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Iowa District East—LCMS

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President's Piece for Peace

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The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.

While this title might sound like I am going to review an old Clint Eastwood movie, I am actually describing the impact that a digital world is having on the sheep of our flocks. To be sure, there are good things that have come by way of the digital community. Information is at our fingertips. Access to cultural and theological questions can be answered by experts in each field. Communication with family and friends no longer takes a week or more to arrive. All this is instantaneous or at least close to it. These are but a few examples of *the good*.

At the same time there is also *the bad* which leads to *the ugly*. That is what I will focus on in this article. The digital world has given access to sin in a manner that can be privatized and kept from the public eye. I speak of the immoral websites featuring women and men posing in provocative pictures. There are solicitations to engage in violations of the Sixth Commandment. That alone is a danger to the Faith, and yet there is more. The participant can convince themselves they are not really doing anything terribly wrong because they are not physically having sex, but merely viewing it. This is *the ugly*. Participating in such sites is a violation against the person being viewed as well as a violation against the one to whom a vow was taken to forsake all others and cling only to one's spouse.

The shame of this vice is so easily overlooked when it is overtaken by vanity. Not only is viewing it a violation of God's Law but displaying it for others to see is the same. The covetous nature of wanting to be desired, receive accolades from others, being able to claim thousands of followers, etc. clouds the moral mind to what is appropriate to our baptism and what is not. So many use transgression of the Sixth Commandment in order to violate the Ninth and Tenth Commandments.

If temptation against Commandments six, nine and ten are not enough; there is also the iniquity against the Eighth Commandment. The information shared about others over the internet, with its many forms to do so, often includes criticisms and negative comments about others. Doing this over the internet only serves to condemn rather than bring a sinner to repentance for the sake of reconciliation.

Communications over the web ought to be for the purpose of encouraging, sending words of comfort, or setting up a time to meet face to face. It is too simple to think conflict can be resolved by writing in a blog or a nonverbal dialog over an issue. It is also too easy to write what one would never say were they in the presence of the person they are writing about. Resolving conflicted issues is best, and some might say only resolved, by speaking face to face with the other person. Meeting face to face (in person is best rather than Zoom) you can show the face of Christ from your face and vise-versa. Most of communication is nonverbal which means we hear as much if not more with our eyes than we do with our ears. What one says with their mouth is also communicated with the rest of their body. The same is true with hearing. To comprehend how you are being received, it is good to look also for the body language.

With *the bad* of the digital world displaying itself in ugly ways, my concern for the Church is whether pastors are taking account of these things and preaching the Law of God to these issues. It is first and foremost important that the pastor not be a violator of these digital ugly's. Preaching the Law is difficult enough but even more so when the pastor is guilty of the very malady he is addressing. The Law of God prepares us to desire some good news, The Good News that God is not against us but for us in Christ Jesus.

While sin is not new, ways to commit it are new every day. The digital world has provided new and various ways to transgress the Law of God and pour gallons of *the ugly* into the life of the Church. Sermons need to address these privatized and secret sins. There is no less damage to the community of believers just because maladies are now easier to hide than before. When one of the Church hurts, we all hurt whether we have details or not.

Preach the Word is the command of Christ to the Church. We are given the charge to preach its fullness. When I place a stole over the shoulders of an ordinand, I use these words: "This stole is a mark that you are yoked to the Word of God.

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You are to preach it never going beyond what it says and never falling short of what it says."

The digital world in which we live calls for pastors to take heed to the bad and the ugliness of it as well as use it for the good. Taking heed means that the Law must be proclaimed, directed at, and spear the Old Adam which delights in the bad resulting in the ugly. Satan is ever clever in ways to use the good for bad purposes. His head is crushed. Jesus' heel filled his mouth to silence him. The victory Christ earned with His resurrection proves He is life over death.

I pray the preachers of the Church can crush the Old Man in each hearer concerning violations of God's Holy Law. Then the honor and privilege to rescue them with the blessed news of forgiveness of sins and promise of life everlasting flows from the preacher's mouth just as it did from Christ Jesus Himself. The digital age need not be a hinderance. It can be and should be the blessing it is intended to be. Let *the good* outdo and over come *the bad* and eliminate *the ugly*.

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders

Calendar of Events

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23	LCMS Pastors' Day on the Hill	Gloria Dei, Urbandale & State Capitol

March

31	Congregation Statistics Due to LCMS	Online

April

7	Good Friday	IDE Office Closed
25	IDE Board of Directors	IDE Office
25	Call Service	CTS - Ft. Wayne
26	Call Service	Concordia Seminary - STL

May

1-2	Spring Workers' Conference	Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
24-26	Preaching Workshop & Theological Symposium	Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Vacancy Updates

As of 1.24.23

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Calling Congregations

Alden, St. Paul	Jay Jaeger (Vacancy Pastor)
Buckeye, St. Paul	Matt Rueger (Vacancy Pastor)
Bettendorf, Our Savior - Associate	
Cedar Rapids, King of Kings	Bob Weinhold (Vacancy Pastor)
Charlotte, Immanuel	Daniel Redhage (Vacancy Pastor)
Davenport, Holy Cross	Steve Anderson (Vacancy Pastor)
Hiawatha, Zion	Dean Rothchild (Vacancy Pastor)
Keystone, St. John	David Lingard (Vacancy Pastor)
Latimer, St. Paul	Paul Beisel (Vacancy Pastor)
Marion, St. Paul - Associate	
Readlyn, Immanuel & St. Paul	George Volkert (Vacancy Pastor)
Swisher, King of Glory	Brad Brown (Vacancy Pastor)
Wapello, Faith	Jeffery Pautz, (Vacancy Pastor)

Pastor Calls

Accepted:	Philip Girardin, Readlyn	Zion, Staunton, IL
Pending:		
Declined:	Samuel Beltz, Oskaloosa	Crosspoint - Sahuarita, AZ
	David Mommens, Melrose, MN	St. John, Keystone
	David Edge, Rice, MN	Our Savior, Bettendorf
	Stephen Preus, Vinton	Bethlehem - Morristown, MN
Transfers:	Matthew Hall - Candidate Status	Cedar Rapids
	Jay Weidemann - Candidate Status	Anamosa
	James Batchelor - Emeritus Status	Wilton
Retired:	Rich Balvanz, SMP to Emeritus Status	King of Kings, Cedar Rapids

Commissioned Calls

Park View Lutheran, Eldridge - DCE Search

Accepted:	
Pending:	Henry Pahlkotter, Saginaw, MI to Valley Lutheran School, Cedar Falls - Exec. Director
Declined:	Brady Laib, First Lutheran—Papillion NE to Park View, Eldridge

Directory Updates

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PG #	RECORD	ACTION	INFORMATION
35	Charlotte	vacant	Should be Vacancy Pastor- Daniel Redhage - not Steve Anderson
65	Candidate Commissioned	Add Amanda Hahn	Hahn, Amanda; 1816 W 76th PL Davenport 52806/ amanda.hahn@ctsfw.edu/ DCNS/ c: 563-349-6950
65	Candidate Commissioned	Add Robyn Gray	Gray, Robyn; 1527 Fulton Ct, Davenport 52806; robyn.gray1982@gmail.com; c: 563-508-2439
11	Balvanz	move to emeritus	retires 1.31.2023/
25	Balvanz	Add	Balvanz, Richard L. (Jolene); 2165 Winchester Dr; Marion IA 52302-6151; rlbalvanz@gmail.com; c: 319-350-3276
13	Girardin, Philip D.	Remove	Accepted call to Staunton, IL
44	Readlyn, Immanuel and St Paul	accepted call	Remove:Rev. Philip Girardin - Vacancy; remove email pastorphil-2017@gmail.com
21	Traphagan, William	Remove	Accepted call to Crosslake MNN
33	Alden- St Paul and St Paul - Buckeye	accepted call	Rev. William Traphagan - Vacancy; remove email christcrucified-forus@gmail.com
23	Cand Ordained	Add	Weideman, Rev. Jay R. (Anna); 104 Sunset Dr, Anamosa 52205; Jay.weideman@ctsfw.edu; c: 218-770-1279
23	Cand Ordained	Add	Hall, Rev. Matthew A. (Lucy) 4 27th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids 52404-4132; c: 989-891-6038; mahall87@gmail.com
19	Post, Tanner	new	Cell phone #: 319-327-4853/ Remove PO Box from mailing address for St Paul Sumner
45	Sumner, St John	note changes	Remove **PO Box**: Physical Address is 1490 Tahoe Ave/ Mailing Address is 612 W 3rd St- Sumner IA 50674
46	Sumner, St Paul	note changes	Remove **PO Box**: Mailing Address is 612 W 3rd St- Sumner IA 50674
50	DCE INTERN	Add	**Penney, Kierra**; 5645 Muirfield Dr SW, CR 52404; intern.bethanycr@gmail.com;cell # 715-680-1308; Bethany Cedar Rapids; Office: 319-364-6026.
34	Cedar Rapids, Bethany	Add	Kierra Penney - DCE Intern; intern.bethanycr@gmail.com
5	Board of Directors	Add - Asst Secretary	Joel Koepp, Assistant Secretary. (Markie): Immanuel, 229 11th Ave W, Grinnell 50112-2606; O:641-236-6691; C: 507-829-3901
16	Koepp, Joel	Remove	Delete home phone:
17	Meyer, Richard	new address	180 Rogers Dr, Williamsburg 52361

The 2022-2023 Fall Directory was distributed at the Fall Pastors' Conference. If you were unable to pick yours up, please check with your circuit visitor. **Please review your current directory information and send any updates to:**

pam@lcmside.org

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[34] Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism [35] but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. [36] You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Acts 10: 34-36 NIV

A number of years ago when I served on the LEA Board, we had a meeting in Phoenix. I remember eating at a restaurant called Ed Debevic's. I don't think the Arizona location is open any longer, but I know there is one in Chicago located on Ohio Street. Have you heard of it or eaten there? If you are willing to put up with some tongue-in-cheek disrespect mixed in with a little fun, you'll enjoy the atmosphere. You see, Ed Debevic's prides itself on sassy service. Its motto is, "Sassy servers, tasty burgers". This retro-themed diner publicizes its philosophy by saying: "Don't expect this diner to be a 'Please and thank you, sir' kind of place. The servers pride themselves on snarky remarks and even drop their trays to do choreographed dance numbers on the soda counters." Ed, the owner, intentionally created this place modeling after a restaurant he worked in as a teen. A place with good food and a side of sass. People flock to this restaurant for this unique and humorous dining experience. (Google it and check it out!)

January, February, and March are months of the school year when there are fewer interruptions, other than Valentine's Day or National Lutheran Schools Week. Hopefully, long term remote learning is behind us so now you can devote concentrated effort on doing a deeper dive into the curriculum set before you. On the other hand, with colder weather means inside recess more often and "cooped up" feelings. Patience gets a little thinner, feelings get hurt, words come out of our student's mouths that totally go against what you've been teaching about since Day 1. Makes me think that maybe sometimes our students, colleagues, parents, family members had some training from an Ed Debevic waiter or waitress. Only difference is that these remarks are snarky and hurtful on purpose. Not fun at all.

By this time of the year you may be asking yourself how am I supposed to be able to go and make disciples for life? It's easy to point the finger at those around us who say hurtful things or scheme to find ways to alienate us. But, we also are guilty of being snarky and purposefully hurtful. We have treated others in our various communities poorly by being thoughtless or carrying grudges. Our patience is shorter with a student who needs more attention. We avoid eye contact or duck into another teacher's classroom when we see a certain parent walk down the hallway. A family get-together turns out to be a gossip session about a family member who's not there. In this crisis of shortage of Lutheran school teachers, we inadvertently or purposefully miss opportunities to model or encourage students to consider full-time church work.

It's true. We live in a broken world. It is a world filled with hate and rejection. Even Peter, referred to in our passage above, who was an esteemed follower of Jesus, had issues with bigotry of his culture toward others. Even Peter thought God could love him, but not the Gentiles. Cornelius was a Gentile and had come to faith in Jesus. God sent Peter to celebrate that event but for some reason Peter couldn't see how God's love was for Cornelius because of his ethnicity. Peter's judgmental attitude kept him from sharing the Good News. He never even wanted to step foot in Gentile house. How could they be accepted by Jesus' love and forgiven?

It's February 2023. Who do you think should be excluded from hearing the Gospel of Jesus? I'm assuming your response is, "Everyone should be able hear about Jesus! No one should ever be left out." But do your actions speak louder than your words? Do we practice what we preach? Will others see us model Jesus?

We human beings are guilty of this all the time. Our tendency is to put more value on ourselves than others. Is your classroom like Ed's restaurant? God's love won't stand for that. That's because we are all sinners who are undeserving of His grace, mercy, and love. We are called to repentance, and only then can we experience the joy of the gift He gives us, namely the forgiveness of sins. And, He does it for all, just as He is doing for you right now.

God's relentless love even targeted Peter. It took God's special intervention to really get through to Peter about how gracious and merciful God is to everyone, not just a certain group of people. He sent Peter a dream where he was in-

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structed to eat unclean animals. Three times the voice instructed him to eat and Peter resisted. But the voice made it very clear Peter could not call anything impure that God had made clean. Then he was directed by the Holy Spirit to go with a Gentile visitor to his home. According to Jewish law, this was forbidden but Peter did what was instructed and spoke these words, "I now truly grasp that God does not show favoritism."

God doesn't misbehave. He doesn't show favoritism. He doesn't get snarky or defensive. He doesn't carry grudges or avoids His children. He is the ultimate Master Teacher. What a gift we have! Not only do we get to read what He said through Scripture, we get to see how He demonstrated His love for us and others.

Who in your world is being excluded from God's love? Who's on the edge of fear and judgmentalism? Who in your building are students who need your encouragement to consider full time church work?

When my sisters and I were growing up, my parents owned a meat market/butcher shop and then later a small grocery store. If nothing else, they (lovingly, of course) ingrained in us customer service. The customer is always right. That wasn't true all the time and many times we had to take a deep breath to keep smiling and see what we could do to please our customers. God forbid if we ever treated a customer like Ed's waiters and waitresses do. To this day, I take the lessons I learned waiting on customers and apply it to my friends, family, and co-workers to show compassion and love. I pray your work embraces and demonstrates the relentless compassion God in Christ did for us. You won't get it right every time, but God's forgiveness is there all the time. Now, continue to Go and Make Disciples!

Jan Doellinger
Assistant to the President, Schools

LCMS Congregation Statistics

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LCMS 2022 Congregation Year-End Statistics, Lay Leader and Youth Updates – Due March 31, 2023

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

It is that time again to submit your congregation's end-of-year statistics and update your current list of lay leaders at the following website: *https://lc.lcms.org/*.

If you do not have your congregation's login information, contact rosters.stats@lcms.org, or the LCMS Church Information Center at **888-843-5267**.

Contact Pam at the IDE District Office if you have any questions.

NOTE: As was the case last year, do not include online engagements or views in average weekly attendance. Average attendance includes only those who were physically present. If your congregation hosted any part of its worship services online during 2022, whether live or recorded, a separate online form will be available to provide that information once your regular 2022 statistics are submitted.

Up-to-date statistical information is essential for the Synod as it plans current and future ministry efforts. Such information is also critical for determining proper voting representation at conventions. Your LCMS District office is available to assist you during this process and to encourage full participation.

Online reporting is intended to help congregations honor their commitment as members of the Synod, as confirmed by the 2016 LCMS Convention in Bylaw 1.3.4.3:

1.3.4.3 Congregations of the Synod, to enable the Synod to plan current and future ministry efforts and to lend accuracy and integrity to the Synod's delegate representation and voting processes, agree to provide annual membership and statistical information to the Synod.

The lay leader list is used to send copies of the *REPORTER* and other LCMS ministry related mailings to congregation leaders. The *REPORTER* is sent, free of charge, to all Congregational Chairmen and Board of Elders Chairmen each month and will be sent to the other congregation leaders as funding permits. **Emails for lay leaders will be increasingly important as channels for critical convention communications.**

As you may also be aware, the LCMS is undertaking the *Set Apart to Serve* church work recruitment initiative, a comprehensive effort to encourage the youth of the LCMS to consider church work. You will soon receive information mailed to your congregation on how to submit updates to your youth.

The **deadline for congregation statistics, lay leaders and youth** is March 31, 2023, you may also review your congregation's profile, lay leader information and youth anytime throughout the year to make sure your contact information, service times, and other important data are current.

Thank you!
D. Scott Kostencki
Director – Rosters, Statistics and Research Services

Parish Nurse - "Non-Cardiac" Chest Pain

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Chest pain is concerning to the client and to the nurse, it does need immediate attention. In the community it usually means a call for assessment and assistance from Emergency Services. A full work-up is required at the hospital to rule out cardiac origin of chest pain. There are other causes of chest pain other than that of cardiac origin.

These include:

Gastrointestinal causes such as Gastroesophageal reflux disease, Esophageal spasm, or Biliary disease.
Musculoskeletal causes such as Intercostal muscle strain, Costochondritis Fibromyalgia.
Respiratory causes such as Pneumonia, Pleurisy, Pulmonary embolism, Pneumothorax.
Neurological causes such as Shingles.
Psychiatric causes such as Anxiety/panic attacks.
Emotional causes such as Grief.

For the client this is a very anxious time to go through a battery of invasive and non- invasive procedures. It is time consuming and adds a significant burden to the health system. It may happen that the patient presents in the emergency department several times. Chest pain cannot be ignored. It is important to exclude underlying cardiac conditions.

Of note is a short-lived cardiac condition called Takotsubo Syndrome or "Broken Heart Syndrome" it is most common in the first 3 to 6 months after the death of a spouse or other significant person in the patient's life, other significant emotional or physical trauma. This condition can be picked up on angiogram as the shape of the left ventricle changes. It usually resolves with medication and adherence to the recommended cardiac rehab program.

Panic attacks are a common disorder that may lead to chest pain. Panic attacks are not always acknowledged, recognized, or treated in the emergency department.

Walking alongside clients at this time builds trust as their symptoms are validated rather than pushed aside. Words of encouragement and affirmation of what is going on in the mind and body with an explanation of how the body responds to stress builds rapport with the client. As nurses we can encourage healthy living which includes a healthy diet, regular exercise, social support, spiritual guidance, psychological support, and adequate sleep. Nurses can work alongside the client and with their consent attend General Practitioner appointments and advocate for the client if needed.

Nurses working in the community have the advantage of building relationships over time with the client and the multidisciplinary team to improve physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual health.

LPNI Health Topic - January 2023 by Angela Uhrhane BHSc (nursing), Grad Dip Theology (FCN), RN, Community Nurse in Wodonga, Victoria Australia

Submitted by Ronda Anderson, IDE Parish Nurse, District Representative

LCMS - Set Apart to Serve

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When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:36-38

In response to Overture 1.01 of the 2018 Iowa District East—LCMS District Convention, a district task force has been commissioned to, within the Iowa District East, to aid efforts to recruit and retain church workers in the LCMS. The synod has also launched Set Apart to Serve, an initiative of the LCMS to recruit church workers. This IDE Task force met in May, September, and October of 2022 and has developed the following vision statement:

We pray for God, through the intentional efforts of faithful mentors and ministries, to raise up and sustain well-qualified Lutheran church workers who are full of the love of God and are supported in their physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual well-being so that they may joyfully serve Christ and His church in their lifelong professional and personal vocations.

In addition, three initial goals were established: 1) Congregations, schools, ministries, families, and individuals regularly pray the Lord would send workers into the harvest; 2) All church workers view themselves as mentors; and 3) Cultivate a culture of well-supported workers. Achieving these goals will happen over time, but beginning with the Professional Packet, we hope to provide resources aimed recruiting and retaining church workers, beginning with providing prayers to be included for use in Divine service, school assemblies, classrooms, staff meetings, or at home.

This month's prayers for worship, school, and home:

O Lord, by your good pleasure you call us from idleness to labor in Your vineyard. Grant wisdom and diligence to all workers in your church. According to your command, we earnestly pray you raise up more. Give us true men in the office of the holy ministry. Give us faithful teachers, DCE's, deaconesses, and all that is needful for faithful work in your kingdom. Support and encourage them in preaching Christ crucified, especially during times of persecution. Give them faith to never grumble in their noble task, but to receive their good wage from Your hand with a heart of joy. Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

For an increase in the Office of the Holy Ministry, that men who enter the Lord's vineyard would never grumble under the burden, but rather fulfill their ministry with a heart of joy, confident that preaching Christ crucified never returns void, let us pray to the Lord: ***Lord, have mercy.***

More on LCMS Set Apart to Serve here: lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve

Through *Set Apart to Serve*, the LCMS is intentionally working to identify, encourage and form future church workers for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ until His return. Visit *lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve* to learn more.

SET APART TO SERVE

LCMS CHURCH WORK RECRUITMENT

2023 IOWA PRAYER RALLY FOR LIFE | IOWA STATE CAPITOL

Mon, Feb 6 from 11AM - 2PM

Join the Movement | 11AM - 2PM | Rotunda

Stop by the Iowa Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders tables to find out how you can join the effort to save both babies and mothers in Iowa!

Learn to Lobby | 11AM - 12PM | Room 305

To lobby is to seek to influence a politician or public official on an issue. And your voice matters! Work with veteran lobbyists on how to effectively lobby at the State Capitol.

Prayer Rally for Life | 12PM - 1PM | Rotunda

Hear from Iowa's pro-life leaders on the latest efforts to save babies' lives, hear from and encourage legislators who are standing up to defend life, and join local clergy in powerful prayer.

> Invited Prayer Rally for Life Speakers: Governor Kim Reynolds, Senator Kevin Alons, Senator Mark Costello, Representative Luana Stoltenberg, and Rev. Dr. Jim Lamb - Lutheran Family Service Life Advocate.

Lobby Your Legislators | 1PM - 2PM

Encourage, pray for and work to influence your legislators to support pro-life legislation!

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OperationOutcry.org
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Lutherans Helping Lutherans

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) has served as the financial extension of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) since 1978, offering funding and resources in support of the church. Our investors make it possible for us to provide customized loans and support services to new and growing ministries as well as loans for Rostered Church Workers who dedicate their lives to sharing the Gospel.

This limited-time offer is available for Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod:

- **INDIVIDUALS**
- **CONGREGATIONS**
- **ORGANIZATIONS**

The choice is up to you. LCEF offers a variety of term notes from 1 to 5 years.

At the end of the term, the funds remain yours to re-invest or redeem. Interest is compounded quarterly (March, June, September and December).

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Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

February 2023

Summer Camp Registration Now Open

2023 Summer Camp Theme: Hear Our Prayer

Hear my prayer, O LORD; *give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!*
Psalm 143:1

Prayer. It's so simple that it has to be easy, right? We often close our eyes, bow our heads, fold our hands, and then speak to God. Sometimes, we have plenty to say and ask for. Other times, we may struggle to come up with the words to say. However, we might often wonder if our prayers are any good. Is God even listening? Are our problems too big or too little to trouble God with? On top of this, our sins plague us and, out of shame, we might think that God probably doesn't want to hear from us.

Thankfully, the Bible gives us real answers about what to pray for, especially in The Lord's Prayer. As we dig through Scripture, we'll answer the questions of when to pray, where to pray, how God answers prayer, and perhaps most importantly, what prayer teaches us about God and who He is. Jesus himself teaches us how and what to pray for. In our greatest joys and our deepest sorrows and despair, we learn that we have a God, Our Father in Heaven, who is eager to hear from us, His children. We learn that we have a God who provides for our needs and forgives us our sins. More than this, through a diet of God's Word, we understand and trust that our prayers are heard and answered by God, who gives us what's best for us in His time.

This summer, our campers will get to learn about prayer so that with all boldness and confidence they can say, "HEAR OUR PRAYER." We look forward to a fantastic and safe summer in 2023 as our campers learn about Christ as we study prayer at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca!

Registration is available at our website where you can select between online registration or downloading and mailing in a registration form with your deposit. Be sure to keep an eye out for summer camp brochures at your church or school, as well! If your family is new to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, Family's First Camper is a scholarship program that brings down the cost of campers coming from families who have never sent children to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, so be sure to claim that if applicable! Additional financial aid is available for those needing assistance, but be sure to have the camp scholarship application in by May 1, 2023.

As we gear up for summer, we're looking for all of the components that make a great camp experience, and that starts with summer staff! We need college-aged young adults to serve as Christian role models, teachers, activity leaders, and friends to the children that pass through our gates. For more information, head to our website at https://campiodiseca.org/summer-camp-3/staff/ for more information and to get started on completing an application.

Registrations have already started coming in, so be sure to get signed up for Camp today by heading over to our website at https://campiodiseca.org/summer-camp-3/registration/ . We look forward to seeing you on camp this summer!

3271 Sandy Beach Road NE, Solon, IA 52333

phone 319.848.4187 web www.campiodiseca.org email office@iodiseca.org

Camp Presentations

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

Important Dates

February 27
Discount Registration Deadline #1

April 29
IDE LHM Convention

May 1
Discount Registration Deadline #2

June 14
First Day of Summer Camp

July 22
I Believe in Camp Fundraiser Auction
60th Anniversary Celebration

August 1-4
Higher Things Confirmation Camp

October 13-14
IDE Confirmation Retreat

THRIVENT CHOICE

In 2022, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca received $10,921 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; Napkins; Paper Plates; 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.**

2023 Summer 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 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 Alec Deppe by emailing programdirector@iodiseca.org for more information or to receive an application.

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Lutheran
Family Service

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Proclaim God's Truth for Life!

It's official—2023 is the Year of Jubilee! Just as the 50th year was a grand year for God's people of Israel, January 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. Thanks be to God the Supreme Court overturned that ruling! Sound the trumpet!

Join fellow life advocates in celebrating and praying at the 2023 Prayer Rally for Life Feb. 6 in the Iowa Capitol Rotunda. Rev. Dr. Jim Lamb is the featured speaker at 12PM, and optional lobbying training provided at 11AM. No registration needed; hope to see you there!

The 2023 LCMS Pastors' Day on the Hill event is Feb. 23 at 9AM at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Urbandale and the Iowa Capitol. Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, and life advocates from Lutheran Family Service, will speak to God's truth for life and current legislative issues impacting Iowa.

Meet Iowa's LCMS legislators and State Treasurer, and other legislators to discuss life matters, uplift and pray with them. Encourage your Pastor to attend. God is good and the author of all life!

Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization

2023 ANNUAL REPORT (Year 2022)

Making Disciples for Life

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK 2023

The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization is the Student Tuition Organization (STO) created by Iowa District East and Iowa District West in 2007 as part of the Educational Opportunities Act passed by Iowa Legislature. ILSTO consists of 14 Lutheran schools located in Iowa providing a faith-based education to over 1,300 students each year. ILSTO awards tuition grants to eligible families while providing donors with an Iowa income tax credit certificate worth 75% of their gift.

$902,396.94

Total amount raised in 2022 was 85% of our goal for tax credits.

Please consider a gift today so families can attend a Lutheran School.

In 2021, ILSTO awarded $766,536 in tuition assistance

These funds were awarded to families for 2022-2023

School	Number of Recipients	Dollars	School	Number of Recipients	Dollars
IDW			IDE		
Boone	43	$28,570	Cedar Falls	78	$113,485
Clarinda	52	$76,929	Cedar Rapids	67	$87,839
Denison	52	$27,829	Davenport	137	$155,829
Fort Dodge	56	$45,420	Latimer	24	$21,429
Paullina	22	$15,195	Newhall	51	$70,336
Sioux City	16	$13,377	Readlyn	14	$3,644
Spencer	43	$67,902	Williamsburg	44	$38,752

Total Distributed $766,536

424
Number of families receiving ILSTO funds

699
Number of students receiving ILSTO funds

$1,097
Average $ awarded with ILSTO funds

$1,500,000
Total demonstrated need throughout ILSTO Lutheran Schools

2022-2023 Enrollment in ILSTO Lutheran Schools in Iowa	
Trinity Lutheran School *Boone, IA*	**95**
Valley Lutheran School *Cedar Falls, IA*	**118**
Trinity Lutheran School *Cedar Rapids, IA*	**190**
Clarinda Lutheran School *Clarinda, IA*	**80**
Trinity Lutheran School *Davenport, IA*	**279**
Zion Lutheran School *Denison, IA*	**76**
St Paul Lutheran School *Fort Dodge, IA*	**74**
St. Paul Lutheran School *Latimer, IA*	**31**
Central Lutheran School *Newhall, IA*	**116**
Zion St John Lutheran School *Paullina, IA*	**57**
Community Lutheran School *Readlyn, IA*	**29**
St. Paul Lutheran School *Sioux City, IA*	**32**
Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School *Spencer, IA*	**94**
Lutheran Interparish School *Williamsburg, IA*	**92**
TOTAL NUMBER OF ILSTO LUTHERAN STUDENTS	**1,363**

Other Ways to Give

RMD IRA Distribution

- For those 70 ½ or older or 72 depending on birthdate.
- Satisfy some or all of your required minimum distribution for the year.
- Make sure to consult your tax professional before you make your distribution.

Stock

- Donor or broker notifies the ILSTO program manager of their intent to donate stock.
- Donor or broker initiates transfer of the stock after obtaining ILSTO account information for transfer.
- ILSTO assumes ownership of the stock and sells it for market value.
- The donor receives an Iowa tax credit equal to 75% of the average value of the stock on the date of donation.
- Generally, the donor does not recognize the gain from the sale of the stock for federal or state income tax purposes.
- Donor receives appreciated stock value for the 25% federal itemized deduction and the 75% Iowa tax credit.

Grain

- A donor gifts bushels of grain by completing a "Transfer of Ownership" form available from the ILSTO.
- Program Manager will open an account with the elevator in anticipation of the grain donation.
- The farmer must deliver grain to the elevator or currently hold grain in their name to provide proof of production.
- Contracted grain sales will not be accepted as a grain donation.
- The farmer must transfer ownership title of the commodity to ILSTO.
- The ILSTO staff must make the final decision to sell the grain.
- The donor receives an Iowa tax credit equal to 75% of the value of the grain on the date of donation.
- The donor does not recognize the income from the sale of the grain while also receiving Iowa tax credit from this program
- Donors are encouraged to contact their tax accountant for further clarification.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

- ILSTO can now accept Choice Dollars from Thrivent Members
- No tax consequences

Donor Advised Fund

- ILSTO cannot accept contributions from donor advised funds.

TOTAL NUMBER OF DONORS IN 2022 **235**

Largest Gift: $125,000

Smallest Gift: $50

How much did donors donate in 2022?

$20,001+ = 4

$10,000 – $20,000 = 20

$5,000 – $9,999 = 20

$1,000 – $4,999 = 129

$500 – $999 = 23

Below $500 = 39

IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..."

Contributions for 2023 now accepted

Box 176
Terril, IA. 51364

DEWEY TORKELSON
PROGRAM MANAGER

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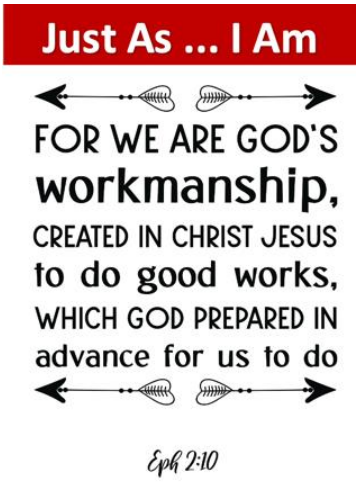

Lutherans For Life
2023 Iowa
Essay Contest

Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents

For Students in Grades 6 through 12

Any student in a Lutheran school or Lutheran congregation, e.g., confirmation class or youth group, when validated by a pastor or teacher, is eligible. Students may also enter through a Lutheran home school, when validated by their Lutheran pastor.

Contest Guidelines

Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme: **Just As ... I Am** with the Bible verse: ***"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10***

1. Not incorporating the theme and verse in the essay will disqualify the entry.

2. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are, but are not limited to abortion, the handicapped, adoption or foster care, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician assisted suicide or euthanasia etc.

3. Essays should include student's name, grade (school or church), and email address. All entries submitted by a teacher or pastor, should include their name and email address. This information should be submitted on the rubric page used in grading the essay.

4. All sources for references, statistics and quotes should be incorporated within the essay and then included in a bibliography at the end.

   Grades 6 - 8 should submit essays up to 400 words
   Grades 9 - 12 should submit essays up to 750 words

   Entries should be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word or Google Docs to LFLofIowa@gmail.com by April 1, 2023.

5. There will be a $100 first place award and $50 second place award for each of the two categories. The two first place category winners will advance to the national contest. Email LFLofIowa@gmail.com with any questions.

6. Grand prize for the national winning entries in each category if: $250 for first place plus free conference registration to the 2023 Lutherans For Life conference and one night stay at the conference hotel. $125 for the second-place winner.

7. All entries become the property of Lutherans For Life.

8. For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see lutheransforlife.org

Lutherans For Life

Rubric for Assessment of the Life Essay

(maximum of 21 points for each essay)

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ORGANIZATION Structure Transitions	Logical progression of ideas with a clear structure that enhances the thesis.Transitions are mature and graceful. The essay has a nice smooth flow between ideas.	Logical progression of ideas. Transitions are present equally throughout essay. The essay has a flow of ideas.	Organization is clear.Transitions are present in some places but may be missing in others. In places flow is interrupted or doesn't exist.	No discernable organization. Transitions are not present. Connections between ideas seem confusing or incomplete.
INTRODUCTION Background/History Thesis Statement **CONCLUSION**	Well-developed introduction engages the reader-creates interest. Contains detailed background information.Thesis clearly states a significant and compelling position or belief. Conclusion effectively wraps up & goes beyond restating the thesis.	Introduction creates interest. Sufficient background information is provided. Thesis clearly states the position or belief. Conclusion effectively summarizes topics.	Introduction adequately explains the background, but may lack detail. Thesis states the position or belief. Conclusion is recognizable and ties up almost all loose ends.	Background details are a random collection of information, unclear, or not related to the topic. Thesis is vague or unclear. Conclusion does not summarize main points.
MAIN POINTS Body Paragraphs, Bibliography	The main idea or thesis statement is clearly defined. There may be more than one key point. Appropriate relevant information and details are shared from a variety of sources including personal experiences, observations, feelings and prior knowledge. Supporting details are accurate, relevant, and helpful in clarifying the main idea(s). Statistics or research are used effectively. A simple bibliography givs the references for the resources used.	The main idea can be identified. The writer shares relevant information, facts and experiences. There is a clear distinction between general observations and specifics. Supporting details are relevant and explain the main idea. Research is evident and statistics are used. Missing information in bibliography.	The main idea can be identified. The writer shares some information, facts and experiences, but may express feelings without much to substantiate it. There may be problems going from general observations to specifics. Stronger support and greater attention to details would strengthen this paper. Statistics and research do little to help support the main idea. Incomplete bibliography.	More than one of the following problems may be evident: The main idea is not identifiable. The writer shares some information, but it is limited or unclear. Details are missing or repetitious. Statistics are missing. No bibliography.
FOCUS LFL Mission, Conference theme verse	The paper is in complete agreement with the mission of Lutherans for Life and focuses on the conference theme verse.	The paper is in agreement with the mission of Lutherans for Life and somewhat focuses on the conference theme verse.	The paper doesn't completely agree with the mission of Lutherans For Life and touches on the conference theme verse.	Little or no effort has been made to address the mission of Lutherans For Life and doesn't focus on the conference theme verse.
BIBLICAL ACCURACY	Several Biblical references give strong support for the main idea and are a natural part of the essay. Verses used are interpreted accurately. Citations are accurate.	Biblical references are used to support the main idea. Verses used are interpreted accurately. Citations are accurate.	There are places where a Biblical reference would have helped support the main idea. There are some problems with interpretation of the verses used. Citations are accurate.	Little effort is given to use Biblical references to support the main idea. Problems exist in the interpretation of the verses and their citations.
STYLE Writer's Voice, Audience Awareness	The paper is honest and enthusiastic. The language is natural yet thought-provoking. It brings the topic to life. The reader feels a strong sense of interaction with the writer and senses the person behind the words. Writing is smooth, skillful, and coherent. Sentences are strong and expressive with varied structure.	Writer's voice is consistent and strong. The writer is aware of an audience. The reader is informed and remains engaged. Sentences have varied structure.	Writer's voice may emerge strongly on occasion, then retreat behind general, vague, tentative, or abstract language. The writer is aware of an audience. The reader is informed, but must work at remaining engaged. Sentence structure shows some variety.	Writing is confusing, hard to follow. Language is vague. No audience awareness. No variety in sentence structure.
MECHANICS Spelling, punctuation, capitalization	Punctuation, spelling, capitalizations are correct. No errors.	Punctuation, spelling, capitalizations are generally correct, with few errors. (1-2)	A few errors in punctuation, spelling, capitalization. (3-4	Distracting errors in punctuation, spelling, capitalization

	POINTS
ORGANIZATION	
INTRODUCTION/CONCLUSION	
MAIN POINTS	
FOCUS	
BIBLICAL ACCURACY	
STYLE	
MECHANICS	
TOTAL POINTS	

Students Name _____

Church/School _____ Grade _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Student Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Teacher/Pastor _____ Email _____

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GUEST SPEAKER
Jeff Craig-Meyer
LHM Senior VP, Chief Strategy Officer

SATURDAY
April 29, 2023

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
3271 Sandy Beach Road NE
Solon, IA 52333

9:00 a.m.	**Doors Open**
10:00 a.m.	**Convention Begins**
4:00 p.m.	**Convention concludes**

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

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Ministry Update on LHM's International Internship Program

Martha Hartwig, Iowa District East LWML President

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FEE: **$15.00 per person by April 22** *($18.00 at the door)*

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO: Dick Hoelz, 3519 Heatheridge Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

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REGISTRATION FORM
2023 IOWA DISTRICT EAST LLL CONVENTION

*Registration deadline **April 22***
*Make check payable to **IDE LLL***

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Number of Attendees: _____ at $15 each **Total Enclosed:** _____

Submissions for the next edition of the Professional Workers' Packet are due **February 23.**

Please email articles, photos and announcements to
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