

PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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President's Piece for Peace

April 24

My cell phone is 8 years old and finally starting to slow down a little. I know, there have been many upgrades of phones in power and sizes since I purchased this one, but it still does what I need it to do. It still functions but slower and needs to be plugged in quite a bit more often as of late.

I suppose I could investigate buying a new one, more powerful and capable of doing much more than the dinosaur I use now. I could do that, or I could just purchase and install a new battery. The battery for this ancient piece of equipment is still available. It's cost? It is about one tenth the cost of even the least expensive phone on the market. All it needs is a new battery that will charge up fully and continue to serve its purpose. I use that little intro because you servants of the Church have just finished the most exhausting and most wonderful season of the Church Year. Lent has come, Holy Week has required many sermons and Divine Services in a short period of time. You might be reeling with activity and in need of a rest. Maybe equivalent to my phone, your batteries need recharging.

Rest is good, no doubt. However, rest is more than cessation of activity. It is ok to sit and catch your breath or spend some time with family. I encourage that. At the same time, I also encourage you to rest in the Word. Nothing recharges you like the most blessed promises of God espoused in His Holy Truth. The Lord of Hosts reminds you that He fights your battles for you, He lifts you out of darkness into the marvelous Light. It is He who conquered sin, death, and the Devil.

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Your ministry is in all actuality His Ministry. He equips you with everything necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the Office you have been Called into. The Law is always correct, and the Gospel always delivers you from the failure to fulfill the Law. The instruction you receive from the Word is always fruitful and beneficial for the faithful. You are His and He is yours. His redemption is proved valid and true by the miracle of the resurrection from the dead. This is your Lord and God. He speaks to you through His Word and gives you peace and respite with it.

I pray you rest in His Word with purposeful intent as you recover from the busy element of Ministry. Devote in the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and pray for peace the passes all understanding. As you rest in the Word and are fed the precious forgiveness of sins in Absolution as well as the Holy Supper, you will be refreshed and ready to engage the wonderful privilege of serving the flock of God. It is calming to know that you do so with that which does not fail you. The Word is always right, it is always perfect, it is always effective. It is God's gift to you. Rest, recharge, and rejoice in it.

So, new phone or new battery? Regardless, I have the New Life in Christ. That is certain. God be with you fellow servants.

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders District President

Vacancy Updates As of 3.27.24

Calling Congregations April 24

Homestead, St. John;
Wellman, Good Shepherd
Gary Sears (Vacancy Pastor)

Keystone, St. John*

David Lingard (Vacancy Pastor)

Manchester, Our Savior* Caleb Schewe (Vacancy Pastor)

Newton, Our Savior Joel Picard (Vacancy Pastor)

North Liberty, St. Silas Kris Kincaid (Vacancy Pastor)

Osage, Trinity Byron Northwick (Vacancy Pastor)

Swisher, King of Glory Brad Brown (Vacancy Pastor)

Pastor Calls

Accepted:

Pending:

Declined: Brent Hartwig, Iowa City Our Redeemer—Marshall, MO

Nathan Neugebauer, Revillo SD St. John, Homestead/ Good Shepherd, Wellman

Kevin Richter, Reinbeck St. John, Howard/Our Savior, Madison, WI

Commissioned Call Searches

Trinity Lutheran School, Cedar Rapids - Principal Search

Lutheran Interparish School, Williamsburg - Principal Search, 4th Grade Teacher

Central Lutheran School, Newhall - 3 Teachers (2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, 4th 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:

Pending: Jacqueline Bauman, Portage, WI Trinity, Davenport - 5th Grade

Gregory Johnson, Vicksburg, MI

Trinity, Cedar Rapids - Principal

DCE Tony Dixon, Cedar Rapids Abiding Savior, St. Louis, MO

Declined:

DCE Intern Bethany Dorschner, Concordia - St. Paul Park View Lutheran Church, Eldridge

Calendar of Events

April 24

April		
4	Pastors' Day on the Hill	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
27	Memorial Day	IDE Office Closed
June		
24-26	Continuing Education	Trinity - Davenport

Directory Updates

April 24

PG # RECORD	ACTION	INFORMATION
22 Zoske, Jason	Add	wife: Michelle/ Cell phone: 260-413-7253/ St Paul, Williamsburg/ O: 319.668.1266
		Home: 306 W State St, Williamsburg 52361/ Email:
22 Zoske, Jason	Add	jbzoske@gmail.com/ stpaullcmspastor@gmail.com
Eastside Mission, Daven-		
79 port	Add	email: eastsidemissiondav@gmail.com
		Delete CR address: Add: 2126 J Street, Iowa City 52240-
23 Hall, Matthew	Change	2045
		Delete zierothmark@gmail.com; Add pas-
22 Zieroth, Mark	Change	torzieroth@gmail.com
		Remove PO Box and add 427 S Washington for home./ Re-
16 Koch, Ronnie	Delete	move PO Box and use 222 S Washington for St Paul Church
39 Fredericksburg, St Paul	Delete	Remove PO Box/ Use 222 S Washington for St Paul Church
		Delete: pastorz@iowatelecom.net. Add new: pas-
22 Zimmermann, Bruce	change	torz@windstream.net
		Delete: pastorz@iowatelecom.net. Add new: pas-
47 Wellsburg, St John	change	torz@windstream.net

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

Connected To Power

April 24

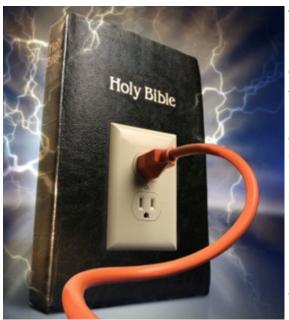
When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. - John 16:13

On August 10, 2020, with very little time to prepare a storm called a derecho hit eastern Iowa bringing wind speeds of 140+ mph and causing widespread devastation. This unprecedented straight-line wind storm damaged hundreds of square miles and impacted every resident in its path in some way. Homes and businesses, farms, crops, and buildings, including several of our Lutheran schools in IDE were devastated. Thousands of people were without power for a week or more. The storm severely limited communication, as damage to local towers and above-ground cable lines caused widespread outages of cellular and internet services. There were many broken connections.

In the verses preceding the passage above we find Jesus meeting with His disciples in the Upper Room on the very night when He is betrayed. He's telling His them that they are going to experience a loss of power. On their own they were going to be powerless and disconnected, unable to deal with the what would lie ahead, the deep issues of life. However, the disciples heard that night that Jesus was not their only source of strength and power at the moment. He assured them that He would be connected to Him for life forever. Though He would physically depart from them on this earth, He will send the Holy Spirit.

A story I read recently happened some years ago when engineers building a new bridge over the East River in New York, discovered a wrecked hull of a ship, sunken many years before, lying right where the center piers were supposed to be built. Powerful machinery was brought in to remove the ship, but the ship wouldn't budge. [2]

Then, one of the engineers had an unusual idea - why not have the tide raise the ship. Some strong cables were attached to the hull of the sunken ship when the tide was low. The other ends were fastened to a barge floating above. As the tide came in, the barge gradually lifted the sunken ship powerfully out of its sandy grave. It was then towed out into the ocean and sunk at a spot that would not cause future problems.



Think about that's how the Holy Spirit works. He doesn't come to us today in a mighty wind, tongues of fire, and the ability to speak in many languages (Acts 2). He lifts us up from unbelief to faith or from weak faith to a strong faith. He comes to make the connection with the things that Jesus did which made possible the impossible. The power of the Holy Spirit isn't found in mighty engines or other human sources of power. The power of the Holy Spirit is divine. It connects us to the power source of Baptism and God's Word. When we partake of the Lord's Supper the Holy Spirit is there reminding us that Jesus Christ is truly present in this holy meal assuring us that He loves us and forgiving our repentant hearts.

Pentecost (May 19) is a reminder that we are connected to Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. Some of you may remember teaching your students and cheerleaders the "spirit" cheer.

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Either the opposing team's cheerleaders (or ours) would start "We've got spirit, yes we do! We've got spirit, how 'bout you?" Then the opposing side would respond with the same chant, and it would go back forth each time getting hopefully louder and louder. No, we weren't cheering about having the Holy Spirit, but what if you did that cheer in our classrooms or at chapel! Think about it! What would be the amazing result?!?!? (If any teacher or principal or EC Director does this, let me know how it went!)

But what about you. Do you have the Spirit? Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12..."no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit." So, if in your heart and your voice and your actions when you declare that "Jesus is Lord" yes, you indeed have the Holy Spirit. That saving faith is the greatest gift anyone could ever hope for or receive.

The 2023-2024 school year is coming to a close. I know. The month of May might seem like 90 days long BUT....there is still time for you to connect with each of your students in your own personal way by telling them about the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and what He does for them and what He has done for you! Yes, there were times this year when sins got in the way because the "unholy trinity" (Satan, the world, and our sinful self) got in the way. But thanks be to God the broken connection has been fixed. The power of the Holy Spirit is always "on"! Your students have been blessed to you their Spirit-filled teacher being led by the Holy Spirit to bring the glorious news of Jesus. Thank you for what you have done to bless

Jan Doellinger
Assistant to the President, Schools

Parish Nurse - Being Physically Active Can Make Up For Sitting

April 24

We've all heard about the health consequences of sitting for long periods of time such as:

- Weakening your leg and gluteal muscles.
- Causing your hip flexor muscles to shorten, leading to hip problems.
- Increasing your risk of developing type 2 diabetes.
- Escalating your risk of suffering a heart attack and stroke.

The good news is that a little exercise can offset the damages of prolonged sitting. A study published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine showed that just 20-25 minutes a day of physical activity helped to offset a sedentary lifestyle.

The study involved 12,000 people (aged 50+ years) who wore movement detection sensors for at least two years. The researchers found that those who sat for more than 12 hours a day had a 38% higher risk for an early death than those who sat for eight hours — but only if they also had less than the recommended 20-25 minutes a day of exercise. The more active a participant was, the more the risk declined.

The study was observational, so the data could not show cause and effect, but researchers concluded that even small amounts of physical activity may be an effective strategy to lessen the mortality risk due to being sedentary.

Source: U.S. News, and Medical News Today
Taken from Better Health, Spring 2024 | Volume 40 | Number 1
Submitted by Ronda Anderson RN, Iowa District East Parish Nurse District Representative

Life Coordinator - A Statement on the Alabama Supreme Court In Vitro Decision

April 24

by Col. John Eidsmoe, Board Member, Lutherans For Life

...In 2018, with 59% of the vote, the people of Alabama adopted the Sanctity of Life Amendment...Protecting unborn human persons, the amendment makes no exceptions for children conceived in vitro. Children conceived in vitro therefore are "unborn children" and are entitled to "the rights of unborn children, including the right to life."

...The case arose out of a lawsuit alleging that an Alabama clinic negligently allowed the destruction of frozen embryos. Ruling that these frozen embryos were unborn children under the Alabama Constitution, the Alabama Supreme Court sent the case back to the trial court for further adjudication. Fearing that they could be held liable for discarded frozen embryos, the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital suspended its in vitro program, and several other hospitals followed suit...

Lutherans For Life has adopted a <u>position statement</u> on in vitro fertilization which "recognizes the pain of childlessness and that some people, desiring to have children, have used in vitro fertilization without realizing or considering the potential consequences for the embryos involved," but also recognizes that in vitro fertilization often results in the destruction of unused embryos. The position statement therefore concludes that "Lutherans For Life at the present time objects to and opposes the use of in vitro fertilization" but "does not condemn those married couples who have used in vitro fertilization but encourages ministry to them and to all people such that they may receive the comfort of Christ and His redeeming love."

Consistent with our position statement, Lutherans For Life applauds the Alabama Supreme Court's decision and hopes that continued research will develop ways in which those who are unable to conceive children will be able to have families without risking the loss of unborn human life.

Submitted by: Pastor Alex Post lowa District East Life Coordinator



Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life

LCMS - Set Apart to Serve

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

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.

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you that for us your Son was baptized, for us He fasted and prayed, and for us He remained on the tree until the price was paid and our salvation finished. That we may obtain and endure in this faith, continue to provide your church with men who preach the whole counsel of God and administer your sacraments according to Christ's institution. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For church workers in all the nations, that Christ would be extolled and His grace given to all who are penitent, 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 *Icms.org/set-apart-to-serve* to learn more.



LWML Invitation - Pastors' Luncheon

April 24

Dear Brothers in Christ,

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

The lowa 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:		
PHONE: () E-MAIL:		
NAME OF CHURCH:	LWML ZONE:	
ADDRESS OF CHURCH:		
ATTENDANCE: (Please check one)	CHOIR: Alto Soprano	
Delegate (must register as full-time)	SPECIAL NEEDS FOR MEALS:	
Alternate	Gluten Free Lactose Free Vegetar	riar
LWML IED Member	FRIDAY BANQUET (Please check one):	
Guest	Pork Roulade Chicken Marsala	
Pastor	Vegetarian (Eggplant) Wellington	
REGISTRATION FEES: (Please Check One)		
Full-time Registration (Includes Friday lunch and After May 1: \$180	d banquet, Saturday breakfast and lunch)\$170	
Friday Only (Includes Friday lunch and banquet) After May 1: \$105	\$95	
Saturday Only (Includes Saturday breakfast and le After May 1: \$95	lunch)\$85	
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ (Mal	ke check payable to LWML IED CONVENTION)	
Send Registration Form and Check to: Jennifer Rethwise 2653 CC Ave Victor, Iowa 5234		

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 (https://www.choicebook.com/reservations/groups/G9657416.



PRAISE LIGHT MEMORIAL

LWML IED Convention ~ June 21-22, 2024 Radisson Hotel, Cedar Rapids

We remember the women whose faith shined brightly, and their witness was to "Shout It Out and Praise the Lord." We will honor them with a Praise Light Memorial at the convention. Please send honoree's name, a 4x6 photo, one sentence about their LWML service, who is giving the memorial, and a \$20 donation payable to LWML lowa East District Mites by **April 30** to: Anne Axmear, 10118 225th Ave., North English, IA 52316 (If you would like your photo back, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

Find all the convention news at lwml-ied.org





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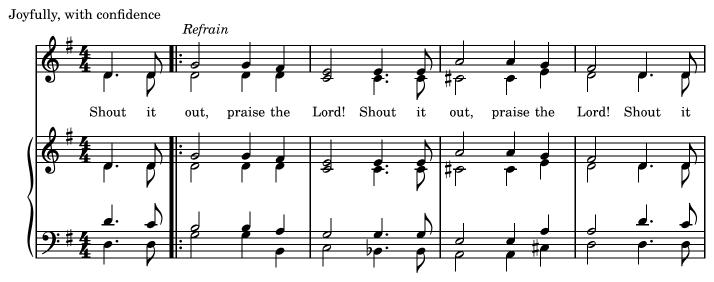
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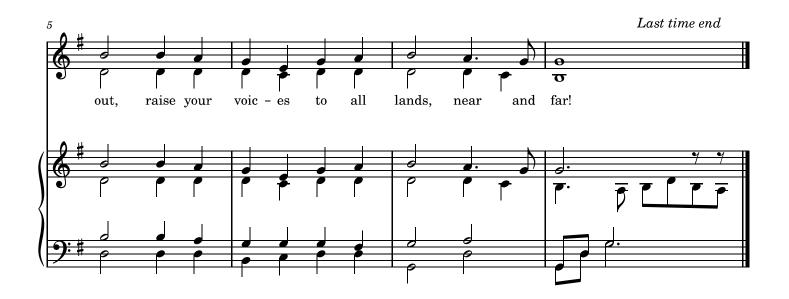


Shout it Out, Praise the Lord!

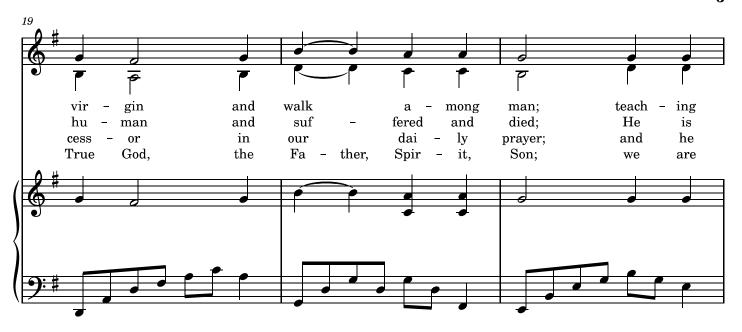
Composed for Lutheran Woman's MissionaryLeague IED Convention 2024

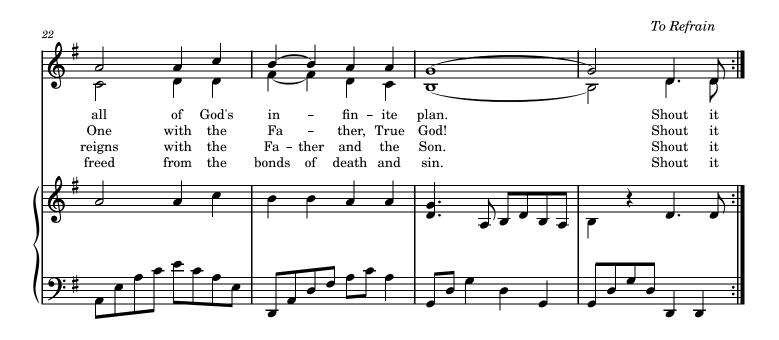
Jean Hilbert











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Joint Conference of Pastors and Teachers May 18, 1937 – Vol. 56, No. 10

[To save space, I will indicate a new paragraph with a bold **red** first letter.]

The joint conference of the pastors and teachers of Iowa East will be held June 15 (opening 10 A.M.) and June 16 at Klinger, Iowa, the Rev. W.C. Vetter, Fairbank, Route 2, Iowa, pastor. Pastor Vetter urgently requests you to announce by June 1 and to state whether night-lodging is desired and whether you are coming with your own car or with whom you expect to travel. **Program.** Joint Sessions. — 1. Purpose of a Joint Conference: President Harms. 2. What should be done for the children who do not attend our parish-schools so that they may receive a Christian education?: Pastor Happel. 3. What does Baptism give or profit?: Pastor Bostelmann. 4. Professional ethics of ministers and teachers: Pastor Paul Koenig. 5. Church history with proper emphasis on the life of Luther and the three leading Lutheran churches in America: Teacher J.C. Mattfeldt. *Ministers' Session*. — How should we preach so that people will say, "Let us go and do it," and not, "What a fine sermon!": Pastor Theo. Schultz. 2. Appropriate organ music in the service: Teacher H.W. Albrecht. 3. How should we continue our Christian training after confirmation?: Pastor H.J. Heilmann. *Teachers' Separate Sessions.* — "The Art of Catechizing" (60 minutes), presenting: the analytical method, the synthetical method, the Socratical Method. (This comes under History of Education and Methods." — "Correct Use of Adjective and Adverb" (30 to 40 minutes Presentation). (This comes under "Methods Applied.") — "The Kings of Israel" (60 minutes Presentation and Discussion). (This comes under Subject Matter [intensive study for teachers' advancement].) — "Conference Criticism": What is wrong? Possible Improvement. — Unclassified Topics: "Rugg's Course in Social Studies." "Casual Questions: Open for any pertinent questions, among others the School Journal—improvement." The Conference Committee: Pastors P.L. Bornhoeft, G. Rickels; Teachers H.W. Albrecht, J.A. Jaeger.

Sunday-School Teachers' Institute December 28, 1937 – Vol. 56, No. 26

Approximately seventy-five Sunday-school teachers and pastors attended a Sunday-school teachers' institute held in Iowa Falls on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 2:30 P.M. The three members of the committee appointed by the Eldora Circuit Pastoral Conference arranged and conducted a very interesting program. Pastor E. Grummer of Latimer opened the institute with a short devotion and then enlarged upon the grave responsibilities confronting those who should teach "God's little ones" the way of salvation. The major part of the meeting was spent in discussing a practical demonstration of a method of preparing a Sunday-school lesson. Pastor J. Schliepsiek of Hubbard enumerated the following steps in a wellprepared lesson: 1. Prayer. 2. Read lesson in leaflet. 3. Read lesson in Bible. 4. Study context and cross-references in Bible. 5. Consult Bible dictionary and commentary. 6. Study nature of class to be instructed. 7. Trace central thought in lesson. 8. Develop application, including use of Bible-text and hymn verse. 9. Gather and restudy material, writing out the lesson if necessary. After each step was explained in a few well-chosen words, Pastor N. Ellermann of Iowa Falls would give the practical demonstration, and the point would be discussed by the teachers. Pastor E. Krieger of Grant Center closed the institute with a short inspirational address, in which he exhorted the teachers to continued faithfulness and zeal in their important work. In a short business meeting the teachers present elected Pastor Schliepsiek chairman of the Institute and Mr. E.G. Steinbach of Latimer secretary. It was unanimously decided to continue the institute. The officers together with the pastoral committee were asked to prepare the next program on "Methods of Teaching a Bible Class" and "How to Derive applications from a Sunday-school Lesson." N.C.E.

Pastoral Conference April 19, 1938 – Vol. 57, No. 8

The Southern Pastoral Conference will meet in Davenport (the Rev. H. Harms, pastor) April 26 and 27. The following papers will be delivered: *Exegesis, Heb. 7:10-28*: Rev. P. Gutknecht; *Congregational Offices in the Apostolic Church with Special Reference to Church Offices Today*: Rev. Th. Schulz; *Adult Work*: Rev. W. Zabel; *The Doctrine of the Immaculate Conception*: Rev. G.H. Perlich; *Office of the Keys*: Rev. P.L. Bornhoeft; *Exegesis, Ps. 16*: Rev. F.H. Ilten; *Lutheran Church Situation in America Today with Special Reference to Verbal Inspiration*: Rev. Starke; *1 Cor. 11:20-34*: Rev. F. Wolter; *Homiletic Study, John 16:16-23*: Rev. Boelter; *Catechization*: Rev. Krueger; *Text Interpolations*: Rev. P.W. Happel; Sermon: Rev. Krause. —A.E. Krause, *Secretary*

[to be continued]

Rev. Allen E. Konrad IDE Archivist

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca





April 2024

Summer Camp 2024: Summer Preparations

Staff

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is still in need of staff for this summer! We are primarily looking for counselors to help with summer camp (see pg. 2 for more information), and we are also in need of a Cook (see flyer!). We are looking for someone to take on a 6am-1pm shift, preparing breakfast and lunch, Monday through Friday, throughout the summer camp season. Hours may be flexible if needed. Please contact the Camp at 319-848-4187 or dylan@iodiseca.org for more information or if you're interested in the position.

Registration

Registrations for summer have continued coming in. We're excited for all the campers that will be attending this summer! If you're not signed up yet, now's the time! We're still offering discounts on all of our camps through the end of the month.

Campground

It's been a little over a year since we had a new well put in at the Campground. It has been working great! In fact, it's been working too well. Due to it having a higher PSI than our previous well, it has caused some lines to break. However, we've gotten those fixed, and everything is running properly again, just in time for the Campground to have opened on March 18th!

Main Site Facilities

Though we're always keeping up with maintenance and looking for ways to improve our facilities. Of note this month, is the removal of the fireplace in the Activity Hall. It served Camp well over the years but has not been needed for a while. This led to us deciding to remove it altogether to create more space in the Activity Hall for... activities! Whether using the Activity Hall for extra dining space, worship services, or fun & games, having that extra space will greatly benefit both campers and retreat groups!

SPRING CLEANUP: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Saturday, May 4 from 9AM - 4PM

May the 4th be with you at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's Spring Cleanup! We have a number of projects to complete before summer begins, and we could use your help. We are planning to clean out Mary and Joseph Cabins, replace their window AC unit stands, and replace the audio-visual cabinet in the Activity Hall. Additional projects may come up before May 4th, so stay tuned to our social media pages for updates on our Spring Cleanup project list.

We'll have tasks for people of all ages, so you can bring the whole family! Plus, lunch is included! Email <u>sitemanager@iodiseca.org</u> to let us know that you are coming. We appreciate your help in making Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca beautiful for the upcoming year!



3271 Sandy Beach Road NE, Solon, IA 52333

Important Dates

<u>April 29-30</u> Spring Workers' Conference

<u>April 30</u> Registration Discount Deadline #2

> <u>May 4</u> Spring Cleanup

<u>May 22-24</u> IDE Symposium

<u>June 12</u> First Day of Summer Camp

<u>July 27</u> I Believe in Camp Fundraiser Auction

October 11-12
IDE Confirmation Retreat

Camp Presentations

Would you like to know more about Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca? Interim Director Dylan Lampe and Program Director Alec Deppe are available to speak to congregations and groups about Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's mission, facilities, and programs. Call 319-848-4187 to schedule a speaker!





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. 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

Begin your summer employment application process today!



2024 Summer Staff

We are still in need of male and female counselors who have a desire to serve others, share the Christian faith, and be a role-model for all the kids who attend camp! Serving as a counselor 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 8 more counselors** to accommodate the amount of campers getting registered! We're primarily looking for **college-aged**, **LCMS young adults** to serve as counselors in **overnight and day camp settings**.

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 <u>programdirector@iodiseca.org</u> for more information or to receive an application.



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Developing Empathy For Those Suffering From Addiction

by Lindy Hinckley, tLMFT



In Harper Lee's classic novel, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, Atticus Finch continually tries to instill in his children, Scout and Jem, a sense of empathy by putting themselves in another's shoes. The concept of empathy is hard for them to grasp. For instance, the children view mean Mrs. Dubose as an abusive old woman who yells at them every time they walk by her house, but Atticus reveals to them that Mrs. Dubose is at heart a warrior, battling morphine addiction with every ounce of energy she possesses.

He wants them to see that this battle she fights is very difficult and so they should not judge her. At one point, Atticus explains to Scout, "If you can learn a simple trick, Scout, you'll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view . . . until you climb into his skin and walk around in it."

Wearing Our Neighbor's Shoes

Wearing someone else's shoes, walking around in their skin, even borrowing a different lens are all metaphors for the same thing: learning to view circumstances or events from a new perspective. One of the ways in which we can view circumstances or events in a new way is by developing empathy. We can discuss this best by reviewing Christ's parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37). In response

to the lawyer's question, "Who is my neighbor?" Christ told the parable of the good Samaritan. A man was robbed, stripped naked, beaten, and left for dead on the road to Jericho. Both a priest and a Levite saw the man and walked by on the other side of the road. Finally, a Samaritan stops and helps, going out of his way to save the man's life.

What is the difference between the three men: the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan? They were all men of seemingly good moral codes. Why did the first two men fail to act? One can speculate that they saw the need of the man and perhaps they thought, when I am done with what I need to accomplish today, when I check off all the boxes of my "to-do" list, then I will come back. Perhaps they thought that their job was to keep holy and pure and not contaminate themselves with a task that might seem "unclean" because of their duties as a priest and a worker in the temple. Perhaps they patted themselves on the back that they had kept themselves untangled from an unsavory experience. We will never know their thoughts or intentions, only their roles and their actions.

The Compassion of the Good Samaritan

We don't know the occupation of the Samaritan, but we do know that Samaritans were despised by the Jews. For his entire life, the Samaritan man may have grown up knowing that others considered him inferior. Christ emphasizes that the Samaritan was motivated by "compassion" (Luke 10:33). Perhaps the Samaritan had learned compassion through his own experience of being mistreated. He must have known something of what that man half-dead on the side of the road was feeling. While the priest and the Levite focused on something, anything else, the Samaritan looked with lenses refined by his own painful experiences. We call such regard for another's feelings empathy.

Empathy and Counseling

Empathy has been a key factor in my own professional journey as a marriage and family therapist intern. Within the context of empathy, my experiences as a human being have made me a better counselor. I feel empathy for those suffering from mental illness, the death of a loved one, enslaving addictions and other painful losses, because I myself have experienced these things. While I can't share one's pain, I can understand and help. I would like to share four ways in which we can enhance our ability to feel and convey empathy, especially when, like Atticus, Scout, and Jem we see someone in our midst who is fighting addiction.

In counseling, I try to be like Atticus Finch. One cannot adequately help a client unless one has a good understanding of how that client feels. We practice by identifying feelings, asking if our sense of their emotion is correct, and listening to the underlying reason for that feeling. There is nothing quite like being understood by another person. Feeling understood is the first step in establishing a relationship of trust. If one focuses prematurely on identifying and solving a client's problem without first understanding who the client is and what they are feeling, we are bound to fail. Clients, even those with profound addiction problems, have a remarkable ability to find the motivation to solve their own problems once they feel truly understood.

Seeing More Clearly through the Lens of Empathy

One of the most empathetic people to live in our lifetime is Mother Teresa, a Catholic nun who worked with impoverished Indian orphans. She has said, "Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has

nothing to eat." People are hungry for compassion, for understanding, for caring. There is much more to professional therapy than expressing empathy. But without empathy, you won't get very far as a therapist. So as therapists, we borrow our client's lenses to see their struggles. Then we lend them our lens to see beyond the dead-end or pit they see themselves in. Our lens is the lens of hope and resolution.

Once we see clearly where someone is, empathy is developed further by reaching out to help another. This is exemplified by the Samaritan. He didn't simply sit next to the beaten man and say, "I too know what it is like to feel broken." He did something about the other person's brokenness. And who among us are the broken and beaten that we walk by?

Developing Empathy for those Suffering with Addiction

For many, it is those who suffer silently with addiction, either their own or that of a loved one. Through empathy we will know exactly what the other person needs, especially those who struggle with addiction: a friend to call when the temptation to use grows to be too much, someone to attend an AA meeting with, or a pastor to confess to. It might be simply a smile or kind word. Or, it might be information about needed resources. Other times, it might involve boundaries to not enable addictive behaviors.

Lastly, when we struggle with knowing how best to help, empathy is enhanced through a prayer to understand another's feelings and how best to help. God knows all that is happening with the person we are seeking to help. We can ask Him to help us hear that person's heart and guide our work together.

Lutheran Family Service counselor, Lindy Hinckley, tLMFT, serves individuals, couples, and families in person in Deadwood, South Dakota, and via telehealth.

If you or someone you know would benefit from Christ-centered mental health counseling, refer to or contact us today.

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- Call: 605-271-1081
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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 the 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 AMERICINN CEDAR RAPIDS 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

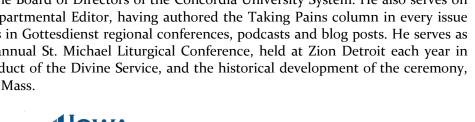
This presentation will look at the earliest forms of the Divine Service, considering the sources and development of the Western Rite, culminating in the ceremony, rubric and rite of the Lutheran Common Service

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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Rev. Mark Braden The History, Development, and Conduct of the Divine Service

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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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Pre-Retirement Workshop



Thinking about retirement? Attend a live pre-retirement workshop sponsored by Concordia Plans.

Understanding the retirement process can be complex, so the Iowa District East and financial educators Laura Scheer and Amy Klein from Concordia Plans are hosting a pre-retirement workshop for individuals serving in LCMS ministries. **Who should attend?** Workers enrolled in the Concordia Retirement Plan pension, especially those age 50 or older who are thinking about retirement. Spouses are strongly encouraged to attend also.

9:00 am-3:00 pm

Iowa District East Office 1100 Blairs Ferry Road Marion, IA 52302

All materials, beverages, snack, and a light lunch will be provided.

Register by Friday, May 3

Topics include:

- Envisioning Your Retirement
- Basic Retirement Finances
- Sources of Retirement Income
 - Pension
 - Social Security
 - Savings
- Health Care in Retirement
- Legacy Plans

To register, email the following information to MoneyMatters@ConcordiaPlans.org: your name, phone number, spouse's name (if attending), and any special dietary or mobility needs. Advance registration by May 3 IS required.



Registration Information

(Lay People Welcome)

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Location:

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Questions?

Contact Rev. Sam Beltz: 870-476-0028

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Dr. Cameron MacKenzie

Dr. Cameron MacKenzie is the Ellis Professor of Historical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), Indiana, and chairman of the department. At CTSFW since 1983, he has a BA in mathematics and history from the University of Detroit, an MA in history from the University of Chicago, an MA in classics from Wayne State University, an STM in New Testament from CTSFW, and a PhD in history from the University of Notre Dame. Prior to coming to CTSFW, Dr. MacKenzie was pastor for eight years of St. Matthew

Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan, where he also served as headmaster of the parish school.

Luther's Theology in Today's World

Is Lutheran theology as Luther himself developed it still relevant today? In a post-modern world that challenges the very existence of truth, can Lutherans still make use of Luther? After reading some of Luther's most significant writings and recalling their context in Luther's life and career, students will explore the Reformer's insights that are still important and discuss ways in which Lutherans today can demonstrate their relevance to contemporary society.

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Monday 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Tuesday 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8:15-11:30 a.m.

Location

Trinity Lutheran Church 1122 W. Central Park Ave. Davenport, IA 52804

Coordinator

Rev. Randall Golter Phone: (303) 618-4564

Email: randall.golter@trinitydavenport.org



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