



# Professional Worker's Packet

## Iowa District East—LCMS July 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

July 2016

My Blessed Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray your summer is going to afford you opportunity for some rest and relaxation. As I have shared before, Jesus took time to rest from his labors. It is much needed in order to serve in the vocations the Lord of the Church has given to us.

On Sunday June 12 at 2:00, a final worship service of Vespers was conducted at Christ Lutheran Church in Waterloo, IA. It was a service by which Christ Lutheran would be given her rest from all her labors. At the end of the service I spoke the words "This congregation is no longer open for Word and Sacrament Ministry." It was much more difficult for me to say than I had expected. As I looked at the 12 remaining members of Christ sitting in the front pew, each holding an item from the Sanctuary at which they had received God's precious grace for 60 years, I saw the sadness in their eyes. They were not angry, they were not looking to blame anyone. Each of them had tears of sadness over all the memories they shared in that assembly together. They also shed tears of eternal gratitude. It was at that font some of them were brought into the Kingdom of God. It was from that lectern and pulpit that the Word of God came to them full of grace and truth. It was from that altar that they were fed the resurrected and living Body and Blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins and certainty of salvation. Heavenly, holy things came to them from that locality. They were grateful.

As we all know, created things will pass away. The Lord of the Church will use them as He has need while they are usable. The Holy Temple served its purpose until it gave way to the "Son of the Living God". The congregations planted by St. Paul may no longer exist but the Word he preached to plant them is still being proclaimed by missionaries around the world. Christ Lutheran in Waterloo no longer is open for Word and Sacrament Ministry but the baptized and forgiven still live on in other congregations where they are fed and give witness to Christ in their daily vocations. Christ Lutheran was used by God for His intended purpose and now she is at rest. We give thanks for the clergy, church workers, and laity who served in and through Christ Lutheran over the past 60 years.

I also want to share with you that June is the month when two men began their Call by God as they were ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry. On June 19 Bradley Ferch was ordained and installed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Davenport. Sunday, June 26, Isaac Johnson was ordained and installed at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Davenport. We praise the Lord Almighty for sending workers into His harvest. Pray for them as they enter into the labor of the Lord. They will be your fellow servants in contention with Satan and his demons. The Office they will fill is the Office of Christ Jesus who has defeated Satan and told Peter that the gates of hell will not prevail against the gates of heaven. Pray that these men and all our workers remain strong, committed, studious and faithful to the Holy Word and the Lutheran Confessions.

Take your rest this summer and at the same time take up the armor of God for yourself and your fellow servants. The battle rages on each day in order to defend your sheep from the Evil One. At the same time the battle is done, the victory is gained, the Lord of the Church redeems His people.

God be with and bless you all.

President Saunders

# Calendar of Events

## July

**4**

**Independence Day  
District Office Closed**

**9-14**

**MILWAUKEE**

**Synod Convention**

**19**

**MARION**

**Board of Directors  
9:00am  
District Office**

## August

**11**

**DES MOINES**

**Principal's Meeting**

**13**

**MARION**

**LWML Board Meeting**

## September

**5**

**Labor Day**

**22**

**MARION**

**Worship Committee  
09:00AM**

# Save the Dates

July 2016

## 2016 LCMS National Convention July 9-14, 2016

Upon This Rock

**Milwaukee, WI**

## Fall Pastors' Conference October 3-4, 2016

**Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca  
Solon, IA**

## Confirmation Retreat October 7-8, 2016

**Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca  
Solon, IA**

## Pastors Wives Retreat October 14-15, 2016

**Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca  
Solon, IA**

# Vacancy Updates

July 2016

## Calling Congregations:

New Hope, Charles City—Clarke Frederick (vacancy pastor)  
Trinity, Davenport—Associate Pastor of Worship  
Calvary, Deep River—Stuart Rethwisch (vacancy pastor)  
Immanuel, Grinnell—Fred Berry (vacancy pastor)  
St. Paul, Luzerne—David Lingard (vacancy pastor)  
Messiah, Mason City—Clarke Frederick (vacancy pastor)  
Trinity, Millersburg—Gary Sears (vacancy pastor)  
St. Matthews, Sherrill—Kris Kincaid (vacancy pastor)

## Pastors Call Update:

**Accepted:** Matthew Versemann, Waverly to Trinity, Decatur, IL

**Pending:** Edward Killian, Waterloo to Mt. Calvary, Beverly Hills, CA

**Declined:** Max Biensenthal, MO to Trinity, Davenport, IA  
Edward Killian, Waterloo to Lidgerwood, ND

## DCE/School/Teacher Update

**Vacancies:** Trinity, Cedar Rapids—1st Grade Teacher  
Trinity, Davenport—Teacher

**Accepted:** Tyler Schardt, Davenport to St. Pauls, Arlington NE  
Rachel Kester, CU St. Paul to Dubuque Lutheran School  
Rachel Wegener, CU Chicago to Valley, Cedar Falls

**DCE Interns:** Emma Auger, Concordia River Forest to St Pauls, Marion (7.1.16)  
Josh Schmitt, Concordia Irvine to Trinity, Cedar Rapids (8.1.16)

**Declined:** Tyler Schardt, Davenport to St. Paul's, Ft. Dodge, IA  
Tyler Schardt, Davenport to Calvary, Kansas City

**Transfer:** Margaret (Weber) Kline, Cedar Rapids to Rocky Mountain District

# 2015 Directory Updates

July 2016

| Page | Name                 | Change  |
|------|----------------------|---|
| 15   | Johnson, Isaac (new) | Wife: Katie<br><br>6145 Fair Avenue<br>Davenport, IA 52806<br><br>Risen Christ Lutheran Church<br>6021 Northwest BLVD<br>Davenport 52806-1848<br><br>Email: pastorjohnson@rclqc.org<br><br>Phone: 563-386-2342 (Office) |
| 29   | Johnson, Dan         | Email: DanielSJohnson356@gmail.com<br><br>Daniel.Johnson@lcms.org (lcmsintl.org will be inactive on July 1)   |
| 53   | University Hospital  | Change Number to 319-558-9083 (cell)  |

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

# Thoughts on Stewardship

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

July 2016

The following definition of Christian stewardship has been used in our Synod for a number of decades: "Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes." In this article, I will spend some time dissecting and applying that definition to our lives today.

A steward is a manager or caretaker of what someone else owns. For the Christian we confess that God is the owner of all things and He has entrusted those things to our care and use while we are upon this earth. Recall the command God gave when He said: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:28.

Our management or stewardship flows from the reality that we are "the baptized in Christ Jesus," for that is what has made us Christian. Paul says: "And such were some of you, but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God." I Cor. 6:11. How we carry out that stewardship is a witness to the world around us. That also involves how we are taking care of our physical lives!

Is our management done in a free and joyous manner, or do we begrudge having to take care of that which has been entrusted to us? One of the best lessons on the stewardship of giving was learned in my first parish. A wise layman by the name of Leroy Bruns put it rather simply. "Pastor, we either give because we have to or because we want to." The latter certainly expresses the definition of "free and joyous."

What is always true is that people - in and of themselves - do not know that they need Jesus Christ. Man, by nature is his or her own savior. Mankind does not know that he is lost and headed for an eternity in hell apart from faith in Jesus Christ. St. Paul declares of Christ's atoning work: "For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:6-8.

Stewardship has both an individual and a corporate dimension. It begins in each members home and then carries forward to our life together in the church. As the baptized we are first fruit givers and that extends into the life of the congregation where the church becomes a first fruit giver beyond her own doors. Is the congregation only concerned about herself or does she see the work which God would want to accomplish beyond her own locality and together as a District and Synod? Paul says: "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me." Galatians 2:20.

Christ's purpose is that His Gospel be proclaimed throughout the world as stated in Luke 24:46-47. Hence the Church (the local congregation), has been entrusted with God's gifts of the Word and the Sacraments. Those are the means which Christ uses to carry out His mission to connect people to Himself and to His Church. What a blessing it is for the people of God to come to receive Holy Baptism, faithful Law and Gospel preaching, Holy Absolution from the hand of the Pastor, and the Lord's Supper. God's people receive the forgiveness of sins and then they go forth into the world to live out their baptismal live in their daily vocations.

# Capital Campaign Update



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

### Capital Campaign (Update: 6-15-16)

*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: \$ 596,042  
Gifts promised in next 1-7 years: \$ 31,850

**Total to Date: \$ 627,892**

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

# Summer Safety Notes From Nurse Ronda

July 2016

## **2016 LCMS Parish Nurse District Representatives from across the nation!**

The LCMS Parish Nurse District Representatives meet May 24 and 25, 2016 at Concordia University, Wisconsin prior to the 24th Annual Conference for Parish Nursing and Congregational Health Ministries.

During our time together each district rep shared answers to the following questions: 1. How do you promote congregational health ministry and parish nursing among congregations in your district? 2. How do you provide consultation and/or resources to congregations considering a health ministry program? 3. How do you provide ongoing consultation to parish nurses, health ministers, and pastors on issues related to this ministry? 4. How do you provide parish nurses in your district with information regarding opportunities to serve in short term ministry or missions in national or international venues? 5. How do you interface with district health, health advocacy, human care and ministerial health committees, and other (such as the district president) as appropriate in the interest of a unified voice in health ministry?

Hope and Help was the conference theme. Our keynote speakers were Concordia University faculty: Dr. Dan Paavola, Dr. Susan Mobley and Lt. Eduardo Garza, Jr. Many breakout sessions were offered and of interest to faith community nurses.

If you are interested in the answers to any of the above questions please contact me at: [nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com) or call Bethany Lutheran Church at 319-364-6026

Nurse Ronda Anderson, Parish Nurse Bethany Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, IA



## School Choice in Iowa - Part II

### Speak up!

Greetings to you this summertime! It's hard to believe that summer vacation is half way over. Even though the students and teachers were gone and the building was empty (unless the janitor was busy cleaning), it was still a busy time wrapping up the previous school year and getting ready for the next. As a former administrator, I can assure you also that even though teachers aren't in the building everyday, they are busy taking classes, preparing bulletin boards, looking online for new ideas to teach a unit, studying new curricular materials, and hopefully getting in a little rest and relaxation as well. Thank God for administrators, teachers in our preschools and daycares, elementary schools, and high schools in Iowa District East, all of whom bring Christ to our students and families.

In May, I had the opportunity to attend the "Six Pack" Conference at the Minnesota South District office in Minneapolis (not at a brewery!). The LCMS has acronyms for everything – a veritable vegetable soup of letters that mean something. Such is the case with "Six Pack". The conference was with a group of district education leaders from 6 states in the Midwest – Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa.

Even though our conference did not address the makings of Lutheran lemonade, we did hear and learn about what is currently "brewing" on the topics of parental choice in education and public policy advocacy. We had the opportunity to share what is happening in our respective states on these topics, and we definitely learned from one another. Because state legislatures differ from state to state, how Lutheran education enters into the picture of public policy differs as well. The Minnesota Districts, for example, have a pastor on staff whose title is "Public Policy Advocate". He is not a lobbyist, but works with legislators, various groups, other church bodies, agencies, and so on, to ensure that Lutheran schools and early childhood centers continue to reach children with the Gospel of Jesus. One of his main responsibilities is to inform and communicate with the Lutheran citizenry in Minnesota and encourage them to reach out to elected officials to show support for issues that affect Lutherans.

Several evenings ago my husband and I were out to dinner with some friends celebrating a retirement. The chef of the restaurant came to our table and asked us how we liked our meal. One thing led to another and before long the chef told us that he was running for office as a state legislator, and he would appreciate our votes. Of course, he wasn't going to get away without several of us raising some questions about his political beliefs. When I asked him his ideas on school choice it was clear this was an area he had not considered. In fact, I don't believe he was even familiar with this topic. As the conversation went back and forth for a minute or two, he began to get an understanding of parent's having the right to have a choice in where their child should be educated. He "said" that he would need to do more reading on this. Indeed, he should! The lesson I learned was don't be afraid to speak up for what is important, not just as citizens of United States, but more importantly, as citizens of body of Christ.

To wrap this up, though there are differences in our earthly citizenship from school district to school district, state to state, country to country, there is consistency in one thing only. As Christians, we know our true identity and calling as God's chosen ones, strangers in the world. Our "Six Pack" attendees focused on the consistent and insightful words of 1Peter 1... "To God's *elect, exiles* scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, *who have been chosen* according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: *Grace and peace be yours in abundance.*"

"Grace and peace be yours in abundance", and may God bless our "speaking up"!

Jan Doellinger  
Assistant to the President - Schools

# 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



# ARCHIVES

**CHURCH FACILITIES OF YESTERYEAR:** In order to keep the issue on the front burner, please be reminded that your IDE Archivist is calling on congregations of the district to locate some pictures for a project leading to a slide presentation at the District Convention in 2018. Here are the kind of pictures being requested:

01. Original place of meeting for worship (store-front, hotel, house, etc.)
02. Other churches worshipped in up to (but not including) the present facility
03. Housing (parsonage) provided by the congregation for their pastors
04. Housing (teacherage) provided by the congregation for their teachers
05. Parochial school buildings used up to (but not including) present facility

Come up with a photo that consists of around 200KB. That allows for a slide to cover the whole screen. Smaller than that and the pictures can end up looking like postage stamps in the middle of a big page. Send your submissions in the following manner:

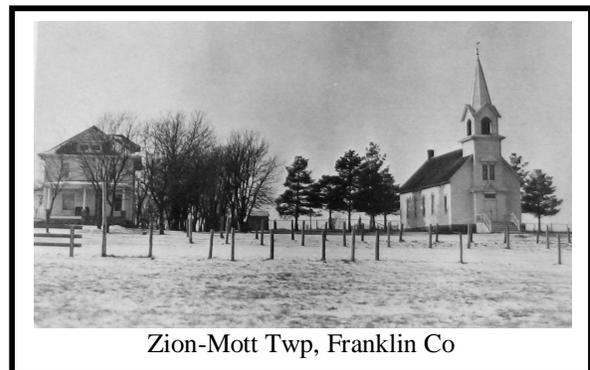
E-mail them to: [onamission1939@gmail.com](mailto:onamission1939@gmail.com)

In the **Subject** Title, list your congregation and location: [ex. **St Church-Cedar Rapids**]

**Attach** photo(s) to the e-mail and send



SAMPLE  
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ASKED  
FOR



**FACES OF THE REFORMATION:** As you were informed last month, Concordia Historical Institute (CHI) is making available 25 faces of individuals significant in the Reformation Era of the 1500s. Six were featured in the June packet. Jan Hus and Elector Frederick the Wise are presented this month. You can obtain these “Faces” for free, either as a **Bible Study**, a **Handout**, or a **Bulletin Insert**. If interested, check out the resource section at this CHI site: [www.lutheranreformation.org](http://www.lutheranreformation.org)

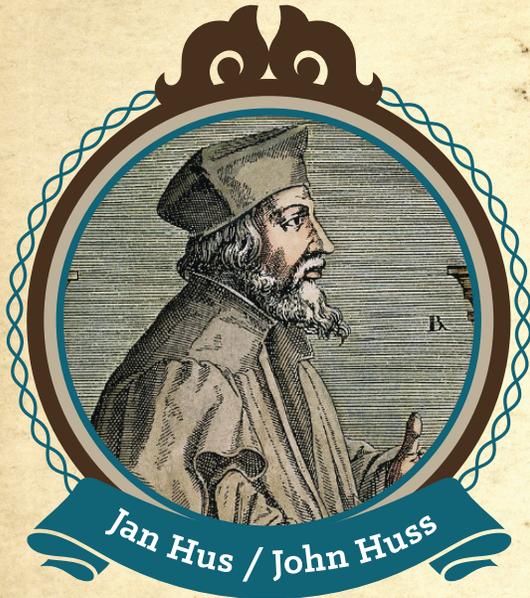
Allen Konrad-IDE Archivist

## FACES OF THE REFORMATION

### JAN HUS/JOHN HUSS

**Born:** circa 1373

**Died:** July 6, 1415



## A 15th-century Bohemian reformer who set the stage for the world-changing reforms of Martin Luther

**JAN HUS WAS BORN IN THE VILLAGE OF HUSINEC IN BOHEMIA AROUND 1373.** Although he was born into a poor family, Hus spent much of his early life at the University of Prague, where he received his Bachelor of Arts (1393), Bachelor of Theology (1394) and Master of Arts degrees (1396). After graduating, he continued to serve there as a lecturer and finally as rector of the university in 1402. He was ordained as a priest in 1400 and began preaching at Bethlehem Chapel in the common language, which was Czech. His preaching was popular, especially among the nobility.

Hus could have lived out his life as a professor and favored preacher in Prague, but that life would have gone against God's truth found in the Scriptures. Hus' ideas were greatly influenced by the writings of John Wycliffe, an English scholar and theologian of the 14th century, whose teachings stressed the sole authority of Scripture. Hus took a stand opposing the many abuses he saw in the Roman Catholic Church, such as simony (the act of selling church offices or roles), the sale of indulgences (granting remission of sins in purgatory for a price) and pilgrimages to view relics.

Hus' stance created many enemies amid his fellow clergy, and he soon became embroiled in a political controversy in the church. In December 1409, Pope Alexander V issued a papal bull ordering the suppression of Wycliffe's writings and forbidding preaching in chapels. Hus refused to stop preaching to his parishioners and was excommunicated and later forced to leave Prague in 1412.

He spent much of his time in exile writing and translating the Bible into the Bohemian language. The time of Hus' exile was brought to an end by the Council of Constance. A decision about the supposed heresy of Hus in following Wycliffe was to be made by this council. Despite being granted safe passage to Constance, Hus left Bohemia for the first time in his life expecting he could be going to his death.

After a month in Constance, Hus was imprisoned on Nov. 28. He appeared before the Council at Constance several times, unwilling to recant and unable to fully defend his stance. The final hearing was on June 8, 1415.

On July 6, 1415, Hus was sentenced to death as a heretic and turned over to the secular authorities to be burned at the stake. Following his death, his ashes were thrown into the Rhine.

Hus sparked reform in his homeland of Bohemia 100 years before Martin Luther did the same in Germany. His convictions centered on following God's truth, which was found only in the Scriptures — an idea that influenced Luther.

Many parallels are evident in the lives of Hus and Luther. They were both from poor, peasant families; bold preachers of the Gospel; and popular with members of the nobility. Both condemned the immorality of the clergy and the corrupt practices in the church, and each one worked on translating the Bible into the common language of his homeland while in exile. Most of all, however, both Hus and Luther inspired reform movements that could not be stopped.



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**Jesus**

[LutheranReformation.org](http://LutheranReformation.org)

## FACES OF THE REFORMATION

### FREDERICK THE WISE

**Born:** Jan. 17, 1463 | Torgau, Germany

**Died:** May 5, 1525 | Lochau, Germany



## Luther's Prince and Protector

**FREDERICK THE WISE WAS THE SON OF ERNEST OF WETTIN.** Only a year before Ernest's death in 1486, the land of the House of Wettin was divided between Ernest and his younger brother, Albert. Albert took the title of "duke" and ruled over his half (Ducal Saxony, or Albertine Saxony). Ernest, who adopted the title of "elector," had the larger but poorer area of Saxony that would be known as Electoral Saxony, or Ernestine. At the age of 22, Frederick assumed his father's title of elector of Saxony. The chief castle was in Torgau, but Frederick had other castles in Saxony, including Wittenberg, Coburg and Wartburg. These would be important landmarks in Luther's life.

Frederick was a devout Catholic with an extensive relic collection. His relics included fragments of the cross, the cradle, the swaddling cloths and others. At the end of his life, Frederick had more than 19,000 relics. He had been taught that venerating relics would aid in getting to heaven. He made his relics available to the public for this purpose. They served another use, though: They were a tourist attraction and moneymaker. He also believed in indulgences, the practice of purchasing remission of sins. The idea was that Christ and the saints had accrued more good works than were necessary for their entrance into heaven. You could purchase an indulgence that would move some of the saints' line of credit to your account and thus take some of the years off your sentence in purgatory. Frederick used some of the money from indulgences to build a bridge near Torgau and to fund the building of his university at Wittenberg. He employed a monk named Johann Tetzel to sell indulgences.

Tetzel came around again in 1517 selling indulgences for the building of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. It was here that Frederick drew the line. It was one thing to "tax" the citizens for internal usage, but it was quite another to let good German money leave the area for Rome! Nevertheless, Tetzel could conduct business just over the border. The parishioners of Luther's church in Wittenberg queried their priest about Tetzel's practice, prompting Luther to post his 95 Theses. His theses were an invitation to debate the practice of selling indulgences, among other theological concerns. The theses were posted Oct. 31, 1517, the day before Frederick put his relics on display for All Saints' Day.

Frederick kept an open mind and listened to Luther's thoughts, which were based on Scripture. His motives may not have been purely theological, but instead more political. Luther's ideas fit well into Frederick's ideas of German nationalism, and protecting his young monk/professor was beneficial to both parties. To ensure his safety, Frederick arranged to have Luther "kidnapped" and hidden in the Wartburg castle after the Diet of Worms, at which Luther refused to recant. Frederick was respected amongst princes and popes for his wisdom. This respect was possibly a reason that other nobility listened to and supported Luther's ideas at the Diet of Augsburg.

Although there is no evidence that Luther and Frederick ever met face to face, the two had a symbiotic relationship. At the end of his life, Frederick, who never openly renounced his Catholic faith, received the Lord's Supper in the manner of the Reformation, in two kinds (the body and blood of Christ in, with and under the bread and wine of the altar).



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# Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



June 2016

## SUMMER CAMP HAS BEGUN!

“Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” - John 8:58

Our first session of camp is behind us and we're looking ahead to the rest of a busy summer. There are still openings throughout the summer, so it's not too late to register for summer camp!

This summer, under the theme “I AM,” campers are learning all about who Jesus is and what he has come to be for them. Jesus makes it clear who he is when he uses the words, “I am.” When he does this, he's using the name of God. God's name is holy and sacred, and was treated as such in the time of Jesus' ministry. The nation of Israel kept God's name holy as they called upon it in prayer and praise. It wasn't without controversy that Jesus uses God's name to speak about himself. When Jesus refers to himself as “I am”, it's a very bold way of saying he is God the Son, come to save us. Keep our campers and staff in your prayers as we go about our exciting summer!



## QUILTS & CRAFTS NEEDED FOR SUMMERFEST AUCTION ON July 30



Mark **Saturday, July 30** down on your calendars! We are a little more than 1 month away from Camp's annual Summerfest fundraiser auction. Though our first quilts for auction have been delivered, we still need more quilts and other fine craft items to be donated and then auctioned off for the benefit of the camp. Send yours in today! Past festivals have brought in over \$10,000 for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca and we need your dona-

tions and attendance to make Summerfest 2016 a success. July 30! Remember, we'll also be having our 1-mile and 5-K fun runs for kids and adults. The top three placers in each race receive 2017 camp scholarships!

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web [www.campiodiseca.org](http://www.campiodiseca.org)

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!



## Important Dates

July 30

*Summerfest Fundraiser Auction  
1-Mile, 5K Fun Runs*

August 2

*Last Day of Summer Camp*

September 9-10

*IED LWML Fall Retreat*

October 7-8

*IDE Confirmation Retreat*

November 18-19

*IDE Sr. High Retreat*

February 3-4

*IDE Jr. High Retreat & Snow-lympics*



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

## 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 an even more exceptional year in Thrivent Choice giving?

Go to <https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/> or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice" to designate your choice dollars for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca today.

Thank you for making Thrivent Choice a valuable stream of revenue for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca!



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## Needs List

Miscellaneous Legos; Basketballs (10); Service Truck; Paper Towels; Toilet Paper; First Class Postage Stamps; Smoke Detectors; Carbon Monoxide Detectors; **Please see our web site for a complete list: [www.campiodiseca.org](http://www.campiodiseca.org).**

## From the Kids, For the Kids Mission Offering

Each year the camp collects an offering called From the Kids, For the Kids. It's a way that we buy new program equipment here at camp so that kids can have a more enjoyable experience. We also take this opportunity to share this offering with kids who don't attend camp.

In just the past few years we've been able to replace all of our canoes at the camp pond, buy new lifejackets and paddles, and put in new basketball hoops and paint the basketball court. THANK YOU for your help in making Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca a more enjoyable facility! On average, our campers donate around \$1,200 per summer.

We're not sure what we'll be working on next year, but we're looking at new equipment for our all camp games and group initiative activities. The other neat this is that we'll share a portion of these donations with another children's ministry in Eastern Iowa. After all, its from the kids, for the kids!

# THANK YOU!!!!!!

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# Lutheran Church Extension Fund

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Lutheran Church Extension Fund has been a source of funding for Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod organizations worldwide, offering ministries a place to borrow money at interest rates they can afford. Our expert staff knows how ministries operate and the unique challenges they face.

Visit [lcef.org](http://lcef.org) or call 800-843-5233.

## LCEF's Y.I. Back to School Service Contest Win \$1,000 for your ministry!

The upper Midwest districts of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) will be hosting a **Young Investors (Y.I.) Back to School Service Contest** and we want you to participate!

This contest is open to any age: Sunday school students, youth groups, adult Bible study groups, men and women's groups. Share examples of your community service in a video clip of 30 seconds up to two minutes (maximum) or a photo. *Be creative!* Let's show our young people how we can all serve others in our church, school and local community. Let's shine for Jesus!

This online contest will be live in time for Rally Day and Back to School events starting August 28 through September 25, 2016. More details will be released closer to the start date. Follow our newsfeed at [lcefuppermidwest.org](http://lcefuppermidwest.org) for more information.

Learn more about the Y.I. Club at [http://lcef.org/yi\\_club/index.cfm](http://lcef.org/yi_club/index.cfm) where young people (ages 7-18 years) can earn up to \$25/year for 10 hours of community service.

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## FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL STEWARDS

### Tasting the Spirit's Fruit

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

Children love the words and music of "The Music Machine" (A Land Called Love; Agapeland Music.com). Herbert, the snail, sings, "Have patience, have patience; don't be in such a hurry. When you get impatient you only start to worry. Remember, remember that God is patient, too. And think of all the times when others have to wait for you!"

Praise God for His patience! Peter (1 Peter 3:20) notes one example, *"When God patiently waited in the day of Noah, while the ark was being prepared."* God was patient with patriarch and prophet who questioned His timing. Simeon and Anna who patiently awaited the Savior's arrival were blessed in His presence. The salvation of the world came to those had faithfully and patiently waited. Because of His sacrifice, the perfectly patient Jesus forgives our impatience.

Confident in our faith, we patiently await Jesus' return. James writes, *"Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord . . . You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand"* (James 5:7-8) Christ is risen. He will return to receive those whom He has received through Baptism and kept in His grace. We will be with Him forever.

Until His return we are faithful, fruitful, and patient stewards. Trusting in God's care we can wait patiently for His providing. In His wisdom, God may not give us what we want and when we want it, but God will give us what we need as we need it.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund provides resources for the immediate needs of congregations and church professionals. LCEF is also a great partner for the patient investor desiring to save for a family trip, college education, or a financially secure retirement. To learn more about the services, investment opportunities, and ministry partnership of Lutheran Church Extension Fund contact District LCEF Vice President Carole White ([carole.white@lcef.org](mailto:carole.white@lcef.org)) or visit [lcef.org](http://lcef.org).

Prayer: Lord, forgive my impatience with You, myself, and others. Give me the faith of the Psalmist David, *"I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry"* (Psalm 40:1). Amen.

Note: Lutheran Church Extension Fund offers this devotional reflection for congregation committees, stewardship partners, families, and individuals. May the Spirit's fruit hang on the tree of the church."

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# Lutheran East Side Mission



A new season brings new motivation – to learn, organize your life & time and try something different. This summer might be just the right time in your life to volunteer away from your comfort zone. To volunteer at the Mission you don't need a college degree or have any special talents; one only needs to accept that with God all things are possible, for our Father knows where the path is leading. Now 28 years later our community still has a Lutheran Mission at the same location and going strong. Because of you, Iowa District East and the Davenport Circuit, Lutheran East Side Mission is firmly grounded in the Word and Sacrament. We are able to offer Worship Service at 11:30 every Sunday, Children's Sunday school, Ladies' Bible Study Mondays at 3:00, Ladies Glorifying God group meeting monthly, and the Youth Summer Program just beginning. Thank you for your prayers and loving support; believing, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works..." Eph. 2:10

The Summer Fun Program begins June 6 continuing through July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 - 4:00, Monday – Wednesday, with additional dates and times planned during the week nights and weekends to give an opportunity for more parents and volunteering adults to join us. We are planning a campout, trips to nearby parks, farm visits, various field trips and endless opportunities for the children, staff and volunteers to witness God's Grace and Mercy. Join us as we pray together and share our faith, time, talents, and ideas while enjoying fun and fellowship as we witness what the Lord can do through you. Anyone interested in receiving a schedule for the Mission's Faith- Based Summer Program

e-mail us to request a calendar of events at [esmdav@gmail.com](mailto:esmdav@gmail.com). During the week of July 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 25 of our children will be attending Grace Lutheran Camp in Dewitt, IA. If you would like to sponsor a child for camp the fee is only \$25.00 per child. As followers of Christ, we have the opportunity to bless countless persons in our lifetimes; what a great opportunity to be an influence in the lives of those around us.

Figuratively speaking for many it must seem that Lutheran East Side Mission is located at your back door – that is, if you have returned from a Mission trip while visiting another county, state or country. But where is the best place to volunteer your time, in your own community or somewhere around the world? "Go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. For many sharing in heartbreak of others becomes your ministry. God has helped you grow through much heartbreak so that you can understand others who are now going through difficult times. Each one person that God places in your presence is His precious gift; we are placed on this earth to bring God's peace to the souls of fellow men, women and children. May others see God's image in our lives as we rejoice and trust in the one true Lord.

Sharing our faith is one thing true believers have in common, that is why it is important to actively attend worship services, pray daily and read God's word. God needs people who are willing to devote their lives to helping others, to making a difference in our hurting world. Living for God is living to make a difference. So if you are searching for where and how you can make an immediate difference, contact us at Lutheran East Side Mission. Please prayerfully consider helping at the Mission one Sunday a month teaching Sunday School for a half hour, driving the Mission van to bring people to worship service or stopping in to visit with the children at the Summer Fun program. We invite you to pick a Mission destination where travel and expenses are not needed; Lutheran East Side Mission is at your back door. You can visit us on our Face book page, [www.facebook.com/LESM.IDE](http://www.facebook.com/LESM.IDE), or contact us at 563-323-6812. Anyone interested in visiting with members of the Mission Board; the Council meets the first Thursday every other month at 6:30.

# Evangelicals and a Culture of Life

Lutherans For Life Fall Conference  
Zion Lutheran Church  
201 First Avenue, Hiawatha, Iowa  
Saturday, September 17, 2016  
2:00 P.M.



Vicar Aaron Spratt

Free and open to all

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Seminarian Spratt served as vicar at Immanuel, Iowa Falls, and St. John’s, Hubbard, this past year. Prior to becoming a LCMS member and enrolling at Concordia Theological Seminary, Spratt and his wife had a difficult faith journey that included several “evangelical” churches. His experience is first-hand, and he will be sure to enlighten you with his presentation.

## DAILY BUGLE

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## Midtown Monitor

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## BIG TOWN PRESS

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