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Iowa District East—LCMS

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President's Piece for Peace

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders

August 2017

It has been a while since I have written a piece for the Professional Packet. Thanks be to God we have been able to bring on staff Christina White who will carry out the responsibilities of getting our publications to the Churches and Servants of the District. I have found that summer is a time when publishing houses send me any number of books for review and recommendation. This summer has been no different.

I want to offer you two of the many I have read and I think will be interesting to you as you prepare for another academic year arriving this September. As you all know we are in the 500th year of the anniversary of the Reformation. You are making plans for special services and offering additional materials for your membership to read and equip themselves with more familiarity concerning the blessed Reformation of the Church.

One such resource you may want to offer comes to us from Eerdmans Publishing Company out of Grand Rapids, MI. The book is *A Short Life of Martin Luther* by Thomas Kaufmann who in his own right is a renowned German scholar on Luther. He gives a fresh perspective from an angle seldom written in Lutheran circles. He is able to blend the personal with the professional life of Luther in a manner that shows Luther was completely driven by and under the authority of the Word of God. It is not a long book, about 115 pages but is jam packed full of pertinent information that will only wet the taste buds of anyone looking to further their Reformation history.

The other book I read that I have thoroughly enjoyed is *Man Up!* by Jeffrey Hemmer. It is published by our own CPH and is about 315 pages in length. His Genesis exegesis is unsurpassed and his insights into the vocations of being male, husband, father and brother are marvelously covered with realistic language. This book would be an excellent use for men's bible groups and or small group study by everyone in the congregation. It is not sexist by any means and while it does not address womanhood it certainly will help all women to understand the role God has laid upon the male sex of the church.

There are a few more books I reviewed this summer for CPH and found them to be quite good and well written. I will recommend them in due time to come but for now I think you will find usefulness and fruitful benefit by reading these two books offered in this note. It is always good to further ones acumen by reading the work of those respected and talented enough to be published. Through the pen of one person many benefit. God bless your consumption of the writings of these talented authors.

Calendar of Events

July

25	Marion	**Board of Directors** 9:00am, IDE Office
29	Solon	**Summerfest Fundraiser Auction** Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

August

1-4	Solon	**Higher Things Confirmation Retreat** Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
24	Marion	**Worship Committee** 9:00am, IDE Office

September

4	Marion	**Labor Day** District Office Closed
8-9	Solon	**IED LWML Fall Retreat** Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
21	Marion	**Missions Committee** 9:30am, IDE Office

October

2-3	Solon	**Fall Pastors Conference** Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
5-6	Solon	**Confirmation Retreat** Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
24	Marion	**Board of Directors** 9:00am, IDE Office

November

17-18	Solon	**Senior High Retreat** Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
23-24	Marion	**Thanksgiving** District Office Closed

Save the Dates 2018

Middle School Retreat
January 26-27
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

2017/2018 Early Childhood Education Conference
March 24th
Zion Lutheran Church, Hiawatha

Vacancy Updates

Calling Congregations

Charles City, New Hope	Chris Gorshe (vacancy pastor)
Grinnell, Immanuel	Fred Berry (vacancy pastor)
Newton, Our Savior	Joel Picard (vacancy pastor)
Sherrill, St. Matthew	Kris Kincaid (vacancy pastor)
Waverly, St. John	Michael Knox (vacancy pastor)
Waverly, St. Paul	Ronnie Koch (vacancy pastor)

Pastor Calls

Accepted:	Zachary Voss	CTSFW to Homestead/Wellman
	Keith Brustuen	Waverly to St Paul, Montevideo MN
	Jan Horne	Robins to Calvary, Deep River
	Randall Golter	MO to Trinity, Davenport (Sr. Pastor)
Pending:	Jon Ellingworth	Pawling, NY to Our Savior, Newton
	Jon Ellingworth	NY to St John, Waverly
Declined:	Sean Hansen	Mt Vernon to Zion, Vernon TX
	Ross Engel	Middleburg, FL to St John, Waverly
	Stephen Krenz	Hoffman, IL to Immanuel, Grinnell
	Ronnie Koch	Fredericksburg to St Paul, Montevideo, MN
	Mark Milatz	Brighton, MI to Trinity, Davenport
Vicars:	Robert Ricard	CTSFW to Hampton
2017-2018	Michael McGinley	CTSFW to Chariton
	Luke Scheele	CSL to Our Redeemer, Iowa City

DCE / School / Teacher Calls

Vacancies:	St. Paul, Latimer	K-2 teacher
	Trinity, Cedar Rapids	7th grade
	Bethany, Cedar Rapids	DCE
	Community Lutheran School, Readlyn	

Accepted:	Emma Auger	Concordia, River Forest to St Paul's, Marion (DCE)
	Chris Auger	Concordia, Chicago to Central Newhall
	Jade Wilds	Concordia, Mequon to Valley, Cedar Falls (Teacher)
	Patricia Monroe	Concordia, St Louis to Word of God (Deaconess)
	Loren VanDenBerg	Trinity, Cedar Rapids to NE WI LHS, Green Bay WI
	Nicholas Muench	CLS, Readlyn to Marengo IL
	Sandra Muench	CLS, Readlyn to Marengo IL

Pending:

Declined:	Rebecca Livo-Biensanz	Aiken SC to St. Paul, Latimer
	Nicholas Muench	Readlyn to Itasca IL
	Brian Mann	Trinity, Winfield KS to St. Paul, Latimer (teacher/lead teacher)
	Jill Schmitzer	Trinity, Davenport to Trinity, Sturgis MI (teacher)
	Jill Schmitzer	Trinity, Davenport to Immanuel, Alpena MI (teacher)

Updates to 2016 Directory

August 2017

Pg.	NAME	CHANGE(S)	NEW INFORMATION
30	Rev. Carl Richardson (Margery)	*New Home Address*	ROCK RIDGE CARE CENTER 400 CANTON ST. NW APT 4 SHELLSBURG IA 20332
18	Rev. David Menet (Carrie)	*New Home Address*	4112 DAINA DR CEDAR FALLS IA 50613
44	Our Savior, Manchester	*New Website*	Oursaviormanchester.com
43	St. Paul, Luzerne	*Church email*	REMOVE: stpaulslutheranchurch@hotmail.com
47	Peace, Olwein	*New Email*	Peaceoelwein@gmail.com
		Old Website	REMOVE: peaceoelwein.org
24	Rev. Zachary M. Voss (Kendra)	*New Pastor*	1930 V AVENUE HOMESTEAD IA 52236 605-651-0699 H/C revzmv@gmail.com St. Johns, Homestead IA Good Shepherd, Wellman IA
41 51	St. Johns, Homestead Good Shepherd, Wellman	*New Pastor* *New Pastor*	Rev. Zachary M. Voss Rev. Zachary M. Voss
40	Grand Mound	*Old Email*	REMOVE: immanuel@gmtel.net
		New Emails	Admin. Assist: churchesbulletin@yahoo.com Pastor Anderson: rev@focusonthegospel.com
11	Rev. Steven Anderson	*New Email*	Pastor Anderson: rev@focusonthegospel.com
55	Peggy Billings	*Old Emails*	REMOVE: greentree@fmtes.com REMOVE: sales@greentreegraphics.com
		New Email	ADD: peg@greentreegraphics.com
28	Alvin Jeske (Linda)	*New Emeriti Pastor*	104 W 8th ST SUMNER IA 50674 218-296-1644 H/C revajeske@twecwb.com
40	St. Paul Fredericksburg	*New Email*	stpaulfburg@gmail.com

Pg.	NAME	CHANGE(S)	NEW INFORMATION
45	Messiah, Mason City	*New Pastor*	Rev. Clarke Frederick
28	Pastor Frederick	*Emeriti Status – NO*	REMOVE: Rev. Clarke Frederick
14	Rev. Clarke Frederick	*New Pastor*	1045 6th ST SE MASON CITY IA 50401-5301 319-551-2728 H/C 641-423-2970 O Messiah, Mason City
35	Trinity, Chariton	*New Email*	Admin. Assist: pamcr76@yahoo.com
33	St. Pauls, Alden and Buckeye	*New Email*	stpaulsaldenbuckeye@gmail.com
23	Pastor Michael Scudder	*New Email*	pastorscuddermr@gmail.com
46	Faith, Mount Pleasant	*New Emails*	Church: faithlc39@gmail.com Pastor: pastorscuddermr@gmail.com
53	Lutheran Family Services	*New Phone* *Old Phone*	515-573-3138 O REMOVE: 800-622-7285
69	Son Shine Academy, Mount Pleasant	*New Email*	Sonshineacademy52641@gmail.com
19	Pastor Christopher Neuendorf	*New Email*	Pastor.neuendorf@holycrossdav.org
37	Holy Cross, Davenport	*New Emails*	Pastor: pastor.neuendorf@holycrossdav.org Office: office@holycrossdav.org Treasurer: treasurer@holycrossdav.org Website: webmaster@holycrossdav.org
29	Pastor Gilber Mueller	*Remove*	REMOVE: Moved out of district.

Fall 2017 Directory

As we prepare for the release of our Fall 2017 Directory we invite you to consider any changes that you would like to make that have not yet been submitted. New pastor, church and personal addresses, emails, and phone numbers, websites are all items we would like to have up to date for the new publication. Please direct all updated information and any questions you may have to our IDE office secretary Pam Krog by September 1st.

Pam Krog
pam@lcmside.org
319-373-2112

Worshipping With the Body of Christ!

Rev. Dr. Dean Rothchild
Assistant to the President

August 2017

As one reads I Corinthians 12 you get a picture of how the body of Christ ought to care for one another. We also see how Christ Jesus is the Head of that body we call the Church. Note especially vv. 25-26: *"that there should be no division in the body, but that the members have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it."*

Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:4-6, **"***There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all."* We have seen how the devil works at creating disunity where God calls us to unity. The devil will also strive to drive the church off her mission of preaching Christ Jesus alone.

As we gather for the Divine Service to receive the gifts of God, it is important that the whole body be present. When apathy creeps in and we are absent saints we are denying the fellow parts of the body the mutual consolation of the brethren. We are saying in this "I" centered culture that I am more important than the "body" itself. God calls us to repentance, admitting that we are wrong, and then receiving God's Holy Absolution through the voice of our Pastor.

In the midst of the changing demographics, some of our congregations are getting smaller. We thank God for the faithful people who are gathering to receive Christ's gifts through Word and Sacrament. For Jesus has promised: **"***And I also say to you that you are Peter and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it."* (Matt. 16:18). As you may remember, Peter's confession simply was: **"***Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

Jesus' Church has been and always will be a confessing Church. That too is another reason that we gather together, to be forgiven and fed so that we can go forth into the world to be confessing. Paul wrote: **"***that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth He confesses, resulting in salvation."*
(Rom. 19:9-10)

We go forth from the Lord's Table as the hymn declares: *"Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing, The people of God from His dwelling take leave. The Supper is ended. O now be extended The fruits of this service in all who believe. With Your feast You feed us. With Your light now lead us. Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear."* (LSB 643)

Capital Campaign Update

August 2017

Proclaiming Christ Jesus!
Luke 24:46-47

Capital Campaign

Approved 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

Gifts received to date:	$ 674,443
Gifts promised in next 1-7 years:	$ 440,100
Total to Date:	**$ 714,543**

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

Fixing Cracks

Jan Doellinger
Assistant to the President - Schools

August 2017

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand." (Isaiah 64: 8)

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall

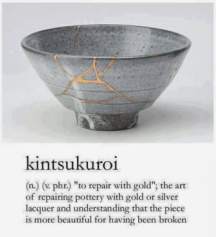
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall

All the king's horses and all the king's men

Couldn't put Humpty together again!

This famous Mother Goose nursery rhyme has a sad ending. Not only that, but the real meaning of the Humpty Dumpty rhyme doesn't even have anything to do with broken eggs! Humpty Dumpty was a common "nickname", used in the 15th century to describe large people. Further, the idea that Humpty Dumpty was a powerful cannon, used during the English Civil War (1642-49), is one of the ideas taken most seriously.

It appears poor Humpty Dumpty has two problems. One of the problems is he's broken into so many pieces that he can't be put back together again. His second problem seems to be an identity crisis.



In regard to his "brokenness", it's too bad Humpty wasn't acquainted with Kintsukuroi (*keen-tsoo-koo-roy*). Kintsukuroi is the Japanese art of repaired pottery. We need to go back to the mid-1500 in Japan for an explanation of Kintsukuroi. The story is told of a bowl that was much loved by a military ruler. One day during a gathering, a servant accidentally dropped the bowl, which broke into five pieces. Everyone paused, fearing for the young man as the military leader was known to possess a quick, harsh temper. Then one of the guests improvised a comic poem about the incident, provoking laughter all around and restoring the leader to good spirits.

This story goes on to say that instead of the break "…diminishing [the bowl's] appeal, a new sense of its vitality and resilience raised appreciation to even greater heights." The bowl had become more beautiful for having been broken. The true life of the bowl "…began the moment it was dropped…"

From that day onward, mended bowls have been used and cherished for generations. In Japan, cracks in precious bowls are often filled with gold. The Japanese believe that when something has suffered damage and has a history, it becomes more beautiful.

Almost 2,000 years ago, there was another person who was bruised, broken, and torn for you! Shortly afterward, His body was set in a tomb, cast aside. Even though three days later He rose from the grave, there is evidence of what He went through for you and me in the form of the scars that still remain. It is because of Him – Jesus Christ – that our brokenness and identity have been restored. Satan has nothing over us. We have become beautiful - a new life restored, not with gold or silver, but with Christ's holy and precious body and blood.

You are about to face a new school year with a room filled with clay pots, Humpty Dumptys if you will. Their lives are fragile. They, too, have been broken, chipped, and cracked because of sin. (so are we!) What a *privilege* to know God is going to use you this year to correct and restore what happens in classrooms with students day in and day out. You *get* to be the teacher in students' lives that tells them about the One who makes them beautiful in the sight of God and gives them a new identity as a saved and redeemed child of God in Jesus Christ.

Some days will go by when it will seem like all you have is a class of cracked pots – no pun intended. Or there will be that one student who seems to delight in making *your* cracks weak. Despair not! Sometimes standing or staring in the face of broken promises we discover that we are stronger than we imagined, that we can withstand more and there is no reason to fear. God is using you for such a time as this to look beyond the frustrations, and providing for your needs of body and soul.

Cherish and embrace this new school year! Wrap your arms around those clay pots and show them the love of Christ. When they falter, restore them with the assurance that their sins are forgiven and their crack are repaired with the blood of Christ shed for them on the cross. Nurture your relationship with them, and have a wonderful year!

God's blessings to each of you this school year!

Parish Nurse Page

August 2017

LCMS Parish Nurse District Representatives, May 2017
Concordia University, Wisconsin

The LCMS parish nurse district representatives from across the nation gathered at Concordia University, Wisconsin on May 23 & 24 to worship, network, update one another and participate in leadership training. Karen Hardecopf, LCMS parish nursing program coordinator, and Marcy Schnorr, LCMS parish nursing educational coordinator, led our sessions.

The 25th annual *Concordia Conference for Parish Nursing and Congregational Health Ministries* was held on May 24 & 25 with a theme based on Psalm 107:1, "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endures forever." Carol Lueders Bolwerk, PhD, RN was once again our conference chairperson. Conference attendees were from 18 states.

Breakout sessions were held on May 24 pertaining to a variety of parish nursing topics. Lunch time was devoted to connecting the district representatives with others from their state or region. The keynote speakers were Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola, Dr. Marcy Schnorr, Tom Giordano, Rev. Dr. Patrick Ferry (President, Concordia University, Wisconsin), Raeda Mansour (Bethlehem, Palestine), and Rev. Steve Smith. The speakers encouraged the parish nurses in their own unique ways.

Ronda Anderson RN

Iowa District East PN District Representative

FALL CONFERENCE

Conference Details

IDE Fall Pastors Conference 2017
October 2-3 , 2017
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Check-In will begin at 1:00 PM on Monday with the conference ending late afternoon on Tuesday. Attendees will be hearing from Guest Speaker Dr. John Stephenson.

Guest Speaker

Dr. John R. Stephenson
Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary (St. Catherines, Ontario CA)

Professor of Historical Theology, Registrar, Director of Library - Dr. Stephenson received degrees from the universities of Oxford (MA 1974), Cambridge (GDipTh 1975), and Durham (PhD 1983). He is the author of volumes 12 (*Lord's Supper*) and 13 (*Eschatology*) of the series Confessional Lutheran Dogmatics, and the translator of Wilhelm Löhe's *Aphorisms*. Served Lutheran Church of the Escarpment , Lewiston, NY (1986-89); at Concordia since 1989. Married, with three daughters.

Registration

Registration for the 2017 Fall Pastors' Conference has begun! The cost is $55 (Pastors, Vicars, DCEs, other church workers), $25 (Emeriti, wives).

To register online visit our event page 2017 FALL PASTORS CONFERENCE or mail your paper form with a check to:

Iowa District East - LCMS
1100 BLAIRS FERRY RD
Marion IA 52302

REGISTRATION FORM

IDE Fall Pastors Conference 2017

October 2-3 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Name _____ Congregation _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

REGISTRATION TYPE

_____ Pastors, Vicars, DCEs, Other Church workers (**$55** registration fee)

_____ Emeriti, Wives (**$25** registration fee)

HOUSING

_____ I will stay at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca! (Additional charge of **$28)**

_____ I will find my own housing away from camp.

Please mail this form along with a check for payment to the IDE office by September 25th. Checks can be made out to IOWA DISTRICT EAST – LCMS; please note FALL PASTORS CONF 2017 in the memo.

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FALL CONFERENCE

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

July 2017

SUMMER CAMP 2017: NOT ASHAMED

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God
for salvation to all who believe…. - Romans 1:16

It's been a fantastic summer thus far at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. What a blessing to have so many children and youth enjoying God's creation, studying the God's word, making new friendships, and having tons of outdoor fun!

Under the theme "Not Ashamed," campers learned about the gospel, that is, Jesus coming into the world and living, dying, and rising for the sins of the world, and its power. The power of the gospel is salvation for all who believe. Because of this, we are not ashamed of the gospel. We are not ashamed of who God is, and that He is a gracious God. We are not ashamed of the Word of God, because it tells us the gospel. Lastly, we are not ashamed that we need Jesus, not ashamed of our faith in Christ.

QUILTS & CRAFTS NEEDED FOR SUMMERFEST AUCTION ON JULY 29

Mark **Saturday, July 29** down on your calendars! We are less than two weeks 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 donations and attendance to make Summerfest 2017 a success. Remember, we'll also be having our 1-mile and 5-K fun runs for kids and adults. The top three placers in each receive 2018 camp scholarships!

3271 Sandy Beach Road NE, Solon, IA 52333

phone 319.848.4187 web www.campiodiseca.org email 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 2016, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca received $15,614 in Thrivent Choice contributions! Thank you donors for making this program a success for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Will you help make 2017 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!

THRIVENT FINANCIAL®

Needs List

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

Important Dates

July 29
Summerfest Fundraiser Auction
1-Mile, 5K Fun Runs

August 1-4
Higher Things Confirmation Camp

September 8-9
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IDE Confirmation Retreat

November 17-18
IDE Sr. High Retreat

January 26-27
IDE Jr. High Retreat & Snow-lympics

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

From the Kids, For the Kids

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

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, put in new basketball hoops and paint the basketball court, and improve our rec field and challenge course! THANK YOU for your help in making Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca a more enjoyable facility! On average, our campers donate over $1,000 per summer.

This year, we'll be finishing off the rec field by getting a new rec field shed and new equipment. The other neat thing 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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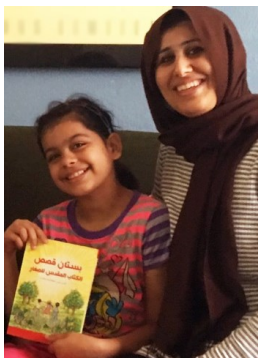
Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Free Resource for Arabic Outreach

Open doors to conversation with Arabic-speaking immigrants or exchange students in your community with a new, free resource from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation: *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories,* translated into the Arabic language. Available in hardcover and paperback, this colorfully illustrated collection of 60 Old and New Testament Bible lessons is available free of charge to the ministries that need them.



To Place an Order

Contact Lutheran Heritage Foundation
Phone: (800)554-0723
Email: info@LHFmissions.org

Lutheran Hour Ministries

Speaker of **The Lutheran Hour®** Visits Hampton July 30

Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Speaker of **The Lutheran Hour®** radio program, will be the guest preacher at the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton, Iowa, on Sunday, July 30.

Reverend Seltz will preach at the 9 a.m. worship service and will lead the Bible study at 10:15 a.m. The church is located at 16 12th Avenue NE in Hampton and both the worship service and the Bible study are open to members from other local congregations as well as the public.

For more information, please contact: Tamra Schmitt
Evangelism Board (Trinity, Hampton IA)
641-456-4378.

Church Secretarial Conference 2017

The Iowa District West Administrative Assistants Conference Committee is excited to share with you another educational, encouraging, and enjoyable conference. We have a great practical communications program planned with Kim Myers and Deb Burma from Nebraska. Kim will focus on some of the current trends and demographics that are changing how we can most effectively communicate with our congregations' members and visitors, and Deb will lead us in times of reflection on finding peace despite the challenges of our busy work and lives.

I encourage you to register by September 1 to receive the discounted registration fee and to assist the committee in planning details. The early registration fee of $35 includes speaker materials and food (refreshments during breaks and lunch). Make checks payable to Iowa District West and mail to First English Lutheran Church, Spencer.

Your congregation is encouraged to pay for your registration, mileage, and lodging (if necessary). The conference committee has a block of rooms reserved at Boulders Inn & Suites (located next to the conference center at 1525 4th Ave S. in Denison). Call Boulders at 712.263.6434 and ask for the Iowa District West conference rate of $91 (plus tax); includes complimentary wireless internet, warm breakfast, and more. To receive this rate, reservations must be made by August 18. Additional lodging options can be found at http://definitelydenison.com/lodging.asp.

Details about the event and registration information can be found online at idwlcms.org. If others in your community wish to attend, feel free to copy the BROCHURE and share with them.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Enthusiastically,

Roger Curtis (Business Manager)
& the Conference Committee

IOWA DISTRICT WEST
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

Submissions for the September 2017 edition of the
Professional Workers' Packet are due
August 15th.

Please email articles, photos and announcements to
Christina White, IDE Communications & Technology Coordinator:
Christina@lcmside.org

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