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Iowa District East—LCMS

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A short time ago Karen and I were shopping at Sam's Club. When in that establishment one can see a variety of outfits worn by the patrons. The majority are simply shopping attire suitable for the seasonal weather. Others are accustomed to a particular taste, not like mine but to each his own, I guess. What I find most interesting are the shirts with quippy sayings. Most of them quite funny, some are even religious.

It is the religious one I saw most recent I thought about for a little bit. It said on it, "Jesus thinks I am just to die for." At first it sounds good, maybe. Then I began to ask myself what I always ask myself when it comes to catchy phrases. Is this a statement from the theology of the cross or the theology of glory? Since this shirt talked about Jesus dying, it must be from the theology of the cross. Right? Maybe not.

If you think about the phrase as it is used in our culture like, "That ice cream is just to die for," or "try those potato chips, they are just to die for," what is being said is that the item is so good that you ought to be willing to die for them. Is that really Jesus' reason for dying for us? Does He think the person wearing the shirt that day is so special and so wonderful that He just must die for them?

I think not. According to St. Paul we are lost and condemned sinners of which he is the worst. According to Luther we are worse than a rock. At least when God approaches a rock it stays where it is. When He approaches us with His Word, like Adam and Eve, we run away and do our own things contrary to Him. There is nothing in us that is prize-worthy in the eyes of God the Father. We are conceived, born, and live as sinners before God and the world. We are not "just to die for."

In fact, *that* is that very reason Jesus did die for us. Not because we are "just to die for" but because, "His death was necessary to make us just before His Father." When Jesus carried out the plan of salvation, it included the necessity of He becoming sin for us. As His Father looked at Him, He saw our unworthiness, our sin, our transgressions. The wages of which is death. Jesus' death was for us so that we might become the righteousness of God. The robe of His righteousness was wrapped around you when the precious waters of baptism enveloped you with His grace. Sins forgiven, faith created, hope assured. All because Jesus died for you and rose in victory over the malady of our lives and in defeat of the Enemy.

So, what would the proper saying on the shirt say? If biblically correct, if it wanted to express the theology of the cross, it would say "Jesus knows He needed to die for me." A good question to ask when it comes to quippy sayings: Is that expressing the theology of glory or the theology of the cross? The Scriptures express the theology of the cross. Thank God they do.

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders
District President

Calendar of Events

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September

8-9	LWML Fall Retreat	Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
19	Administrative Assistants' Conference	Manning, IA

October

9-10	Fall Pastors' Conference	Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
13-14	Confirmation Retreat	Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
19-20	Iowa Lutheran Teachers Conference	West Des Moines
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November

3-4	IDE Pastors' Wives Retreat	Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
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Vacancy Updates

As of 8.28.23

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Calling Congregations

Bettendorf, Our Savior - Associate

Homestead, St. John;
Wellman, Good Shepherd

Independence, Our Redeemer
Oelwein, Peace

Keystone, St. John

Manchester, Our Savior

Marion, St. Paul - Associate

Newton, Our Savior

Osage, Trinity

Swisher, King of Glory

Williamsburg, St. Paul

Gary Sears (Vacancy Pastor)

Thomas Van Hemert (Vacancy Pastor)

David Hasselbrook (Vacancy Pastor)

David Lingard (Vacancy Pastor)

Caleb Schewe (Vacancy Pastor)

Joel Picard (Vacancy Pastor)

Byron Northwick (Vacancy Pastor)

Brad Brown (Vacancy Pastor)

Stuart Rethwisch (Vacancy Pastor)

Pastor Calls

Accepted: Lloyd Redhage, Britton, SD

Jay Weideman, Anamosa

Immanuel, Charlotte

Our Redeemer, Independence/Peace, Oelwein

Pending: Mark Resner, Whittemore, IA

St. John, Keystone

Declined: Sam Beltz, St. John, Oskaloosa

Jacob Swenson, Fairbank/Jesup

Immanuel, Macomb, IL

St. John's, Louisville, IL

Commissioned Calls

Park View Lutheran, Eldridge - DCE Search

Accepted: Julie Wall, Eldridge - Candidate Status to Trinity LS, Davenport

Robyn Gray, Davenport - Candidate Status to Trinity LS, Davenport

Pending:

Declined:

Directory Updates

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The 2023-2024 Fall Directory is in development and will be distributed at the Fall Pastors' Conference. If you are unable to attend the Fall Pastors' Conference, your directory(ies) will be available for you to pick up at your following circuit meeting. **Please review your current directory information and send any updates to:**

pam@lcmside.org

Three Strikes And You're Out?

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²¹ Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." ²³ But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." ²⁴ But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" ²⁶ But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." ²⁷ And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. - Matthew 15:21-28 NKJV



As you remember from last month, the theme for the 2023-2024 school year is "Connections". I'm going to use the Canaanite woman's connection to Jesus for this article, taken from Week 1 of "Chapel Talks for Lutheran Schools". Our connection to Jesus is given to us as a free gift to all believers in Christ, no matter our sex, our race, or our station in life. Our relationship with Christ isn't like a game of baseball where you get three strikes and you're out. We may experience times of strikes - of trials and disappointments like the Canaanite woman in our passage above because of the sinful selves and world we live in. Jesus overcame sin so we could have forgiveness full and free. He can and does use these times to strengthen our faith and our connection to Him. We thank Him for this example of faith of the Canaanite woman.

In Matthew's account of "The Faith of the Canaanite Woman" we see Jesus entering the area of Tyre and Sidon, known in the day as pagan territory, to get away from the Pharisees, religious leaders, and the crowds. No matter where He went crowds followed Him and people who were desperate to see Him sought Him out, no matter where He was. And so it was that a woman (strike #1 in those days), who was a Canaanite (strike #2) woman sought out Jesus because her daughter was suffering terribly from demon possession (strike #3). She sought out Jesus to heal her daughter knowing full well that she had three strikes on her even before she could speak a word.

If this were a game of baseball she'd be heading back home because she was out. But Jesus has a plan to connect Himself with her. You see, for Him, it's not about strikes. In the worldly eyes of the disciples, and it would have been the same for us, she was an annoyance and should have been out right then and there and sent home. Instead, Jesus has a greater plan and He is on a mission. He's going to show us and His disciples the power of faith in this despicable person who was willing to risk it all so that the manifestation of His love in action that gets our attention so that we might see what the power of faith can do in our lives, too.

Somehow this Canaanite mother knew that Jesus was close by and had heard of His miracles, His compassion, and grace. She knew He could heal her daughter. As she gets closer to Him she cries out for Him to have mercy on her. (Remember, you only get three strikes in baseball, right?) Could it get any worse? Strike #4 – Jesus doesn't answer her. Strike #5 – the disciples tell Jesus to send her away because she is annoying.

For this Canaanite mom, the strikes seem to keep piling up. Could it get any worse? Strike #4 - Jesus doesn't answer her. #5 - The disciples tell Jesus to send her away. Strike #6 - Jesus' reply to her is that He didn't come for "your" kind of people. In other words, you're not good enough for me. Shocking! But no, it's not a strike #6 at all. Confusing as it may sound Jesus is not ridiculing her. He is actually strengthening her faith, and doing it publicly for all to see. He was there to help her but also to demonstrate He was there as the Savior for everyone regardless of one's sex or race or other station in life.

Time for another lesson in persistent faith. (Note: I just get overwhelmed sometimes when I read how Jesus uses all kinds of people and circumstances to help teach me a lesson about connection. Do you?) Jesus knew this mom would

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pass this little test. Instead of running away this believing woman was not leaving. Jesus' next response – could it be strike #7 (but who's counting?) – He just called the desperate lady a dog, and then implied He wasn't going to help her. How would that make you feel? What would you have done? What do you think the disciples thought? (Maybe a slight grin on their faces because Jesus finally put this lady in her place.) What happens next is remarkable as the woman confesses "Yes, Lord, and not for a moment would I suggest You deprive Your children of anything which is their right. Even so, I stake my claim on the crumbs which fall from my Master's table." And having said this she waited to see what crumbs she might receive. Request granted. The Savior commends her for her great faith and her daughter is healed! Bases loaded homerun!

It would be very easy to dwell on the suffering this Canaanite woman endured and suffered and lose focus on the connection Christ has made for us by winning salvation for us. Sometimes it seems the strikes keep coming one right after the other. At other times, in our arrogance we think we deserve God's blessings based on our good behavior, that we attend or teach in a Lutheran school, because of my family, or many other kinds of criteria. There's plenty of evidence that indicates we aren't the human beings God created us to be, and this world isn't what God intended. That's a truth that we don't want to hear and that's why Jesus' response to woman cuts deep.

But take heart! Hear this Good News! Our connection to Jesus isn't based on what we do or who we are. He chose you and me to be His children regardless of what Satan, the world, and our flesh tell us. St. Paul tells us in Ephesians 1:4 *"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight."* Salvation can't be earned and it can't be bought or bargained for. His death and resurrection covered all of our strikes of sin. You see, true faith, such as our Canaanite mom won't stop or go away as long we are connected to Him. Even if you get called a dog. There is no greater gift than to be told by Jesus "great is your faith and your request is granted". Praise God for this connection! God grant we also have a great faith that praises Jesus, our Savior and Lord!

Jan Doellinger

Assistant to the President, Schools

Parish Nurse - A Little Goes A Long Way

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Here's good news if you struggle to find time to exercise: Compared to being sedentary, just 11 minutes of exercise each day can reduce your risk of early death and help prevent heart disease, stroke, and some cancers.

That's the finding from a recent study published by the British Journal of Sports Medicine that looked at data from 196 published articles to show the health impact of exercise. Compared to a sedentary lifestyle, those exercising 11 minutes per day were 17% less likely to develop cardiovascular disease and 7% less likely to develop cancer.

The news gets even better for those who exercise for 30 minutes each day: a 27% lower risk of cardiovascular disease and a 12% lower risk of developing cancer. This review confirms findings from other studies:

- that higher levels of exercise are associated with lower rates of hospitalization for certain conditions, such as diabetes and stroke.
- that more than 100,000 yearly deaths could be prevented if people committed to adding just 10 minutes of exercise to their daily routines.

God created our bodies to move, and exercise keeps the body well-tuned. Exercise helps lower inflammation, decreases fat tissue, and helps with hormone regulation and sleep. Exercise also greatly improves quality of life by helping you feel less stressed, depressed, or anxious.

Source: Health.com

Submitted by Ronda Anderson RN, Iowa District East Parish Nurse District Representative

Life Coordinator—Abortion Pills by Mail Halted (for now)

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“You shall not murder.” – Exodus 20:13

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.” – Proverbs 31:8

“You will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His Name Jesus.” – Luke 1:31

“When the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.” – Luke 1:43

Dear friends in Christ:

On August 16, 2023, the 5th Circuit Court voted to delay looser standards for mifepristone, also known as “the abortion pill”, with the brand name Mifeprex approved by the FDA since 2000. In 2021 these deadly pills were delivered through the mail. The proposed looser standards increased the age at which a baby can be murdered in her mother’s womb from 7 to 10 weeks. They reduced the number of in-person office visits from 3 visits to only 1. They also eliminated the mandate for prescribers to report non-fatal adverse events attributed to mifepristone.

Please warn the members of your congregation about the dangers of abortion, especially mifepristone taken without a doctor. Pray for our leaders: judges, governors, legislators, and president. Ask that God will deliver and defend babies, mothers, and fathers from the horrible sin of abortion. Proclaim the jubilee and release from guilt, sin, and bondage that our conceived and born, crucified, risen, and ascended Lord Jesus gives us. Forgive the sins of those who repent. Retain the sins of those who do not. And look forward to the coming of our Lord Jesus, when all pain and death and despoising of children will end forever in the resurrection.

Read more at Pulse Life Advocates here: <https://pulseforlife.org/2023/08/fifth-circuit-court-nixes-mail-order-abortion-pills/>

Publicize the Abortion Pill Reversal Helpline (877-558-0333), email help@apr.life, or visit www.abortionpillreversal.com if you or someone you know has taken RU-486, the first of two drugs (mifepristone) taken for a chemical medical abortion.

<https://lutheransforlife.org/article/abortion-pill-reversal-saving-a-pregnancy/>

Visit the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists here: www.aaplog.org.

Comfort someone who suffers trauma and regret after an abortion with Word of Hope: www.word-of-hope.org / 888-217-8679 / info@word-of-hope.org.

Submitted by Rev Alex Post
Redeemer Lutheran Church - Marshalltown, IA
IDE Life Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24th! Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization will be featuring a fundraising campaign on the last Sunday of the month. Please consider contributing to the effort to provide scholarships for Iowa students. Stay tuned for more information to share with IDW and IDE congregations on how to aid this ministry. We are only 6% funded for our \$1,078,184 goal for 2023. Please help us reach this goal!

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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:

Lord Jesus Christ, You once miraculously healed the deaf and mute man in the region of the Decapolis so that he would hear Your Word and confess with his mouth. Open our ears to hear Your saving Word and loose our tongues so that we too would confess your name and thus, be saved. Send faithful laborers into Your harvest field to preach Your Word in season and out of season to the glory of Your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For an increase of faithful ministers of Your word, that with zeal and diligence they would preach your Holy Word and faithfully administer the Sacraments to all who live in this dying world, so that the ears of all may be opened, the tongues of all would be loosed, and the hearts of all would believe that Jesus is raised from the dead, 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



I D E A R C H I V E S

100 Years ago

The Iowa District News **S E P T E M B E R** *Vol. 2; No. 9; 1923*

- p. 69: **Pictures:** Immanuel Lutheran—York Township, Iowa Co., Iowa church buildings, pastor and teacher on its 25th Jubilee [1898-1923]
- p. 70: **Report of Synod (continuation)**—Resolution passed at Ft. Wayne to spend \$3.5 million for Synod's 14 educational institutions. Delegate compares the request for funds from the Buena Vista Presbyterian institution in his home-town of Storm Lake to that of the schools in Synod and concludes our Synod needs to support our colleges and seminaries financially so as to provide workers in the mission fields.
- p. 70: **25th Jubilee and Church Dedication Festival**—Favored by the most beautiful weather, by God's grace, Immanuel Church at York Twp., Iowa Co., was able to celebrate a beautiful festival that will surely be remembered for a long time by all participants. It was in February of the year 1898 when 23 members of the St. John parish of Pastor Baumhöfner in Iowa Twp. asked to form their own church, as the distance to attend church services and school there was too great. This request was granted to them. Fresh they went to work vigorously, organized a congregation and built a church. Already on 19 June the foundation stone was laid and on 23 October, 1898, the young community celebrated a happy church dedication. Both events—the founding of the congregation and the consecration—were celebrated by the Immanuel congregation on August 26 in special services. The surrounding sister congregations in Iowa Twp., Williamsburg, Conroy, and Wellman were invited and attended in large numbers, so that the spacious church, beautifully decorated by the women of the congregation, could hardly hold half of the guests who had appeared. As a festive preacher in the morning service, the congregation had invited the first pastor of the same, Fr. Bonovsky, of Elma, Iowa (1899-1915) who, from Revelation 3:7-13, presented to the church what God has done for them and how high they have cause to confess: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is kind." In the afternoon service, Pastor Wolter preached and conveyed the congratulations of the mother church with the words of Col. 4:18. Both services were embellished by the singing of the choir and the school children, under the direction of the teacher of the congregation, F.C. Mattfeld. The guests who showed up were entertained for lunch in the homes of members of Immanuel congregation. —R. Uhlmann.
- p. 71: **District Conference of Northern Iowa**—Held at Garner on 21-23 August. Rev. John Bertram was chosen as chairman. Rev. Hansen read a paper on *1 Tim. (3):8-13*. Rev. H. Buettner delivered an essay on *The Activities of the Devil Among Men*. The afternoon was devoted to the discussion of questions concerning church policy and polity. Rev. Bentrup spoke about his work in the city of Cherokee and the *State Institution for the Insane* at that place. Rev. C. H. Seltz reported on his work as Superintendent of Schools. Rev. Voigt presented the cause for the *Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptics* at Watertown, Wis. Next meet scheduled for June at Pomeroy. —George Steinkamp
- p. 71: **Pastors' Conference in Stanwood**—The Southern District Conference of Iowa met August 21-23 in Stanwood, Iowa, at the St. Paul parish, whose pastor is W.G. Nagler. 54 pastors present. In addition, the following were welcomed as guests: Pastor Ernst Stöckhardt from Loganville, Wis., as well as students of theology: Knief from Westgate, Iowa, and Ludwig from Kansas. They were blessed days of edification and refreshment, which we spent there at Stanwood. First of all, the pastors who were to give us lectures had prepared for this with all diligence, so it was a pleasure to listen to them. Several members of the local congregation also took advantage of this opportunity. At the last meeting on Thursday afternoon we

encouraged each other to fill our schools with students. For next year we have an invitation to Cedar Rapids. We intend to gather there in the week after Trinity in the year of the Lord 1924, God willing. — F. Wolter, Secr.

- p. 72: **A.L.L. News**—Third annual State Convention of American Luther League of Iowa held 12-13 August at Ft. Dodge. Sermons (English) delivered by Rev. Van der Au of Ft. Dodge and (German) by Rev. F. Kreutz, Sr., of West Gate. Afternoon and evening programs conducted at the Fair Grounds. Rev. John C. Baur, National General Secretary, delivered the main address. Evening program consisted of readings, short sketches, and musical numbers by individuals and selections by the St. Paul orchestra of Ft. Dodge. At the Monday meeting, W. Wallhausen resigned as Vice-Chairman. Elected were J.P. Brammer of Cedar Rapids as State Chairman; F.J. Stahmer of Davenport as Vice-Chairman; and elected as Trustees, W. Blankenbuehler of Webster City and H.A. Haerther of Atkins. Next convention at Atkins.
- p. 72: **Children's Friend Society**—Of the ten children who were in the home at the time of the orphan festival, four were picked up in the same week. Then the number went back to nine at the time of the American Luther League meeting on 12 August. Of these children, four have already been picked up, two will leave us in a few days, and another has found a home, but is still with us for the time being, as the foster parents can only come to pick it up in a few weeks. For adoption or upbringing we currently have: Kenneth, 11 years; Brunes, a boy of eight years old; Grace, 17 months; Eugene, about six months. A very small girl is registered, but not here yet. It's autumn again. It is the custom in some communities, especially the nearby ones, to collect canned fruit, potatoes, and all kinds of things for the home's kitchen. It goes without saying that we appreciate this very much and that it saves the household budget many a dollar. The plumbers are in the process of setting up the new "boiler". It will probably cost around \$600.00. This is an extra expense that cannot be avoided. —H.C.K., Supt.
- p. 73: **News from the Field**—(1) **Lockridge**—A mother by confirmation, a daughter through baptism and confirmation and two younger brothers by baptism added to the small congregation on 24 June. The father, having come from the Iowa Synod, was accepted as a member at the regular congregation meeting on 22 July. Difficulty in gaining members is due to the Four Corners area having as neighbors the Swedish Lutheran Church (Augustana), ½ mile west, the Swedish Methodist Church, ¾ mile west, Trinity Lutheran Church (also Augustana), 3½ south in Lockridge, as well as the Baptist Church and the Iowa Synod congregation 7½ miles north. Work here is conducted almost entirely in English. (2) **Milton**—Rev. Walter Leckband has charge of Milton since 25 May. Worship services have been conducted in the Methodist Church, but due to their revival meetings every evening, worshipping God has been taking place in the homes of members. On 29 July, three children from the three staunch Lutheran families, renewed their baptismal vows. All their neighbors and friends are of another faith or of no faith. Those born and raised in a Lutheran community do not know and realize what dangers confront their tender faith. (3) **New Mission Posts in Marion & Vinton**—A new mission post. On Sunday, 5 August, at Trinity Church at Cedar Rapids, Pastor C.E. Krog was installed as a missionary for the new mission field at Marion and Vinton by the undersigned, on behalf of President Wolfram, with the assistance of Pastors H. Steger, G. Nichels, R. Herrmann, A.D. Weber and H. Naether. The area actually covers two thousand square miles, a triangle from Cedar Rapids to Waterloo, to Delaware, to Cedar Rapids. The work is only now being started in Marion and Vinton and the surrounding area and promises to be successful. There live, especially in the southern tip of the triangle referred to, in, near and between Marion and Vinton, quite a number of people who are Lutheran by birth, but who have either left the road altogether or are attending the congregations of Linn and Benton County.
- p. 73: **Greetings from Königsberg, Prussia**—[Archivist note: *Pastor Johannes Ernst Andreä served in Esterville, Iowa until 1923 when he departed the USA to a call he accepted at Königsberg, Prussia. After arriving in Germany, he wrote this letter on 17 August 1923. Symbol */* indicates new paragraph*]. Greetings to all dear brothers and sisters in Christ! */* On May 17th, we four landed in Bremerhafen after 12 days of rainy sailing with the steamer President Fillmore. In the dear German fatherland it rained almost every day until today—17th August—and the wind whistled so cold that one thought it was not so far from the North Pole; only the days on the railway and on the Rhine, from 3 to 16 July, were warm,

sunny summer days. This was good for the extremely lovely synodical days in old Steeden, where one was reminded at every turn of the pioneer of our dear Free Church, blessed Father Brunn. We arrived in Königsberg on the 20th of June, and on the 24th the installation took place with a triple celebration—in the morning, the afternoon, and the evening. Trinity congregation is happy to have its own little church, which it was able to purchase in January with all the interior furnishings for several hundred dollars. Since the church stands in the backyard without any other access, a front building had to be bought, a large house with eleven family apartments. But there is no room in it for the pastor, not even a little room could be made free for him; because all apartments here, as in the whole of Germany, are subject to the municipal housing office. This puts tenants in and out, without consulting the homeowner, with the help of the green police. Even if you wish to exchange your apartment with someone else, you may only do so through the rental office. Any violation of these regulations will be severely punished. The housing office also sets the rents so low that the homeowners can just cover the taxes and administrative costs; the rent is not enough to maintain the buildings, only the bare necessities are used, and this is what they look like from the outside and from the inside. Homeowners who used to be able to live comfortably on housing rents are among the needy we need to support as a result of the government control. In this way, the congregation can also concede if the expenses in its tenement are just covered by the income. But there is no apartment for her pastor in the whole city. Because the laws say that foreigners are not allowed to take up residence outside of hotels and hostels at all; even to visit relatives or friends, such a person may stay overnight without special permission from the housing office. Now, eight days ago, after walking from one parishioner to another, we managed to move into two tiny, single rooms, without a kitchen, in a tenement that accommodates 50 families under the same house number, as subtenants with a poor widow. A petition for permission for this has been made at the housing office, but neither approved nor rejected, so that at any time the “Greens” can come and put us on the street, even the expulsion can be ordered, as has already been indicated several times, because when the list of apartment seekers was closed two months ago, there were 12,000 names on it. */* In such distress, the congregation had no choice but to build a house for their pastor, if he was to stay at all; only a new building is free of confiscation and can be inhabited unhindered by an American citizen. In the vicinity of the church and south of the city there was no suitable plot of land to be found. God made it wonderful that we found an excellently situated building site through the magistrate, 1,000 square meters in size, on Bernecker Street, a small, quietly built side street, just opposite the consistory of the province, for the price of one gold mark a square meter—45 million paper marks—125 dollars at that time. According to the building regulations, the house must be two-story, with a special front view and roof tiles; it will contain six rooms plus kitchen and bath; there is also a small garden, bordered by gardens to the right, the left and back; it is located on the north side of the city, where the suburbs begin, half an hour’s walk from the church. The congregation still had a dollar account of 100 dollars left over from the church purchase; in addition, we brought a draft of 190 dollars from collections and calculated 250 dollars from our own. Trusting in God, who makes the dear fellow-believers “in the good old U.S.A.” willing to continue to help, the groundbreaking ceremony took place on 9 July. Now the walls are high, tomorrow it will be completed and then the tiles will be put on the roof. Our master builder, diploma engineer Martin Stallmann, a member of the congregation, and the contractor Ed. Lehmann, rector, have set up plans and execution in the cheapest and most economical way; in addition, an average of a dozen members of the congregation did voluntary work on the masonry every day after work from five o’clock until dark. But the time when you could buy such a magnificent property as our seminary in Zehlendorf for \$10,000 last fall—in America it would not be under \$250,000 to \$300,000—or, as we do, buy a church and house for \$250,000, is long gone. All prices, with the exception of the railways, whose rates are to be increased tenfold from 20 August, have reached the dollar, even overtaken it. If one has to pay nearly a million marks for a pound of butter, if at all, for a liter of milk 60,000 to 80,000 marks, if available, for a pair of shoes 17 million marks, it is not surprising that such a house comes to approximately three thousand dollars. The Building Fund has advanced \$800. */* In addition, in July there was a donation of \$49.15 from over there by the Relief Committee and today another donation from over there of \$51.35 is reported. With all this, the shell is as good as finished, but it is not enough for the interior expansion and furnishing. Also, we do not have the last two transfers available yet. In most cases, money is sent by American Lutheran Board for Relief in Europe (Pastor O. H. Restin). Because it is most convenient, he sends a large collection of checks, issued in Berlin, to the local “Relief Committee” (Pastor Th. Reuter).

The local officials are immediately willing to pay such checks in marks, because it is almost always a good deal for them. However, all of us here are looking to get the dollars, as these alone are of value, and dollars are the most advantageous way to buy. It is very difficult for our Relief Committee to divide such a collection of checks into individual checks in dollars; to do this, it has to hire a smaller bank, which then writes checks for New York; they then have to go to New York, and only then does the dollar payment come from there to the local bank where you have your dollar account. Everyone can imagine what the loss of time and money for the inevitable expenses this way means; it only serves the banks at our expense. Today Pastor Renter wrote to me that he had been making proposals for years to improve this procedure. "I have no hope of being able to change anything about the way our Americans send money. I can only recommend that donors in America send their own checks to New York." Therefore, I ask the district cashier to immediately send drafts to New York with the explicit note "payable in dollars". Since they too only go back to New York for recognition, it is best to send dollar banknotes (greenbacks) in a well-wrapped "registered" letter. This is just fast, immediate help. In this way, one also learns from whom the gifts come, so that one can thank the kind givers. So, for example, I did not know where the \$49.15 came from; yes, this money, presented 6 weeks ago, has not yet come back from its journey, and until the \$51.35, from which, as well as from those, the charges and expenses are deducted, finally come back, it may take a few months. I can only recommend that donors in America send their own checks to New York. The impoverishment of our church members is progressing day by day; with 3 exceptions, mine are all in need of support, and a large part of them are very poor. We get food and money to distribute every month. Last week we distributed 2 large bales of clothing (Walther League collection) (1,500 pounds). But what is this among so many, since one always goes to members of the church, the other to the poor outside the church. How can such a congregation think of raising millions of marks for a parsonage? How can she ever pay back the \$800 to the Building Fund? We would not have started this thing if necessity had not driven us to do so; nor could one have guessed 8 weeks ago that building materials and wages would exceed the world market price. Credit no longer exists. Everything must be paid in advance. */* So, pray dear fellow-believers, for the sake of the kingdom of God in this great city. It is true that our dear Synod in U.S.A. needs your help to carry on its great and glorious work. But do not forget about us here in the old homeland, where we have to fight daily because of the faith and are in need and danger. May the Lord God reward you abundantly for all the love you have shown to our poverty. */* Heartfelt greetings to everyone. J.E. Andrea

- p. 75: **Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Hild**—Celebrated on 27 July at the couple's home in Williamsburg, IA. The brother of Mrs. Emma Hild, Pastor A. Bartling of Austin, IL, addressed the couple briefly and used the sermon delivered at their marriage 50 years ago by the officiating pastor in Addison, IL. William J. Hild, born 21 September, 1848, is a highly respected teacher who graduated from our teacher's college at Addison, and accepted a teaching position at Chester, IL, and was installed on 15 August, 1869 by the late Rev. Stephen. The couple married on 27 July, 1873. They were blessed with seven children. Three of their surviving children reside at Williamsburg with their parents. —J.C.M.

- p. 75: **Notice for Davenport Visiting Circuit Meeting**—Meeting scheduled for 26-27 September in Davenport, IA. Important that all pastors be in attendance. Congregations urged to send a delegate, and appoint their entire Church Board as their delegation. —H. Harms, Visitor.

- p. 75: **East Iowa Teachers' Conference**—Will meet 24-26 October at Victor, Iowa. Topics to be discussed are: *Home Geography*, H.W. Albrecht; *Silent Reading*, W. Kirchhoff; *How to Combat Whispering*, H. Bertram; *Evolution vs. Facts*, B.C. Meyer; *Catechization*, Loci; *Bible History*, No. 69, *New Testament*, O.A. Glandorf; *Lecture on Citizenship*, Supt. Seltz; *Essentials in History*, F.A. Voitmann; *Biography*, James W. Riley, W. Kirchhoff; *Extension Course for Teachers*, Prof. Link; *Boy Scouts*, *De Molays and Camp Fire Girls Movements*, E.J. Studt; *How Much Should be Taught of "Life of Luther"*? J.F. Briel; *Spelling Lesson, Lower Grades*, Miss Stephan; *Method and Amount of Religious Instruction in Lower Grades*, H.A. Stolper. Members will be met at Gurnsey or Victor [Railroad Station].

- p. 76: **News Items**—(1) Rev. M.J. Von der Au, of St Paul congregation at Fort Dodge, first Vice President of our District, has resigned on account of ill health and will leave for San Diego, CA in order to regain his

health. (2) Rev. W.H. L. Schuetz, pastor of St John congregation near Monticello for 23 years, and Visitor of the Dubuque Circuit as well as a member of Synod's School Board, has accepted a call to Beecher, IL. (3) Rev. H.A. Koenig is now a professor of English at Seward, NE. Rev. A.A. Brauer to be installed at Webster City toward the end of the month. Rev. A.W. Brauer of State Center is considering a call to Litchfield, IL. (4) Zion Lutheran at Magnolia held a mission festival on the 12th Sunday a. Trinity. Pastors Firnhaber and Albert Mueller presented the sermons. \$306 was collected.

- p. 76: **Coming Congregational Circuit and District Events**—(1) **St Paul-Williamsburg** to dedicate its new brick church building; (2) **DeWitt Mission Station** to observe an annual mission festival on 16 September; (3) **Lockridge, or Four Corners**, to celebrate a mission festival on 23 September; (4) **Holy Cross-Davenport** to celebrate an annual mission festival on 23 September; (5) **Trinity-Davenport** to celebrate an annual mission festival on 14 October. Preachers: Director H.A. Klein of Springfield, IL at German morning service, and Rev. C.H. Jaebker of Lyons for afternoon English service. An evening mission lecture to take place in the school auditorium; (6) **Wilton Junction** to celebrate their mission festival on 16 September.

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NOTE: Until 1878, the Missouri Synod congregations in Iowa belonged to the Western District. At the 1878 Synodical Convention, the congregations in Iowa requested the right to form their own Iowa District and it was granted. [*Siebzehnter Synodal-Bericht der Allgemeinen Deutschen Evang.=Luth. Synode von Missouri, Ohio u.a. Staaten, versammelt als Zweite Delegaten-Synode zu St. Louis, Mo., im Jahre 1878*, pp. 49-50] This single Iowa District continued to exist until 1936, when, at the 1934 District Convention, a resolution was forwarded to Synod to allow the District to divide into East and West [*Proceedings of the Thirty-Seventh Convention of the Iowa District of the Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States, Assembled at Keystone, Iowa, August 20 to 24, 1934*, p. 87]. The Iowa District resolution was considered at the 1935 Synodical Convention [*Reports and Memorials (Eingaben) for the Twenty-First Delegate Synod (Thirty-Sixth Regular Convention) assembled at Cleveland, Ohio June 19-29, 1935*, p.165] and with approval, delegates from Iowa District met as one assembly in 1936, and passed a resolution to divide the district into East and West and incorporate the two districts with the State of Iowa. [*Proceedings of the Thirty-Eight Convention of the Iowa District of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States, assembled at Waterloo, Iowa, August 2 to 8, 1936*, p.77]. This explanation is given for those readers in Iowa District East who might be wondering why so many items in this **100 Years Ago** series of the *Iowa District News 1923* have come from what we know today as Iowa District West.

Allen E. Konrad
IDE Archivist

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



September 2023

Now Hiring— Office Administrator

After serving over the course of 4 decades, Camp's longtime Office Administrator, Beverly Ahlemeyer, is retiring this fall. We thank God for Beverly and her many years of service to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca! With that said, Camp is now searching for our next Office Administrator. This is a part-time hourly position, though in the summer months weeks may approach or exceed 40 hours per week, but normally averages between 15-20 hours per week. The Camp's Office Administrator also serves as Camp's summer camp registrar.

Tasks belonging to the Office Administrator include managing summer camp registrations and paperwork, handling and forwarding inquiries, preparing user-group contracts and invoices, database management, reporting & recording income, preparing and submitting deposits, issuing donation receipts, and more. Candidates should be proficient in Microsoft Office, Google G-Suite, and be willing to learn camp management software (Campwise). We hope to make a hire by early October to potentially have some overlap time with Beverly. For more information, please contact director@iodiseca.org or if interested in applying, send in your resume to the same address.

IDE Confirmation Retreat - October 13-14

The **IDE Fall Confirmation Retreat** is scheduled for October 13-14, 2023 and will be held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Registration is now open! Pastor Samuel Beltz from St. John Lutheran Church will be teaching on The Apostles' Creed. The retreat will take place beginning on Friday, October 13th at 7pm and going through around 3pm on Saturday the 14th. Registration is \$55 per youth and \$30 per chaperone. This retreat includes a pizza snack on Friday evening and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. You can register online or download a registration form, or find more information at www.lcmside.org.



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

September 8-9
LWML Fall Retreat

October 9-10
IDE Fall Pastors' Conference

October 13-14
IDE Fall Confirmation Retreat

November 3-4
IDE Pastors' Wives Retreat

January 26-27, 2024
IDE Middle School Retreat



THRIVENT CHOICE

In 2022, 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!



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Paper Towels; 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.**

2024 Summer Staff

Despite having great attendance once again this past summer, we had to turn away around nearly 75 campers because we didn't have enough summer staff. The time to start thinking about serving on Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's 2024 summer staff is now!

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, coming in early November!

Please contact Camp Program Director Alec Deppe by emailing programdirector@iodiseca.org for more information on how you can work, learn, grow, and have an experience of a lifetime by serving on Camp's summer staff.



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INTRODUCING

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for women married to
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Providing a safe and supportive place for
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including:

- Isolation & Loneliness
- Financial stress
- Living in a fishbowl
- Spousal pressure
- Congregational pressure
- Genuine friendships
- Expectations & Volunteering
- Living in a parsonage
- Boundaries
- Church politics
- Working outside of the home
- Perfectionism
- Family concerns
- Many others!

Location

This is an online group so you can join
through video link from wherever you
are - no need to leave your home!

Register at

<https://lutheranfamilyservice.dm.networkforgo.com/forms/koinonia-group-registration>
or text the word KOINONIA to (515) 212-7585
to receive a link to the registration form.



Share this news
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What a great
opportunity to
support and
encourage her,
through con-
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others sharing
her same
experience.

Thank you!

Group Leaders

LFS Therapists, also married to LCMS Pastors



Angela Kollbaum



Lindy Hinckley

Registration Form

Administrative Assistants Conference for ministry assistant professionals
Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 8 am - 3:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Manning, Iowa.

Name: _____ Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Average Worship

Attendance

Email Address: _____

Church Phone: _____

(Registration confirmation will be sent via email.)
Enclose registration fee of \$45 (\$35 if postmarked by September 1)

**REGISTER
NOW!**

payable to Iowa District West and mail to:

Crystal Cross
PO BOX 422

Spirit Lake, IA 51360



Map of Manning, IA

Registration fee is \$45.00
(includes all materials and lunch)
*Register before September 1
and take \$10 off your
registration fee!*



Conference Committee

Mission Statement:
Serving Christ by serving others!

Roger Curtis.....Iowa District West
Crystal Cross.....Immanuel, Spirit Lake
Lisa Gibson.....Gloria Dei, Urbandale
Bonita Meyer.....Trinity, Algona
Shannon Walters.....Zion, Manning

Contact the District Office: 515.576.7666
Email: Roger@IowaDistrictWest.org



HEART

Sponsored by
Iowa District West, LCMS

Tuesday, September 19, 2023
8 am - 3:30 pm

Zion Lutheran Church
1204 Center St, Manning, Iowa



WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR

HEART

Whatever you do,
work heartily,
as for the Lord.

Colossians
3:23a

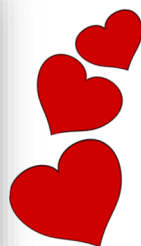


ROSIE ADLE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



REV. JONATHAN CONNER



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ARE
INVITED!



DCE KATHRYN SCHNEIDER



Pour your heart into our sessions with Rev. Jonathan Conner and soothe your soul with music from DCE Kathryn Schneider. Enjoy church-work related content with these experienced staff members of Zion Lutheran Church!

SCHEDULE

8:00 AM	Registration/Breakfast
8:45 AM	Opening devotion
9:15 AM	Rosie Adle <i>"Training for Typical Tasks"</i>
10:45 AM	Morning break
11:00 AM	Rev. Jonathan Conner <i>"Using Technology to Improve Communication"</i>
12 Noon	Lunch
1:00 PM	Rosie Adle <i>"Carried Out with Christian Character"</i>
2:15 PM	Afternoon break
2:30 PM	Rosie Adle <i>"To the Glory of God"</i>
3:00 PM	Door Prizes & Closing devotion

Rosie Adle is, first and foremost, a blessed child of God! She's also an instructor for the distance deaconess program of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. She's been teaching deaconess classes for the seminary for 15 years. Rosie writes web articles for LCMS Communications and devotions for Concordia Publishing House. She and her sister co-wrote a collection of essays for Christian women called *LadyLike: Living Biblically* (CPH, 2014).

Her degrees are in Spanish (B.A. from Valparaiso University, 2003) and Deaconess Studies and Systematic Theology (M.A. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 2006). Rosie lives in Imperial, Nebraska, where her husband, Scott, serves as the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church. They thank God for their many blessings, including a happy home where they love to spend time with their kids. It brings Rosie great joy to encourage others in the faith.



**EQUIPPING LUTHERANS AND THEIR NEIGHBORS TO BE
GOSPEL-MOTIVATED VOICES FOR LIFE**

Issues as We Age Workshop

September 16, 2023

8:30 am – 1 pm

Bethany Lutheran Church

2202 Forest Dr SE, Cedar Rapids IA



Time	Event	Presenter
8:30	Registration	
8:50	Welcome	Ronda Anderson, Parish Nurse at Bethany
8:55	Opening Prayer & Devotion, music	Rev. Andrew Noble St Paul's Marion
9:15	Sweet Names of Death	Rev. Michael Salemink, Exec Director of Lutherans for Life
9:45	Things a Funeral Director Won't Tell You	Rev. Michael Salemink, Exec Director of Lutherans for Life
10:15	Funeral Worship Guidelines	Rev. Andrew Noble St Paul's Marion
11:00 – 11:30	Brunch	
11:30	Beholding the Gospel at Life's Twilight	Rev. Michael Salemink, Exec Director of Lutherans for Life
	Affirming the Sanctity of Life in Situations of Pain, Impairment, and Advancing Age	Rev. Michael Salemink, Exec Director of Lutherans for Life
	Family conversations	Rev. Michael Salemink, Exec Director of Lutherans for Life
	Review of Christian Advance Directive	Rev. Michael Salemink, Exec Director of Lutherans for Life
12:50	Questions	Rev. Michael Salemink, Exec Director of Lutherans for Life

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Beholding the Gospel in Life’s Twilight

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” Psalm 116:15

- Main speaker: Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life.
- Sectional and Devotion leader: Pastor Andy Noble, St Paul, Marion.
- What is death? What happens when we die?
- Going gracefully.
- Christian Gospel enables us to welcome God’s blessings as life is ending.
- Hear and learn about Advance Directives.
- Having family conversations.
- Funeral worship guidelines.
- Benefits and drawback of hospice care and organ donation.
- Assisted suicide.
- Do we have a “duty to die”?

CUT HERE----- REGISTRATION FORM -----

NAME: _____ **Email:** _____

Congregation/City: _____ **Cell Phone#** _____

COST: #_____ attending x \$10.00 = _____ amount

Deadline for registration: September 7th.

Registration assists in planning for the brunch.

Make checks payable to “Linn Area Lutherans for Life – Chapter 72”.

Mail Registration Form and check to Pam Swales, LFL - 224 Valley Dr, Center Point IA 52213.

Questions, call Jane Hoelz, LFL, 319-363-1214.

CHURCH MUSICIAN WORKSHOP

Organ and Choral Coaching with Liturgical
Planning for Small to Medium Size Parishes



Saturday
September 30, 2023

Time
9 AM - 3 PM



**College Hill Lutheran
Church**
2322 Olive St.
Cedar Falls, IA 50613



Kantor
Richard Resch

Schedule

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Matins

9:30 a.m. Session 1 - Lutheran Theology of
Worship

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Session 2 - Leading Singing, part 1
Noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Session 3 - Leading Singing, part 2
with Q&A

2:00 p.m. Vespers

3:00 p.m. Farewell

Registration is FREE

Please **RSVP** by September 20 to Deaconess
Swenson at (319) 266-1274 or
chconservatory@gmail.com
or go to this address:
<https://forms.gle/XzGPNdD6qPVWdDws6>

This workshop is being sponsored by Iowa
District East.

KANTOR RICHARD C. RESCH is Professor and Kantor Emeritus of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, where he served his entire career. During those years, Rev. Resch also served as Kantor for St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. His additional service included serving as a member and Chairman of the LCMS Commission on Worship, Good Shepherd Institute Founder and Co-Director, and the Seminary's Kantorei Founder and Director.

In retirement, Kantor Resch lives with his wife, Barbara, in St. Paul, MN, where he is President of the Board for DAVID'S HARP: A Center for Musical Development and a Board member of the Bach Society of Minnesota.

2023 Fall Pastors' Conference

Christological Anthropology

October 9-10 @ Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, Solon

Registration

Registration and Check-In begin at 12:00 PM on Monday, October 9.

Cost is \$55 (Emeriti and wives \$30)

Register online at <https://lcmside.org/fallconference/>, 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 \$33 which includes breakfast. **Rooms have been reserved at a nearby hotel for \$99, but reservations must be made by September 18 in order to secure the \$99 rate.** Please call in to make your reservation and ask for the Lutheran Ministers Group.

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

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Jeffery B. Hemmer

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church - Fairview Heights, IL

Assistant to the LCMS President

The Rev. Jeffrey B. Hemmer is assistant to the Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Prior to joining the president's staff in August 2021, Hemmer served as pastor of Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fairview Heights, Ill. He continues to serve as pastor there in a part-time capacity.

Born in Belleville, Ill., Hemmer received a B.A. in English from Concordia University, Nebraska, Seward, Neb., and an M.Div. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Concordia Seminary, working on a dissertation on the theology of body and the theology of place. His other theological and academic interests include biblical masculinity and the function of Christian fathers, the role of the resurrection in Christian ethics, and martyrdom and the cross-shaped Christian life.



Hemmer is the author of *Man Up!: The Quest for Masculinity* (CPH, 2017); *Behold the Man!* Lenten and Easter sermon series (CPH, 2019); *A Noble Army* sermon series on the martyrs (CPH, 2020); and assorted other articles, essays and posts.



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Address _____
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**The Apostles' Creed
With Rev. Samuel Beltz**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ AGE _____ GENDER: M / F

REGISTRATION TYPE (circle): Youth / Adult Chaperone

- ☐ Send a check for **\$55 per youth/ \$30 per chaperone** with this form to the District Office:

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IDE Youth Event

Online Registration Planning Sheet

Name	Email	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Gender	Age	Church / City	Registrant Type
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If you have questions please contact Daniel Sanchez at dsanchez@lcmside.org or 319-373-2112.

This information is confidential. Youth leader needs to collect and bring this form along for each IDE youth event.

Iowa District East Youth Event Health Form and Photo Release

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Gender _____ Birthday ____ / ____ / ____ Age _____ Grade this Fall _____
Address _____ Information Provided By: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____
Parent 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____ Cell _____ Work _____
Parent 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____ Cell _____ Work _____

IF NOT AVAILABLE IN AN EMERGENCY, NOTIFY:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____ Cell _____
Doctor _____ Phone _____
Dentist _____ Phone _____
Pharmacy _____ Phone _____

NAME OF FAMILY MEDICAL/HOSPITAL INSURANCE:

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____
Insurance Phone # (if applicable) _____ Primary Insured's Name _____
Activity Restrictions by parent's/physician's advice?: _____
Other information we need to know? _____

ALLERGIES: __ Hay Fever __ Poison Ivy __ Insect Stings __ Asthma __ Food(s): _____
__ Peanut Butter __ Nuts __ Penicillin __ Other Drugs: _____

Medications Brought To Event: _____ Notes on Giving: _____

Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, antacids, anti-diarrhea medication and first aid **MAY / MAY NOT** (CIRCLE ONE) be administered to my child, as needed, by designated chaperones.

Special Considerations? _____

AUTHORIZATIONS AND PHOTO RELEASE:

This health history is correct so far as I know and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed event activities except as noted above. I also give permission to the event coordinator or chaperone to order x-rays, routine tests and treatment. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the event coordinator to transport, hospitalize and secure proper treatment, order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery.

I grant to Iowa District East the right to take photographs of me and my family in connection with the Iowa District East youth events and retreats. I authorize Iowa District East, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically. I agree that Iowa District East may use such photographs of me and my family with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including, for example, such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content. I agree that if I have any concerns or questions regarding the use of such photographs I should contact the Iowa District East office, in writing, in a timely manner.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED AND GIVEN TO YOUR YOUTH COUNSELOR ATTENDING THE EVENT WITH YOU. THE YOUTH COUNSELOR COLLECTS AND RETAINS THE IDE YOUTH EVENT HEALTH FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT. DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

What should I bring to Camp?

Bible
Sleeping Bag
Pillow
Appropriate clothing and shoes for activities

DO NOT BRING

Irreplaceable or valuable items
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iPods, mp3 players, etc.
Extra money
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IDE Pastors' Wives Retreat

November 3-4

With Christina Roberts, Kantor

- *Music Listening as a Means to Confess Christ*
- *A Singing Tour of Christian Hymnody*
- *Developing and Utilizing a Children's Core Hymnody*

REGISTRATION (Go to www.lcmside.org for online registration.)

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

Name of Congregation _____

Lap Baby ☐ Yes ☐ No

Dietary Restrictions (please list) _____

PAYMENT

The cost for this retreat is **\$65**. If attending Saturday only the fee is \$45. This includes 3 meals, a night's lodging, supplies, and good Christian fun and fellowship. Please mail this form along with a check for payment to the IDE office. Make checks payable to Iowa District East - LCMS.

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1100 BLAIRS FERRY RD
MARION IA 52302-3093

For questions or help with registration visit our website at lcmside.org or call the district office at 319-373-2112.

*You are enthusiastically invited to join your sisters in Christ for a time of relaxation and refreshment **at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca** November 3-4, 2023 with Special Guest:*

Christina Roberts, Kantor

*Check In at 4:30pm on Friday
Ending around 3:00pm on Saturday
Lap babies welcome
Feel free to bring a snack to share with your Sisters in Christ*

Christina will have 3 sessions covering:

Hear the Song Resound: Music Listening as a Means to Confess Christ in our Culture

Music is everywhere. Some we choose, but much is placed in our ears by others. Inundated with sound, Christians receive this God-given gift with joy, but we must also carefully learn how to listen. In consciously attending to the music around us we can not only hear our Savior's voice, but also confess Him as our New Song.

Through the Church the Song Goes On: A Singing Tour of Christian Hymnody

Using a carefully curated list of your favorite hymns we will sing our way through the history of Christian hymnody to see how poetry and music have changed throughout the centuries while remaining constant in the proclamation of Christ.

Guard Every Childhood Day: Developing and Utilizing a Children's Core Hymnody

Christians are formed by the music they sing as a child. By filling our children's mouths, ears, and hearts with a small, carefully-chosen list of core hymns we provide them with a musical and theological education which will form their faith. We will examine this list of hymns and discuss the longterm benefits and methods of implementation.



Submissions for the next edition of the Professional Workers' Packet are due
September 25.

Please email articles, photos and announcements to
Daniel Sanchez, IDE Communications/Events/Technology Coordinator
dsanchez@lcmside.org



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