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Iowa District East—LCMS

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I have been given an assignment from the Commission on Theology and Church Relations to prepare a document on the relationship between the Office of the Holy Ministry and all "Helping Offices." My research has taken me to an official position the LCMS has voted on in convention on more than one occasion. The publication is a work done by C. F. W. Walther called Church and Office (Kirche und Amt). In Thesis VIII on the office Walther speaks of the relationship in very short form: "The pastoral ministry is the highest office in the church and from it **flow** all other offices in the church."

As I looked at this in the original German language I was greatly helped by the use of the word "flow." Some have translated in as "stem" but I think the use of flow is much more accurate to what Walther is saying in the explanations and proofs in the rest of the thesis. While stem and flow can be used as synonyms, they do have a thin line of difference that is helpful for us to understand the relationship between the ordained and the commissioned offices.

To stem from carries the connotation of that from which other things grow out and establish their own bloom (in the case of plant life). I suppose one could say that the commissioned offices stem from out of the ordained office and therefore the relationship is one of origin. The problem with that is that it leaves the idea that what grows from out of the stem becomes its own producing bloom and the only connection is the origin but later takes on its own shape, form, and purpose.

To flow is to come along with its origin and continue along the way with the origin. So, in fact, the origin does not end with a different result. The origin is the continuation of what something is along with what it always will be. The end result lies within the origin which is helped and assisted as the local need requires from circumstances unique to its setting.

Do you see the difference here and how that affects the relationship between ordained and commissioned offices? The ordained office has all the responsibilities of the ministry. The most obvious are to preach, teach (young and old alike), administer the sacraments, visit the needy, implement church discipline, etc. When a congregation reaches a sizable membership that requires assistance for the ordained, the church has the right to establish "helping offices." One such office is teaching children where there is a day school. Parents are given the responsibility to educate their children. They ask the pastor to do this in preparation for communicate membership in the congregation. They also ask for their children to be educated in a classical sense so they may be prepared to enter the work-a-day world with the tools necessary to be contributors to a society. This is where teachers are commissioned with a specific duty that they carry out, not as to bloom on their own, but to flow within the purpose of the Holy Ministry. As such, teachers flow with the pastor for the sake of the children of parents in the parish.

To flow is to come along with its origin and continue along the way with the origin.

The same is true with "music precentors, sextons, almoners," Directors of Education, Deaconesses, and the like. Each of these is a God pleasing vocation that has specific duties to carry out that flow with the pastoral office but not in the pastoral office. The preparation for each of these vocations does not entail the comprehensive study and preparation that is required of and that belongs to the Ordained Office. While the Ordained Office has all these responsibilities, the Commissioned Offices have only a "part of the one ministry," as Walther says. That part is limited to the duties for which they are prepared and commissioned.

President's Piece for Peace

November 23

The relationship, therefore, is one of a flow-along-with more than a stem from. The fruit of the service rendered is not for individual recognition but for the Kingdom of God and eternal salvation. Flowing together within our respective duties is much more fruitful than stemming out to do what we do on our own.

I pray this article is not confusing. There is much, much more I will be producing that will become a CTCR document for the Church. Where what I write needs strengthening and or improvement, I pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom to do so.

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders
District President

Calendar of Events

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November

3-4 IDE Pastors' Wives Retreat

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday

IDE Office Closed

December

23-1/1 Christmas Holiday

IDE Office Closed



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Vacancy Updates

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Calling Congregations

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Homestead, St. John;
Wellman, Good Shepherd

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)

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:

Pending: Caleb Schewe, Monticello

Gary Timm, Westfield, NJ

John Henry III, Fairmont, MN

Matthew Resner, Moberly, MO

Jay Jaeger, St. Paul, Buckeye

Bethlehem, Greenleaf/St. Peter, Barnes, KS

Our Savior, Bettendorf

Our Savior, Manchester

St. John, Keystone

St. Paul, Alden (forming dual)

Declined: Bradley Ferch, Immanuel, Davenport

Matthew Wurm, Brookings, SD

Brian Doel, Burlington, ND

Andrew Gray, Marengo

David Lingard, Van Horne

James Preus, Ottumwa

Jacob Swenson, Fairbank/Jesup

Jonathan Crawford, Dubuque

Trinity, Osage

Our Savior, Manchester

St. Paul, Williamsburg

Cookeville, TN

Faith, Shumway, IL

St. Peter's, Swanville, MN

Redeemer, Huntington Beach, CA

Trinity, Norfolk, VA

Commissioned Calls

Park View Lutheran, Eldridge - DCE Search

Accepted:

Pending:

Declined:

Directory Updates

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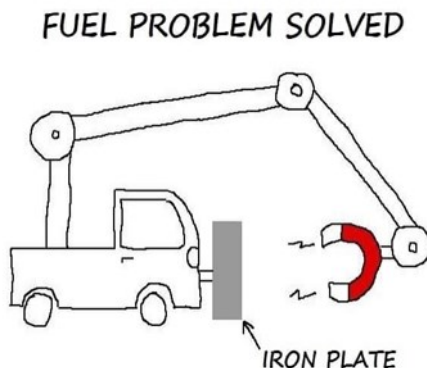
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37	Davenport WOG	delete	deaflutheran@q.com
37	Davenport WOG	Add	iowaeastdeaf@yahoo.com
22	Weideman, Jay	Add	new address: 1721 Crescent Dr, Cedar Falls, IA 50613
47	Waterloo, Faith	delete	pdm52@mchsi.com
47	Waterloo, Faith	Add	david.menet52@gmail.com
16	Menet, David	delete	pdm52@mchsi.com
16	Menet, David	Add	david.menet52@gmail.com
25	Anderson, Mark	Delete	Died: 10-24-2022/ remove
29	Scheer, Harold	delete	Melrose Ave, Iowa City
29	Scheer, Harold	Add	New address: 117 S. 3rd St (PO Box 107) Hills IA 52235-0220
23	Heren, Thomas	Delete	Tiffin address.
23	Heren, Thomas	Add	New Address: 524 Driftwood LN, Atkins IA 52206

The 2023-2024 directories were 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

"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.² Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.³ Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.⁶ "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom^[a] is coming; go out to meet him!' ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'⁹ But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.¹¹ "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' ¹² But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'¹³ "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour^[b] in which the Son of Man is coming. Matthew 25:1-13

As I write this article, General Motors, Ford, and Stellantis are in the midst of strike with the United Auto Workers Union. Actually, I hope an agreement has been reached by this time. For now, according to Google, the major issues for the strike are hourly pay, retirement benefits, cost-of living adjustments, wage progression and work-life balance.



One of the latest "big" things to change the auto industry in the last few years is electric vehicles. Jerry and I took a test drive in an electric vehicle several weeks ago. The sales rep sat in the back seat giving us all the reasons why an EV would meet our needs while we took turns driving north on I-380, past King of Kings Lutheran Church, and back to Boyson Road. It wasn't as adventurous as the Starship Enterprise*, but for me, knowing we were running on electricity was a little disconcerting. Someone posted this fuel problem solution on my Facebook page today. It made me chuckle.

Whether we use gasoline, electricity, a magnet, or a horse, we still need a fuel source connection to drive a car, tractor, pick-up, go-kart, or whatever mode of transportation you choose. But, in the Week 13 Bible reading from our LCMS Lutheran School Chapel Talks, fuel wasn't used for transportation. The fuel was oil and it was used by 10 virgins to keep lamps burning while they waited for the arrival of the bridegroom. Jesus used this parable to make the connection that He is coming back on the Last Day. This is the same Jesus that told this story to the disciples on Tuesday of Holy Week as He was preparing for the redemptive work His Father had prepared for Him to do on Friday. It is a lesson for us in 2023, too.

These 10 virgins were the bridal attendants whose job it was to accompany the bride and groom to their new home. There was no difference between the wise and foolish virgins. All of them were wearing the appropriate attire. They each had a lamp. They were each waiting for the groom. The heavenly meaning here is that Jesus is talking to those who consider themselves to be Christian. That's you and me folks! Our wait is for the Bridegroom Jesus to take us to heaven. Fuel problem solved!

⁵ *But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.* Don't we sometimes wish that we didn't have to wait so long for His return? We're exhausted because we have a challenging group of students this year. Some of these kiddos who are in your classroom are behind academically or socially. Maybe even

spiritually. For some, this is their first experience hearing about this guy we call “Jesus”. He did what to do what? He loves me? Devotions? Pray? I’ve got so much work to do to prepare but it seems like all that work is for naught because there are interruptions and disruptions and distractions. My family needs me. I need to spend time with them. On and on. We’re running on fumes and close to the needle point to empty. Jesus knows our reality. He knows that all Christians will sooner or later fall asleep. Instead of waking up and asking, “Lord, is today the day?” we get wrapped up in our day-to-day life. We can’t spend every waking moment waiting for the Lord. Nor does He expect us to. He’s not telling us to stay in bed and stare up at the sky. No. Rather His desire is that we go about our daily lives connected to Him, running on the fuel the Holy Spirit provides through His means of grace – Word and Sacrament. He has connected Himself to us through our baptism. Every decision. Every priority. How we spend our money. How we spend our time. It’s all shaped by the fact that Jesus will return to bring us to our heavenly home.

Just as sure that Thanksgiving and Christmas will come, so will Jesus. ⁶*“And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom ^[a]is coming; go out to meet him!’* ⁷*Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’”* It will happen when we least expect it (2Peter 3:10 – thief in the night). And, at that moment the distinction between the wise and foolish will become clear. Until then, you and I have been given the fuel of faith through the gift of the Holy Spirit to share His story, the Good News that Jesus is our Savior and He wants all to be ready.

*I did check this out with Jerry to make sure it sounded like I knew what I was talking about.

Jan Doellinger
Assistant to the President, Schools

As we move into the Cold and Flu season, it's important to review the relationship between Vitamin D3 supplements and the need to also take K2.

Vitamin D helps maintain good calcium levels in the blood needed for strong bones and other body functions. Importantly, the Vitamin D receptors are found in every immune cell of the body and thus play a *powerful* role in immunity. A recent study found that low levels of Vitamin D increase risk for asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, TB and viral respiratory infections ...most notably COVID-19. It's also protective against hypertension, diabetes, cancer, dementia, and kidney disease.

However, too much Vitamin D may lead to high levels of calcium in the blood. This excess calcium may get deposited in the tissues where it doesn't belong leading to hardening of the arteries or other problems. Vitamin K2 helps regulate where the excess calcium goes keeping it in the bones. While K2 may be increased through fermented foods, most of us don't get enough.

Vitamin D levels can be measured, and you should ask your doctor to order a test. Blood levels between 40 to 60 ng./ml. have been shown to be most protective. Most people are well below these levels.

Increasingly, researchers are finding that Vitamin D3, K2 and calcium are needed for good health. They are inexpensive, easy to take, have minimal side effects with huge benefits but they can be dangerous in some conditions. *Always* speak to your healthcare provider before taking them. If you're on blood thinners, it's especially important because K2 supplements may increase blood clotting.

May you be blessed with good health this next Cold/Flu/COVID season.

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.
3 John 1:2

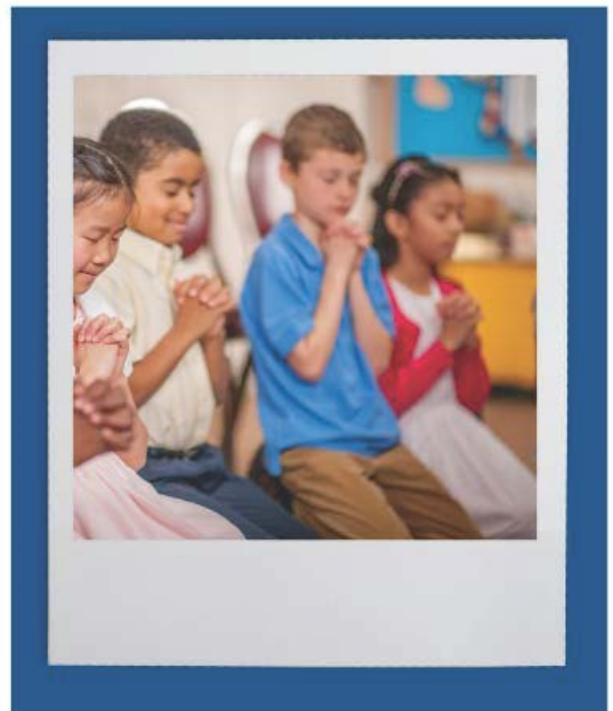
From A Nurse's Voice Blog by Jennie Johnson, RN-BC, PhD

(I'm a Christian nurse who helps people navigate the murky waters of healthcare.)

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

Giving Tuesday is November 28

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

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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 November 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.

On the next page, we continue learning about our 4 different IDE Church workers. We'll be taking a look at who and what their influences are for entering church work, and learning about the joys and challenges of church work and ministry. We hope their stories show us how you can be a mentor to those who you might encourage to enter church work!

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

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks that as your Son once came humble and mounted on a donkey, He comes to us now in humble means of Word and Sacrament. Bless Your church with faithful pastors, that through their preaching our hearts may be stirred up to say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father in heaven, Your Son sent the disciples back to tell John what they saw and heard. Set apart in our own days faithful men and women to serve as teachers, DCE's, deaconesses, and musicians; that through their teaching we may know Your Son, the Coming One, who graciously gives a double portion of comfort. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For faithful pastors, that through their preaching and administration of the Sacrament, we would not faint with fear and foreboding in these gray and latter days, but confidently straighten up and raise our heads as our redemption draws near, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

For an increase of church workers, that by their service more would turn their hearts to the Lord, saying, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," 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



IDE Church Workers: Where were you originally from?

Were there any key experiences that motivated you to enter church work?



Rev. Michael Scudder - Faith Lutheran, Mt. Pleasant.

I grew up in Sturgis, Michigan. My wife grew up in Evansville / New Albany, IN. My Parents are in heaven. Sara's folks and the rest of her family are in New Albany, IN. I have a sister in Tennessee and one in Colorado. I had lots of encouragement from bothers and sisters in Christ, as my family was always very active in the church.

Connie Powell - Trinity Lutheran School, Cedar Rapids

I grew up in Hubbard, Iowa. This is about 2 hours away from where I currently live. Way back in 1992, I graduated from high school and set off without GPS or a cell phone and attended Concordia University, River Forest. My first call was to St. John's Lutheran School in Arnold, MO where I met my husband. We were married in the year 2000 and moved to Cedar Rapids where we have lived ever since. My home congregation of St. John's Lutheran in Hubbard is very supportive and encouraging of church workers.



DCE Tara Darling—St. Paul Lutheran, Mt Vernon

I grew up in Wisconsin Rapids, WI, which is about 4 hours from where I live (Mechanicsville, IA) and serve (Mt. Vernon, IA). I saw the difference in our youth group's activities and dynamic when we had a called staff person leading us, and when we relied on volunteers. Though I certainly appreciated the parents that stepped up, it just wasn't the same when we didn't have a dedicated leader. I wanted to make that difference in other students' lives after seeing the difference it made in mine.

Deaconess Faith Swenson—College Hill Lutheran, Cedar Falls

I was born and mostly raised in Minnesota. My parents still live in Minnesota, about three hours from where we live. Working my first summer at Bible Camp (shout out to Lutheran Island Camp) and how excited I was to learn orthodox theology (I went to a 'Christian' college that did not teach 'good' theology). It also found it was such a joy to share Christ with the campers all summer.



I D E A R C H I V E S

100 Years ago

The Iowa District News **N O V E M B E R** *Vol. 2; No. 11; 1923*

p. 85: **Cover Pictures**—St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church—Williamsburg, Iowa; The Old Church; The New Church; Interior of New Church; Pastor H.P. Greif; Teacher F. Loppnow.

p. 86: **Message from District President Theo. Wolfram**—A lengthy presentation about how many churches have faltered in their faithfulness to the Word of God, but how our synod has remained faithful to it. As a result, our members need to heed the call to carry the message of salvation out into the world. And voices are calling for that. The rest of his talk challenges members of the church to consider giving generously to Synod's Million Dollar Building Fund campaign. —by Theo. Wolfram, District President

p. 87: **Synod and Its Work**—It is extremely unsafe for any Christian, member of the royal priesthood, to forget, even for a short while, the great commission: "Preach the Gospel to every creature." Therein all the lines of work in the Church converge. The large building program which at present is engaging the attention of all part of Synod is not an end in itself, but only the means to an end, the end of all Church work being: by the preaching of the Gospel to plant in the barren hearts of sinners...This work is done chiefly by the local congregation by establishing the public ministry of the proclamation of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments; by establishing and maintaining Christian day schools with competent teachers to feed the growing children with the Bread of Life, by keeping an eye on general and special dangers which threaten to destroy what is already won for Christ, knowing that a Christian kept in the faith is equal to a sinner won for the faith...But Christians who are deeply interested in their own salvation, and congregations which are alive to their duties and intent upon carrying them out, are aware that the great commission embraces more...A number of congregations form the Iowa district, one of 27 districts in Synod, which forms a Mission Board to gather information from congregations and appropriates the necessary funds to establish missions and call laborers into the field...Outside of our own congregations it is our nearest Church work. And we are nearest to it. We would not expect other sections of synod to do this work for us or to lend their financial support...but not all districts of Synod are as fortunately situated as ours. And here is where synodical work again comes in. Their territory is large, the congregations are few and small and the mission opportunities incalculable. Think, for instance, of the large Southern District and the infant district in the Canadian northwest...[we] rally to support...through the General Home Missions Treasury....It is true synodical work. On the former hunting grounds of the American Indian...(h)ave we anything to give in return to the remnant which lives on scattered reservations?...The obligation to the brethren of the Ethiopian church is the same whether we live in Alabama or in Iowa. The colored mission is true synodical work. Foreign mission work, which congregation would link of undertaking any, unless it be done through the channel of synod? */* For all which it is necessary, as must be evident to all, that Synod provide for the education of ministers and missionaries and teachers; that the establishment and maintenance of colleges and seminaries, though not an end, but only a means, belongs to the chief work of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States. God bless Synod in the present undertaking! — J.E. Rich. Schmidt.

p. 88: **Home Finding Society**—Annual meeting held on 19 September at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Ft. Dodge. Rev. J.C. Ambacher of Alden was in charge of the divine service with a sermon on *Why we should continue in the good work of providing for orphans*, based on 1 Cor. 15:58. A financial report is listed. At the 1922 meeting there were 8 orphans at the Home. Since then 20 were received for the first time and 6 from placement; 17 were given for adoption, 4 for rearing and 4 returned to relatives; 2 placed in a state institution and 1 in a Lutheran orphanage; 16 were baptized at the Home and 1 died...485 children have been taken care of since the society was founded. The present building was already old when bought 22 years ago. [It is suggested that] (S)ome time in the near future the present Home ought to be sold and a new one erected or bought further out of the city, where property is cheaper...The directors elected the following officers: President, L.A. Mueller; Vice-President, A. Schwidder; Secretary, A.J. Boehn; Treasurer, A.C. Rasch; Executive Committee, C. Kem, E.L. Weiss, Otto Weiss.

p. 88: **Silver Jubilee Celebration**—St. Paul's congregation near **Boone**, Iowa, organized back in 1871 and held their first services in a district schoolhouse. They erected their first church building in 1876. The second church building was dedicated on 7 October, 1898. On 7 October, 1923, they celebrated the 25th anniversary of that church building...Rev. H.F. Wm. Brandes of Cleveland, Ohio, who served the congregation for a number of years, preached at the two services. After the services, the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society served a sumptuous chicken dinner and supper to a gathering numbering approximately 800 people. —O.C. Geisler, Pastor.

p. 89: **Children Friends Society**—The community near Rockwell City celebrated a "Harvest Festival" on 30 September. In a hut made of tree branches, the limbs had tastefully displayed all kinds of fruit and garden vegetables, including preserves. Despite the rainy weather, the festival was well attended; even from Fort Dodge four cars had appeared. The beautiful things were intended for the Children's Home and of course they are a great pleasure. */* On the third of this month, the women of St. Paul's congregation in Fort Dodge held their annual Home Giving Day. In the afternoon and evening, the dear women came with their packages and unpacked in the "nursery". There were "groceries" and produce of all kinds. */* At present there are only boys in the home: Kenneth, eleven years old; Karl, one year; Eugen No. 1, 5 months old, and Eugen No. 2, 6 months old. —H.C. Koepke.

p. 89: **News Items**—On the 18th Sunday a. Trinity, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, **Alden**, Iowa, the Rev. J.C. Ambacher, pastor, laid the corner-stone to its remodeled and enlarged church. After 3½ months of vacancy, the St. John's congregation at **Battle Creek** now has her own pastor again. The Rev. O.A. Hoemann of Spring, Texas, was installed at Battle Creek by Rev. J.H. Iversen, assisted by Revs. A. Amstein, H. Schwenk, and C. Gottberg, on the 19th Sunday a. Trinity, Oct. 7. **Teacher E.O. Bertram** has accepted a call to Fort Wayne, Ind. On September 9th, the Rev. Mappes of Omaha preached to 18 deaf-mutes in Trinity Lutheran Church in **Des Moines**.

p. 89: **Southeastern Conference**—St. John's congregation at Oskaloosa, Iowa, numbering about 50 souls, extended an invitation to the Southeastern Conference to meet in its newly redecorated and remodeled little chapel. Twenty-two members of the conference appeared along with visiting Pastors H. Schliepsiek, F. Heinke and W. Oetting. Three papers were read and discussed. Pastor P. Happel read a paper on *The Destruction of Jerusalem*. Pastors Schroeder and Rickels read sermons on texts of their own choosing (Matt. 15:21-28 and Prov. 11:14). Constructive criticism was liberally offered. Pastor F. Wolters gave an extensive report of the "Inter-synodical Conference" held at Waverly, Iowa last summer. This report served as an introduction to the critical but impartial scrutinizing of the theses which had been adopted there. That an opportunity is now offered to the Lutherans in and about Cedar Rapids to have a Lutheran Hospital was brought to the attention of the conference by Pastor N. Uhlig.

The Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce is willing to convey "Prospect Place Hospital" to the Lutherans. After discussing the matter thoroughly the following resolution was adopted: *Be it resolved: That the Southeastern conference of Iowa of the Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and other States expresses its appreciation of the offer to convey "Prospect Place Hospital" to the Lutherans of the vicinity of Cedar Rapids and suggests that a meeting of all interested Lutherans be held at Cedar Rapids at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, for the formation of a hospital organization which shall act on the proposition and take all necessary steps.* On Tuesday evening our visitor, Rev. H. Harms, delivered an address on the topic: *Separation of church and state.* The Southeastern conference will meet again, God-willing, April 29-May 1, in Van Horn, Iowa. —R.W. Kabelitz, Secy.

p. 90: **Dexter Special Conference**—The Dexter Special Conference took place on 9-10 October at Pastor Heinke's church near Wiota. All the members showed up, all by car. Some had also brought their better half with them. */* Particularly interesting and instructive was the exegesis on John 1:1-14, by Pastor Kurt Daib. A number of casual questions were vividly discussed, so that each one could take home plenty of instruction, comfort and encouragement. In the conference worship service, Pastor Oetting preached, and Pastor Aug. Mueller conducted the confession. The conference accepted the congregation's invitation to Council Bluffs and decided to meet there soon after Easter 1924. E. Lily

p. 90: **Fort Dodge Special Conference**—These were once again real days of joy that the Fort Dodge Special Conference on 23-24 October was able to experience in the midst of the hospitable congregation of Pastor W.C.H. Schaefer at Rockwell City. This was a nice, cozy get-together of the brothers in the small schoolhouse, where Pastor Schaefer has almost daily blessed meetings with the children of his congregation. Unfortunately, not all the brothers of the conference were present. But those who have been there will agree that this was one of the best meetings we have had. */* After the local pastor had opened the conference in his usual manner, Pastor Zabel began by providing an extremely interesting and instructive interpretation of 1 Cor. 2:2-16. It is a pity that modern American women could not be present, because this work would have been interesting to them as well. Pastor Krenke brought to our eyes a beautiful *biography of Paul Gerhardt*, the famous poet of many of our wonderful hymns. Pastor Janke showed in an exemplary way *how to conduct a Sunday school properly and beneficially*. In addition to these presentations, which took a long time, various other matters of lesser or greater importance to the Church were discussed. In the worship service, which was held on Tuesday evening, Pastor Janke gave the sermon and Pastor Buettner the confession. */* The dear women of the congregation had prepared a lunch table from which certainly no one needed to leave hungry. There would also have been plenty for the missing brothers. Some good brothers regretted only one thing, namely, that they could not do justice to what was available. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the good Marthas once again for their precious hospitality. L. Richmann, Sekr.

p. 90: **Council Bluffs Circuit Meeting**—Seventeen pastors and forty-five laymen, from congregations of the Circuit met at Atlantic, Iowa on 23 September to overwhelmingly vote to not only endorse but also pledged their support of the Synod's "Four Million Dollar" appropriation for colleges and seminaries. After the meeting the pastors organized what you might call a speakers' bureau. It will be the duty of the pastors elected for this purpose to deliver lectures on the appropriation and to assist in creating interest in congregations where desired. —V.

p. 91: **Cedar Rapids**—On September 26 the Cedar Rapids Visiting Circuit held its third annual meeting at Marshalltown. There were 95 pastors and laymen present...The plans of the Ways and Means Committee for the raising of the money for the building program by synod were approved. —G. Rickels

p. 91: **Shaller Church Dedication**—The name of the little town of Schaller in Northwest Iowa, (Sac County) looks familiar to all Missouri Lutherans who are acquainted with the history of their church. A Professor Schaller was for many years a prominent teacher at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. */* But the name of the town is not pronounced as it should be and as we pronounce the name in our synod. We call the town Shay-lor. A new Lutheran church was dedicated on Sunday, October 21. */* For three years the Schaller congregation has had its own minister. Formerly, and also during the present vacancy, the pastors of Galva have had charge of the flock at Schaller...The old church was very small and inadequate, so this summer they built an addition to the old church. Three services were held, all in English. Rev. H. Maas of Garner preached at the morning service. It was during Rev. Maas' pastorate at Galva that the mission in Schaller was begun. Rev. C. Hesse of Coon Valley conducted the afternoon service and Rev. J. Hartmeister of Storm Lake the evening service. */* The new church occupies a corner lot on paved streets. It has the form of a cross with altar niche, vestry, entrance hall, and full basement. It is equipped with electric light and furnace. On the altar is a beautiful statue of Christ. This and the carpets and altar hangings were furnished by the Ladies' Aid. The pulpit is to the right of the altar niche. —J.H.

p. 91: **Farnhamville Church Dedication**—The church was remodeled during the summer and it was rededicated on October 7. */* A full basement has been placed under the whole building. This will be used as a Sunday School room and as a meeting place for different societies in the congregation. A furnace and comfort rooms have also been installed in the basement. */* The interior of the church has been frescoed. The walls are done in a golden brown, in what is called "Tiffany" work...Changes have been made in the chancel and a new indirect lighting system has been installed. —Ad. Trost.


p. 91: **Williamsburg**—On 7 October (19th Sunday a. Trinity) the new church of St. Paul's congregation in Williamsburg was dedicated. From near and far, fellow believers showed up for this celebration. The celebration began at 9:45 a.m. in the old church, where people said goodbye to the old church with singing and prayer. Pastor R. Uhlmann gave a short speech to the congregation, in which he encouraged them to move into their new church in the same spirit in which they had once moved into the old church 19 years ago. After this short celebration, they went to the new church, where Pastor H.P. Greif opened the church in the name of the Triune God. The preacher in the morning service was Pastor C.H. Jaebker of Clinton, Iowa, who preached on Gen. 18:17. Since in the afternoon the number of people in front of the church was as large as in the church, they felt compelled to give everyone an opportunity to hear the sermons, to arrange the service in such a way that while Pastor Otto Kitzmann preached in the church, Pastor Wm. Nagler preached in front of the church, and then vice versa. Pastor Kitzmann preached in English about Rev. 21:1-5 and Pastor Nagler in German on Ps. 87:1-3. In the evening service, Pastor Wm. Ullerich preached in English on 1 Cor. 1:23-24. The children of the parochial school, the men's choir and the mixed choir, all of which were under the direction of the local teacher, J. Loppnow, also contributed to the glorification of the celebration. The organist was Mr. B.C. Meyer from Davenport. */* The congregation hosted all guests on the ground floor of the new church, both at noon and in the evening. It turned out that about 1,500 people attended this celebration. The congregations of Troy, Homestead, Conroy, St. Clair, Victor, Guernsey, What Cheer, Wellman, Blainstown, Luzerne, Atkins, Davenport, and Marengo were represented. The construction cost about \$38,000.00, including interior furnishings and lot. —H.J.H.

p. 92: **Mission Festivals**—(1) **St. Mark's near Meriden**, on the 15th & 16th Sundays a. Trinity. Rev. C.D. Nuoffer, German service; Rev. H.A. Bentrup, English service. Offering raised, \$92.75. (2) **Trinity-Cherokee**, on the 15th Sunday a. Trinity. Speakers: Rev. C.D. Nuoffer of Ireton in the German and Rev. A.C. Ilten of Marcus in the English service. Offering for Mission, \$67.00. (3) **Zion-Atlantic** celebrated on September 23. The Revs. Aug. Mueller, H.P. Schmidt, and L. Acker of Omaha preached

the sermons. Envelope offering amounted to \$400.00. (4) **Trinity-Davenport** celebrated on October 14. Dir. H.A. Klein of our theological seminary at Springfield, Ill., and Rev. C.H. Jaebker of Lyons preached, and a lecture on the missions of our Synod was given in the evening by the local pastor. Collection: \$393.00. For the first time, this congregation distributed envelopes for the collection, which can be had free for the asking at Concordia Publishing House, whereby the collection was increased by 100%. (5) **Trinity-Des Moines** celebrated on the 18th Sunday a. Trinity. The Rev. J.H. Lindemeyer and A. Trost preached the sermons. Collection, \$215.00.


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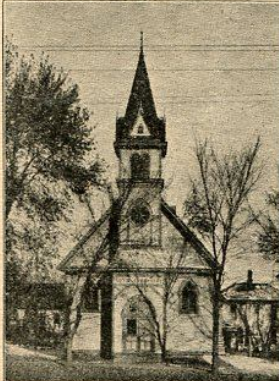


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Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



November 2023

Fall Workday - November 11

Camp needs your help! Come out to our Fall Workday on November 11 from 9AM to 3PM. There are projects for all ages! We have 3 trees that have to come down and be cleaned up. Aside from that, we need help painting! We want to repaint the Activity/Dining Hall in Alpha Lodge during our quiet season this year. We also want to repaint our picnic tables in the gazebo and around middle cross. Remember, lunch is provided!



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! You can get your application process started today by heading to www.nloma.org.

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IDE Pastors' Wives Retreat

November 11
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Christina Roberts, Kantor

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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.



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