I believe the Bible is a good book. And then I believe whatever I want'" (USA Today, Sept. 13, 2011). Similarly, among congregations it is increasingly unclear what "Lutheran" or "Methodist" or "Baptist" really means as differences in preaching, worship, theology and ethics grow between churches. In this workshop, we will consider ways of defining, embodying and explaining a "Lutheran" identity for the church, for practices, for confession of faith and for theology. We will discuss "good" answers to such questions as, "What does it mean to be 'Lutheran'?" "How does 'Lutheran' matter today?" "What makes a church 'Lutheran'?" and "What is a 'Lutheran' confession of faith?"

### Aug. 22-24, 2016 Trinity Lutheran Church

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### DR. CHARLES ARAND

Arand is the Eugene E. and Nell S. Fincke Graduate Professor of Theology and director of the Center for Care of Creation. He also serves as dean of theological research and publication. A prolific author who served as the primary drafter of the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations report, Together with All Creatures: Caring for God's Living Earth (CPH, 2010),

Arand is presently researching how the theology of creation informs the unity of creation and redemption.

### In Awesome Wonder: Finding our Place in God's Creation

Martin Luther once lamented that we fail to see and appreciate the daily miracles of God because they are so common. How can we recover that sense of wonder ... and with it gratitude and contentment for our lives on earth? This workshop will explore how the theme of creation shapes the entire Christian story and Christian theology. In particular, it will focus on issues related to what it means to be human, the relationship between creation and redemption, and creation as a starting point for community participation as well as conversations with non-Christians.

### Aug. 8-10, 2016 St. Luke Lutheran Church

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### DR. DAVID PETER

Peter is associate professor of practical theology and chairman of the department. He is a leading theologian on the book of Revelation who brings a solid understanding of the Church and the way we live out our Lutheran ecclesiology to the subject. His session is an expansion of his popular 2014 Lay Bible Institute presentation on Revelation.

### NEW Decoding the Apocalypse: Study of the Book of Revelation

The title of the last book of the Bible is translated as "Revelation," but its original title was "Apocalypse." This word literally means "the unveiling." The purpose of this book of the Bible is to unveil the purposes of God in human history. For many people, however, it remains seemingly veiled, as an obscure, mysterious and confusing book. The reason many people do not understand the Apocalypse is because it is written in language that can only be interpreted by decoding its symbolism. This study will look at the most significant coded symbols of the book and the

keys to their interpretation. It will provide a broad sweep of the major themes and message of Revelation so that you can better understand this often misunderstood book. This "unveiling" will enable you to see Christ, His Church and history (past, present and future) in a whole new light.

### Aug. 1-3, 2016 St. John Lutheran Church

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### Aug. 10-12, 2016 St. James Lutheran Church

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### DR. RICK MARRS

Marrs is associate professor of practical theology and director of the Master of Divinity and Residential Alternate Route programs. He holds advanced degrees in counseling and psychology and has previous service in Christian counseling. His area of expertise includes teaching a Christocentric, Law and Gospel approach to pastoral counseling.

### NEW Making Christian Counseling More Christ-Centered

Many Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod pastors and church leaders realize that much of what passes for "Christian counseling" is based in the Law and not the Gospel of Christ. Dr. C.F.W. Walther said that properly dividing Law and Gospel in "private ministrations" with people is more difficult than in preaching and teaching. How can Lutheran pastors and other counselors better learn to properly distinguish Law and Gospel in counseling situations and apply the Gospel as antidote where it is needed? How can Lutheran pastors better equip the non-Lutheran Christian counselors they refer parishioners to with these critically important concepts? When should a Lutheran pastor refer a parishioner to a mental health specialist, perhaps even a non-Christian one, when the expertise needed falls into the "Left Hand Kingdom"? These and other complicated pastoral care questions will be addressed so that the learners may become more confident and effective in their care of the souls entrusted to them.

### Aug. 8-10, 2016 Pacific Hills Lutheran Church

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### DR. JEFFREY GIBBS

Gibbs is professor of exegetical theology and faculty adviser to the Seminary's Life Team ministry. An expert on the Synoptic Gospels, he is the author of the multivolume Concordia Commentary: Matthew (CPH, 2006, 2010). He brings a humble spirit to his work as an exegete and he leads with a sensitive pastoral heart in his application of biblical texts to the questions and challenges before God's people today.

### Jesus and Jerusalem: Studies in Matthew 21-28

Confrontation, authority, Christology, salvation — all of these things explode from the pages of Matthew 21-28 where Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem to suffer, die and be raised to immortal life. This workshop will engage in careful exegesis of selected texts in Matthew 21-28, prayerfully aiming at the goals of strong faith in God's Son and increased encouragement for service to Him today.

### June 22-24, 2016 St. John Lutheran Church

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### DR. JEFF KLOHA

Kloha is professor of exegetical theology and serves as provost. He is a leading scholar of Greek texts, the New Testament and the Pauline Epistles. He is a popular teacher in the classroom and speaker within the church, where he shows how the Word of God functions within the Christian's daily life for the confession of Christ as Lord in an increasing secular world.

### Philippians: Life Together in the Gospel

This letter, written by Paul to a beloved church during one of his imprisonments, helps us focus on the central themes of Christian life and faith: encouraging each other as the Church, bringing the Gospel to all people, faith and living a faithful life, and trust in God in the midst of challenging circumstances. This study will move section-by-section through Philippians, highlighting how the Gospel of Jesus Christ is at work among us today.

### Aug. 1-3, 2016 Immanuel Lutheran Church

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### DR. ANDREW BARTELT

Bartelt is the Gustav and Sophie Butterbach Professor of Exegetical Theology and director of the Specific Ministry Pastor program. He teaches and has published in the areas of "First Testament" theology, interpretation and proclamation, especially in prophetic literature and poetry. Germane to his presentation is his current work — along with his colleague, Dr. Paul Raabe — the

Concordia Commentary: Isaiah.

### NEW Isaiah 1-12, The Holy One of Israel in Our Midst

Working from the structure and thought progression of this first major section of the great "vision" of Isaiah, the message of God's presence in Zion in the midst of His people is as important today in understanding the identity and mission of the body of Christ, centered in the presence of God in Christ. We will work through these chapters, paying special attention to some of the key passages (and pericopes), including the Immanuel prophecy and the hope in the house and lineage of David.

### June 13-15, 2016 Lutherhaven Retreat Center

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### DR. TIMOTHY SALESKA

Saleska is associate professor of exegetical theology and dean of ministerial formation. Among his areas of expertise is the study of the book of Psalms. Among his written work is the Bible study, God's Abiding Word: Psalms (CPH) and he is preparing a Concordia Commentary on Psalms, too. He is a popular speaker whose devotional reading of the psalms and his accompanying illustration of spiritual strength they offer is gratefully received.

### NEW Influenced by a Cloud of Witnesses: Reading the Psalms for Spiritual Strength

In this workshop, we approach the psalms with the assumption that reading them is more like having a conversation than analyzing an object or mining for jewels. The shift of perspective makes it more difficult to keep Psalms at arm's length and opens us up to being influenced and changed by the voices we hear speaking. During the workshop, we will read and meditate on individual psalms, and we will discuss: "Why is there poetry in the Bible?" "What am I doing as I read and listen to the speakers in the psalms?" "How can we teach others to use the psalms for

# SUMMER WORKSHOPS 2016

# 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.

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- 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  
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- 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.