



PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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President's Piece for Peace

March 24

I have a distant relative who had some kind of a struggle in his LCMS congregation. He became frustrated and then angry, so much so that he left the church and joined a reformed congregation. This took place a few years ago. I did have a chance to chat with him about that move and asked him if he missed the Lord's Supper. I asked that because the Reformed deny the real presence of Jesus' Body and Blood in the Sacrament. He said he missed the frequency of it, but he still believed it to be the Lord's Supper since he, himself, believed in the real presence. I had to inform him that, in the Lord's Supper, he does not determine what is served, the doctrine inscribed in the altar does. The inscription on a Reformed altar says that the bread and wine symbolize the body and blood of Jesus but there is no real presence. The recipient receives nothing but bread and wine.

In a few weeks we will enter Holy Week of Lent. One of the prime services of that week is Maundy Thursday when Jesus gathered His disciples into the upper room for the Passover Meal. When that meal was finished, Jesus then instituted the Lord's Supper. In the words of Institution Jesus makes it abundantly clear "this is my Body, this is my Blood." There is no other way to understand Jesus' words than what they say. With His divine power He joins His Body and Blood to the bread and wine for us to eat and drink. We really do receive Jesus' Body, we really do receive His Blood. His Word says so.

The Supper of our Lord is not for us to merely commit to memory. It is for us to participate in the victory Jesus won for us while earning our redemption on the cross.

Along with the reception of the Supper, our Lord delivers us His heavenly treasures. He really delivers them to us. Those treasures are forgiveness of our sins, strengthening of faith in Him, and confirming the promise of everlasting life with Him. Like Simeon of the Gospels says after seeing the baby Jesus, "Let your servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." It didn't get any better than that for Simeon. It doesn't get any better than that for us either in the Supper.

How sad to miss out on such a gift. It is equivalent to looking at pictures of the tropics in the middle of winter compared to actually being in the tropics in the middle of winter. The Supper of our Lord is not for us to merely commit to memory. It is for us to participate in the victory Jesus won for us while earning our redemption on the cross.

This Maundy Thursday I pray we relish what the Lord's Supper is. I commend us to the Words of Holy Writ that inform us clearly what Jesus gives in the Supper, His real Body and His real Blood. It is a pure gift and brings us comfort by the forgiveness we so desperately need. We will have spent six weeks reflecting on the darkness of our sins and the inability to compensate for them. We will have spent six weeks with the words of the confession wringing deep to the heart. On Maundy Thursday we will celebrate with great joy what Jesus has bequeathed to His precious Bride the Church. It was His last will and testament before His death. The words cannot be changed. Thank God for that.

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders
District President

Vacancy Updates

As of 2.28.24

March 24

Calling Congregations

Homestead, St. John;
Wellman, Good Shepherd

Keystone, St. John

Manchester, Our Savior

Newton, Our Savior

North Liberty, St. Silas

Osage, Trinity

Swisher, King of Glory

Gary Sears (Vacancy Pastor)

David Lingard (Vacancy Pastor)

Caleb Schewe (Vacancy Pastor)

Joel Picard (Vacancy Pastor)

Kris Kincaid (Vacancy Pastor)

Byron Northwick (Vacancy Pastor)

Brad Brown (Vacancy Pastor)

Pastor Calls

Accepted: Jason Zoske, Ft. Wayne

St. Paul, Williamsburg

Pending:

Declined: Aaron Wagner, Salina, KS

St. Paul, Williamsburg

David Behm, Williston, ND

Trinity, Osage

Adam Sorenson, Willoughby, OH

Our Savior, Newton

David Behm, Williston, ND

Our Savior

Sean Smith, Mason City

Trinity - Miles City, MT

Samuel Beltz, Oskaloosa

Calvary - Wray, CO

Michael Erickson, Cedar Rapids

St. John - Spokane, WA

James Rockhill, Crawford, NE

St. John, Homestead & Good Shepherd, Wellman

Jon Crawford, Dubuque

Faith - Lincoln, IL

Commissioned Call Searches

Park View Lutheran, Eldridge - DCE Search

Trinity Lutheran School, Cedar Rapids - Principal Search

Lutheran Interparish School, Williamsburg - Principal Search

Central Lutheran School, Newhall - 2 Teachers (2nd Grade, 3rd Grade)

Trinity Lutheran School, Davenport - 3 Teachers (2nd Grade, 4th Grade, 5th Grade/Math/Soc. Study)

Valley Lutheran School, Cedar Falls - 2 Teachers (HS Math/Science, MS Social Studies)

Accepted: Rhonda Whitcomb, Yuma, AZ

LIS, Williamsburg - 4th Grade

Heather Johnson, Yukon, OK

Central Lutheran, Newhall - 1st Grade

Pending:

Declined: Joan Davis, Salt Lake City, UT

LIS Williamsburg - Principal

Calendar of Events

March 24

March

29 Holy Friday IDE Office Closed

April

4 Pastors' Day on the Hill (tentative) Des Moines
23 Board of Directors IDE Office
23 CSL Call Night Concordia Seminary - St. Louis MO
24 CTSFW Call Night CTS- Fort Wayne, IN
29-30 Spring Workers' Conference Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

May

18 Concordia Plans Retirement Workshop IDE Office
22-24 Theological Symposium Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



New Resource

NEW FREE RESOURCE: Daily Lutheran devotions for Spanish-speakers! *La Palabra del Señor Permanece Para Siempre* ("The Word of the Lord Endures Forever") is now available from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation at <https://pubsearch.lhfmissions.org/>. From the link, search by language or title to download the most recent edition. These quarterly collections of devotions are written by LCMS Latin American missionaries and by pastors of LCMS Latin American partner churches.

Directory Updates

March 24

PG #	RECORD	ACTION	INFORMATION
			(Faith) PO Box 8625 (215 15th St NW) Cedar Rapids 52408: Phone: 319.423.9603 H/ 618.615.6993 Cell/ Associate Pastor - St Paul's Marion/ 319.377.4687 Office: revalkorn@stpaulsмарioniowa.org
16	Kornacki, Alan R.	Add	
11	Brase, Mark	Change	Delete: ilcms@iowatelecom.net. ADD revilcms02@gmail.com
39	Fairfield, Immanuel	Change	Delete: ilcms@iowatelecom.net. ADD revilcms02@gmail.com
73	Lavrenz, Cynthia	Add to Emeritus DCE	310 S ILLINOIS Box 113, Hubbard IA 50122; ph: 620-271-8260; cindylavrenz@netins.net
68	Wall, Beth	change of address	191 W Scott St, Eldridge IA 52748-1193
29	Volkert, George	New	cell phone change: 319-327-0093
29	Emeritus Pastors	remove	Barry Warpness - delete
67	Candidates Commissioned	remove	Amanda Hahn - transferred to Central IL.
38	Dubuque, Our Redeemer	Change	Delete: zierothmark@gmail.com/ ADD: pastorzieroth@gmail.com
45	Sherill, St Mathew	Change	Delete: zierothmark@gmail.com/ ADD: pastorzieroth@gmail.com
14	Hasselbrook, David	Change	Delete H: 319-352-8943/Add H:319-300-4820

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

⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:42-43

Mom was a good cook. Before she passed away, my sisters and I asked her to put a few peach pies in the freezer so we'd have something to remember her by when she was gone. Of course, that didn't work out. However, in fact, I still have a frozen pint jar of strawberry jam in my freezer that she made a few years before going to heaven. I'm not sure what I'm going to do with it but still, it's one of the last connections of Mom and her kitchen that I have left from her and I'm going to hang on to it!

My sisters, Jo and Jean, and my dad weren't the only ones to experience her good cooking. Our extended families loved to look forward to birthdays and German chocolate cake, Christmas and Easter family dinners. When I was principal at Central and had an evening meeting, instead of driving home and back again, I'd drive to Mom and Dad's in Atkins where Mom would have a roast beef and mashed potato supper ready for the three of us. Oh, my goodness!



Good cooks don't have to be rocket scientists to know what things go together. Roast beef and mashed potatoes. Pie and ice cream. Mac and cheese. Popcorn, butter and a little salt. You can think of others. The point here being the connection to food and deliciousness and goodness makes us happy and content, even wanting more.

Let's think about another connection that goes together besides food, something that our Savior provides. The one that comes to mind is what's pictured on the left, the cross and the empty tomb. It's what happened on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Jesus endured the pain of the cross by crucifixion where He died for our sins. Sin and death were defeated and He rose from the dead leaving an empty tomb as proof of His power, authority, and promise to save us from our sins. By it, our sins have been forgiven and we are assured of eternal life. We have become children of God!

End of story? Not yet. Not everything Mom made tasted good. Life goes on. We still get up every morning. We're still going to school, being a spouse, taking care of our own kids, going to faculty meetings, partaking in professional development, and on and on. In our everyday life, we are children of God living in a world where Satan, the prince of darkness seems to have his way. We are here in this world until we breathe our last breath or Jesus comes back, neither of which we have any control over.

It's nothing new for believers in Christ. All you have to do is look back at the New Testament scripture and read about what happened in the early church. Several hundred years later along came the Reformation. Jump ahead to today and all we have to do is look at our students, listen to the news, or look in a mirror to see that sin hasn't gone away – yet!

End of story? Nope. Not everything on the lunch menu is always to our liking. Not every situation in our lives is to our liking either. Even Mom had disasters in the kitchen. However, Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross does not bring disappointment. If all we had to look forward to was a life of sin and darkness, our lives would be bleak and hopeless. Because of the empty tomb darkness has been overcome for you and me, our students, and fellow believers in Christ.

Recall what Jesus told the thief on the cross, “Today you will be with me in paradise.” We don’t have to wait until paradise to enjoy the goodness of the Lord! We are experiencing it right now. It’s just that the Kingdom is invisible for this little time yet. When we speak God’s Word to our students, when we pray with them, when we correct them, when we encourage them, when we sing and worship with them, we are able to do so with great joy because we know that we are connected to Jesus. He knows every thought, desire, prayer and what we need, even before we think or ask about it.

Right now, through Christ we are connected to all believers in the invisible kingdom of God while we wait to join those that have gone before us in the visible kingdom of God. When we follow Jesus’ example, in faith the Holy Spirit gives us the fruit of goodness to share with others. And, in faith, we ask Him for forgiveness knowing that in faith, He has forgiven us. We are still His and He is ours! Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Galatians. 2:20

Jan Doellinger

Assistant to the President, Schools

ILSTO

We are so grateful for your dedication and support of the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization. Last year we raised over \$600,000 which will be used to support students in the 2024-2025 school year. Our new goal for 2024 is \$1,148,202 which is based on the number of tax credits available. Your generous donation is eligible for a 75% tax credit on Iowa state taxes.



IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL
TUITION ORGANIZATION

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

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	\$ AWARDED
Boone	114	\$22,005
Clarinda	81	\$31,500
Denison	73	\$82,219
Fort Dodge	84	\$63,000
Paullina	65	\$94,949
Sioux City	28	\$15,750
Spencer	119	\$33,600
Cedar Falls	114	\$142,607
Cedar Rapids	206	\$104,247
Davenport	352	\$125,997
Latimer	34	\$16,000
Newhall	132	\$59,970
Readlyn	37	\$7,200
Williamsburg	92	\$17,325

\$616,449.67

DONATIONS
IN 2023



200 FAMILIES
RECEIVED AID

337
STUDENTS
HELPED



170

DONORS

1553

STUDENTS IN
IOWA LUTHERAN
SCHOOLS

14% INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT

IMPACT OF EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

The ESA implementation went very well considering the quick turnaround between the program's passage and implementation this fall. The impact on the Student Tuition Organization (STO) was felt in several ways. Since many of the students were now eligible for the ESA, less students needed the STO. However, the need was far greater for those who did not qualify for the ESA funding. For this past year, STO funds were directed at families who still qualified for the STO funds but did not qualify for the ESA funds. Also, several of our schools have tuition amounts over the ESA amount so some STO funds were directed to those families as well. Since income guidelines for the ESA will change again for next year, the funding formula for the STO will also likely change. Legislative action this spring could also cause changes to the STO formula.

One of the areas that has received the most attention since the school year started is tuition rates. Many of our Lutheran schools have tuition amounts far below the cost of education for each student. Over the years and well before the passage of the ESA bill, schools have been adjusting tuition to move closer to the actual cost to educate. The Iowa Association of Christian Schools (IACS) reports: "Iowa is seeing fewer private schools close and more look to open since the trend has begun to change old, unsustainable models to modern ones that provide more opportunities for students and afford schools the ability to compete for talent."

Iowa Alliance for Choice in Christian Education also stated: "The move to tuition models that are more closely aligned with costs will help, over time, private schools to attract faculty and staff (their biggest hurdle moving forward) and to reverse the trend of private school closures that have plagued the private education sector nationwide for two decades."

Despite the ESA program, there is still a need for the STO program. The tuition assistance awarded by the STO program will fill the financial need created by the ESA program, increase in school tuition, decrease in church funding, and decrease in fundraising events. Our schools have seen an increase in stability with the ESA program and in the past several years have seen an increase in enrollment due to the ESA program as well as other factors. - Dewey Torkelson, Program Manager

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Parish Nurse - Did You Know?

March 24

If you're feeling stressed, reading a good book can lower your cortisol levels and other unhealthy stress hormones by 68%. Researchers from the University of Sussex found that stress reduction can be achieved within six minutes of reading.

They also found that reading reduces stress better than other methods such as listening to music (61% reduction), drinking tea or coffee (54% reduction), or going for a walk (42% reduction).

Researchers believe the concentration of reading a good book helps distract the brain away from anxious and stressful thoughts, which reduces heart rate and muscle tension caused by stress.

(Ed. Note: Of course, we know that reading THE Good Book, not only calms our hearts but also soothes our souls!) Source: anxietycentre.com

Submitted by Ronda Anderson RN, IDE parish nurse district representative

Life Coordinator - The Litany: An Ancient Pro-Life Prayer of the Church

March 24

Friends in Christ,

Take out a hymnal (Lutheran Service Book) if you have one and turn to the Litany on page 288. This beautiful, ancient, extended prayer can be spoken or sung, in private or in public, at church or at home. What's the Litany? Your hymnal (page XXV in the front) defines Litany as "a structured form of prayer for all conditions of humanity, consisting of a series of petitions and responses." Martin Luther once said that the Litany is "next to the holy Lord's Prayer the very best that has come to earth!"

The shorter requests bookend the prayer, with petitions to Lord – Christ – Lord reminding us of our God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The longer requests are in the middle. There are 4 sections in the Litany.

The **deprecations** (the word means "to avert by prayer") are a set of five petitions imploring God to deliver us from sin, error, evil, crafts and assaults of the devil, death, pestilence, famine, and other natural disasters, as well as everlasting death.

The **obsecrations** (the word means "to ask on religious grounds") center the prayer in Christ. By His incarnation, nativity, Baptism, fasting, temptation, death and burial, resurrection and ascension, and sending of the Spirit, we pray: Help us, good Lord.

The **supplications** are prayers for ourselves: in good times and in bad, Help us, good Lord.

The **intercessions**, the largest part of the Litany, are prayers for others: The Church and its pastors, the erring and fallen, the weak-hearted and distressed, those in authority, peace for all, mothers with child and with infants, orphans, widows, the sick, young children, those in bondage, and our enemies. We respond: We implore You to hear us, O Lord.

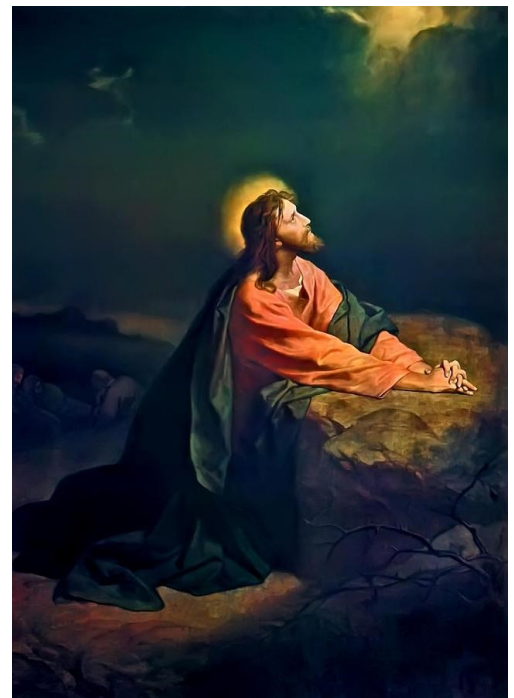
The Agnus Dei is also in the Litany, a prayer to our crucified and risen Lamb of God Who takes away our sins and the sins of the world.

The Litany begins and ends with the Kyrie: O Lord, O Christ, O Lord, have mercy.

At Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marshalltown we pray the Litany each day of Holy Week, Monday through Friday, at 12:15pm, along with a reading, a hymn, the Lord's Prayer, and the Benediction. I encourage you to pray the Litany regularly.

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray! Let's pray the Litany together often and with joy.

Pastor Alex Post
Iowa District East Life Coordinator



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:

*Gracious Father in heaven, as Your Son once told Philip to give the crowds something to eat, we pray you set apart in our day faithful church workers such as DCE's, deaconesses, musicians, and pastors, who feed us with the bread of Your Word, so that we may live on every Word that comes from the mouth of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*For laborers in the kingdom, that in these gray and latter days they would preach the whole counsel of God and faithfully administer the means of grace, so that all who hear would confidently say of Christ, "Truly this is the Son of God!" 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: What family or close friendships (close like family) do you have in the immediate area where you serve? What encouragement would you offer to someone who is considering studying to become a pastor/church worker?



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

Obviously my wife and 2 sons. Sara is my best friend and I wouldn't change that for the world. Matt and Ben are not only God's greatest gift to me -after their mother, of course! – but they have become great hunting and fishing buddies. I also have a group of 3-4 guys that I make a hunting trek to Texas with every year, that are pretty much brothers to me.

Stay in the Word of God – written, sung, proclaimed, studied, etc. Spend time with your pastor. Visit both of our seminaries (Ft. Wayne, IN & St. Louis, MO). PRAY!!!

Connie Powell - Trinity Lutheran School, Cedar Rapids

I am truly blessed to be serving at Trinity in Cedar Rapids. My teacher colleagues are some of my best friends! We share in our beliefs and values, support one another, and know how challenging teaching can be. Anyone who knows me knows I love sports. I play on an adult volleyball team once a week for exercise and fun with friends outside of school. Having this friend group and activity is a great mental break from the demands of school.

Serving as a Lutheran school teacher will be hard, but so rewarding. Your days will be filled with laughter and you will always be needed. It is a joy to serve in a Christ-centered career and be able to freely share Jesus' love with others!



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DCE Tara Darling—St. Paul Lutheran, Mt Vernon

I've only been with my current congregation for a year, so I am still building relationships, but I've been blessed with other church workers as members of this congregation who have quickly become close friends having shared so many similar life experiences.

It's way more than just playing with kids! It is more challenging than I anticipated, but I also never would have imagined the ways that God has blessed me through this service. We have a front row seat to seeing the Holy Spirit work in beautiful ways, but we are also in the frontlines facing the devil's attacks. Prayerfully consider where God might be leading you, and step out in faith!

Deaconess Faith Swenson - College Hill Lutheran, Cedar Falls

My brother-in-law and his girlfriend live in the area and have been a big part of our lives.

If you have a heart for serving your Lord, a love for theology, and a desire to meet and care for the physical needs of those around you, being a deaconess is the perfect vocation for you. I love being a deaconess because I get to share the love of Christ and ultimately point people to the altar where they get to physically receive Christ himself through Word and Sacrament. There isn't much work greater than that, in my humble, Deaconess-loving opinion.



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LWML Invitation - Pastors' Luncheon

March 24

Dear Brothers in Christ,
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The Iowa East District Lutheran Women's Missionary League district convention is June 21-22, 2024. At this event, women from the congregations of our district will meet to spend time in God's Word, decide upon mission projects, and elect leadership. This is always a wonderful time of fellowship and Christian growth for the women of our district.

The women of the LWML look up to their Pastors and request you to join them at this convention. You are invited to a provided Pastors' Luncheon that is being held at the convention on Friday, June 21st, at 11:30 a.m. At this lunch, you will hear from some of the speakers at the convention, learn a little more about LWML internationally and in our district, and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Following the lunch, you are then invited to join us for opening worship and the afternoon program. If you would like to attend the Friday evening banquet you will need to register and pay the registration fee for the convention.

Please note the following **important information** concerning convention registration. If you are registering for the full convention, please note on the form that you will be attending the Pastors' Lunch. If attending the full convention or just Friday, please deduct \$30.00 from your registration fee. Please note: this does not apply to Saturday only registration.

Even if you are not planning on attending part or all of the convention, we would love to have you come to the lunch and the opening worship. To plan adequately, we ask that you let us know if you will be able to join us for the lunch. Due to a generous donation, the cost of the lunch has been underwritten. If you would like to attend the lunch, please send an email to Jen Rethwisch at jenrethwisch@gmail.com by May 1, 2024. When contacting her, please let her know your name, of course, as well as your congregation's name and location, and LWML zone.

In Christ,
For the Women of the Iowa East District LWML,

Rev. Chris Roepke
Sr. Pastoral Counselor

Rev Jon Ellingworth
Jr. Pastoral Counselor





Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Iowa East District Convention

Radisson Hotel, 1200 Collins Rd, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

June 21-22, 2024

Sing praise to the Lord for He has done gloriously; let this be made known to all the earth. Isaiah 12:5

Registration Form

Complete one form for EACH person attending and make a copy for your reference.

NAME: _____ (Print Clearly)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

NAME OF CHURCH: _____ LWML ZONE: _____

ADDRESS OF CHURCH: _____

ATTENDANCE: (Please check one)

____ Delegate (must register as full-time)

____ Alternate

____ LWML IED Member

____ Guest

____ Pastor

CHOIR: ____ Alto ____ Soprano

SPECIAL NEEDS FOR MEALS:

____ Gluten Free ____ Lactose Free ____ Vegetarian

FRIDAY BANQUET (Please check one):

____ Pork Roulade ____ Chicken Marsala

____ Vegetarian (Eggplant) Wellington

REGISTRATION FEES: (Please Check One)

____ Full-time Registration (Includes Friday lunch and banquet, Saturday breakfast and lunch)\$170
After May 1: \$180

____ Friday Only (Includes Friday lunch and banquet)\$95
After May 1: \$105

____ Saturday Only (Includes Saturday breakfast and lunch)\$85
After May 1: \$95

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (Make check payable to LWML IED CONVENTION)

Send Registration Form and Check to: Jennifer Rethwisch
2653 CC Ave
Victor, Iowa 52347

For a confirmation notice, please provide an email address or enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with this form.

Registration questions may be emailed to jenrethwisch@gmail.com

Watch for convention updates on the LWML IED Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/iedlwml>) or LWML IED website (<http://lwml-ied.org/event-items/2020-lwml-ied-convention>). Radisson hotel reservations may be made online <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/G9657416>.

SHARED INTEREST PROGRAM

Donate your Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) investment interest to a ministry close to your heart. Your investment dollars can empower the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in two ways:

1 Your investment in LCEF is already helping ministries through low-cost loans and ministry solution programs for LCMS organizations and Rostered Church Workers (RCWs).

2 Now take your investments one step further by donating your interest to the ministry of your choice. You may choose from many LCMS ministries such as LCEF, your local school or church, a seminary or university or the LCMS Global Mission Fund.

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Call our friendly Customer Relations Team at **800-843-5233** or scan the QR code.

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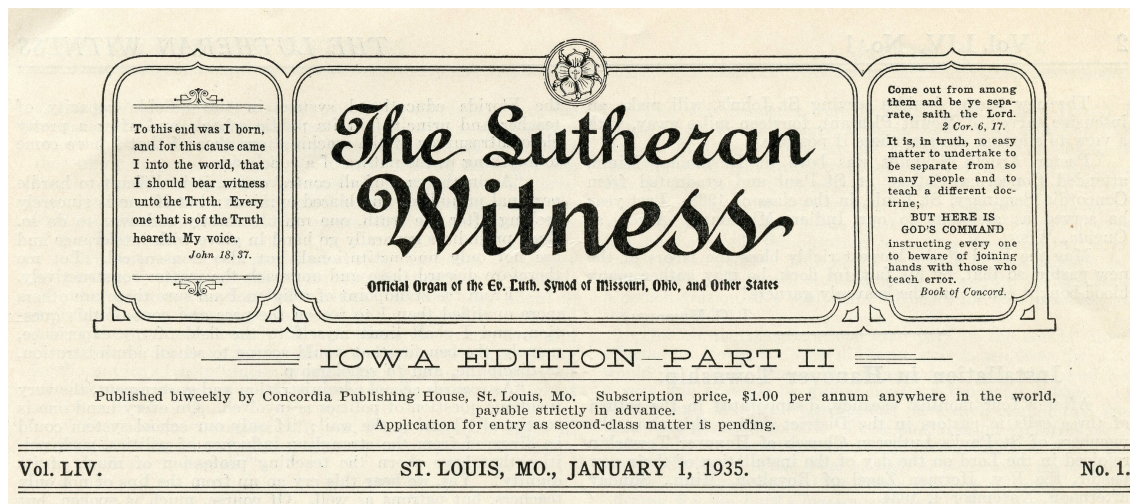


I D E A R C H I V E S

Pastor & teacher conferences

Congregations of the LC-MS in Iowa belonged to the Western District until 1879. Then they became part of the newly formed Iowa District. From 1922 to 1934, congregations enrolled all member households in a blanket subscription to *The Lutheran Witness* which carried a supplement known as *The Iowa District News*. In 1936, Iowa District had become so large so that for better administration there was a division into Iowa District West and Iowa District East. This then was the beginning of an insertion into *The Lutheran Witness* issued twice a month known as *Iowa East Edition*. The change was introduced in the January 12, 1937 edition as follows: "Let us jointly welcome the year 1937 through the columns of the *Iowa District East Supplement* as a year of undeserved grace and divine mercy and a year of great opportunity and strenuous labor in the kingdom of the Lord. With this issue, the first in the new year of 1937, our *Supplement* appears in a new District, under a new Board of Directors, by a new editorial committee, appointed by the District Board. The editorial committee, consisting of the Rev. E.W.M. Brewer, Buckeye, business manager, the Rev. C. Hesse, Eldora, editor, and the Rev. Geo. A. Koch, Hampton, assistant editor, is fully aware of the great task imposed upon it and therefore pleads for the whole-hearted cooperation and support of all members of the District for its work, and it asks you all to send reports of noteworthy occurrences and special events, also other news items, promptly, so that our *Supplement* may serve as a church-news agency in the District and not only keep us in touch with happenings in our District and its work, but also inspire us by the example of others from whom we hear to do our personal part cheerfully, as faithful stewards of the Lord." C.H.

Your district archivist is in the process of digitizing the *Iowa District East Edition* from 1937-1988 and, hopefully, their pages will become available to the public for historical research rather than documents just sitting on a shelf in the archives. It is while scanning each page, that I decided to extract some information about what took place years ago and present it in up-coming issues of the *Professional Packet*. I am starting off by focusing on news items about what took place when pastors or teachers met at their conferences just before the Iowa District divided into two. This may not be of great interest to some of our *Professional Packet* readers, but my hope is that it will serve to show how things were done "back then" as compared to how things are taking place in our own era.



East Iowa Teachers' Conference.
In Session at Wilton Junction, October 31 to November 2, 1934
January 1, 1935 – Vol. 54, No. 1

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“Partly lured out by the inviting weather and partly by a desire to meet with colleagues, but mostly by a craving for knowledge that is gained from conference work, the members arranged and made it possible to be present at their conference. Nearly all members were present. Only three were absent; two because of sickness and one because he chose to take unto himself, during the conference week, his chosen helpmeet. And he was excused from attending the conference. Despite the depression the conference continues to grow in membership. This speaks well for the spirit and interest the congregations manifest in Christian child education. In the five half-day sessions a goodly number of timely topics were presented for study and discussion. Colleague Waech, one of the local teachers, conducted two demonstration lessons with the pupils of the upper grades. In a unique manner he had his pupils present the Bible-story “Elijah.” There is no doubt in the minds of the visiting teachers that the pupils derived a great benefit from the study of the story. In “Nature Study” the teacher presented “Life in the Ocean.” In addition, the following papers were presented during the course of the conference: “How to Teach Right Reasoning in ‘Rithmetic,” by R. George of State Center; Review of Weimer’s Book *The Way to the Heart of the Pupil*, by F. Helberg of Keystone; Picture Study, “*The Helping Hand*,” by Miss P. Buls of Cedar Rapids; “*Church Symbols*,” by F. Eggerding of Luzerne, “*How to Create Love for Poetry*,” by G. Potratz of Sumner; “*The Essentials in the Family Life of Luther, Covering 1534 to 1546*,” by E.A.G. Mueller of Waverly; “*Success or No Success in School*,” by H. Bertram of Lowden; “*The Duties of a Lutheran Teacher*,” by L. Zobel of Newhall; Psychology according to Gates, Chapter VI, “*Sensations*,” by E. Schamber of Davenport. In addition to work presented by members of the conference the Rev. P. Happel of Wilton presented a comprehensive treatise on “*The History and Authenticity of The Book of Revelation*.” Also two sectional conferences were held. The teachers for the upper grades discussed “*Baccalaureate Services*,” Colleague A. Will of Davenport, leader; and the teachers for the lower grades discussed “*Penmanship*,” with Miss G. Uhlmann of Williamsburg as leader. The work in psychology is a part of a regular course on that very important subject and a regular feature of all our conferences. The course is taken according to Gates, an outstanding and recognized authority on psychology. It is worthy of note that the matter of baccalaureate services elicited such a protracted discussion. Some of our distinguished visitors, the venerable Rev. Harms, Pastor Happel, and a former member of the faculty of the Wilton High School, took a keen interest in the subject and contributed generously to the matter under discussion. Needless to say, these comments and contributions were highly appreciated. The officers for 1935 were elected. Mr. H. Albrecht of Atkins was reelected chairman; Mr. E. Studt, vice-chairman; Mr. O. Glandorf of Dubuque, secretary; Mr. E.G. Steinbach of Waterloo, treasurer; Mr. E. Shamber of Davenport, patronus; Program Committee: J.C. Mattfeld, O. Kamprath, A. Daenzer.” [J.C.M. Reporter]

District Pastoral Conference.
September 24, 1935 – Vol. 54, No. 20

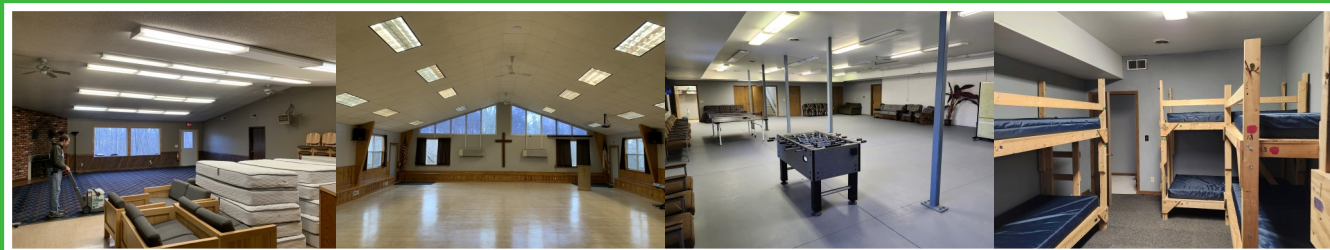
The last regular conference for all the pastors of our divided District has been held. The date was August 20-22; the hostess, as hospitable as any, St. John’s Church, State Center. The pastor of this congregation is Rev. W.J.F. Zabel; the teacher, Mr. R.L. George. Most of the ministers of the State, including a number of retired ones as well as several theological students and candidates, were present. About 130 responded to the roll-call. The opening service began at 9 o’clock, Tuesday morning.

Despite distances the church was well filled at that early hour. The Rev. C. Hesse, Second Vice-President, conducted this service. The text of his sermon was John 7:14-18; his theme, "*The Testimony of Jesus in the Temple concerning His Doctrine.*" A half hour after this service the conference organized itself. Following the roll-call, Pastor E. Hempel was elected chairman; Pastor G.A.W. Vogel, secretary. The matter of supplying the secular press with news items pertaining to the conference was entrusted to the Rev. John F. Schulz. Five sessions took place. In general the printed program was adhered to. Rev. Th. Hinck read an exegetical paper entitled "*The Letters to the Churches of Asia Minor as Recorded in the Book of Revelation.*" Repeatedly this presentation reminded the writer of Dr. Walther's well-known prayer "May God preserve unto us a pious ministry!" A mimeographed copy of this excellent essay may probably still be obtained by sending twenty-five cents to the Rev. Martin H. Mueller, 703 S. Seventh St., Council Bluffs, Iowa. Synod's Secretary of Missions, Pastor F.C. Streufert of St. Louis, offered "*Practical Suggestions for the Missionary and Pastor in the Rescue of Perishing Souls.*" Pointing out, first, "the Great Commission and how to prepare for it," then, "the Great Commission and how to execute it," he stressed the importance of "knowing your Bible," "praying," "studying your prospect," "making the most of your casual contacts," and the like. About canvassing he said very little in his interesting lecture, pronouncing that feature of mission activity as self-evident. The Rev. E.G. Juengel read a brief paper on "*The Baptism of John the Baptist as Compared with the Baptism Instituted by Christ.*" Pastor O.F. Koch had time to read only a little more than the introduction to his treatise on "*Requisites of a Servant of God that may be Learned from Biblical Characters.*" Director Martin Graebner of Concordia College, St. Paul, addressed the conference for ten or twelve minutes in the interest of his institution. As usual, there were a few questions of casuistry. "What's that?" some one may ask. Webster's Academic Dictionary defines "casuistry: as being "the science of dealing with cases of conscience, or of resolving questions of right or wrong; application of general moral rules to particular cases." Such cases are considered confidential, but your pastor will be glad to shed more light on the term referred to if necessary. The pastoral service with the celebration of Holy Communion was held Wednesday evening, Rev. H. Maas preaching the sermon from Acts 20:28; Rev. A.H. Janke, the confessional address from 1 John 1:8-9. Vice-President Hesse reported a District deficit of \$6,000, due to the fact that many of our congregations are in arrears on their LUTHERAN WITNESS subscriptions. Speaking for the editor of the *Iowa Supplement*, Pastor Janke requested that news from all circuits be sent regularly to Rev. P.W. Happel, Wilton Junction, Iowa. Time was flying. Therefore the important matter of missions in Iowa could not be discussed at length. However, Rev. E.L. Wittkopp, the District's secretary of missions, had the floor long enough to give a brief sketch of the progress made in his department since the Keystone convention. We now have a total of fifty-five subsidized stations here in Iowa. President Harms presented synodical matters one day and District matters the next. The conference, in an advisory capacity, went on record as favoring the plan of the Board of Directors to arrange, if possible, for one more gathering, namely, in 1936, of the old Iowa District. Theoretically we were divided into two Districts last June by Synod assembled at Cleveland; but practically we shall continue to exist and to operate as one District for another year or until the East and the West Iowa District shall have been organized. While another meeting of our large Iowa District presents certain difficulties, such a meeting was thought necessary for a satisfactory solution of the problems connected with reorganization. Which congregation or group of congregations will undertake to entertain our dear old District for the last time? An early answer is said to be very desirable." Robert Grote.

[to be continued]

Rev. Allen E. Konrad
IDE Archivist

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



March 2024

Summer Camp 2024: **GEARING UP!**

Registration

Registrations for the 2024 summer camp season have been pouring in! They came in especially quickly for Horse Camps and Projectile Camp! We're on pace for another great year overall, and would love to have you be a part of it if you're not already!

Staff

In order to ensure that all those registered get to experience camp this summer, we need to fill some key roles on our summer staff. We need both male and female counselors to serve in these roles. Becoming a counselor at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca provides a great opportunity to serve others, share the Christian faith, and be a role-model for all the kids who attend camp! It is also a great way to develop professional skills such as working and communicating with people of all ages, being able to adapt, and making quick and sound decisions in a variety of situations. **We anticipate needing up to 10 more counselors to accommodate the amount of campers getting registered! PLEASE HELP!!!!**

We're primarily looking for LC-MS college-aged young adults over the age of 18 to serve as counselors in overnight and day camp settings. If you're wondering if you or someone you know is camp staff material, don't! We'll train you in all you need to know for leading campers in a rewarding work environment. Just look at what some of our evaluations have said about our camp staff.

"Thank you for the Christian examples you are to our children!"

"The camp staff were all very polite, friendly, caring, and helpful."

"The counselors' enthusiasm with the kids was greatly appreciated."

Young people today need Christian role models in their lives, and year after year our summer staff provide our campers with summer camp experience filled with safety, fun, friendship, adventure, and Christian learning. For more information or to begin your application process, please see the bottom of the next page. We look forward to assembling a great team for 2024!



Facilities

Our staff have been busy working on various projects to improve our lodges this winter. This includes shampooing the carpet in all of the high comfort rooms and Fireside Room in Alpha Lodge. We also stripped and waxed the tile floor in the Fireside Room as well as the dining and activity halls. In Omega Lodge, the basement floor and the walls in the summer staff apartment got repainted. Thanks to the warm February weather, we were also able to clear branches and brush from around the barn area and pastures! If you'd like to see more pictures, head to our social media pages!

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Camp Staff Update

Director Daniel Sanchez has moved on from Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca into a full-time position with the Iowa District East—LCMS. Daniel served as the Program Director from 2006-2013 and the Camp Director from 2014-2023. However, Daniel remains as a consultant to the Camp through the summer of 2024. He looks forward to seeing you on camp this summer!

Site Manager Dylan Lampe has been appointed the Interim Camp Director. Dylan, originally of Readlyn, IA was a longtime camper at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca and began serving on summer staff in 2018 and again in 2019. He joined the Camp Staff in 2020 as Site Manager.

Important Dates

April 29-30
Spring Workers' Conference

April 30
Registration Discount Deadline #2

May 4
Spring Cleanup

May 22-24
IDE Symposium

June 12
First Day of Summer Camp

July 27
I Believe in Camp Fundraiser Auction

October 11-12
IDE Confirmation Retreat



THRIVENT CHOICE

In 2023, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca received around \$8,000 in Thrivent Choice contributions! Thank you donors for making this program a success for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Will you help make 2024 an even better year in Thrivent Choice giving?

Go to <https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/> or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice" to designate your choice dollars for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca today. Thank you for making Thrivent Choice a valuable stream of revenue for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca!

Needs List

Paper Towels; Napkins; Paper Plates; First Class Postage Stamps; Batteries: 9v, AA, AAA; Cleaning Supplies: disinfecting wipes, all-purpose cleaner. **Please see our web site for a complete list:** www.campiodiseca.org.

2024 Summer Staff

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is one of dozens of Lutheran camps across the country looking for college-aged young adults to make a difference in the lives of children. The opportunity to serve at a camp awaits. Go to www.nloma.org to start your summer camp service today!

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca also needs Junior Counselors (JC's) to assist the summer program. Applicants should be at least 15 years old. JCs spend the week with a cabin group enjoying the many camp activities and serving as a positive role model and motivator for younger campers while helping the cabin counselors supervise younger campers. It's a great experience for only \$100 per week.

Please contact Program Director Alec Deppe by emailing programdirector@iodiseca.org for more information or to receive an application.



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When Eternity Breaks Into Identity

by Rev. Jonathan Conner



When eternity breaks into identity, we see ourselves and our neighbor differently: in light of God's image.

Reverent Wonderment before the Weight of Mankind's Glory

I'm struggling to give words to the idea that has taken up residence in my mind. It's one of these ideas that has the power to remake us, to dramatically change the way we move through life, the way we see and treat each other, the way we govern, the way we argue, the way we neighbor. It's related to identity, but it's bigger than that. It gets at the heart of our being as humans. The big word for being is *ontology*, but that word isn't common enough to resonate with most people.

Discovering Reverent Wonderment

A strange image from an old movie I saw decades ago starts to get at my idea. I remember very little about the movie other than the scene where some of the main characters took their skin off. This wasn't a grotesque thing; they were actually aliens (no, this is not an article about aliens, although I do have [one on Zion's blog](#) if you want to read about what the Bible and reality have to say about them). These alien characters were wearing a human disguise. Under their skin was a beautiful, light radiating creature. This, as you can imagine, was a great revelation to the non-alien characters who were astonished to discover the true identity of their companions. I remember them standing transfixed by the surprise revelation.

It's that transfixed astonishment that has taken up residence in my mind because I believe, if we actually paused to reflect upon the opening chapter of Scripture, specifically what it says about mankind, we would have the same jaw-dropping experience as the astonished characters in the movie. Even more, beyond jaw-dropping, I believe we would discover reverent wonderment.

Consider what Scripture says:

*So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)*

An Enfleshed Image

Because of our cultural moment and its fixation on gender, we are quick to notice the binary creation of male and female. This is well and good (and of critical importance!), but the reverent wonderment begins in the image. Mankind bears the image of God! And of critical importance to note, this image is an enfleshed image. In other words, we're not suggesting, as with the movie reference, that the skin must be peeled off to see the divine image on the inside. Scripture is insisting that the divine image is imprinted on the whole person, body and soul. This image on the whole person calls for a reverent wonderment.

The Weight of Glory

C.S. Lewis perceived this reverent wonderment and termed it *the weight of glory* (You can find and read his essay by that name online or buy the book). He wrote, "Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses."

Wonder at his words: *the holiest object presented to your senses*. So, after the Lord's Supper, the clerk ringing up your household necessities is the holiest object presented to your senses. The sweaty boys or girls on the opposing team who you are trying to block out or rebound over are the holiest objects presented to your senses. The elderly woman obstructing your hurried attempts to get your groceries in your cart is the holiest object presented to your senses. The obnoxious sibling who seems set on annoying you is the holiest object presented to your senses. They bear God's image. There's something more to their being than the surface-level things upon which our vision usually stops. And Scripture teaches us, fits our eyes, to see it.

Starting Where the Story Begins

Yes, they are fallen and sinful and this is a part of the story, but we are too quick to skip over the significance of where the story begins (and, subsequently, where the story is headed in the renewed creation where we will stand in our eternal glory reigning with Christ! More on this below.). Mankind bears God's image! We are, if you will, princes and princesses on earth. Royalty. Our Father, the King, has dignified us with a dominion over His creation. Tell yourself, "I am royalty" and see if it doesn't make you stand straighter and adopt a more dignified perception of yourself and your life.

This gravity of glory brings a holy dignity with it, a sacred sobriety, a hallowed weightiness. This is true for us and true for our neighbor. This is what Lewis is driving after in *The Weight of Glory*. He wants us to appreciate the weightiness of mankind's identity as image bearers of God. He writes,

There are no *ordinary* people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilization—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendours.

No Ordinary People

No ordinary people. They all bear the image. They are princes and princesses weighted with God's image. No other creature in heaven or on earth is weighted with such dignity and consequence. Lewis stands in reverent wonderment at the thought. *These people are not ordinary, not commonplace and therefore overlookable. They bear God's image and they will either be reduced to immortal horrors in hell or exalted to everlasting splendors in the resurrection and renewal of all things.* Thoughts of such magnitude must surely make us marvel and tremble.

And surely this must change the way we see each other, the way we treat each other, the way we speak to each other. Surely this must change the way we make contracts or engage in business or provide health care or provide service. Surely the reality of my neighbor's nature as a prince or princess of God must weigh on me. It must press on me the great dignity I owe him or her. Lewis reflects:

The load, or weight, or burden of my neighbour's glory should be laid daily on my back, a load so heavy that only humility can carry it, and the backs of the proud will be broken. It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare.

Seeing Ourselves and Our Neighbors Differently

This is what I mean by my title – “When Eternity Breaks into Identity: Reverent Wonderment before the Weight of Mankind's Glory.” I'm trying to capture the weighty truth and significance of the image you and I bear. I want you to see yourself differently in the mirror, to see your neighbors differently. I want you to see the image they bear. It is a heavy thing, a sacred burden, this divine image that we must bear up under.

The Smallness of Cultural Obsessions

And I want us to understand that seeing the sacred burden of this divine image exposes our culture's obsession with race and gender and sexual identity as too small, these skin-deep identity markers that our culture elevates to the level of ontology, to the level of a person's being. They are making small things big things, culturally temporal things eternal things, secondary things primary things. Don't misunderstand me. I'm not suggesting the questions our culture is asking are unimportant; I'm asserting that they're mis-ordered in priority and that mis-ordering matters eternally. Race, gender, and sexuality are important, but these things come after the image of God and it gives clarity to them.

Inherent Divine Dignity

There's no way rightly to answer the questions of race if we miss the divine image borne by the entirety of mankind, by every tribe, language, nation, and tongue. We are unable to rightly appreciate sexuality if we overlook the divine image and so miss the inherent call in that image to holy sexuality that reverences the source of our image. There's no way to understand justice if we neglect the image and so miss the inherent divine dignity borne by every image bearer (born and unborn). If we cannot rightly define the human person, i.e. discern his true nature, we will never be able to answer the questions that plague him.

We must begin with the weight of glory in the divine image. We have been supremely blessed with a sacred burden in the divine image we bear, a sacred burden that we are called to bear with dignity and solemnity – we are princes and princesses! – and a sacred burden that places a moral imperative on our relating to our image-bearing neighbors.

Weight of Glory Beyond All Comparison

This is what Scripture would have us see. And the goal of this, the telos of this, is what Scripture would have us long for in the resurrection. The Apostle Paul, reflecting on the reality of suffering in this present age, points us to the telos of mankind's divine image,

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

Paul sees what God has in store for His image bearers: an eternal weight of glory, an eternal standing as princes and princesses on the New Earth. We will rule with Christ! We will see the majestic glory that we now so regularly miss. This is what God has in store for every believing image-bearer. This is why Lewis wrote of such believing image-bearers as "everlasting splendours."

Standing Together in Reverent Wonderment

That's the idea that has taken residence in my mind. If I have not described it well, it's because I lack the competency to put it in to words. I feel as if I need to surround each person with a stirring soundtrack and a radiant glow, something to help us see and hear and sense what Scripture reveals. Perhaps you can imagine such a thing. We would all do well if we could. My prayer for you is that you would be visited by my idea. In fact, my prayer is that you would welcome it as a permanent resident. How greatly the world would change if we stood together in reverent wonderment before the weight of mankind's God-given glory!

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Iron Sharpens Iron – Bettering the Brotherhood of Christ 2024 Elder's Training Workshop

*Saturday, April 6
9:30 – 2:30*

St. John's Lutheran Church
Monticello, IA
Iowa District East

Presented by Rev. W. Max Mons, STM of St. Paul's Lutheran
Chapel and University Center

FREE STEAK LUNCH PROVIDED

9:30 Matins
10:00 Session 1
10:45 break
11:00 Session 2
11:45 - 12:30 meal
12:30 - 1:15 Session 3
1:30 - 2:15 Session 4
2:15 Responsive Prayer 2

Session I: The Elder and Christ's Gifts

By God's grace, the elders in our congregations are called to a noble task. They are called to stand firm in the face of spiritual warfare. Thanks be to God that everything the Lord requires of them, He gives them. Sword of the Spirit? Given. Breastplate of Righteousness? Given. A table prepared in the presence of enemies? Given. The fulsome grace given in Word, Sacraments, Prayer, and individual confession and absolution are more than tools for the elder; they're life for the elder.

Session II: The Elder and the Pastor

What does that relationship look like? Are the elders checking in on the pastor? Do they talk to his wife and children about time with their husband and Father? Do they see to it that he has appropriate pay, health care, that he takes his time off? Do they work to see that he has time for the most important tasks of preaching, teaching, and visitation?

Session III: The Elder and the Culture

Raise children to faithfully navigate the cultural storms and remain faithful in the ark of the Lord's church. Rev. Mons has years of experience in campus ministry and wisdom of tell-tale signs that a child's been trained in the way of truth.

Session IV: Questions and Further Conversation

2024 IDE Spring Workers' Conference

The History, Development, and Conduct of the Divine Service

April 29-30 @ Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, Solon

Registration

Registration and Check-In begin at 12:00 PM on Monday, April 29. Cost is \$55 (Emeriti and wives \$30)

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

Housing

A housing package is available at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca for an additional \$33 which includes breakfast.

Rooms have been reserved at a nearby hotel for \$99, but reservations must be made by March 28 in order to secure the \$99 rate.

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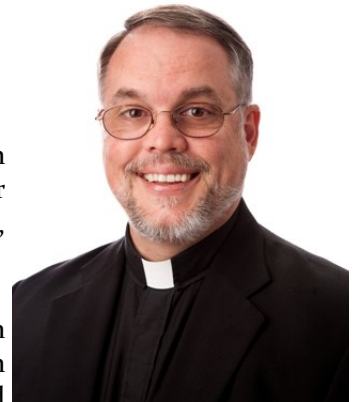
Guest Speaker: Rev. Fr. Mark Braden
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church - Detroit, MI

The History, Development, and Conduct of the Divine Service

This presentation will look at the earliest forms of the Divine Service, considering the sources and development of the Western Rite, culminating in the ceremony, rubric and rite of the Lutheran Common Service

Fr. Mark P. Braden serves his Lord Jesus Christ as undershepherd of the Flock at Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Detroit Michigan. He has served as Zion's Pastor for 15 years. Previously he served Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Cleghorn, Wisconsin; and St. Paul Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Modena, Wisconsin.

Fr. Braden holds an A.A., a B.A. (Concordia Ann Arbor), an M.S. (Eastern Michigan University), and an M.Div. and S.T.M. (Concordia Theological Seminary). He is an adjunct member of the faculty of Concordia Theological Seminary, having taught Old Testament Bible in 2003 and 2004, and Biblical Greek online for the last 16 years. He has taught as a visiting professor at Concordia University Ann Arbor, and served for many years as an adjunct member of the faculty at Washtenaw Community College in Ypsilanti, Michigan.



Fr. Braden serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Concordia University System. He also serves on the Board of Gottesdienst, and is a Departmental Editor, having authored the Taking Pains column in every issue since 2009. He periodically participates in Gottesdienst regional conferences, podcasts and blog posts. He serves as host and a frequent presenter at the annual St. Michael Liturgical Conference, held at Zion Detroit each year in September. His interests lie in the conduct of the Divine Service, and the historical development of the ceremony, the rite, and the rubrics of the Western Mass.



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_____ I will find my own housing away from camp.

Please return this form along with a check for payment to the IDE office before April 22. Checks should be made out to IOWA DISTRICT EAST-LCMS; please note 2024 Spring Workers Conf, in the memo. Mail to:

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For details about the event visit our website at lcmSIDE.org or call the IDE office at 319-373-2112. We look forward to seeing you there!

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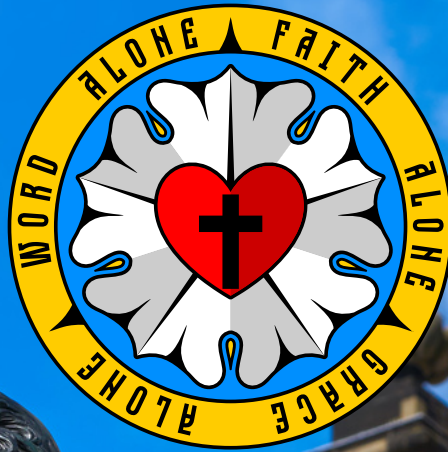
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