



# PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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# President's Piece for Peace

June 2022

I don't know about you, but I have come to detest election years. Whether it is elections in the Church or in Government, it seems to bring out the beast in our culture. It seems like little time is spent campaigning on what a candidate stands for compared to the time and effort spent on demonizing the opponent. Maybe I am getting too sensitive in my older age! Ok, maybe not.

The fact is, there are issues that do need to be addressed, talked about, campaigned on, and discussed. One such topic that has hit the air waves involves the Church as well as the citizens of our nation. Soon a decision is going to be reached by the Supreme Court on the Roe V Wade decision from the early 1970s. All ears are peeled to hear what is going to be delivered. Both sides of the fence are greatly interested and believe solutions, once and for all, will be the conclusion. To some extent this is true but not to the extent some hope for.

The Church has spoken clearly about the abortion issue because Holy Scripture is the Book of Life and understands who the creator and sustainer of life is. All life is in the hands of the Triune God and is to be honored as He honored it by sending His own Son into the flesh to redeem all flesh. This topic has been written about and studied with exhaustive efforts by our theologians and agencies in the LCMS to protect the life of the unborn. Of this we have no confusion. Now to my point made above. What ever the Supreme Court hands down in the next weeks, it is not the solution to this problem. The Laws passed by a nation should reflect its values and America ought to reflect value for life. For this reason, good will come from an overturn of the statute. At the same time, it is a law, and the Law cannot convert the heart of any person.

The solution to this issue and to all moral issues is the pure proclamation of the Gospel. Paul writes to the Romans that "He is not ashamed of the Gospel for it is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe it." The Gospel is the power that makes changes, it makes the difference, it changes hearts and minds to love God and love their neighbor. A converted heart will love the child within the womb. It will do its best to raise that child in the love and admonition of the Lord. It will care for and provide for the child as is the responsibility of every parent.

The Church is the only possessor of the Gospel. No one else can proclaim it. No one else can teach it. It is up to us to do this from the pulpit, the lectern, the classroom isle, in the public, and in intentional efforts. The Gospel will do what it promises. The Holy Spirit works through the Gospel to speak the message of God to those who are frightened and confused. The Gospel is, and always has been the solution sent to us from Christ Himself to cure the ills of a sinful society and in particular sinful mankind.

**The Gospel... changes hearts and minds to love God and love their neighbor.**

A recent argument by someone defending abortion said it doesn't matter when you think life begins. It only matters when the mother thinks life begins. What about what the baby thinks about its life and the fact it has already begun? The law can't change that person's heart and mind, but the Gospel can. The Gospel will create consideration for others. The Gospel focuses on Jesus and His redemption for the world. The Gospel recognizes that our lives are for the sake of others and not just for ourselves. The Gospel is our answer, it is our cure, it is the power we lean on and trust no matter what the Supreme Court decides.

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders  
District President

# Calendar of Events

June 2022

## June

- |       |                              |                                |
|-------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 10-11 | IED LWML Convention          | Hilton Garden Inn, Cedar Falls |
| 24-25 | IDE-LCMS District Convention | CR Marriott                    |

## July

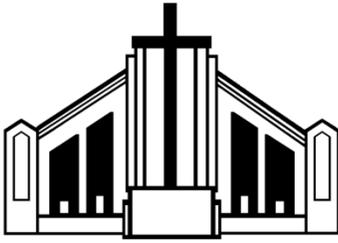
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| 19 | IDE Board of Directors | IDE Office |
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## August

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| 12 | Early Childhood Conference | Urbandale      |
| 15 | Education Workshop         | Zion, Hiawatha |

### **IDE Convention Registration**

Registration for the 2022 Iowa District East—LCMS District Convention is now open at [www.lcmside.org/ideconvention](http://www.lcmside.org/ideconvention) for voting delegates, advisory delegates, and guests. A separate registration form will also be available for exhibitors at the same webpage. For more information, please see the convention greeting letter on the next page from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon.



**St.  
Paul  
Lutheran  
Church**  
Mt. Vernon, Iowa

**Pastor** Rev. Sean Hansen  
**Christian Life Director** Tara Darling, DCE  
**Office Secretary** Tracy Schmidt  
**Facilities Coordinator** Jeff Adrian  
**Custodian** Susan Adrian

April 20, 2022

To: Delegates to the 2022 Convention of Iowa District East

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Mount Vernon, your host congregation, welcomes you as a delegate to the 41st Convention of the Iowa District East, LCMS. The convention is to be held on **June 24-25**, with registration opening at 7AM and opening worship beginning at 9AM. The convention will be located at:

**THE CEDAR RAPIDS MARRIOTT**  
1200 COLLINS RD. NE  
CEDAR RAPIDS IA 52402

We are pleased to share with you these items which require your special attention to assure your valued participation at the Convention.

**Online Registration** is now open. The voting delegate fee is set at \$195 and includes all meals. Advisory delegates must also register (\$10) and may purchase an optional meal package, available for \$110 for those wanting to partake in the meal service at the convention. The deadline for registration is **June 10, 2022**. All convention details, including online registration, are available at the IDE website: <https://lcmSIDE.org/convention-delegate-registration/>

**The Credential Form** for Delegates is available on our district website. Visit <https://lcmSIDE.org/ideconvention/> to access the form. In order to be eligible to vote, voting delegates must submit a Credential Form. The form must be printed, filled out, and signed by the two listed congregation officers, and submitted to the IDE District Office so that it is received before the start of convention.

**Hotel Room Reservations** at The Cedar Rapids Marriott need to be made by Thursday **June 2, 2022**. You can book your hotel room by clicking the *Book Your Hotel Room at Cedar Rapids Marriott* link on the convention page of IDE website at <https://lcmSIDE.org/ideconvention/>. Rooms are \$122 per night for either/both Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>. You may also register by calling 319-393-660. If you choose to call, please make sure to reference the Iowa District East Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Convention. Hotel reservation information will also be available to you upon registering online for the convention.

**New Delegate Orientation** will be held on Friday, June 24, at 8:00 AM at The Cedar Rapids Marriott.

Any questions may be directed to Daniel Sanchez at [dsanchez@lcmSIDE.org](mailto:dsanchez@lcmSIDE.org) or please call the IDE District Office at 319-373-2112.

In Christ,

*Rev. Sean Hansen*

Rev. Sean Hansen, Pastor

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# Vacancy Updates

As of 5.31.22

June 2022

## Calling Congregations

Davenport, Trinity - Associate

Davenport, Holy Cross

Delaware, St. Paul

Garrison, St. Mark/Shellsburg, Zion

Latimer, St. Paul

Swisher, King of Glory

Steve Anderson (Vacancy Pastor)

David Weber (Vacancy Pastor)

Dean Rothchild (vacancy pastor)

Paul Beisel (vacancy pastor)

Terry Small (vacancy pastor)

## Pastor Calls

Accepted: Caleb Weight, Bettendorf Peace in Christ - Hermantown, MN

Pending: Simeon Raddatz, Pekin, IL Trinity, Davenport - Associate

Declined: Jon Dickmader, Brule, NE St. Paul, Latimer

Joshua, Schultz - Alpena, MI Trinity, Davenport - Associate

Calling Candidate: St. Mark, Garrison/Zion, Shellsburg Adam Baumann, CTSFW, Norfolk, NE

Ordination/Installation on June 19

Trinity, Cedar Rapids - Associate John Dodle, CTSFW, Ft. Wayne, IN

Ordination/Installation on July 17

## Commissioned Calls

Accepted: Emily Woodall, Valley LS Cedar Falls to LHNE Norfolk, NE - Teacher

Donna Armbrecht, Williamsburg to LIS, Williamsburg - Teacher

Pending: Henry Pahlkotter, Saginaw, MI to Valley LS Cedar Falls, Exec. Director

Declined:

Retired: Preggy Grimm, LIS Williamsburg—6.3.2022

# Directory Updates

June 2022

17	Ogilvie, Tom	New address	406 Thornbury Ave, Iowa City 52245-2714.  Bruce H. Miller (Karen) 18682 330h St, Mason City 52401-9224; St Peter Church, 107 Wood St, Elma 50628-8093; O 641-393-2558/cell: 641-530-0122/ H 641-696-3332/ email: bhmklm1@aol.com
17	Miller, Bruce	Pastor	bhmklm1@aol.com
38	Elma, St Peter	Pastor	add Rev. Bruce Miller/ email bhmklm1@aol.com

The 2021-2022 IDE Directory was distributed at the Fall Pastors' Conference. If you did not get yours, please check with your circuit visitor. Please send any updates for the directory as you have them throughout the year. Updates will be posted in the professional packet each month as usual. Questions and updated information can be sent to the Pam Krog:

[pam@lcmside.org](mailto:pam@lcmside.org)

# The Miller, His Son, and Their Donkey

June 2022

*“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”.* Ephesians 4: 1-3

Being a prisoner in the eyes of the world is not something we aspire to, but in the eyes of our Lord it is something to be cherished. He has called each of us and chosen us to be Early Childhood Directors, principals, teachers, DCEs, deaconesses, pastors, staff members, Boards and committees, and laymen and women. Because of what Christ did for us on the cross we have the honor as St. Paul says to humbly and gently serve Him with patience, bearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace through our thoughts, words, and actions.

St. Paul’s words are true and encouraging. Yet, there are times when we do feel the weight of the world pressing down on us. Like being a prisoner in your vocation. Has it ever happened to you that you experienced a time of criticism that you felt was unfair or downright hurtful? I’m reminded of one of Aesop’s fables about criticism. As you reflect on this past school year, recall this fable and see how it relates to your experience.



A miller and his son are accompanied by their donkey. They are met with constant criticism from passersby of the way the donkey is being used. When both walk beside the donkey they are criticized for not riding it. When the father rides, he is blamed for making his son walk; when the son rides, he is criticized for leaving his father to walk. When both ride, they are berated for overburdening the animal. The fable usually ends with the father and the son carrying the donkey on a pole on their backs. The boy drops his end of the pole. In the struggle the donkey falls over the bridge, and his fore-feet being tied together drowns. “That will teach you,” said an old man who was following them.

Obviously, the moral of the story is try to please everyone, and you will please no one. It’s in our nature to try to win the approval of others. Whatever you decide to do, someone, somewhere will have an

opinion about it. There are people at church or school who think you should be doing the same things that other people think you shouldn’t be doing. The list goes on and on.

STOP! Let’s flip the switch. Instead of dwelling on the criticism let’s turn this around and consider what the future might look like if we worked on some “tried and true traits” that have worked in the past to rise above criticism. These will come as no surprise, but hopefully will serve as road map or reminder as you reflect and look ahead to a new school year. (Credit to Thom Rainer’s article “7 Traits of the Successful Pastor of 2027”.) I think these traits are applicable to all church workers, not just pastors.

**Remember to pray.** Pray for yourself. Pray with and for your family and friends. Pray silently. Pray out loud with your students. Lead others to pray. Teach your little ones to pray. Make it a priority. <sup>4</sup>*But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” Acts 6:4*

**Tell others about Jesus.** Share the good news of Christ. I came across a statistic that stated, according to a recent 2022 study by the American Bible Society, “nearly 40 percent of Generation Z believe Jesus was a human and sinned like other people when He lived on earth.” That’s not good news. Here is the good news: “Gen Z registers high in curiosity about Jesus and/or the Bible.” If that’s true, then we have an awesome opportunity to reach this group of humans and tell them about Jesus. Not just Gen Zers but all who don’t yet know Jesus. These last words of Christ were a command to witness: <sup>8</sup>*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes*

# The Miller, His Son, and Their Donkey

June 2022

*on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

**Deal with toxicity promptly.** Treat your co-workers and communities with respect. When there is a problem or a broken trust, deal with it right away. It’s much easier to deal with a situation proactively rather than realize, “I should have done this a long time ago.” <sup>31</sup> *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:31-32*



**Grit.** Serving as a church worker is a challenging vocation. It’s tough. Getting up every morning and doing your calling takes perseverance and tenacity. Consider Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Jacob, David. *“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” James 1:2-4*

**Love is action.** Love your family, co-workers, and community more deeply, serve them, and reach out to them. <sup>6</sup> *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16*

**Rediscover joy.** Criticism from others is one of the fastest ways to spiral downward in joy in ministry. Try to look for and feel the joy of your calling every day. *“Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.” Psalm 30:4-5*

**There are times when it’s necessary to take risk.** In faith and trust in God, move forward in furthering His kingdom. Ask yourself, “Am I building His Kingdom? Yes! Am I looking like a donkey doing it? No!” May everything be to His glory. *“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10*

We could spend a lot more time talking about each of these traits. I would encourage each of you that as you sit back in your lawn chair enjoying a cool beverage, reflect on the school year passed and consider what could have been done differently. Then, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit find ways to add these traits in your preparation and plans for next school year. He has much more insight than Aesop!

Jan Doellinger  
Assistant to the President, Schools

**LCMS Parish Nurse District Representatives  
Recipients of a National Development Grant award of \$7,000 from the LCMS  
Facilitating Parish Nurse Educational/Networking Opportunities**

Since LCMS Parish Nursing began in 1989 there has been an Annual Meeting held for LCMS District Representatives of Parish Nursing/Congregational Health Ministry with intentional goals of spiritual care, education, communication, and support. The Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW) Parish Nurse Conference is a well-established educational and networking opportunity for parish nurses that has been held for 30 years. The project, *Facilitating Parish Nurse Educational/Networking Opportunities*, provided financial support to LCMS Parish Nurse District Representatives and LCMS Parish Nurse Council Members through a stipend to attend the Annual District Parish Nurse Representative Meeting and the CUW Parish Nurse Conference.

The all-day LCMS Parish Nurse District Representative Meeting included these components to achieve the above goals: networking time; presentation on the book *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times: Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What* by Peter L. Steinke; continuing education on Mental Health Issues due to the Pandemic and LCMS Response to the Crisis of the Pandemic; updates from synodical representatives; and an opening chapel service with all participants. This project directly served approximately 25 people; however, it will impact an estimated 454 Parish Nurses and 68 Health Advocates serving within the LCMS (2018 statistics) as the District Parish Nurse Representatives share information learned within their respective districts.



LCMS Parish Nurse District Representatives met May 17, 2022  
Concordia University, Wisconsin

Submitted by Ronda Anderson, RN  
LCMS Iowa District East- Parish Nurse Representative  
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# Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



## Important Dates

June 15

*First Day of Summer Camp*

July 30

*I Believe in Camp Fundraiser Auction*

August 2-5

*Higher Things Confirmation Camp*

October 3-4

*IDE Fall Pastors' Conference*

October 7-8

*IDE Confirmation Retreat*

November 4-5

*Pastors' Wives Retreat*

November 18-19

*IDE Sr. High Retreat*

## **THRIVENT CHOICE**

In 2021, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca received over \$10,000 in Thrivent Choice contributions! Thank you donors for making this program a success for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Will you help make 2021 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!

## **Needs List**

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

## **2022 Junior Counselors**

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) to start your summer camp service 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 \$100 per week.**

Please contact Program Director Andrew Folkmann by emailing [programdirector@iodiseca.org](mailto:programdirector@iodiseca.org) for more information or to receive an application.



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# Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Background Information

#### **What is the Educational Opportunities Act?**

The Educational Opportunities Act was passed by the Iowa Legislature in 2006. It allowed Iowa taxpayers to receive a tax credit equal to sixty-five percent (65%) of the total amount of voluntary contributions made to a School Tuition Organization. This was raised to 75% by the legislature in spring of 2021.

#### **What is a School Tuition Organization (STO)?**

A School Tuition Organization (STO) is a charitable organization that receives voluntary contributions from Iowa taxpayers and allocates those funds in tuition grants to Iowa school children, who in turn use those grants to attend one of the non-public schools represented by the STO. At least ninety-percent of the money received by an STO must go back out in tuition grants.

#### **Who may receive these tuition grants?**

The Act itself restricts tuition grants to students living in households with income that does not exceed an amount equal to 4.0 times the federal poverty guideline for their family size. Students must be Iowa residents.

#### **How does the STO program benefit families in Iowa?**

The tuition grants created by the STO program will give a choice to those families who would have otherwise been unable to afford a non-public school.

#### **Has this type of program been established anywhere else in the country?**

Yes. Programs such as these have been approved in 18 states.



### Donating Process

#### **Who is eligible for the tax credit?**

Any individual taxpayer who makes a voluntary contribution to the STO is eligible for the tax credit. C –Corporations, S – Corporations, LLC's and partnerships also can qualify for the tax credit.

#### **How does a tax credit work and how is it different than a tax deduction?**

A tax deduction reduces the total amount of income on which a person's tax is computed. With a tax credit, the amount of the tax credit is taken directly off the amount a person pays in state taxes thus providing the donor with a much greater financial return. As an example, a person who originally owed \$2,000 in state income taxes, donating \$1,000 to a School Tuition Organization, would receive 75% of the \$1,000 – or \$750 – taken off of their state income tax bill. The person would only pay \$1,250 in state income taxes as opposed to the original \$2,000.

#### **What about my Federal income tax?**

25% of your donation qualifies as an itemized charitable deduction on your Federal income tax return.

#### **What if I don't itemize my taxes?**

Even if you don't itemize your federal taxes you can take advantage of the 75% Iowa Income Tax Credit.

#### **Can ILSTO accept non-cash items?**

Yes, non-cash items such as shares of stock or mutual funds are accepted. Grain donations can also be accepted with an approximate \$1,000 minimum value.

#### **When I donate, may I designate a student to receive the tuition grant?**

No, a donor may not specify a student or family for the tuition grant, but may designate a portion of their gift to any LCMS Iowa school.

#### **May gifts to ILSTO be designated to an individual school?**

Yes. It is possible for a donor to designate their gift to a school system represented by the STO.

The designation of any gift shall be limited to the definition of an eligible student by the Code of Iowa and the criteria established by the Board of Directors of ILSTO. If a school has met their designated 70% of need, donations may be redirected to a school that has not met their designated need.

Unlike an endowment fund, donations cannot be held to support future needs. Therefore, the STO must raise funds annually and present scholarships annually to meet the ongoing needs of the eligible families.

### Does this program conflict with the existing tuition tax credit offered to taxpayers in Iowa?

No. The tuition tax credit program is completely separate from donations to an STO. The tuition tax credit program provides a tax credit to parents/guardians for the 25% of the first \$2,000 tuition paid by the parents up to maximum credit of \$500 per child in grades K-12.

### What documentation is needed with donations?

All donors paying by check, cash, grain or stock must complete a 2022 Donor Gift Form. These forms are available on the ILSTO website or by contacting one of the 14 ILSTO Iowa Lutheran School.

### Can I make my donation online?

At this time ILSTO does not take online donations.

### When will I receive my tax credit certificate?

Tax credit certificates will be mailed to all ILSTO donors in January 2023.



## Application Process

### Who is eligible to apply?

All families are encouraged to apply for ILSTO Tuition Assistance.

### What are the deadlines for the application process?

Applications are due by May 1, 2022.

### Can I apply online?

No. Online applications are not yet available for ILSTO.

### Who determines the level of assistance awarded?

The amount of tuition assistance awarded to individual families is determined by the ILSTO Board of Directors.

Eligibility does not ensure an award. The awards are dependent on amount of donations.

### What are the income levels for eligibility?

#### 2021 Eligibility Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States

Household Size	Eligibility Guideline	4 x Eligibility Level
1	\$13,590	\$54,360
2	\$18,310	\$73,240
3	\$23,030	\$92,120
4	\$27,750	\$111,000
5	\$32,470	\$129,880
6	\$37,190	\$148,760
7	\$41,910	\$167,640
8	\$46,630	\$186,520
for each additional person add	<b>4,720.00</b>	<b>18,880.00</b>

### Do tuition grants received by a family through this program impact local tuition assistance gifts to that same family?

The STO will issue awards to families based upon that families' identified need. Any additional assistance presented to that family would be a local decision.

### Is there an appeal process if the total level of ILSTO tuition assistance is perceived to be insufficient?

No. Award decisions are final. Award is solely based on total income from the 1040 form.

### Will families need to reapply for tuition assistance every year they have children enrolled in a Lutheran school?

Yes. In order to receive tuition assistance a family will need to apply each year. It is important to note that assistance is based upon income eligibility, thus a family is not guaranteed assistance from year to year.

### What if a student who has received assistance, withdraws before the end of the school year?

**Procedures for students leaving:** Schools are required to inform the Program Manager of ILSTO of award recipients that did not complete the fall/spring semester of the current academic year. This notification should include the name of the student and the last date attended at the school location. The award will be based on enrollment days and the remaining award will be used for another eligible family or sent back to the ILSTO program manager.

**Procedures for students transferring to another Lutheran school during the school year:** If a student transfers to another Iowa Lutheran school at any time during the school year, their award will be figured on a pro rata basis and the amount left will transfer with them to the new school.

## ILSTO BOARD MEMBERS

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SEE WHAT THE STO PROGRAM HAS  
DONE OVER THE YEARS IN IOWA

	Total				
	Scholarship Counts	Scholarships	Contributions	Credits	Number of Certificates Issued
2006	487	\$296,867	\$3,846,436	\$2,499,906	1,125
2007	7,527	\$3,977,969	\$7,439,827	\$4,873,876	1,850
2008	8,699	\$7,369,576	\$9,539,022	\$6,200,378	2,829
2009	9,524	\$9,109,979	\$11,390,228	\$7,402,023	3,161
2010	10,222	\$10,938,484	\$11,538,122	\$7,499,991	3,027
2011	10,588	\$10,933,806	\$11,537,561	\$7,499,415	2,834
2012	10,471	\$11,326,286	\$13,461,567	\$8,749,999	3,105
2013	10,388	\$12,662,735	\$13,461,507	\$8,749,980	2,996
2014	10,494	\$13,505,269	\$18,458,723	\$11,997,889	3,708
2015	10,848	\$17,611,871	\$18,461,535	\$11,999,999	3,396
2016	10,792	\$17,120,251	\$18,461,534	\$12,000,001	3,484
2017	10,752	\$17,686,369	\$18,461,866	\$12,000,206	3,054
2018	10,791	\$17,413,350	\$18,380,090	\$11,947,058	2,576
2019	12,538	\$18,351,386	\$17,607,458	\$11,271,807	3,291
2020	12,071	\$17,657,157	\$19,573,018	\$12,576,625	4,072
2021	12,673	\$18,563,648	\$20,270,045	\$15,000,000	3,367
Overall Total	158,865	\$204,525,003	\$231,888,540	\$152,269,152	47,875
Overall Average	10,559	\$13,615,209	\$15,202,807	\$9,984,616	2,992

## ILSTO LCMS SCHOOLS IN IOWA

Trinity Lutheran School <i>Boone, IA</i>
Valley Lutheran School <i>Cedar Falls, IA</i>
Trinity Lutheran School <i>Cedar Rapids, IA</i>
Clarinda Lutheran School <i>Clarinda, IA</i>
Trinity Lutheran School <i>Davenport, IA</i>
Zion Lutheran School <i>Denison, IA</i>
St Paul Lutheran School <i>Fort Dodge, IA</i>
St. Paul Lutheran School <i>Latimer, IA</i>
Central Lutheran School <i>Newhall, IA</i>
Zion St John Lutheran School <i>Paullina, IA</i>
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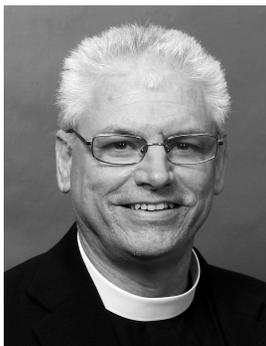
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**JUNE 14-16, 2022**



**Dr. James Bushur**

Dr. Bushur joined the faculty in the fall of 2006, specializing in patristics. In May 2017 he was named The Carl and Erna Weinrich Associate Professor of New Testament and Early Church Studies. He also serves as the Director of Deaconess Formation at CTSFW.

He received his BA in Biblical Literature from Taylor University, Upland, Indiana (1989), then his MDiv (1993) and STM (Thesis: "The Flesh of Christ and the Economy of Salvation in the Teaching of St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons," 1998) from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He

completed his PhD at the University of Durham, UK in 2010.

He served as pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Decatur, Indiana (1999-2006) and Trinity Lutheran Church, Goodland, Indiana (1994-1999).

Bushur is a member of the North American Patristics Society.

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**Schedule:**

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**Location:**

College Hill Lutheran Church  
2322 Olive St  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613-3739

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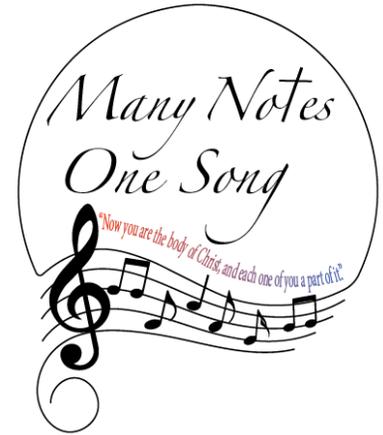
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Iowa District West  
Iowa District East  
Early Childhood Conference



Join us Friday, August 12 for the Iowa District West and East Early Childhood Conference as we come together under the theme of "Many Notes - One Song."

We encourage you to reserve the date on your personal and staff calendars. This Conference is the primary connecting event for Iowa District West and East early childhood ministries. In addition to staff participation, we encourage you to invite pastors, board members, and others associated with your Early Childhood Center.

We know that every year has its own set of challenges and 2021-2022 had their share. You navigated through another time of COVID and having to make so many decisions. Each of us has been affected by uncertainties and unknowns, grief, and loss. Yet, what IS known is that God is still at work in each of us. His promises are sure. He will never leave us or forsake us. We are all in this together, we each play our part but we are part of "One Song."

This is an exciting time because you and your colleagues can join together to hear and celebrate what it means to be one of the many notes in the "One Song." How will you meet the needs of your little ones in 2022 and beyond? The planning team has worked diligently to find speakers who will assist you in your team ministry to children. Together we will learn and strategize best practices on how to accomplish the good work we have been gifted to do, making harmony as we proclaim and teach Jesus.

**The registration deadline is July 12.** Please respect this deadline so that we might provide appropriate materials.

In the days ahead, we pray that you will have a song in your heart and peace of mind as you remember that we are all part of the body of Christ singing together in harmony as we serve the Lord. Enjoy your summer! We look forward to seeing you at the Conference on Friday, August 12, 2022.

Jackie Illian, Immanuel Preschool, Cedar Falls  
Jessica Paulin, Beautiful Beginnings, Polk City  
Lori Kilburg, Davenport  
Lori Jenks, St. Paul Preschool, Ames  
Karen Ritter, Good Shepherd Preschool, Eldora  
JoLynn Yeutsy, Tiny Treasurers Preschool, Urbandale  
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- ◆ Through those who love and support children

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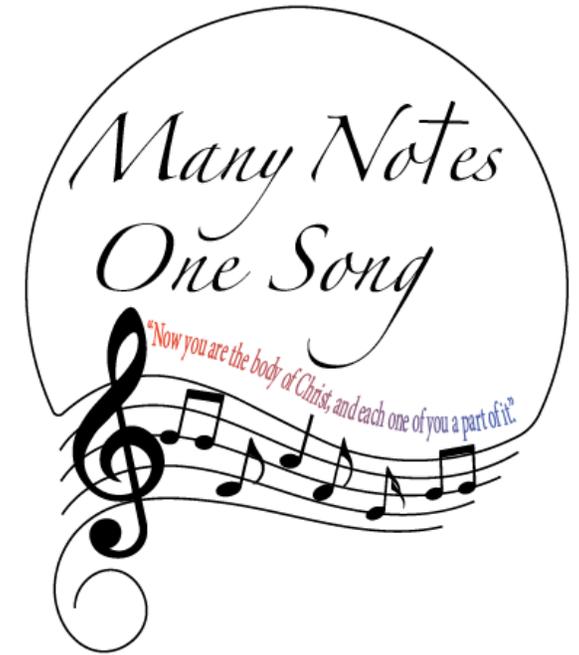
8:00 am	Registration / Refreshments
8:25	Welcome
8:30	Opening by Pastor Ben Johnson
9:00	Keynote 1 Music Play is Learning Play!
10:00	Break
10:15	Sectional 1
11:20	Sectional 2
12:20 pm	Lunch / Exhibits
1:00	Keynote 2 A Joyous Way to Learn
2:05	Sectional 3
3:05	Closing / District Celebrations



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## Preschool & Early Childhood Conference

at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
8301 Aurora Avenue  
Urbandale

Friday, August 12, 2022

IOWA DISTRICT WEST &  
IOWA DISTRICT EAST, LCMS

# CONFERENCE DETAILS

## CONFERENCE KEYNOTE

**Jim Gill** is a musician and author with singular credentials among children’s artists. Jim spent 20 years directing programs in music play for families with children with special needs in the Chicago area. His particular writing style— combining word play and movement opportunities into songs—was developed through this work. Jim completed his graduate studies in child development at the Erikson Institute of Chicago with a special emphasis on the study of play. His work experience and studies have led Jim to create each of his recordings and books as an opportunity for playful interactions between a child and a caring adult.



Jim has released ten award-winning recordings of music play for young children. Jim is also the author of two children’s books. Over the years he has received five awards from the **American Library Association** for his releases.

Jim’s most recent project involves the creation of a series of VIDEO books, based on his book **May There Always Be Sunshine**, with words and illustrations contributed by children from across the country. Thousands of children have shared their heartfelt wishes and inspiring illustrations in these projects created for schools, libraries and other community organizations.



Application for **5 professional in-service hours** will be submitted.

### Conference Facility

**Tiny Treasures Lutheran Preschool and  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
8301 Aurora Avenue  
Urbandale**

### Lodging

Numerous hotels are in the area for attendees who want to come early.



## Registration

**Preschool & Early Childhood  
Conference  
August 12, 2022**

**ALL** participants must register using the following website:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IDWECC2022>

Complete the information below and mail one check to the District office.

Name and location of preschool/congregation  
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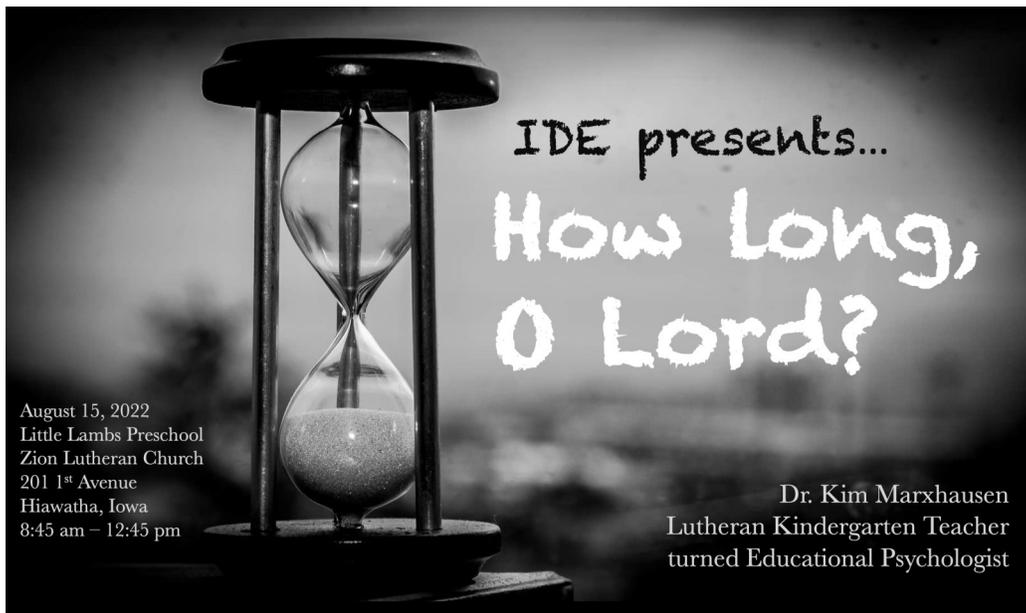
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**Registration fee:** \$40 per person  
(includes lunch)

Make check payable to **Iowa District West**

**Registration deadline:** Monday, July 12

**Mail to:** Sue Light  
Iowa District West, LCMS  
409 Kenyon Road, Suite B  
Fort Dodge, IA 50501



This year's IDE Summer Education Workshop taking place August 15. Our guest presenter is Dr. Kim Marxhausen and the title of her presentation is "How Long, O Lord?" The workshop is being held at Little Lambs Preschool, Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha. We will start at 8:45 am and finish at 12:45 pm.

### **How Long, O Lord?**

We find this phrase in the psalms over twenty times, and it should remind us that it is okay to grieve. However, no psalm ends on this phrase; each psalm of lament moves from grief to praise. So let's spend some time with each other and discuss the joys and challenges of the past two years. We can add insights from psychology that help us make sense of what we are going through. In learning and discussion, we begin to see how God creates resilience in our lives.

In addition, here are two more:

*Return, O Lord! How long?  
Have pity on your servants!* Psalm 90:13

*Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing;  
heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.*

*<sup>3</sup> My soul also is greatly troubled.*

*But you, O Lord—how long?* Psalm 6: 2-3

### **Bio:**

Kim Marxhausen is a Lutheran kindergarten teacher turned Educational Psychologist. Her ministry, since covid, has been to support church workers and parents as they seek, through the grace of God, to navigate new challenges. She accomplishes ministry through teaching, writing, speaking, and consulting. She writes a parenting newsletter for LCMS School Ministry called Parent Pages, and is the author of *Weary Joy: The Caregiver's Journey* (CPH). She is working on a new book to assist church workers ministering to people on the autism spectrum. You are welcome to visit her site at <http://kim.marxhausen.net/>

### **Goals:**

1. Bring peace, comfort, and growth to teachers and administrators through the promises of God's Word.
2. Explain the process of resilience, highlighting the differences between secular and faith-based views
3. Discuss options for enhancing resilience for individuals, classrooms, and staffs
4. Provide time and a method for participants to create a plan for increasing resilience
5. Offer discussion time for people to process the past two years.

Registration and more information at <https://lcmside.org/education-workshop/>

This professional packet is for June and July. Submissions for the next edition of the Professional Workers' Packet are due **July 25.**

Please email articles, photos and announcements to Daniel Sanchez, IDE Communications/Events/Technology Coordinator  
**[dsanchez@lcmside.org](mailto:dsanchez@lcmside.org)**



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