



PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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President's Piece for Peace

March 23

Each month a group of clergy and laymen gather for a study in the Lutheran Confessions. I am so glad to see both of these vocations studying together. As I have said in the past, the Book of Concord is a book for the Church, not just for clergy. Every page has golden nuggets and treasures we can grow from and live by.

Last month we read through and discussed article 2 in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession. It was quite timely for the season of Lent we are embarking upon. The article covers the biblical doctrine of original sin. Lent is a season given us by the Church Year so that we take a good and honest look at ourselves, our condition, and recognize we who have come from dust will because of sin return to dust. It is a time and season of repentance; thus, the color purple adorns our altars, pulpits, and vestments.

Taking a good look into the mirror that reflects with honesty is a difficult thing to do. It is easy to recognize that which we abhor in others. It is another thing to apply that same identity to us. That is one of the frustrating things about the Law of God. It is always right. It never lies and it never fails to reveal the truth. To admit that and apply that to our very being is not the most gratifying part of our lives.

Yet, article 2 of the Apology tells us that self-recognition is a must. In fact, it is so bold as to say unless we look with receptive eyes into the mirror of the Law that condemns us, there is no recognition of a Savior from the dark depth of death. Here are a couple quotes from Apology 2:

"Recognition of original sin is a necessity, nor can we know the magnitude of the grace of Christ unless we acknowledge our faults...Blasphemy and wicked doctrines fill the world, and by these bonds the devil has enthralled those who are wise and righteous in the eyes of the world. In others, even grosser vices appear. Christ was given to us to bear both sin and penalty and to destroy the rule of the devil, sin, and death; so we cannot know his blessings unless we recognize our evil."

The Reformers make it very clear that original sin is not the end of our problem. Even though baptism has raised us to a new life in Christ by instilling the Holy Spirit who creates faith in Jesus, we still retain an Old Adam that despises the Word of God and rebels against the Holy Spirit. That is why Lent is such an important season in the Church Year. It reminds us of the need to daily repent and look outside of ourselves for help, forgiveness, and salvation.

Praise be to God we have the source of hope and life. Lent always leads us to the Cross of Jesus. There, on that holy hill, Jesus took our sins upon Himself that He could make full atonement for all of them. In Him we have relief, redemption, and resurrection. May each and every worship service in this Lenten Season lead us to recognize our deep need for a savior. Then lead us to the Cross of Calvary where Our Savior appeased the Father on our behalf.

In this we rejoice. In this we gladly look into the baptismal waters, hear the holy absolution, and look onto the bread and wine. As we do we see Christ Jesus our Lord. He brings to what covers us, forgives us, and grants us the promise of everlasting life. God be with you all.

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders
District President

Calendar of Events

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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
- 29 IDE LHM/LLL Convention Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

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 2.27.28

Calling Congregations

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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:	Michael Holmen, Oelwein/Independence	St. Paul - Fairmont, MN
	David Weber, Manchester	St. Matthew - Warrens, WI
Pending:	Jeremy Freeman, Sedalia, MO	Zion, Hiawatha
	Christopher Navurskis, Huron, SD	King of Kings, Cedar Rapids
	Jonathan Crawford, St. Paul, Dubuque	Sevierville, TN
Declined:	Caleb Schewe, Monticello	Immanuel, Charlotte

Commissioned Calls

	Park View Lutheran, Eldridge - DCE Search
Accepted:	Henry Pahlkotter, Saginaw, MI to Valley Lutheran School, Cedar Falls - Exec. Director
Pending:	
Declined:	Ally Getka, Central LS Newhall to Mt. Olive LS, Milwaukee, WI

Directory Updates

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PG #	RECORD	ACTION	INFORMATION
26	Gallo, Stephen	Add	Transfer from TX. Stephen Gallo (Gretchen) 543 33rd Ave N, Clinton 52732; 682-202-1751; sfgallo@yahoo.com

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

Who Packs Your Parachute?

March 23

"But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things, I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, a righteousness that comes from God and is by faith." -Philippians 3:7-9

This is the true story of Charlie Plumb. "Charlie grew up as farm kid from Kansas with dreams of becoming a pilot. After graduating from the Naval Academy and completing his training, he became a part of the program which is now known as 'TOP GUN'.

During the course of his career he flew 74 successful combat missions over North Vietnam.

Charlie was 5 days away from the end of his tour when he took off on his 75th mission...it didn't go as planned.

He was shot down somewhere over Hanoi and was taken prisoner and tortured. He spent the next 2,103 days of his life (around 6 years) in a cell that measured 8 feet x 8 feet.

Charlie survived and continued flying for a few more years before retiring."

Five days away from the end of his tour. Set apart from the rest of the world for almost six years. 2,103 days in confinement. Prisoner in a Communist camp. Tortured. Feelings of fear, loneliness, failure, and breakdown of communication. Maybe the only piece of good news was that he wasn't alone. There were other prisoners in the camp. One of the other articles I read about Charlie said that he was able to distinguish himself as a pro in underground communications. He was also a great inspiration to all the other POWs and served as a chaplain for two years.

There is another account in Scripture of a man who was set apart. This man, Saul, "*began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison.*" (Acts 8:3) In Philippians 3 we read where this man Saul, now named Paul, believed he was set apart to persecute the Christians. Set apart to persecute Christians. Let that sink in a minute or two.

But God had other plans for Saul. On his ride to Damascus to take more men and women prisoners a light from heaven flashed around him and he fell to the ground. Jesus speaks to him and asks, "*Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? I'm Jesus whom you are persecuting. Get up and go to Damascus, wait there, and I'll tell you what I want you to do.*" (Acts 10:4,5) So Saul is led, speechless and blind, to the house of Judas on Straight Street where he spends the next three days in confinement. Blind. Not eating. Reluctantly, Ananias, under instructions from the Lord, goes to Saul, the man whom God has set apart to be his "*chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel.*" (Act 10:15). The Holy Spirit comes to Saul and the scales fall from his eyes and he was baptized. And thus, Saul, now called Paul, begins his work of being set apart to share the Gospel with the world.

In regard to Paul's former life of being confident in his own strength, his lineage, and learning, he had everything going for him. In today's world, he might be considered a number one draft pick, the Des Moines Register's number one best seller, a box office blockbuster. But see what Paul says in Philippians 3: 7-9: "*But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things, I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, a righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.*"

Does this make any kind of sense to you? Who would say that after having all the right breaks in life, being in the right place at the right time could ever be rubbish, even loss? Was Paul out of his mind or does he know something we don't know?

Who Packs Your Parachute?

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Let's circle back to Charlie and hear about something that happened to him after his release. "One day he and his wife were sitting at a restaurant and a man from another table came over and said, 'You're Plumb! You flew a jet fighter in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!'

'How in the world did you know that?' asked Plumb.

'I packed your parachute,' the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, 'I guess it worked!'

Plumb assured him, 'It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today!'¹

Paul wasn't out of his mind. You and I know that. Jesus showed him something that is eternal, something he could never attain with his own strength, good looks, or lineage. None of these advantages are anything compared to the gift of knowing Jesus the risen Savior. In a way, Jesus is Paul's parachute. Jesus brings a life of forgiveness, restoration, and hope that lasts forever.



What about you? Did you ever stop to contemplate that you may be exactly where God needs you to be right now? You may not feel like it sometimes. Maybe you feel "out of your mind" in the situation, personally or professionally or both! You question your effectiveness, your worth. Maybe, just maybe God wants you there so you can accomplish His purpose in this place. No maybes about it. You are set apart to serve in this place and at this time. He's provided the parachute of His forgiveness, restoration, and hope that lasts forever – for YOU!

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: Exercise Can Lessen Risk for Certain Cancers

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A new study suggests that just a few hours each week of moderate exercise may reduce your risk of cancer. The study, published in the journal Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise reported that if Americans were to get the recommended five hours per week of moderate-intensity physical activity, more than 46,000 cancer cases could be prevented in the United States each year.

The researchers concluded that about 17% of stomach cancers, 12% of endometrial cancers, 11% of kidney cancers, 9% of colon cancers, 8% of esophageal cancers, 7% of breast cancers and 4% of urinary bladder cancers were associated with lack of exercise.

Adair K. Minihan, an associate scientist at the American Cancer Society who led the study was quick to point out that the study was not meant "to shame people for not exercising." There are many factors that go into who ultimately develops cancer. Being inactive is one of those factors. She also stressed that exercise is not a guarantee — many active people still develop cancer.

Because walking is one of the factors that most people have within their control, the report is meant to be an encouragement to find a way to fit in 45 minutes of walking each day to try and lessen the risk of developing cancer. That 45 minutes doesn't have to be all at once, but can be divided up throughout the day.

Source: American Cancer Society

Submitted by Ronda Anderson, IDE Parish Nurse, District Representative

The Annunciation of our Lord: The Great Pro-Life Holiday

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March 25th is exactly 9 months before Christmas Day on December 25th. We celebrate the incarnation of Jesus Christ, not for the first time at His birth, but at His conception in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the Word of the Holy Spirit spoken through the angel Gabriel. Martin Luther gives us a good example of how to preach and teach the forgiveness of all our sins through faith in Jesus Christ, Who was conceived, born, suffered, died, was buried, and rose again from the dead for us.

In his lectures on Genesis, Luther so clearly affirms God's gift of human life in the womb from the moment of conception when he refers to Isaac as a fetus. Luther wrote: "*The Virgin Mary carried Christ in this manner up to the tenth month; and during the entire time He, like other embryos, received nourishment from the drops of blood of His mother, who was sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*" (AE 3:206) Without needing a biology degree, or modern technology, or a high enough pay grade to speak on the matter, Luther asserts, from God's Word: "*We are certainly alive even during the first year, when the fetus is carried in the mother's womb.*" (AE 5:75)

Luther clearly condemns the sin of Onan, a sin which is often viewed as a right and privilege in our culture today: "*This is a most disgraceful sin. It is far more atrocious than incest and adultery...Surely at such a time the order of creation established by God in procreation should be followed.*" (AE 7:20-21) Let us preach God's Law against despising children as Luther did: "*He [God] is not hostile to children, as we are. Many of us do not seek to have offspring. But God emphasizes His Word to such an extent that He sometimes gives offspring even to those who do not desire it, yes, even hate it. Occasionally, of course, He does not give it to some who earnestly desire it. It is His purpose to test them. And, what is more, He seems to emphasize procreation to such an extent that children are born even to adulterers and fornicators contrary to their wish. How great, therefore, the wickedness of human nature is! How many girls there are who prevent conception and kill and expel tender fetuses, although procreation is the work of God! Indeed, some spouses who marry and live together in a respectable manner have various ends in mind, but rarely children.*" (AE 4:304)



Luther clearly outlines God's Scriptural requirements for men, especially husbands and fathers: "*We men are born not to harm but to defend the weaker sex. For a woman has a body created for pregnancy, for the nourishment of the fetus, and she is exposed to many dangers. Therefore she must be treated with wisdom and moderation.*" (AE 5:382) Let us also preach the Gospel with great joy at the Festival of Christ's Annunciation, where He first entered our world in the flesh for our salvation. Here's an example of how to do so from Luther's Postil on the Annunciation of our Lord, which we celebrate on or around March 25th (9 months before Christmas!): "*Even though He is a tiny fetus, at that moment He is both God and man in Mary's womb, an infant, and Mary is the mother of God.*" "*That is why He is called Immanuel, God with us...This is the grace which we celebrate today, thanking God that He has cleansed our sinful conception and birth through His holy conception and birth, and removed the curse from us and blessed us.*" (The Complete Sermons of Martin Luther, Vol. 7:290, 293)

Pastor Alex Post, Iowa District East Life Coordinator
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Marshalltown IA

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:

*As Adam and Eve were overcome by a tree in the Garden of Eden, in the same way Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, overcame the devil by the tree of His Cross. Grant, we implore you, Father in heaven, to raise up and call faithful pastors into the harvest field of your Church so that they might proclaim this very message of salvation for all mankind. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*Lord Jesus Christ, as Adam and Eve were overcome by a tree in the Garden of Eden, in the same way, You overcame the devil by the tree of Your Cross. Raise up and call faithful pastors into the harvest field of Your Church, that their preaching would point all to Your cross and passion; your precious death and burial; your glorious resurrection and ascension; and to the coming of Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter. 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





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February 28, 2023

Dear Congregations of Iowa District East,

Iowa District East has entered a Ministry Alliance with *Alliance Defending Freedom*, the world's largest legal organization committed to protecting religious freedom, free speech, the sanctity of life, parental rights, and God's design for marriage and family. This alliance gives congregations and ministries of our district the opportunity to receive legal protection at a discounted rate.

A Church Alliance membership provides several benefits including a review of governing documents from a religious freedom perspective, access to attorneys when legal questions arise, legal resources, and *pro bono* representation in the event that your ministry faces a legal threat. The pricing for the church is based on average weekly attendance. Using the promo code **LCMS20** will give your congregation a 20% discount on your membership.

If your congregation has a school and both are under the same tax ID and 501c3 license, you will join with one application for the ADF Ministry Alliance. You will combine the revenue for the church and school for the correct pricing. Using the promo code **LCMSMA** will give you a 20% discount on your Ministry Alliance membership. On a church/school combination (under the same tax ID number), when the school completes the application for the Ministry Alliance, there will be a question on the application if they also have a church and they should check "YES". You will join separately if your church and school are under different tax IDs.

Christian ministries continue to be targeted for their beliefs about the sanctity of life, marriage, and the family. We encourage you to discuss these matters with the leaders of your church or school, and consider applying for a membership that protects your right to minister and teach according to biblical principles.

For more information, please visit www.adflegal.org or call 833-233-2559.

In His Service,

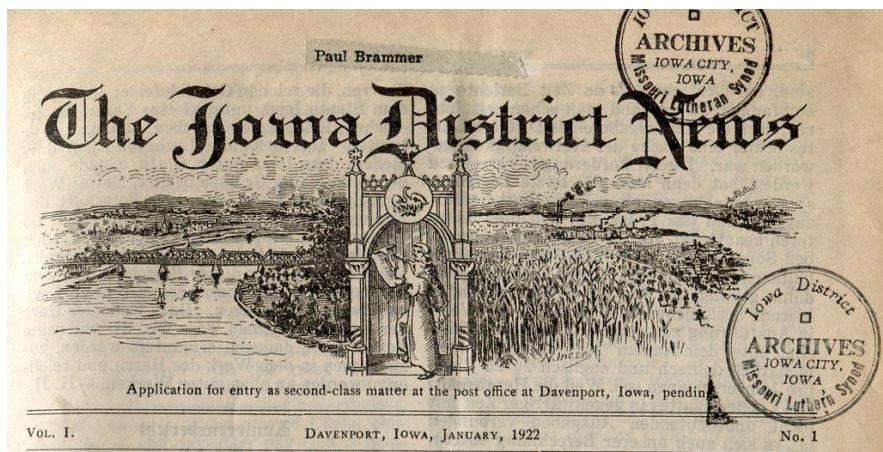
Rev. Peter Hoft
Secretary of the IDE

I D E A R C H I V E S

100 Years ago

M A R C H

Assuming that our Church Workers might have some interest in what was taking place in the district 100 years ago, I want to start a monthly gleaning of information noted in an old district newspaper *The Iowa District News*, started in January of 1922 and issued until it gave way to the *Lutheran Witness—IDE Edition* in 1935, a supplement inserted into *The Lutheran Witness* available to every household of congregation members. Which, in turn, was featured as a supplement insert until 1988. The plan is to glean headlines from each monthly issue of *The Iowa District News*. If someone has a special interest in the whole text of a specific article mentioned, that person can contact the archivist and a copy will be made and sent. We begin this series in March, 2023, with what the newspaper had to say about its origin and purpose. The article was written in German, but has been translated by your archivist.



The Iowa District News

Under the above title, this paper comes before you, dear Christians of the Iowa District, with a request for a friendly welcome, and wishes that you would give it a place next to its elder brothers, the *Lutheraner* and the *Lutheran Witness*, and give it a little hearing of what it wants to recommend to you.

This new church magazine does not come to you on its own, but the last District Synod launched it and sends it to every family within our Iowa District congregations. On the occasion of its last meeting, the latter had received a petition from a pastoral conference in which it was said, among other things: "Since information, knowledge, familiarity with the affairs of our Church, combined with evangelical encouragement and presentation of the same, is the secret of an active interest and zealous participation in the promotion of these matters among pastors and laity;

"Since such information about the special work of our district can only appear sparsely in our general synodical papers;

"Since our work extends over a widespread district, in which the communities as such are strangers to each other, and the individual areas of work remain unknown to the more distant communities in terms of success or failure; and

"As the various branches of our work continue to increase, the general work of our district, the visitation districts, the school committee, the school superintendent, the Walther League, the Children's Friends Mission, the Hospital Mission, the Lutheran Laymen's League, but we and our congregations not only like to read detailed reports of this work, but are also entitled to be kept informed about it, To stay interested and become more interested:

"So we recommend to a Venerable Synod that a district newspaper be published in German and English, and so forth." —

In considering this petition it was immediately explained that the publication of this district paper was not intended to displace the *Lutheraner* and the *Lutheran Witness*, but rather to assist these two main synodical papers, which should be read by every family in our synod, in the task assigned to them. The *Iowa District News* should therefore also try to emphasize the important business of the General Synod, in which we members of the Iowa District have a great interest and always take an intimate approach. But its real area, in which it should work primarily, is the Iowa District of the Missouri Synod, and what it should first report on is the work which is incumbent on us as members of the Christian Church to do in this district. Because now about this particular work of the Iowa District, which has increased under God's blessing from year to year, only sparse information can appear in the above-mentioned papers of the General Synod, and yet it is desirable that our dear Christians should be kept informed of their progress and needs, and should also be reminded at times, on what part of the field of the Church they should direct their special attention and diligence; Our dear members of the congregation would not only like to be informed about the work assigned to their officials, but were also entitled to receive reports about it from time to time, so it had been felt for years that the publication of a District paper had become almost a matter of necessity. In order to meet these demands, the last District Synod decided to publish such a paper and instructed the Presidium and the Visitors to take care of its appearance. In a meeting held, they agreed to implement the resolutions adopted by the Synod in such a way that this paper would appear under the name *Iowa District News* monthly German and English at 25 cents per year. Because the publication of a new paper is at present time connected with not insignificant expenses, it also eluded our calculation whether in the first year all expenses connected therewith would be covered by a sufficient number of subscribers, it was thought that at the great low tide in all synodical coffers the responsibility should not be allowed to publish a German and English edition monthly. However, if the venture is a success, the next District Synod may make other provisions.

If this district paper is to fulfill the purpose for which it was established, not only must the various officials, commissions and authorities chosen by the Synod from time to time keep our dear Christians informed of the status and needs of the work under their command, but all the members of our congregations should also read it diligently and attentively. so that they may become quite familiar with all our synodical work. But then let us all interlock with each other, like the wheels on a great machine, and seek together, in God's name and through his assistance, promote the Lord's work uniformly according to his pleasure.

But the Lord, who has called us to build his kingdom, for which this paper also wants to serve as a small handy-man, promote this his work among us for his name's sake.

President Theo. Wolfram

Rev. Allen E. Konrad—IDE Archivist

4% ONE-YEAR FIXED-RATE TERM NOTE

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.

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Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



February 2023

Summer Camp 2023: STAFF NEEDED

Registrations for the 2023 summer camp season have been pouring in! We're on pace for another great year, but in order to make sure our campers can be accommodated, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca needs summer staff, especially camp counselors. Last year, 50 campers remained on waiting lists unable to make it into camp due to too few staff. **We anticipate needing up to 10 more counselors to accommodate the amount of campers getting registered! PLEASE HELP!!!!**

Who are we looking for? **We're primarily looking for LC-MS college-aged young adults over the age of 18 to serve as counselors in overnight and day camp settings.** Working on a camp summer staff is a fantastic professional growth opportunity for anyone, not just people who might be considering church-work. Young people today need Christian role models in their lives, and year after year our summer staff provide our campers with summer camp experience filled with safety, fun, friendship, adventure, and Christian learning,

If you're wondering if whether or not you or someone you know is camp staff material, don't! We'll train you in all you need to know for leading campers in a rewarding work environment. Just look at what some of our evaluations have said about our camp staff.

*"Thank you for the Christian examples you all are to our children!
The staff are awesome and fun loving."*

"Our counselor greeted them enthusiastically and started getting to know them right away!"

"The counselors have always been a hit with the kids."

*"The staff are wonderful, very hands on and engaged with the kids!
Their enthusiasm was appreciated."*

"Counselors/Program Staff definitely acted like they loved what they were doing and were happy to be there."

"Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is the best because the counselors are Christian role models with servant hearts. We know they are there because they love kids and love to share Jesus with them."



To get started with the application process, head over to www.nloma.org and complete a summer service profile. Be sure to list Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca as your first-choice camp! You can also speak with Alec Deppe by calling 319-848-4187 or by emailing programdirector@iodiseca.org. We look forward to assembling a great team for 2023!

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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

April 29
IDE LHM Convention

May 1
Discount Registration Deadline #2

May 6
Spring Cleanup

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.

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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

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| 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

**CONTACT
INFORMATION:** Allen Schmid, IDE LLL District President • 563-249-3039 • allenschmid@hotmail.com
Dick Hoelz, IDE LLL Treasurer • 319-363-1214 • rahoelz@imonmail.com

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: _____

2023 Spring Workers' Conference

Old Ways, Fresh Insights:

Lutheran Preaching According to Old Missouri

May 1-2 @ Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, Solon

Registration

Registration and Check-In begin at 12:00 PM on Monday, May 1.

Cost is \$50 (Emeriti and wives \$25)

Register online at <https://lcmside.org/springconference/>, or fill out a paper registration form and return to the district office with a check. Mail to: Iowa District East LCMS, 1100 Blairs Ferry Rd, Marion IA 52302-3093.

Housing

A housing package is available at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca for an additional \$28 which includes breakfast. **Rooms have been reserved at a nearby hotel for \$99, but reservations must be made by April 2 in order to secure the \$99 rate.**

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8910 6th St. SW
CEDAR RAPIDS IA 52404
319-632-1800

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz

Trinity Lutheran Church - Denver, CO

Old Ways, Fresh Insights: Lutheran Preaching According to Old Missouri

A new look at the homiletical teachings and practices of Reinhold Pieper, the chief homiletician of the early Missouri Synod, as well as his contemporaries, so that we can preach better for our own people today

Rev. Dr. Adam C. Koontz is pastor and evangelist of Trinity Lutheran Church, Denver, CO. He has pastored and planted congregations in Pennsylvania, and taught New Testament at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He and his wife, Jen, have eight children and live in Lakewood, CO.



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THE IOWA THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM:

The Christian(Church)
in a Technological Age

May 24-26, 2023

May 24: Preaching Workshop

"Plundering the Egyptians: Putting the Canons of Classical Rhetoric to Work in Preaching"

May 25-26: Theological Symposium

"The Christian Church in a Technological Age"

Registration Cost:

(Lay People Welcome)

Full Symposium and Preaching Workshop
with 2 Nights of Lodging/Meals **\$85**

Symposium with Lodging/Meals **\$65**

Symposium without Lodging **\$35**

REGISTER HERE

Location:

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Daniel Sanchez: director@iodiseca.org

Questions?

Contact Rev. Sam Beltz: 870-476-0028

PLENARY PRESENTERS

DR. ZACHARY FARREL
THE RISE OF SCIENTISM
AGAINST SCIENCE

REV. DR. GREGORY SCHULZ
THE DISPUTATION OPTION:
AN ARGUMENT FOR ARGUING
LIKE A MEDIEVAL

REV. DR. JOEL OKAMOTO
HOW CHRISTIANS CAN LIVE
BETTER WITH TECHNOLOGY

SECTIONAL PRESENTATIONS TBA

Submissions for the next edition of the Professional Workers' Packet are due
March 27.

Please email articles, photos and announcements to
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The Professional Packet is Iowa District East's monthly newsletter sharing updates on vacancies, upcoming events, and district news.