



# PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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# President's Piece for Peace

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders  
District President

FEBRUARY

Recently I was asked by Lutherans For Life to attend a meeting with the Iowa senators and congressmen who are members of Missouri Synod congregations. I and President Steve Turner from Iowa District West were able to spend the better part of a day with these men and women who serve in public office.

The topics of discussion were life issues, both at the beginning and end of life. A very interesting presentation was made by a Doctor of OB/GYN on the union of seed and egg. I learned a great deal from her and soaked in more than I was able to contribute.

The LCMS public servants then asked a barrage of questions wanting to know biblical answers and narratives to the situations they encounter in their elected vocations. The majority of the time this was going on there was a loud raucous of voices echoing through the halls of the capital. I finally asked what that was and I was told that they were the voices of opposition to a speech that was made in chambers.

We broke for lunch and I had a chance to speak candidly with our hosts and I asked them if this kind of opposition was normal. They said that their forums, communications, and interactions are meeting with more and more opposition on matters of biblical importance. I also met other public servants who are not members of the LCMS but are very supportive of our biblical view on life. They too indicated the difficulty of standing for the issues that Jesus and the Apostles (their words) have communicated in His eternal Word.

After our meeting ended, for those who remained, I offered up prayer and devotions for them. They deeply appreciated the encouragement, study of the Word and prayer on their behalf. The point of this article is to remind you to lift the public servants of local and national government to the Throne of Grace in prayer. Pray for all the members who serve the public domain. Their work is God given and can be very difficult.

You and I are blessed to live in the kingdoms of the right and of the left which means we do have an opportunity to participate in both. As God's Holy Word and blessed Sacraments come to you in Divine Service you participate in the gift of life and salvation. As you exercise the right of prayer, especially for our public servants, you participate in the kingdom of the left governance. I might particularly point out the need to pray for your brothers and sisters who not only serve in the public realm but also worship and make witness of the Word through the Lutheran Confessions. They work hard and sometimes without thanks.

You can get the names of our LCMS public servants from LFS. I encourage you to do so and lift them to the Lord for His strength and faithfulness to His Word. They make many decisions, not all of them appreciated, some of them opposed. Pray that they may be led by God's grace and directed by His will.

# Vacancy Updates

**FEBRUARY**

## Calling Congregations

Blairstown, Grace	Doug Woltemath, vacancy pastor
Charles City, New Hope	Chris Gorshe, vacancy pastor
Gladbrook, Christ	Troy Peperkorn, vacancy pastor
Newton, Our Savior	Joel Picard, vacancy pastor
Readlyn, Immanuel	Larry Feldt, vacancy pastor
Readlyn, St. Paul	Ronnie Koch, vacancy pastor
Waverly, St. Paul	Randy McHone, vacancy pastor

## Pastor Calls

<b>Accepted:</b> Rev. Mark Squire	Odessa, WA to Immanuel, St. Ansgar	Install 2/11/18
<b>Pending:</b>		
<b>Declined:</b> Rev. Timothy Cartwright	Pawling, NY to Our Savior, Newton	

## DCE / School / Teacher Calls

<b>Vacancies:</b> Bethany, Cedar Rapids	DCE	
<b>Accepted:</b> Tony Dixon, Davenport to King of Kings, CR	DCE	Install 2/18/18
<b>Pending:</b>		
<b>Declined:</b> Mary Arrick, Michigan to St. Paul, Latimer	Lead Teacher	

# Calendar of Events

## JANUARY

26-27	Middle School Retreat	Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca	
30	Board of Directors	District Office	9:00 AM

## FEBRUARY

8	Nominating Committee	District Office	2:30 PM
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## MARCH

24	Early Childhood Conference	Zion, Hiawatha	8:15 AM
30	Good Friday	District Office Closed	

# Directory Updates

**FEBRUARY**

PG #	RECORD	ACTION	INFORMATION
7	Circuit #003	Update	remove Steven Anderson as circuit visitor
7	Circuit #003	Add new Circuit Visitor to Circuit #003	Daniel Redhage (Amy) Trinity, PO Box 399, Lowden IA 52255-0399; PHONE: 563-941-5853 O; 563-941-7464 H; 563-249-5881 C; EMAIL pastorredhage@gmail.com
16	Kearney, Michael J. (Erica)	Update	Change Buckeye phone number to: <b>515-859-3901</b>
19	Mons, Max	Update	Change email to: <b>stpaulschapel.iowacity@gmail.com</b>
22	Richard, Andrew	Update	Change to <b>PO Box 922</b>
37	St Paul - Buckeye	Change	Delete phone number listed. Add office phone: <b>515-859-3901 O.</b>
83	Lutheran Church Extension Fund, Rep	Change	New Address: <b>1401 W 6th Street, Storm Lake, IA 50588</b> ; Remove website address: lcefuppermidwest.org; Remove phone 877-439-5233; Add cell phone: <b>515-240-2229 C</b>
83	Lutheran East Side Mission	Add new	805 Tremont Ave, Davenport IA 52803, 563-323-6812 Rev. David Anderson, Pastor, esmdav@gmail.com

Please send any updates for the directory as you have them throughout the year. Updates will be made to the online directory weekly and posted in the professional packet each month. Questions and updated information can be sent to the 2017 Directory Editor:

**Christina White**  
christina@lcmside.org  
319-373-2112

# How Do We Engage People?

Rev. Dr. Dean Rothchild  
Assistant to the President

FEBRUARY

The longer one lives the more changes one sees. Communication is something which has changed drastically in my lifetime. People used to write “letters.” Long distance phone calls happened but you didn’t talk too long because they were “expensive.” People used to drop by and visit one another face to face in their homes.

Very few people seem to write letters anymore. Landlines are rapidly disappearing. Emails, texts, tweets, Facebook, and other forms of social media have changed how we communicate. One of my daughters actually studies how social media can best be used in advertising.

That is a brief overview of the communication conundrum which we find ourselves living with in 2018. Living in a country where a minimum of 55% of the people are not connected to Christ and His Church we need to be engaging people. That means spending time building relationships with people.

If we think about the ministry of Jesus it was spent with “people.” Jesus ate with people and He celebrated with people. Jesus taught people and He healed and fed people. Jesus was constantly with people other than for those moments of solitude when He went to be alone to pray to His Father in heaven.

The Church today needs to be spending time with other people, believers and unbelievers. As we spend time with people we get to know them and can listen and hear where their pains, hurts, and struggles are in life. We can be the face of Christ to them. God may even open the opportunity for us to “confess Christ Jesus” to them.

The need for the Savior is the same for all people. *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23). As a result of that sin “all” people are going to die. *“For the wages of sin is death”* (Romans 6:23b). Sin and death are not the final answer because of what Jesus has done. *“But the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”* (Romans 6:23b). Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection are for all people. Paul declares: *“Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation”* (II Cor. 5:18-19).

In the waters of Holy Baptism, Christ Jesus has given us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We live in the assurance of sins forgiven and eternal life as His gift to us. As Professor John Pless wrote: “God’s holy priests speak of their baptism and so call the unbaptized to ‘repent and be baptized’ and those whose faith has withered to return to their baptism.”<sup>i</sup>

We engage people because of who we are and for the sake of our neighbor. As 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).

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i. Shepherd the Church, 2002, Concordia Seminary Press, Fort Wayne, IN, pp. 282-3.

# Capital Campaign Update



## 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.
- I wish to thank all our faithful donors, both individuals and congregations.

As of 1-15-18

Gifts received to date:	\$725,191
Gifts promised in next 1-7 years:	\$32,830
<b>Total to Date:</b>	<b>\$758,021</b>

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

# Foot Washing 101 - Revisited

Jan Doellinger

Assistant to the President, Schools

FEBRUARY

*“so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.” (John 13:4-5)*

It’s hard to believe, but the school year is half over. You know what that means. It’s time for a little check-up, or perhaps more importantly, some encouragement. You have been teaching and modeling Foot Washing 101 with your students since Day 1. Your students have been hearing from you about serving God through their thoughts, words and actions each and every day, through daily devotions, Bible study, weekly chapel time, Religion classes (or “Jesus time” depending on the grade level), and confirmation instruction. And we mustn’t forget about all the opportunities you’ve had of integrating the faith into all of their other classes, in addition to their behavior at lunch, recess, and other school related activities.



Usually by this time of the school year, the winter doldrums have set in – not just for students, but for yourself as well. We’re tired of being cooped up. Patience, tolerance, and getting along with one another becomes more of a challenge. You have after school activities and a family to care for. There’s always a stack of papers to grade. Your spiritual tank is hovering closer to the “Empty” side of servant leader than the “Full” side. It’s hard to be a foot washer at this time of the school year. But fear not! God does provide by giving us examples of servant leaders in the Bible who we can look to for encouragement and wisdom.

One of those servant leaders was Moses. One of his foot washing opportunities happened when God came to him in the flames of fire of a burning bush recorded in Exodus 3. God was about to have a great responsibility put on Moses’ shoulders. Here was an opportunity for his faith to be put to the test, to be a servant leader. This 80-year-old man was out tending the flocks of his father-in-law when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the flames of fire of a burning bush. This was no ordinary burning bush – it wasn’t being consumed. Moses, who must have been 12 years old at some time in his life and hadn’t yet outgrown it, gets this incredible “middle school” type thought, “I will go over and check this out!” As he’s walking the bush speaks to him and tells him to take off his shoes for he was standing on “holy ground” (vs 5b). Whoa! Something unusual is happening.

The Lord identifies himself and tells Moses what he wants him to do. Go to Pharaoh, He says, and lead the Children of Israel out of Egypt (vs 10). Thus begins the “Q and A” between the Lord and Moses regarding his ability to carry out this overwhelming task. Take a moment here and reflect, how are you feeling at this time of the school year, my brothers and sisters in Christ, about the day in and day out opportunities for servant leadership, aka foot washing? Do you hear yourself in Moses’ first question to God in 3:11, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” Why do I get stuck dealing with that little stinker or this helicopter parent every day?

Maybe Moses’ second question is closer to how your days are going. “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they ask me, “What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” (3:13) Is it *my* responsibility to tell everyone about Jesus? They’re not going to listen anyway.

Moses and the Lord go back and forth two more times. Each time the Lord makes it abundantly clear that God was going to be with Moses, that He would reveal Himself, and give him what he needed to do to deliver the Children of Israel out of the hand of the Egyptians. Finally, in 4:13 Moses makes the final request, “O Lord, please send someone else to do it.” By this time, God’s righteous anger is burning, and not because of the heat from the bush, but because of Moses’ attitude and excuses. Yet, God was able to use Moses to be the servant leader He chose to lead the Children of Israel out of Egypt.

Later, we read about how Moses' actions spoke louder than his words. His example becomes our example of 'faith without works is dead' (James 2:14-17). His example is one for us as servant leaders in our classrooms, schools, and congregations of how God uses ordinary human beings, excuses and all, to still accomplish His will. Moses had flaws, but God still used him.

God is using each of you, chosen to do His precious work of telling students about Jesus each and every day. Some days are easier than others. Some tasks are more challenging. Nevertheless, you are in that classroom because that's where God wants you to be. I can tell you that Jesus loves you, and that His death on the cross erases away the stains and hurts that come along in the teaching profession. We spend time in Foot washing 101 because it isn't about us, it's about Jesus. Thank God we're not saved by our actions and deeds. That's already been done. Now it's our opportunity to respond with a heart that is centered on the cross and the price Christ paid. With great joy and excitement finish the year with this foot washing reminder, in the hope and assurance of eternal life for you and your students!



# Parish Nurse Page

## February is American Heart Month

**FEBRUARY**

Heart disease can often be prevented when people make healthy choices (eating a plant based diet) and manage their health conditions. Communities, health professionals, and families can work together to create opportunities for people to make healthier choices.

Make a difference in your faith community: Spread the word about strategies for preventing heart disease and encourage people to live heart-healthy lives.

### **How can American Heart Month make a difference?**

- We can use this month to raise awareness about heart disease and how people can prevent it, both at home and in the community.
- Make small changes, use spices to season food instead of salt.
- Make physical activity a part of your day.
- Ask doctors and nurses to be leaders in their communities by speaking out about ways to prevent heart disease.

Be creative!

*Submitted by*

**Ronda Anderson RN**

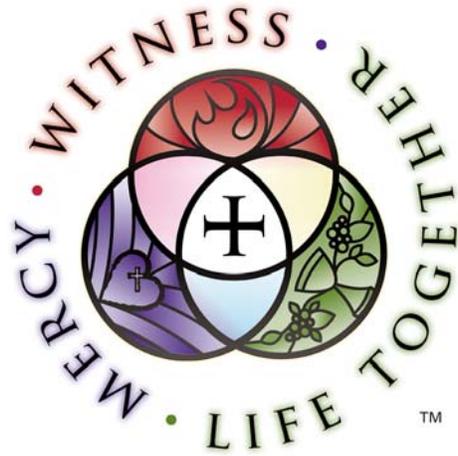
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# District Convention 2018

Life Together: Laity & Clergy



**June 29-30, 2018**

**The Hotel at Kirkwood, Cedar Rapids**

Registration for Delegates and Exhibitors will all be online through EventBrite. Registration will open at least one month out from the event date. Keep an eye out on the district website [Convention '18](#) page for information/updates regarding the convention.

Reports are due **February 16th** to [christina@lcmside.org](mailto:christina@lcmside.org)

# Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



January 2018

## Summer Camp Registration: NOW OPEN! Summer Camp Theme: True God, True Man

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."  
- Galatians 4:4-5

Registration for summer camp is now open! Head on over to our newly updated website at [www.campiodiseca.org](http://www.campiodiseca.org) and click on the Summer Camp tab for information on all of our camps and to register. You can register by completing the online registration process or by downloading a registration form and submitting that.

We're also please to announce our summer camp theme for the summer of 2018: True God, True Man. Today, we hear all kinds of things about who Jesus is. Some say Jesus is a mere historical figure, others say he was a revolutionary. For some, he was just a nice guy trying to do the right thing, while others view him as only a fictional character in mythology. Many of these perspectives only assume Jesus was a mere man, while others suggest he was a divine super-human being.

As endless perspectives about Jesus hang around, the truth about who Christ is endures forever. The Bible is very clear about who Jesus is: True God, True Man. As True Man, he becomes one of us and takes our place to fulfill the law and to die for our sins. As True God, he's not just any sacrifice for our sins, but one worthy of paying for the sins of the whole world so that we have salvation from sin, death, and the devil. In the summer of 2018, our campers will grow in their understanding of why Jesus, our Savior, is both true God AND true man and shed the common misconceptions they may have about who Jesus is.

We're incredibly excited for another fantastic summer and we hope you'll be a part of it! Registrations are already pouring in, so be sure to get your registration in soon! We're also looking for summer staff, so please read about that on the next page! If you're not able to make it out for summer camp, please come support Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca at our I BELIEVE IN CAMP Fundraiser Auction and 1-Mile/5K fun runs for 2019 summer camp scholarships on July 28.



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## Camp Presentations

Would you like to know more about Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca? Camp Director Daniel Sanchez is available to speak to congregations and groups about Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's mission, facilities, and programs. Call 319-848-4187 to schedule a speaker!



## THRIVENT CHOICE

In 2017, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca received \$14,109 in Thrivent Choice contributions! Thank you donors for making this program a success for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Will you help make 2018 an even better 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

Tractor; Paper Towels; Toilet Paper; First Class Postage Stamps; Batteries: 9v, AA, AAA; Cleaning Supplies: window cleaner, all-purpose cleaner. **Please see our web site for a complete list: [www.campiodiseca.org](http://www.campiodiseca.org).**

## Important 2018 Dates

January 26-27

*IDE Jr. High Retreat & Snow-lympics*

February 26

*Registration Discount Deadline #1*

April 13-14

*Higher Things Retreat  
Grades 7+*

April 30

*Registration Discount Deadline #2*

June 13

*Summer Camp Begins!*

July 28

*I Believe In Camp Fundraiser Auction*

July 31- Aug 3

*Higher Things Confirmation Camp*

## 2018 Summer Camp Staff

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is one of dozens of Lutheran camps across the country 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!

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 [director@iodiseca.org](mailto:director@iodiseca.org) for more information or to receive an application.



Follow Camp on Facebook and Instagram for updates, news, and fun!



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# Early Childhood Education Conference

March 24, 2018 | Zion Lutheran Church | 201 First Ave, Hiawatha, IA 52233



## Registration

\$30/person (\$35 after 3/09). Register online through EventBrite or return a paper Registration Form with a check to the district office. Links for registration can be found on our district website, [lcmsside.org](http://lcmsside.org).

## Schedule

- 8:15 Registration
- 8:45 Devotion
- 9:00 Session One: Together is Better
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Session Two: The Path to Well-Balanced Children
- 4:00 Visit Vendors (optional) / Depart

*“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing”*

*(1 Thessalonians 5:11)*

\*Continuing education credits will be offered for this conference. Please check the IDE website for details to be posted soon. Attendees *must register by 3/19* to receive CEUs.

## About the Event

**Being Wendy to Peter Pan:** Peter Pan never wanted to grow up! Wendy quickly realized it was her job to help Peter Pan and the Lost Boys grow up. Similar to Wendy, our job is to help our young ones successfully grow up in healthy and productive ways. As Jesus said, “Let the little children come unto Me...” leading children to follow Jesus as well as equipping children with necessary skills and tools will provide this help. During our time at this conference, we will explore best practices in early childhood education which help the children we serve be successful in their relationships and in their stamina for life.

**Together is Better (Session One):** You are not alone! Early childhood classrooms are busy, high paced environments and as early childhood teachers, many times we are expected to be all things to all people (just as Wendy was for her brothers and the lost boys). Although this task can seem overwhelming, it certainly is an amazing opportunity to make a difference in the lives of so many! Let’s talk about the demands of early childhood teachers and how we can be stronger together in areas of early childhood teams, teachers, parent coaches, our interpersonal relationships and in our walk of faith with our Lord Jesus.

**The Path to Well-Balanced Children (Session Two):** Another monumental task! Helping children in today’s society be resilient and well-balanced. In this interactive session, we will take a look at how our classrooms promote well-balanced children in all four domains (physical development, social and emotional development, cognitive development, language and literacy development) and how we can continue to provide environments and opportunities for children to self-regulate and thrive. Drawing the children closer to Jesus, we can better help them stay away from the “Captain Hooks” in their lives and follow paths of health, happiness and holiness.



## Guest Speaker Aimee Walsh

**About Aimee:** Conference attendees will hear from guest speaker Aimee Walsh. Aimee serves as the Director of Concordia University Chicago’s Early Childhood Education Center, in River Forest, IL. She travels around the country speaking on various Early Childhood Education and School Recruitment and Retention topics to teachers, directors, administrators, pastors and parents. She continues to be actively involved in the Northern Illinois District serving as one of three Early Childhood Consultants and helping plan their yearly Teachers Conference.

Before coming to Concordia University Chicago, Aimee began a third ministry site, Trinity Early Childhood Center in Naperville, IL for her home church, Trinity Lutheran, and previously served as an Admissions Director and Preschool Teacher in the Chicagoland area.

Aimee enjoys a lot of coffee in the morning, chocolate throughout the day, reading several books at once, collecting children’s hardcover books, group exercise classes (where the instructor makes you exercise), traveling and lazy days on the beach. She is mother to Jack (freshman at Xavier University) and Alex (junior in high school).



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## REGISTRATION FORM

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Center or Pre-School / City \_\_\_\_\_

### Food Allergies and Dietary Needs

Return this form along with a check for **\$30** (\$35 after 3/09) to the District Office. Questions regarding registration for the conference can be directed to IDE Communications / Tech Coordinator:

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION FORM

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# Early Childhood Conference





# Laborers For Christ

Are you looking for a satisfying next chapter of your life?  
Lend a hand and help LCMS ministries save money.



**Lutheran Church Extension Fund**  
> where investments build ministry

800-843-5233 | [lcef.org](http://lcef.org)

## 2018 Projects

There are currently more projects than there are Laborers. Please share the Laborers For Christ opportunity with your members before February 28, 2018.

## News and Bulletins

Below is a brief description of the Laborers for Christ service and contact information that can be provided through a newsletter or bulletin.

### What is Laborers For Christ?

Laborers For Christ (LFC) is a service provided by Lutheran Church Extension Fund to help Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) ministries save money on their building projects.

### Consider serving as a Laborer for the glory of God.

Currently, there is a tremendous need; LFC hopes to nearly double their Laborers by summer. Laborers, both men and women, learn by doing—what we call on-the-job training *with fellowship*. Laborers are retired carpenters, handy people, farmers, school teachers and other willing workers. They are committed to working at minimum wage for LCMS ministries who desire to undertake the construction and improvement of their own facilities. *“I didn’t know how to do a lot of the jobs, and used equipment I’d never used before. They were always so patient and helped me learn,”* said Laborer Bob Femovich, Concordia Lutheran Church, Macungie, Penn.

### More Laborers are needed!

Join Laborers For Christ today! To view future projects or fill out an application, visit [lcef.org](http://lcef.org) or call 314-885-6444.

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## Free Organ

Calvary Lutheran Church of Deep River has an organ they would like to give away. The congregation no longer has use for it and has determined to gift the instrument to a Lutheran Church or School rather than to sell it.

Hammond Spinnet Organ  
M100 series

If you have interest in obtaining this organ from Calvary or would like to learn more about it, please contact: **Keith Fisch (641) 224-2645**

# Submission Deadlines

Professional Workers' Packet: **February 15th**

IDE Today: **February 15th**

Please send articles, photos and announcements to IDE  
Communications and Technology Coordinator Christina White:  
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