



# **IDE TODAY**

**Iowa District East - LCMS**

## **In this issue**

President's Piece for Peace  
Called to Glory - Rev. Dr. Gary Arp  
Derecho Disaster Response

# DISTRICT UPDATES

## New Pastor Calls in the Iowa District East

### CALLS FROM THE FIELD (Nov. 2019 - April 2021)

Rev. William Traphagan, Bennett/Stanwood, IA	St. Paul—IA, St. Paul—Buckeye, IA
Rev. Aaron Hambleton, Lisbon, ND	St. Paul—Eldora, IA
Rev. Isaac Johnson, IDE	New Hope—Charles City, IA
Rev. Kevin Richter, Duluth, MN	St. John—Reinbeck, IA

### CANDIDATE CALLS - 2020

Thomas Van Hemert	St. John—Center Point, IA
Nathan Wille	Trinity—Clinton, IA

## + Called to Glory + (Through April 2021)

Rev. Dr. Gary Arp, Marion	March 12, 2020
Rev. Michael Vokt, Trinity Lutheran, Davenport	January 25, 2021
Carlos (Chuck) Gomez, Readlyn	January 5, 2021
David Waterman, Cedar Rapids	December 9, 2020

## Vicars in the Iowa District East

### VICARAGE PLACEMENTS 2020 – 2021

Emmet Bartens—CTSFW	Our Redeemer—Cedar Falls, IA
Adam Baumann—CTSFW	Trinity—Hampton, IA
Donald Stein—CSL	Our Redeemer—Iowa City, IA

## Calling Congregations (as of June 2021)

### CONGREGATION

Bethlehem—Mason City, IA  
St. Paul—Marion, IA  
St. Mark—Garrison, IA, Zion—Shellsburg  
Our Savior—Ft. Madison, IA  
Our Saviour—Keosauqua, IA  
St. Peter—Westgate, IA  
Grace—Fayette, IA

### VACANCY PASTOR

Rev. Jesse Burns  
Rev. Larry Lemke  
Rev. Dr. Dean Rothchild  
Rev. Chris Roepke  
Rev. Mark Brase  
Rev. Ronnie Koch  
Rev. George Volkert

---

### About the Cover

Many congregations have had to implement online services and devotions throughout the pandemic. Pastor Don Krause of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Delaware records a Bible lesson for the Bring It Home series.

---



Iowa District East - LCMS



iowadistricteast

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2021 Iowa District East – District Convention, which was to be held at the Cedar Rapids Marriott over June 25-26, 2021, **has been postponed to June 24-25, 2022.**

*Whereas the congregations of the LCMS have voted to add one year to the synod convention cycle in response to the COVID-19 pandemic hence moving the LCMS Synod Convention from 2022 to 2023, the Iowa District East – LCMS Board of Directors have also moved the triennial IDE District Convention from June 25-26, 2021 to June 24-25, 2022. A more detailed letter on what this means for the existing convention delegates, nominations, reports, and other convention business will be available later this year, in addition to forthcoming details for the 2022 IDE-LCMS District Convention. Please see the IDE website for more information.*

Rev. Mark H. Brase, Secretary  
Iowa District East – LCMS Board of Directors

---

## THANK YOU

The Iowa District East—LCMS would like to thank Rev. Dr. Dean Rothchild for his many years of service as Assistant to the President of the Iowa District East - LCMS. Though no longer full-time in that role as of January 2021, Rev. Rothchild now serves the Iowa District East in a part-time capacity as Mission Development Coordinator. Rev Rothchild also continues serving as a vacancy pastor, currently at St. Mark Lutheran in Garrison and Zion Lutheran in Shellsburg.

---

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Let's get caught up! Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2020 derecho storm, and then the pandemic again, this issue of the IDE Today has been delayed frequently. Thank you to those who have submitted content and patiently awaited its release. With regards to content, it was very difficult to acquire the amount of content required to release an issue during the pandemic. Content in this issue is mainly from the end of 2019 through 2020. This edition was completed in early 2021 while waiting to share a few key details, most notably the IDE Convention Delay. Though perhaps outdated, sharing the happenings from around the IDE from over the past year and a half is still important. Content which has been already submitted this year (2021) will be published in the 2021 Fall Edition of the IDE Today. We look forward to a return to normal activities throughout the Iowa District East—LCMS and her congregations, schools, and missions so that they may be shared regularly once again.

Daniel Sanchez  
IDE Communications/Technology/Events

## DCE/School/Teacher/Others

### New Calls

<b>Teacher</b>	Rev. Andrew Watkins, Sayre, PA	Trinity Lutheran School, Cedar Rapids, 6th Grade
<b>Teacher</b>	Melanie Maddick, State Center	Central Lutheran School. Newhall, 4th Grade
<b>Deaconess</b>	Faith Swenson, Fairbank	College Hill Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls

### DCE Internships 2020-2021

Darci Russell	Zion Lutheran Church — Hiawatha
---------------	---------------------------------

## Capital Campaign Update

As of November March 1, 2021

Gifts received to date

**\$891,478.16**

Money Distributed

**\$812,611.16**

Remaining Funds

**\$78,867.00**



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

## Calendar of Events

### July

5	4th of July Observed (IDE Office Closed)
29	IDE Board of Directors IDE Office

### August

6	IDE/IDW Early Childhood Conference Gloria Dei—Urbandale
16	Education Workshop Trinity— Cedar Rapids
27-28	Doxology Event Trinity—Davenport
28	LERT Training Immanuel—Cedar Falls

### September

10-11	LWML Fall Retreat Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
-------	---------------------------------------

# President's Piece for Peace - Where is He in all of this?

What a year we have had! Its major events are all so unexpected. Some of the major events are still effecting us today and may for some time to come. How many of us in March of 2020 thought we would be experiencing the COVID virus sweeping the world, our country, our state, and our communities? When we were told of how contagious it was, did we comprehend its intensity? Could we anticipate such health risks? Did we ever think our churches would be shut down and endure limited attendance or, at best, seating that keeps a distance along with masks to cover our faces? How many times did we make plans to go to a restaurant or grocery shopping only to find out the business is open certain hours or closed down? Travel normally engaged upon for pleasure or vacation had to be put on the back burner. Have you ever entered the festival season of Thanksgiving and Christmas being told not to gather with family or friends? Who could have expected such a situation? Yet, that was our year of 2020, and even 2021.

On the morning of August 10, 2020, how many of us anticipated the devastation of the derecho that hit middle Iowa? Even hearing the forecast, seeing the darkened sky, sensing the humidity in the air, yet we had no idea the destruction that awaited a few minutes later. Farms left in ruin, homes with roofs ripped off their rafters, schools with bricks laying in the classrooms, siding scattered throughout the neighborhood, electricity off for a week leaving meat and frozen items to spoil. Who could have expected that? We had never seen anything like it before.

While these two events would amount to very difficult days it wasn't the end of everyday struggles either. There were still illnesses of other kinds, cancer, heart disease, physical and mental breakdowns. Accidents still happen and injuries mount. What a year it was!

The begging question scraping across our minds is, "Where is God is all of this?" Is He aware? Does He care? Is this too much for Him to handle? Is He also surprised by these events? Shouldn't the One who created heaven and earth be able to redirect the storms and viruses so as not to effect His creation? Where was He? What is He doing? Does He know?

Does He care?

Sometimes our questions flow from frustration and sometimes they are real in nature. Sometimes we want to peer into the mind of God and know what it is He hasn't revealed to us. That is why we are always best suited to peer into that revealed will of God



REV DR BRIAN S SAUNDERS

which is recorded for us in the plain and simple words of Holy Scripture. Where is He? He is exactly where He has promised to be for us. Jesus said in Matthew 28, "I will be with you always until the end of the age." Where is He? He is right there in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. The Body He gives us to eat and the Blood He gives us to drink are the very Body and Blood that redeemed us from sin, death, and the devil when Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice on the cross of Mt. Calvary. He fulfilled the Father's will on our behalf and reconciled us to the Lord Almighty. That Body and Blood, resurrected from the dead, is given us as victory over our own sin and death. That is where Jesus is, that is where He has promised to be.

From our baptism on, Jesus has declared us His own. He pledged never to leave us nor forsake us. This promise He has never broken. He even speaks to us His precious words of forgiveness that we may never forget where He is, who He is, and what He has done for us.

Jesus never promised to keep disaster from us. He never promised that Church that she shall never experience hardship and difficulties as well as out right persecutions. In fact He made it abundantly clear that in the world these

***Continued on Page 17.....***

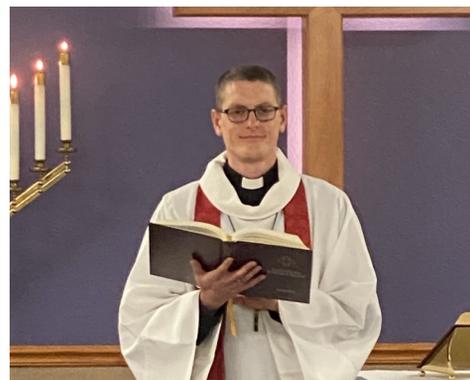
***Where is He? He is exactly where He has promised to be for us.***



## New Pastor Calls in the Iowa District East

1. Rev. Aaron Hambleton was installed as Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Eldora in September of 2020. He was previously serving in Lisbon, North Dakota.
2. Pastor Thomas Van Hemert was ordained at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Muscatine (his home congregation) and later installed as Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Center Point, Iowa. Pastor Van Hemert is a 2020 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne. He is also a native of Muscatine and attended St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel in Iowa City while a student at the University of Iowa.
3. Pastor Nathan Wille is installed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton, Iowa. Pastor Wille is from Williamsburg, IA and a 2020 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne. Pastor Wille attended the University of Iowa and also attended St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel in Iowa City.
4. Pastor William Traphagan was installed as Pastor at St. Paul, Alden and St. Paul, Buckeye in March of 2020 at the very beginning of the pandemic. Please





note the social distancing. Pastor Traphagan previously served St. Paul, Bennett and St. Paul, Stanwood.

5. Pastor Isaac Johnson was installed as Pastor to New Hope Lutheran Church in Charles City in November of 2020. Pastor Johnson previously served at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Davenport. Pastor Johnson is the first called pastor for the young congregation, which was founded in 2011 and joined the LCMS in 2012. Pastor Bruce Kaltwasser of Trinity Lutheran Church in Osage and Circuit Visitor for the St. Ansgar Circuit presided over the installation.

6. Pastor Kevin Richter is installed as Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Reinbeck. Pastor Richter comes to us from Peace in Christ Lutheran Church in Hermantown, MN. He also has a dual call with Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls.





1. Side-by-side pictures of the 2019 (left) and 2020 Living Nativity from **St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon, IA**. While hundreds gathered in 2019, the 2020 event was a drive by event.

2. **St Paul's Lutheran Church** Delaware, IA celebrated the 10th anniversary of Pastor Donald Krause's ordination on January 26, 2020. Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders preached at the Divine Service. Several of Pastor Krause's favorite hymns were sung throughout the service. A brunch followed in the fellowship hall. In lieu of a gift for Pastor Krause a monetary donation was taken for mission projects in IDE North Liberty and Charles City churches.

3. During National Lutheran Schools Week 2020 the **Central Lutheran School** students while in their chapel families, made and decorated Valentines Cards that were sent to the following military service personnel: Chaplain Charles Mallie stationed on USS Nimitz, Chaplain Carl Muehler stationed on USS Ronald Reagan, Chaplain Joshua Schnieder currently deployed, and Chaplain Bobby Niemtschk stationed in Korea.





**4. Some of the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marshalltown** have attended worship in person, while most remain at home and hear the Word of God during the recorded services and study the Bible. On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, Kyran Stanfield and Kenton Niehouse, with their family and pastor present, were examined, confirmed, received the Absolution, heard God's Word, and received the Lord's Body and Blood for the first time. "My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?"

**5. On May 17th, 2020, Trinity Lutheran Church in Ottumwa** had four confirmands. From right to left: Pastor James Preus, Joseph Graeve, Lucas Matthiesen, Erynn Ward, and Kendall Newland. From the time of the declaration of a health emergency in March until May they had classes over Zoom. They took their examinations through Zoom the week prior. The congregation had services of ten and under throughout the month of April, and in May opened up with an additional service. It was such a joy in the midst of this whole ordeal for these four to confess Christ and receive His body and blood for the first time.

**6. 125th Anniversary at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Van Horne. (Sept. 13, 2020)**

On the 12th Sunday after Trinity, September 8, The Year of Our Lord 1895 St. Andrew Lutheran Church was organized by 20 voting members. The new congregation called F.A. Reinhardt to be the first resident pastor and he accepted and served until retiring in 1909. Over the years 14 different resident pastors have served God's people but the purpose and focus of St. Andrew Lutheran has never changed which is the forgiveness of sins and the preaching of Christ crucified! In 125 years we have Baptized 1,109, Confirmed 929, married 315 and have had 457 funerals for the saints of Van Horne. Soli Deo Gloria!





## Fall Events

1. The **2020 IED LWML Convention** was rescheduled from June 2020 to September 12, 2020 and held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. LWML District President Margaret Kistler was reelected and a mission goal of \$105,000 was adopted, with education for church workers leading the way in mission priority.
2. The **2020 Fall Pastors' Conference** was also held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca over October 5-6 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Due to the pandemic, papers were presented by pastors in the IDE. Rev. Bert Muller, Rev. Michael Holmen, Rev. Andrew Preus, and President Saunders served as presenters. Synod greetings were given by LCMS President Matthew Harrison and by LCMS 1st Vice President Peter Lange, who video-conferenced the pastors for about an hour on the second day. The conference was also live-streamed from the IDE website as a few dozen pastors elected to join the presentations digitally.





### Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Summer Camp 2020: Teach Us To Pray

*And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. - Luke 11:9-10*

In 2020, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca was unable to host its overnight camp program, but marched ahead with its Day Camp program. In addition, campers and families who donated some or all of their deposit were able to come out for a Family Day. In all, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca was still able to serve about 250 people over the summer.

The summer theme was *Teach Us To Pray*, and campers went through the words of Jesus in Luke 11 when he gives The Lord’s Prayer. We all know the words, but to go through this incredible prayer petition by petition gave campers the opportunity to pause and realize, even in the midst of a pandemic, the blessings God has for his children and the gifts he bestows on us regularly. It was great to look at The Lord’s Prayer not just to see what it is we ask for, but to recognize how God gives us those very blessings we ask for. In the midst of these unprecedented times, we all face many challenges, but our campers now know that we have a God who hears and answers their prayers.

Pictured summer staff (above) left to right: Program Director Andrew Folkmann, Ardis White, Lauren George, Ben Bacher, Noah Russell, James Mons, Amanda Bruns, Hunter Wright, Annie Mons, David Redhage, Addyson Kaune, Drew Simmons, Grace Fleming, Lizzy Beisel, Olivia Laube, Camp Director Daniel Sanchez.

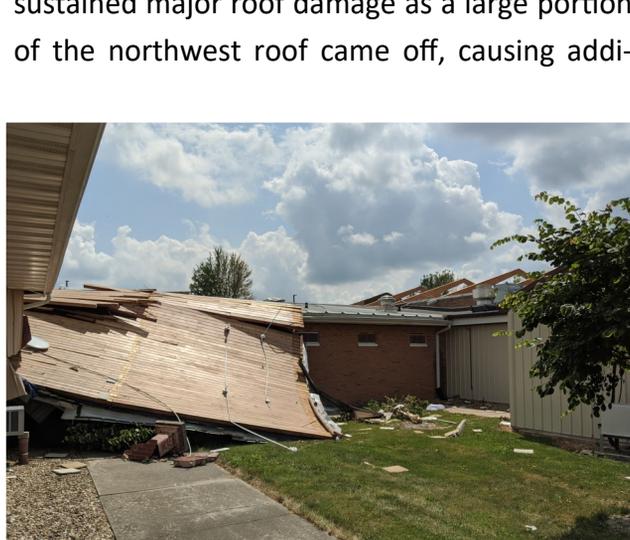
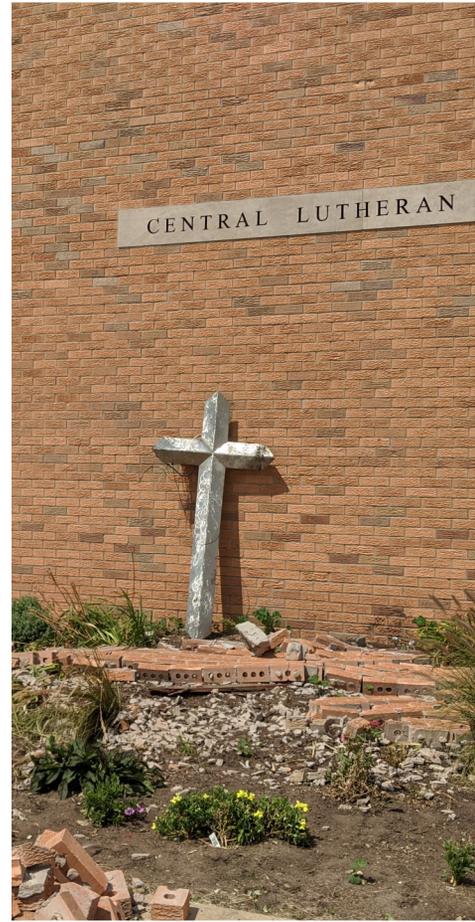




## AUGUST 2020 - DERECHO DAMAGE

The Derecho Storm of Monday, August 10, 2020 significantly damaged many IDE-LCMS congregations, schools, and missions. At least 17 congregations, schools, and missions sustained damage, which ranged from significant structural or property damage to more superficial and cosmetic damage to the church building or property. The Iowa District East office was also out of commission for about 10 days until power was restored. In addition, at least several hundred LCMS members sustained damage to their homes, properties, and farms.

1. Central Lutheran School in Newhall sustained significant damage to it's old gymnasium and lunchroom as it's entire roof came off. The damage displaced students and staff for much of the 2020-2021 school year.
2. That very roof then slammed into a few classrooms, cutting through the walls of the school
3. President Saunders inspects tree and property damage at Concordia Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids.
4. Just a bit further west in Benton County, St. John Lutheran Church in Keystone sustained major roof damage as a large portion of the northwest roof came off, causing addi-





tional water damage throughout areas of the church and sanctuary.



5. Rev. Ross Johnson, Executive Director of LCMS Disaster Response came to tour the damage across Eastern Iowa on Thursday, August 13. He is pictured here meeting with Pastor Andy Wright and Mr. Richard Oehlerich, providing guidance on next steps. Rev. Johnson rallied support from across the LCMS for the recovery effort and LCMS Disaster Response also provided grant money to support volunteer needs.
6. Major trees were down at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids. A large tree was also on the roof of Trinity Lutheran School that pierced through the roof and damaged an air conditioning unit.
7. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca saw extensive tree and property damage. Hundreds of trees across the property came down with many more needing to be cleaned up in the years to come. Pictured here is Upper Cross, the main campfire area where several of the newly installed benches were destroyed by falling trees. The pine grove at the entrance of the camp saw about 18 trees come down.

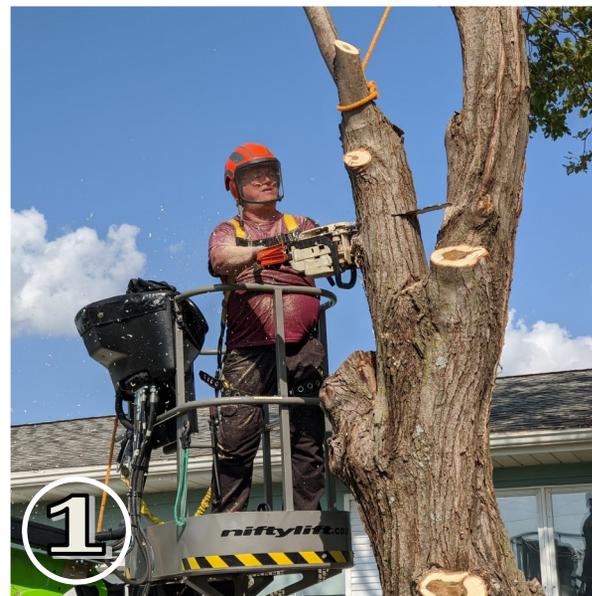


## DERECHO RECOVERY - LCMS Disaster Response

Immediately after the August 10 derecho storm, local congregations in the Cedar Rapids area began relief efforts. The Disaster Response team from **King of Kings Lutheran Church** helped lead the way. Efforts for a coordinated relief effort with LCMS Disaster Response began within days. Within a week of the storm, LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) volunteers from across the LCMS came to Eastern Iowa to assist in the cleanup. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca hosted volunteers consistently for more than a month after the storm. Volunteers came from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Washington, North Carolina, Indiana, Texas, Ohio, Alabama, and of course, Iowa. Hundreds of requests for aid came from across the district's members and congregations, and thousands of volunteer hours were put in by LCMS Disaster Response volunteers in the initial weeks. Thanks be to God for this wonderful ministry of the LCMS, which helped to provide grants and resources, and recruit volunteers. In addition, donors contributed tens of thousands of dollars which was used to assist congregations, families, and support volunteer efforts. The main area volunteers worked was along US Highway 30 from Belle Plaine to Stanwood, especially in areas of Benton and Linn Counties.

1. Rev. Ed Brashier of Shepherd's Heart Disaster Response Ministry arrives with a few volunteers from Gardendale, Alabama. Rev. Brashier also brought a 50-foot lift that was in high-demand for the two weeks he worked in Iowa.

2. An organizational meeting at King of Kings Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 16 where area LCMS Churches and their mem-



bers were present to coordinate relief efforts.

3. About 60 volunteers from Central Illinois District came to the Cedar Rapids Area on Saturday, August 22 and worked several sites.

4. The parking lot at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is full with disaster response trailers and equipment. After working all day, volunteers would have supper and then get to preparing equipment for the next day's use.

5. Volunteers served lunch daily at King of Kings Lutheran Church for volunteers. LCEF provided several \$100 gift cards so supplies that could be used for relief efforts and much of that went towards feeding volunteers.

6. Many volunteers with Lutheran Church Charities (Illinois) worked closely with King of Kings Lutheran Church for several weeks in September, and are pictured here with much of their equipment.

7. Several of the volunteer leaders after working in the area for two weeks on the eve of their departure from Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Some were planning a longer stay, but had to depart due to Hurricane Laura impacting their home areas.





1. Dr. Peter Scaer of Concordia Theological Seminary—Ft. Wayne led a continuing education class at **Trinity Lutheran Church in Davenport** on *Christian Identity in and Age of Identity Crisis* over June 22-24, 2020.

2. **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Wellman** celebrated 160 years of Word and Sacrament ministry on September 13, 2020. Rev. President Saunders preached and we had a potluck afterwards in which a church history was given.

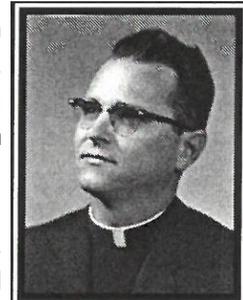
3 & 4. More from **St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Van Horne**. The members of St. Andrew, Van Horne cooked up a whole mouth full of wonderful soups and deserts on Nov. 3, 2020 (Election night). Thanks to the support of many friends in the church and the community we sold out of soup and in the process raised over \$1,600 which all goes to support missions and missionaries in the LCMS. About 20 volunteers over three days in January (2021) got together to assemble, stitch, tie and sew quilts. Over 80 were completed with more in different stages of completion for a later date.



## People in IDE History - Rev. Gilbert Meseke

Rev. Gilbert Frederick Meseke, a native of Shobonier, Illinois, was born September 21, 1927. In preparing for the ministry he attended St. Paul's College at Concordia, Mo., and Concordia Theological Seminary at Springfield, Ill. graduating in 1953.

He served his year of internship (Vicarage) at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Marengo, Iowa, from 1951 through 1952. On August 2, 1953, he was ordained at Trinity Lutheran Church in Amarillo, TX. In 1955 he was called to serve St. Paul Lutheran Church, Buckeye, Iowa. The first Sunday in October of 1958 Rev. Meseke was installed as the first full-time resident Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha, Iowa, where he served for ten years.



In 1968 he accepted a position with Concordia College (now Concordia University), Ann Arbor, Michigan, as Director of Student Recruitment and Public Relations, serving in this capacity until 1978. From 1978 until 1981 he served as Director of Admissions, Seminary and Alumni Relations at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. In 1981, he accepted a call back into the parish ministry, serving Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton, Iowa. He retired from full-time pastoral ministry in the fall of 1989 and moved to Laotto, Indiana.



Rev. Meseke married Marilyn Lawson in June of 1951. Their union was blessed with three children: Steven of Mount Clemens, Michigan; Scott of Rockford, Michigan and Lori Jung of Pinconning, Michigan. Marilyn was called to heavenly peace in the presence of the Lord in May of 1974. Pastor Meseke was united in holy matrimony with Beverly Fischer in June of 1975. Step-children include: Kimberly Mendes now living in Brazil; Karen Holdeman of Dayton, Ohio; Scott Jedele of Grand Blanc, Michigan and Michelle Gross of Churubusco, Indiana. In July 2013 he married Charlaine Trinkle, a former Walther Leaguer from Zion in Hiawatha, who has four children: Mark Trinkle of Springville, Iowa; Matthew Trinkle of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Marian Hogan of Seward, Nebraska and Martin (Marty) Trinkle of Cedar Rapids.

During his ministry, Pastor Meseke served as Pastoral Advisor to the IDE Lutheran Laymen's League and the Iowa District East Walther League; as a staff person to the District youth camp week; as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Home Finding Society of Iowa, and as a member of the original Board of Directors for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Today, Rev. Meseke and Charlaine reside in Indiana.

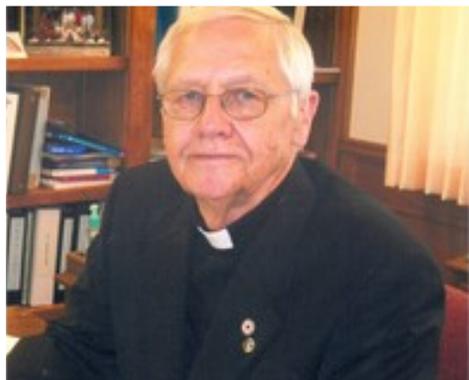
***President Saunders continued from page 3.....***

things would happen. These hardships are of this world, yet we are not to fear this world because Jesus overcame it for our sake. He has secured our salvation and sealed it by writing our names in the Book of Life. This you can count on. It will not change, no one is going to snatch you out of Jesus' hand.

Let each day bring what it may. It is only the signs of a fallen creation in need of reconciliation with the Creator. When in doubt, always look to the place Jesus has promised to be for you. His Word and His Sacraments are sure and certain. They are His presence to guard and protect the faith He created unto eternal life.

God grant you all His peace and comfort.

**Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders**  
**District President**



## +Called to Glory +

### Emeritus President Gary M Arp

The Rev. Dr. Gary M. Arp, 85 of Marion, IA died peacefully at his home Thursday morning, March 12, 2020 with his wife, Marjorie, at his side. Following a long illness Gary looked forward to going to be with Jesus and all those saints who went before him. *Rev. 2:10b Be Faithful until Death and I will give you the crown of life.*

Gary M. Arp was born November 15, 1934 to Adolph and Betty Kolls Arp both now deceased at rural Lake Park, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed into the Christian faith at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sioux Valley Township, Minnesota. Gary was married to Marjorie nee Davis Arp on September 17, 1955 and the couple had four children. He attended Concordia Theological Seminary Springfield, Illinois and earned his Bachelor of Divinity degree in May 1966. Before his graduation he took a five-week course in Bible Lands History and then traveled for five weeks to 9 European and Middle Eastern countries. He served a summer vicarage at Camp Perkins Lutheran Camp, near Ketcham, Idaho before beginning his full vicarage year, 1965 at St. John Lutheran Church, Defiance, Ohio. Rev. Arp was ordained into the Holy Ministry on July 31, 1966 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sioux Valley Township, Minnesota.

Rev. Arp has served congregations at Our Savior Lutheran Church, El Dorado, AR and St. John Lutheran Church, Crossett, AR, a dual parish, from 1966-1970 and also served on the Mid-South District Publicity Committee; Immanuel Lutheran Church & School, Clarinda, IA from 1970-1983. He was Chairman of The Iowa District West Education Committee and served on the Board of Directors of Iowa District West; St. John Lutheran Church, Waverly, IA from 1983 to 2000. While serving as Pastor in Waverly he was Vicarage Supervisor for 15 vicars 1984-1999, was Circuit Counselor of the Westgate Circuit from 1991-1997, served on ad hoc committees and as a Synodical Reconciler from 1993-2000. In 1997 he began serving as First Vice President and Chairman of the Board of Directors for Iowa District East of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. He served as Acting President before being elected President of Iowa District East in June, 2000-2009. As President of Iowa District East he was a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Council of Presidents. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana in May of 2003.

Rev. Arp was a dedicated Pastor. He cared for the members of Christ's Church faithfully in each of the congregations he served. He relied fully on God's grace and preached the Word boldly. Among his many accomplishments as a Churchman was dedicated to the worldwide proclamation of the Gospel. Rev. Arp counted it as a great privilege to work with Rev. Dr. Darius Petkunas, his wife Inga and twin daughters Ieva and Augusta of Palanga, Lithuania. Iowa District East and The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod joined together to raise funds to build a new church, diaconal center and parsonage for the Palanga parish. In 2012 they traveled to Palanga and Rev. Arp participated in the dedication. He will be remembered by many as Pastor, teacher and mentor in the Christian Faith.

Faith, family, friends and country were the top priorities in his life. He was a cancer survivor for many years and during a year of failing health was served by St. Luke's Hospital Hospice. He appreciated the weekly visits of the Hospice nurses, Social workers and Massage Therapist. He was an accomplished woodworker, photographer, and mechanic. He enjoyed owning and riding horses. He spent many hours giving horseback rides to his grandchildren. In the fall, a family get together tradition was making Apple Cider in an old fashioned press, cutting wood for the fireplace, and making homemade ice cream. He and Marjorie enjoyed traveling in the US with their children visiting all the states except Hawaii and traveling many times to Europe where they had friends in Czech Republic, Poland, Lithuania and Germany.





## District Representatives

District President	Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders
Business/Office Manager	Sherry Brendes
Admin. Asst./Receptionist	Pam Krog
Communications/Tech/Events	Daniel Sanchez
1st Vice President	Rev. W. Max Mons, S.T.M.
2nd Vice President	Rev. Dr. Matthew Rueger
Secretary	Rev. Mark Brase
Treasurer	Corey Nuehring
Asst. to the Pres.– Schools	Mrs. Jan Doellinger
IDE Archivist	Rev. Allen Konrad (onamission1939@gmail.com)
U of I Hospital Chaplain	Rev. Michael Musick (ideuichaplain@live.com)

IOWA DISTRICT EAST - LCMS

1100 BLAIRS FERRY RD

MARION IA 52302-3093

319-373-2112

The **IDE TODAY** is published 2 times a year for the enjoyment of the members of the congregations of Iowa District East of the LCMS. Copies are sent to each congregation for distribution. A color PDF copy can be downloaded at [lcmsside.org](http://lcmsside.org). Articles and pictures can be emailed to Iowa District East: [dsanchez@lcmsside.org](mailto:dsanchez@lcmsside.org). Content may also be submitted through the IDE website at [lcmsside.org/submit-ide-today-content](http://lcmsside.org/submit-ide-today-content).

**Submissions for the next edition are due October 31, 2021.**