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President's Piece for Peace

June 24

At the risk of sounding like a Boy Scout I ask this question: "Are you and your congregation or school prepared?" Often this question is focused on preparation for eternal life. I do not make little of that preparation. It is the very reason we are baptized into the Christian Church. It is also the reason we remain in the Christian Church which feeds us God's Word and His Holy Sacraments. The promise of eternal life with Christ in heaven is the greatest comfort to the weary soul.

That being said, I ask the question of preparedness on another level. It is a question concerning our necessity to ready to respond, or even react, to crisis situations. Sadly, more and more, we hear of the tragedy when danger and harm infect the assembly of God's people by those full of hatred and anger. The reason for such violence against the Church is easily understood as Satan's attack against those God has brought into the Kingdom of Light.

Whether it is violence with weapons, physical attack, destruction of facilities, etc. the Devil is on the prowl seeking who he may destroy when the Bride of Christ gathers. It happens too often to ignore as though it happens to others, but it won't happen to us. At least not here in this place. Evil lurks at every corner and is finding a venue through angry humanity to destroy.

It is advisable to have a plan, to be prepared in case something of that horrific nature is cast upon your setting. Some congregations and schools have invited local or county law enforcement to hold seminars with the leadership, staff, or the entire membership. They have experience in crisis situations and can offer helpful training to minimize evil attempts to hurt and harm. There might be other community programs that offer advice and instruction with these matters. At minimum this ought to be a discussion with the leadership of the congregation and school.

Summertime is a good time to make sure policies are reviewed and clarified if need be. It is a good time to instruct, train, and prepare for that which we pray never needs to be implemented. Congregations and schools are the populace of those Jesus has redeemed and re-created in His image with the Word of God and the Sacraments. All souls are precious to our Lord and deserve the best planning and preparedness possible should Satan raise his ire against the Lord's anointed in unimaginable ways.

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To be prepared may be a Boy Scout motto, but it is also good advice for the Church as we rejoice over the certainty of salvation earned and gifted to us by Christ Jesus. It is also a good practice for us as we live our lives in a world full of sin and destruction. May God grant us safety and peace by His good and gracious will as we fearlessly and boldly gather in His Church and schools.

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders
District President

Vacancy Updates

As of 5.29.24

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Calling Congregations

Deep River, Calvary

Homestead, St. John;
Wellman, Good Shepherd

Newton, Our Savior

North Liberty, St. Silas

Swisher, King of Glory

Michael Koesar (Vacancy Pastor)

Gary Sears (Vacancy Pastor)

Joel Picard (Vacancy Pastor)

Kris Kincaid (Vacancy Pastor)

Brad Brown (Vacancy Pastor)

Pastor Calls

Accepted: James Rockhill, Crawford, NE (WY)

Jacob Swenson, Fairbank/Jesup

Trinity Lutheran Church, Osage

West Portal - San Francisco, CA (EN)

Pending: Tyler Hauptmeier, St. Paul - Doniphan, NE

Gregory Hyatt, Melcher-Dallas/Lacona

Homestead/Wellman/Deep River

St. John - Pinconning, MI

Installations: Isaiah Ambrecht, Our Savior - Manchester

7.21.24 @ 3PM (Ordination & Installation)

Josiah J.A. Schultz, St. John - Keystone

7.14.24 @ 3PM (Installation)

Declined: Michael Erickson, Cedar Rapids

Trinity - Ironwood, MI

Keith Emshoff, Ellsworth, KS

Our Savior, Newton

Commissioned Calls

Accepted: Hope Muehler - Concordia U, Chicago

Trinity, Cedar Rapids (Teacher)

Susan Goehmann - Concordia U, Nebraska

Trinity, Davenport (MS Math)

Tonya Schumacher - Concordia U, Chicago

Central, Newhall (Colloquy)

Vacancy Updates

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Commissioned Call Searches

Trinity Lutheran School, Cedar Rapids - Principal Search, 5th Grade Teacher

Lutheran Interparish School, Williamsburg - 2nd Grade Teacher

Central Lutheran School, Newhall - 3rd Grade Teacher

Trinity Lutheran School, Davenport - 5th Grade Teacher

Valley Lutheran School, Cedar Falls - Kindergarten Teacher

St. Paul Lutheran School, Latimer - MS/HS Social Studies and Language Arts

Community Lutheran School, Readlyn - 7th/8th Grade Teacher

Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool, Eldora - Early Childhood Director

Directory Updates

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PG #	RECORD	ACTION	INFORMATION
	53 Grewe, Mark	Change	delete email at school/ add personal email - m.grewe59@gmail.com
	15 Kane, Justin	Delete	aol email/ Add revjustinkane@gracewaterloo.org

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

Calendar of Events

June

21-22	IED LWML Convention	Cedar Rapids Radisson
24	IDE Golf Outing	Tara Hills Country Club, Van Horne
24-26	Continuing Education	Trinity - Davenport

July

30	Board of Directors	IDE Office
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August

2	Early Childhood Conference	Gloria Dei, Urbandale
19	Education Workshop	Zion, Hiawatha

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:^[a] The old has gone, the new is here! - 2 Corinthians 5:17

The title of this article is an oxymoron. Yes, I shall refresh your memory of the definition of an oxymoron. First, what it is not. It is not another name for a person who cuts in front of you on I-380 nearly causing an accident. Truthfully, an oxymoron is a figure of speech containing words which seem to contradict each other. Here are some others:

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| jumbo shrimp | negative growth |
| military intelligence | unbiased opinion |
| numb feeling | oddly appropriate |
| fresh frozen | deafening silence |
| working vacation | random order |



You are, no doubt, familiar with the Lutheran oxymoron *Simul Justus et Peccator*. For those of us who didn't take Latin this is Martin Luther's phrase for saying that in our justification we are one and the same time righteous or just, and sinners. In short, we often abbreviate this as the "sinner/saint" relationship. The good news is that we are justified by God, not based on what we did, but because of what Christ has accomplished for us by His death and resurrection.

You've had many little or big oxymorons under your care this past school year. As you look forward to this coming school year 2024-2025, you will be blessed with another batch of them. These sinner/saints of various sizes came to you in 2023-2024, or will be arriving in your classroom this coming August with a need for a Doctor. That Doctor, of course is Jesus. That's because their lives are sick with sin, and to make them well, Jesus the great Physician needs to enter and make a home in their heart and life. Yes, it's sad that despite Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and His great medicine found in His Word, the world is still filled with sorry, sick, and sinful souls.

It's both hard and it's rewarding what we do as His worker in the Kingdom. How can we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus while what we do day in and day out? One thing we can do is to open our Bibles and read what Jesus did with a certain disciple. The one I'm thinking about is Matthew, the tax collector. Tax collectors had a terrible reputation. A tax collector made an agreement with the occupying Roman government to collect a pre-determined amount of money. The Romans didn't especially care how they got their money so the tax collectors could be creatively harsh in the collection process. Thus, they were hated and considered to be traitors, conspirators, and a sell-out. Men like Matthew had no social standing, and their money could not be accepted by the local synagogue.

We wonder how or why Jesus considered a sinful tax collector like Matthew made it as one of Jesus' disciples? Well, that's because the Doctor saw beyond the his sickness and invited him Matthew to "Follow me". Jesus has a special place in His heart for those people who are society's sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He has what is needed, namely the ability to see Matthew as His beloved child and forgive sins. The Doctor didn't come to seek and save people who are well. If there were any, there would be no reason for

Him to enter this world. Jesus calls sinful souls and transforms them into saved saints. That's exactly what happened to Matthew. Jesus said, "Follow me". What did Matthew do? He got up and started following Jesus.

Isn't this interesting that Matthew shares this about himself in His Gospel? He wants people to know that Jesus came to invite us to follow Him. He wants us to know that no matter how much of a sinner we are or how bad our life is, Jesus still comes and says, "follow me". The sinner/saint relationship is complete, not because of what Matthew did, but because of what Jesus did for him.

Turn the pages of your Bible a few more pages and you'll soon come across another oxymoronic individual. That would be the person who considered himself the "chief of sinners" (see 1 Timothy 1:15) found in the book of Acts. That's what Paul called himself after his conversion. Before his conversion, in Acts 9:1 we read these words, "*Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples.*" It was while he was on the road to Damascus to bring men and women to Jerusalem as prisoners who belonged to the Way that a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and thus began the conversation with Jesus and later conversion by the Holy Spirit. This man, Paul, was chosen by God to be His chosen instrument. *Simul Justus et Peccator*. He, too, experienced the sinner/saint relationship.

What about David? Moses? Adam and Eve? Abraham? Isaiah? Elijah? Mary and Martha? Simeon? The other disciples? Scripture is filled with men and women who are oxymoronic – if there is such a word. Sinners and saints who God loved, forgave, and now takes up residence in our hearts.. You and I are counted to be among the living sinner/saints right now. We have been privileged to be able to share Jesus with our students from the past and our students in the future. Some of them know Jesus. Some might know a little bit. Some of them have never heard about him. No matter which students are placed in your care, you and your sinner/saint colleagues march forth into a new adventure where every day you will have the privilege and responsibility to share this Good News with them.

May your summer days be blessed by the might hand of God as you relax, rest, and rejuvenate. Stay connected to Him through your personal devotion time, worship, and fellowship with fellow sinner/saints! Commence praying for the new class of students you will have. Don't let Satan get in the way of beginning of this new relationship with them by which the Doctor has already arranged for you to be together.

Jan Doellinger
Assistant to the President, Schools

Life Coordinator - Blessed Fathers' Day!

June 24

Dear saints in Christ Jesus:

Blessed Fathers' Day to all you fathers! Below is a selection from a book entitled, "For Better, Not for Worse: A Manual of Christian Matrimony," written by Walter A. Maier, the first speaker of the Lutheran Hour. This book was first published in 1935 and yet is still very timely today in its critique of culture and its bold endorsement of the living and eternal Word of God. We give thanks to God for our fathers, through whom God teaches us to fear, love, and trust in God above all things!

(From Part Four, Criteria of Happy Choice: Pivotal Parents)

"We must remember that, according to divine social standards, fathers, not mothers alone, are given the command to bring up their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). It is a false philosophy of home-life which develops this argument: "I earn the money for food and clothing and shelter, and my wife must do the rest. I look after the family interests outside of the home, while she directs its welfare within the home." Even the complexities of our modern life cannot bring exemption from the sacred responsibility of supervising the education, spiritual care, and moral growth of those in his household. Above the Chief Parts of the Catechism Luther placed the admonition that "A father should teach them diligently to his household." The great Reformer insisted: "No one should become a father unless he is able to instruct his children in the Ten Commandments and in the Gospel, so that he may bring up true Christians." Fathers knowing that they are ordained by God to be the heads of their families must first find time to meet the demands of their exalted position. If they are preoccupied with business or social obligations, some of these should be dropped."

"Parental authority must be firm, though not tyrannical. Modern trends in child-training protest vigorously. A popular writer on questions of the home, for example, believes that the home is often "an autocracy, instead of a democracy," and he rejoices that "heavy father stuff" is a thing of the past. But jurists who preside over juvenile courts, as well as social workers and pastors, who meet humanity at its worst, of course, tell us that the collapse of parental authority is one of the major factors in the staggering rise of youthful delinquency."

"Fathers must give a stimulating example to their children, particularly in meeting their spiritual duties; for the word of paternal counsel will fail when contradicted by the life of the counselor. Every man should try to measure the personal importance of the Scriptural appeal: "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger lest they be discouraged" (Colossians 3:21)."

(From Part Seven, Elements of Wedded Happiness: At the Family Altar)

"To those who waver in uncertainty as to the benefits of the family altar I direct this dozen of reasons for instituting home devotions:

1. The family altar will enrich, elevate, and ennoble our homes, the relations between husband and wife, parents and children, as nothing else can.
2. Family prayers will minimize domestic misunderstanding and when trouble arises will work quickly for peace and forbearance.
3. The family altar, pointing to the complete self-denial and self-sacrifice of Christ, will help to stifle selfish-

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ness in us and promote forbearance, generosity, courtesy.

4. Home worship will prove invaluable in emphasizing the Christian way of life and the verities of the Christian faith to the children in each family.

5. Prayers in the morning will guide us through the day, and their blessings will strengthen us at work, in school, or at play.

6. Prayers in the evening will invoke the angels' watchfulness over us and ours, affording light in the darkness and protection in our weakness.

7. The family altar will strengthen us to withstand bravely the adversities of life, for it helps to found our homes on that Rock against which all trials and tempests will beat in vain.

8. Family prayers will exert a blessed influence on friends who visit our homes or on guests who are sheltered within our walls.

9. Prayerful homes will help to reinforce that righteousness which "exalteth a nation."

10. The family altar will mightily strengthen the work and the influence of the Church and its agencies throughout the world.

11. Prayerful homes will honor our heavenly Father and, in turn, be honored by Him.

12. Families that are fervent in the faith have a foretaste of the heavenly homeland even on earth and enjoy the assurance that in the prepared mansions they will be a part of the "whole family in heaven."

Submitted by Rev. Alex Post, Iowa District East Life Coordinator

Parish Nurse - Sugar Negates Heart-Healthy Exercise

June 24

A recent study indicates that drinking just two servings per week of sugar-sweetened beverages such as soda or sports drinks can erase the heart health benefits of physical activity. The findings, published in *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, were based on an analysis of data involving 100,000 adults over a 30-year period.

The results showed that people who drank sugar-sweetened beverages more than twice a week had an increased risk of cardiovascular disease despite their engagement of 150 minutes of weekly physical activity (the recommended amount of weekly workout time). For those who consumed sweetened beverages on a daily basis, the risk for cardiovascular disease was even higher.

The reason is that ultra-processed sugary drinks promote chronic inflammation which puts stress on the heart and blood vessels which can lead to increased buildup of plaque in the major arteries of the body. Most public health organizations recommend completely replacing soda – even diet soda – with water and unprocessed fruit, but if you feel the need for a soda, try to limit your consumption to 1 can of soda per week.

Source: Medical News Today. Better Health Summer 2024 Edition

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

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I D E A R C H I V E S

Pastor & teacher conferences

Northern Pastoral Conference

May 2, 1939 – Vol. 58, No. 9

The Northern Pastoral Conference, comprising the Dubuque, Eldora, and Waterloo circuits of the Iowa district East, met for its regular spring conference on April 11 and 12 in Waterloo (W.D. Oetting, pastor). Despite frigid temperatures and wintery blasts every member of the group was in attendance. In addition, there were present as guests Mission Secretary Hinck, Pastors Deletzke, Krueger, and Starke, Jr., of the Southern Pastoral conference....**T**he forenoon sessions and also a goodly portion of the afternoon sessions were devoted to the discussion of doctrinal papers. Pastor Theo. Frese submitted a paper on *Rom. 12:3ff.*; Pastor Brewer presented a similar study on *Matt. 7:15ff.* Much time was given to the study and discussion of church union, led by Pastor Grummer on the basis of a pamphlet entitled *Unity, Union, and Unionism*, prepared by the Norwegian brethren. Synodical matters were ably presented by President C. Hesse. Round-table discussions of practical questions rounded out a well-filled program....**T**he next meeting will be held, D.v., on Oct. 24 and 25 in Readlyn, the Rev. Theo. Frese, pastor.

Northern Pastoral Conference

November 14, 1939 – Vol. 58, No. 23

“Why does our pastor go to conferences? Is that necessary? What does he do there?” These are questions that may well arise in the minds of many when they hear their minister announce that he will be gone for several days, attending a conference with his fellow-pastors. **T**he following report gives the average picture of such a pastoral conference. This one met October 24 and 25 in St. Paul’s Church, Readlyn, Iowa (Theo. Frese, pastor). It was the fall conference of those pastors whose congregations are situated in the northern half of our Iowa District East, the Dubuque, Waterloo, and Eldora circuits. **T**hirty-three pastors, candidates, and students were present. The first session began promptly at 9 A.M. Some brethren had over 100 miles to drive, but just about every member was there on time. Pastor Schreiber of Delaware, chairman of the conference, conducted the opening devotion. The secretary, Pastor Otto Koch of Reinbeck, read the minutes of the previous conference. Two doctrinal treatises engaged the attention of the group during the morning session. The first was an exegetical paper on *Rom. 12* by Pastor Theo. Freses; the second paper treated *The Doctrine of the Holy Trinity in the Old Testament* and was presented by Pastor Oetting of Waterloo. He showed how the Old Testament Scriptures clearly speak of the three distinct Persons in the Godhead, even as the New Testament does. There was a very thorough discussion of the exact meaning of the words of Scripture by the assembly. **T**he good ladies of St. Paul’s served a sumptuous dinner, after which the conference again sat in session. President Hesse spoke to the pastors on the affairs of Synod and of the District. Referring to the present conditions in the world, he encouraged every pastor to do his duty in presenting the needs of the Church and of our Synod to his people, urging them that out of love to the Savior they work and pray and give for the work of the Lord as the Lord enables them to do. He affirmed that our people still have things to

give the Lord if they only will. He told how one of our consecrated laymen remarked: "Our people have no money for Synod because they need it all to build corn-cribs." President Hesse also requested that every congregation be urged to remit to the District Treasurer the cost of placing the *Lutheran Witness* into our homes. In the evening a Communion service was held, in which the pastors partook of the Lord's supper. The Rev. E.L. Runge of Spring Fountain delivered the confessional address on the basis of the words "Is it well with thee?" (2 Kings 4:26), pointing out that it is well also with the pastor only when he repents of his sin and trusts solely in the merits of Jesus, his Savior. The pastoral sermon was preached by the Rev. H.H. Kirchmann of McGregor on the basis of 1 Thess. 2:18. He showed very pointedly that in the last analysis it is Satan who hinders the pastor's work, working havoc and indifference among his people, and that the only weapon that will defeat him is the Word of God, which the pastor should therefore diligently apply. In the session Wednesday morning Pastor Frese continued his treatise on *Rom. 12*. This was followed by a paper on *Divorce and Adultery According to the Scripture* by the Rev. H.A. Bentrup of Elma. After the customary treat of a chicken dinner by the ladies Pastor Bentrup completed the reading of his essay. This was followed by a paper on *The history of the differences between our Missouri Synod and other Lutheran synods*, delivered by Vice-President P. Brammer of St. Ansgar. According to the custom, one of the pastors delivered a sermon for the sake of obtaining helpful criticism from his fellow-pastors. Late in the afternoon the conference adjourned with the singing of a hymn and with prayer, whereupon the pastors returned to their respective charges, strengthened by the Word of God and encouraged through contacts with their brethren, to feed the flock over which the Holy Ghost has made them overseers. —E.L. Stuempfig

Dubuque Circuit Teachers' Conference **November 28, 1939 – Vol. 58, No. 24**

On Friday, October 6, the parochial-school teachers of the Dubuque Circuit held their semiannual one-day conference at St Peter-Westgate, Iowa. The morning hours were spent in observing the work of the Westgate faculty, Teacher Suhr and Candidate Kersten. In the afternoon, time was allotted for a discussion and criticism of the forenoon's teaching demonstration. Perhaps the most interesting feature of the conference was a remarkable demonstration and a profitable explanation of the Stellohorn system of teaching children to sing. In the demonstration it was shown how an entire school of fifty-two children could, without any previous practice, sing a song in three-part harmony after being drilled according to the Stellohorn method. During the explanation of this system in the afternoon we were shown its remarkable simplicity. Not only were all eight teachers of the circuit in attendance, but four pastors also visited the conference. Among the new faces we found Students R. Ernst of Sumner, A.H. Drevelow of Delaware, and Candidate Kersten of Westgate. Two lady teachers, Miss Niemann of Spring Fountain and Miss Segebarth of Fredericksburg, plus the veterans of several years, Mr. Suhr of Westgate, Mr. Potratz of Fairmank, and Mr. Glandorf of Dubuque, were among the familiar faces present. All of us enjoyed the fine meals served by the Westgate ladies. —Rev. H.J. Wunderlich

Joint Pastors' & Teachers' Conference **April 16, 1940 – Vol. 59, No. 8**

St. Paul's Eldora, host Pastors and Teachers Annual Joint Conference on March 26-27. [extracts] The conference is composed of 83 pastors and 27 teachers. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Virtus Gloe of Kansas City, city missionary and secretary of the Associated Lutheran Charities. In a very interesting manner, on the basis of *Luke 10:38-42*, Pastor Gloe stressed the importance of individual soul-counseling, as the Master counseled and instructed Mary in the home in Bethany. His message

carried a warning against letting congregations grow so large that this care of the individual souls cannot be attended to as it should. **I**n the joint sessions Pastor Gloe delivered an interesting treatise on *Normal and Abnormal Human Behavior*, showing how a study and application of psychology will prove very helpful in the work in the congregation and in the school. The Rev. R.P. Young of Victor presented a thought-provoking study of *Jehovah's Witnesses*. **P**astor M. Steege of Cedar Rapids delivered an exegetical treatise on *Rom. 8:18-23*. **O**n Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning separate sessions were held by the pastors and by the teachers. **I**n these sessions Pastor R. Torgler of Clinton gave valuable suggestions on conducting a *Gospel Preaching Mission*. Pastor Erich Krieger of Alden presented a study of the book of the *Prophet Obadiah*. Pastor C. Krog of Marion set forth the *Erroneous Teachings of Karl Barth*. **T**he teachers received much help from a lecture delivered by Dr. W.H. Beck of our teachers' college in Seward, Nebr. Among the other lectures delivered before the body of teachers were *Biblical Visions* by Mr. F. Eggerding; *Commerce and Industry in the U.S.* by Mr. Mertz; and *The Red Menace* by Mr. E. Studt. **C**onference came to a close on Wednesday afternoon with a brief service conducted by Chaplain Bertram.

Northern Pastoral Conference **April 30, 1940 – Vol. 59, No. 9**

Extracts from program planned for conference at St Peter-Elma on May 14-15, 1940. *Exegesis-Romans* by Th. Frese; *Informal-Archeology* by M. Russert; *Synodical Matters* by Pres. C. Hesse; *Apologetics-Faith* by H. Kirchmann; *Sources of the Common Service* by M. Russert; *The Augsburg Confession* by Th. Eickelberg; *Christian Symbolism* by Edm. Frese; *Present Status of Church Discipline in the Various Lutheran Church-bodies* by E. Stuempfig; *To What extent are Doctrinal Differences Involved in the So-called Practical Differences between Us and Other Lutheran Church-bodies* by E. Runge; *Sermon for Criticism* by Bentrup & Yohr. **Substitute Papers:** *Exegesis-Haggai* by A. Ranzau; *May a Pastor in Office under Circumstances Take Up Secular Employment* by B. Bruch; *The Various Theories of the Atonement* by W. Vetter.

Northern Pastoral Conference **June 11, 1940 – Vol. 59, No. 12**

[Compare ambitious plan above with actual Report] **A**bout thirty pastors were able to attend the conference. **I**n the first session on Tuesday morning, Rev. Th. Frese of Readlyn read an exegetical paper of *Rom. 12*. Pastor Kirchmann of McGregor presented a paper on *the Lutheran, the Arminian, the Catholic, and the Calvinistic doctrines of faith*. **P**resident C. Hesse of Eldora presented a number of synodical matters in the afternoon session. A report of the *Inter-synodical Conference* which met in Monticello was given by Rev. Wunderlich of Fredericksburg. The Rev. Th. Eickelberg read a paper dealing with the *Augsburg Confession*. **T**he Wednesday morning session was devoted to the reading and discussion of two papers: *A Number of Christian Symbols* by Rev. Edm. Frese of Shell Rock and *Present Status of Church Discipline in the Various Lutheran Church-bodies* by Rev. E. Stuempfig. **A** paper which dealt with the Athanasian Creed was presented by Pastor Yohr of Osage. **T**he next conference will be held at Sumner on Oct. 29 and 30, God willing. –A. Kr.

[to be continued]

Rev. Allen E. Konrad
IDE Archivist

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



June 2024

Summer Camp 2024: **IT'S HERE!**

Summer Camp

With school wrapping up and summer beginning, summer camp will follow shortly! Our first day of camp is June 12th! Our staff have already arrived and begun their training to prepare them for all that is ahead this summer! We are excited for another year of summer camp to begin and look forward to sharing the gospel with all who attend!

Camp Staffing Update

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca has met its need for counselors this summer! Praise be to God! Our biggest need now is finding a couple Dishwashers to help out our kitchen staff ([see flyer!](#)). Both positions will be Monday - Friday, throughout the summer camp season, one being a 7am-2pm shift, the other a 2pm-8pm shift. Hours may also be flexible if needed, so please contact the Camp at 319-848-4187 or dylan@iodiseca.org for more information. We could also use some more staff behind-the-scenes, in what is called a Support Staff role. Support staff may help out by taking pictures, assisting in the camp store, and facilitating activities. Please contact al-ec@iodiseca.org for more information about how to serve Camp in this way!

Symposium

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca had the privilege to host the IDE Theological Symposium once again! We had great attendance from pastors, DCEs, seminarians, and laypeople from all around the Midwest. Our presenters were highlighted by IDE President, Pastor Saunders, and Synod President, Pastor Harrison. Many other pastors also presented on topics that are relevant in today's world. We thank all of our presenters and attendees who came out to make this such a tremendous and theologically enriching event!

SUMMERFEST AUCTION DAY!

Saturday, July 27th from 10AM - 4PM



This year's Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca annual Summerfest Auction Day is July 27th! This is Camp's biggest fundraiser of the year and an awesome opportunity for a family day at camp! The day kicks off with a 1-mile fun, where kids and adults race to win camp scholarships! The top three finishers in each age group will win a scholarship to summer camp that can be used the following summer! Next, and throughout the rest of the day, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's amazing summer staff will be leading various camp activities such as rock climbing, horseback riding, canoeing, archery, and more! Kids (and adults!) can try these activities for the first time



or participate in their favorite activities once again! Our other big event for the day, and what makes this our biggest fundraiser, is of course the quilt auction! Some of Camp's wonderful supporters have taken countless hours to create one-of-a-kind, beautiful, and fun quilts to be auctioned off! So, come to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca on July 27th! Bring the whole family, and enjoy spending time outdoors with other awesome Camp supporters, like you! We can't wait to see you!

[3271 Sandy Beach Road NE, Solon, IA 52333](https://www.iodiseca.org)

phone 319.848.4187

web www.campiodiseca.org

email office@iodiseca.org

Important Dates

June 12

First Day of Summer Camp

July 27

I Believe in Camp Fundraiser Auction

July 30– August 2

Higher Things Confirmation Camp

October 7-8

Fall Pastors' Conference

October 11-12

IDE Confirmation Retreat

November 1-2

IDE Pastors Wives' 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!



[Summer Camp Registration](#)



[Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca](#)



[@campiodiseca](#)

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

2024 Junior Counselors

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. There will even be a JC Training on June 9th! It's a great experience for only \$100 per week.

Please contact Program Director Alec Deppe by emailing programdirector@iodiseca.org for more information

Begin your Junior Counselor application process today!



Begin your summer employment application process today!



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Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



Dishwasher/ Kitchen Assistant



30-35 Hours/ Week
Flexibility Offered

Shift 1: Summer

- **Monday - Friday**
- **7am-2pm**
- **Breakfast & Lunch**

Shift 2: Summer

- **Monday - Friday**
- **2pm-8pm**
- **Lunch & Supper**

For more information, contact 319-848-4187 or dylan@iodiseca.org



Iowa District West - Single Adults Retreat

Ages 20-40

Friday - Sunday, July 19-21

Camp IO-DIS-E-CA

Cost of the retreat is forthcoming.

Register at faithwinterset.org

Dr. Keith Schweitzer, keithlcms@gmail.com

641-745-5143



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

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TUITION ORGANIZATION

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

Iowa Lutheran STO
PO BOX 176, Terril, IA 51363
712-260-2991
iowalutheransto.com

Gifts to the STO must be dated December 31, 2024 or earlier to be eligible for the 2024 Iowa tax credit. Total credits available are limited and will be provided to donors on a first-come, first-served basis. You will receive a tax credit certificate from the STO in January 2025 to attach to your Iowa income tax return.

Personal Information :

Name : _____ Date of Birth : ____ / ____ / ____

Address : _____ City : _____ Zip Code : _____

Phone Number : _____ Email : _____

Corporation Name : _____
(if applicable)

Corporation Type : C Corp S Corp LLC Sole Prop Trustee Trust

Total Gift Amount : _____ Social Security Number : _____
(required for tax credit)

Signature : _____

PLEASE CHECK THE BOX OF WHERE YOU WANT YOUR GIFT APPLIED

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trinity Lutheran School, Boone | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Paul Lutheran School, Fort Dodge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trinity Lutheran School, Cedar Rapids | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Paul Lutheran School, Latimer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Valley Lutheran School, Cedar Falls | <input type="checkbox"/> Central Lutheran School, Newhall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clarinda Lutheran School, Clarinda | <input type="checkbox"/> Zion St. John Lutheran School, Paullina |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Lutheran School, Readlyn | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Paul Lutheran School, Sioux City |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Where needed most | <input type="checkbox"/> I want my donation to remain anonymous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My name can be shared with the designated school's principal | |

The designation of any gift shall be limited to the definition of an eligible student by the Code of Iowa and the criteria established by the Board of the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization. Designated funds will be used for the designated school up to 70% of need of eligible students as determined by the ILSTO funding formula. Any remaining funds will then be allocated to eligible students throughout the Iowa Lutheran STO schools.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS TO IOWA LUTHERAN STO THEN MAIL TO IOWA LUTHERAN STO PB BOX 176 TERRIL, IA 52364

2024

GOAL:

\$1,148,202

IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION

A student tuition organization is Iowa's answer to assisting students to attend the school of their choice – not necessarily their local public schools. Your local Lutheran school provides just such a choice for church and community members. Fourteen LCMS schools of Iowa have come together to form this organization – a 501c(3) not-for-profit organization. Anyone who pays Iowa state income tax can donate and receive the tax benefits.

Who is in charge of the Iowa Lutheran STO?

A seven-member Board of Directors sets policy for the organization and oversees the proper dollar allocations. The board has employed one program manager for the state of Iowa.

Program Manager Contact: Dewey Torkelson Home: 712-853-6547
Cell: 712-260-2991 Email: deweytorkelson@gmail.com

Who may receive the Iowa tax benefit?

Anyone who is obligated to complete an Iowa state income tax return may receive the tax credit. It is not limited to members of Lutheran congregations. Anyone can donate and receive the tax benefits. C Corporations, S Corporations, Iowa 1065 (partnerships), and LLC Corporations are eligible for 2024 donations. Credits are also available for estates or trusts, either on Iowa 1041 or when income is passed down to beneficiaries.

The benefits to the donor are:

- Seeing more children able to attend our Lutheran schools so that they may have Jesus in their lives every day.
- Knowing families may not be struggling quite so much because of increasing tuition rates and their commitment to sending their children to a participating Lutheran School.
- 75% tax credit on Iowa income tax. What does this really mean? It means that you could donate \$1000 and receive a \$750 reduction on your Iowa Income Taxes.
- Qualifies as a Charitable Deduction on your Federal Tax Return. Check with your tax preparer for exact percentage.



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Family Service

For Nothing is Impossible with God

lutheranfamilyservice.org

Administrative Office:
409 Kenyon Road, Suite C
Fort Dodge, IA 50501
515-573-3138

info@lutheranfamilyservice.org

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Ten Actions To Increase Christian Adoption



Lutheran Family Service, together with Lutherans For Life and Christian Life Resources, hosted the Lutheran Adoption Conference, April 10-11, in Houston, TX. Conference attendees were a mix of Lutheran faith leaders, lay leaders, pro-life organizations, adoption experts and more.

The conference mission? To increase the number of biblically-based, Christian adoptions so that more little boys and girls know the love of Jesus.

A biblical view of adoption means that we desire to bring children to a new life in Christ. It's a faith-giving act of love. Adoption today can often be self-serving with no regard for the child's salvation. As Christian adoption agencies decrease in number, an increasing number of adoptions are done with no intentions of bringing Christ's love to these children. Conference attendees and organizations are motivated now, more than ever, to do something about it!

What can you do?

Read for TEN actions you can take to build awareness and take action regarding biblically-based, Christian adoption!

Rev. Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life Executive Director – post-conference letter to attendees

The Lord be with you!

We received considerable positive response to the event (even while it was still happening!). Energy is building among Lutherans to engage in receiving God's blessings and serving our neighbors through fostering and adoption. Several are already wondering, "What steps come next? How can I help prepare and mobilize? Do you have anything I can do now?"

YES! Here are ten actions you can take at once to increase Lutheran involvement in adopting:

- 1. Talk about it and tell somebody.** Share what you learned and what you liked at the Lutheran Adoption Conference with a loved one in your family, congregation, workplace, or community. Invite them to view the [family testimonial videos](#) or [Mark Schultz's tribute to his birth mother](#). Don't forget to post (and like or follow the conference sponsors) on social media! Visit their websites for social media links:
 - Lutheran Church Extension Fund – <https://lcef.org/>
 - LCMS – Life Ministry – <https://lcmslife.org/>
 - Texas District – LCMS – <https://txlcms.org/>
 - Lifesong for Orphans – <https://www.lifesong.org/>
- 2. Identify adoption experiences in your congregation.** Consider an announcement in the weekly bulletin or monthly newsletter encouraging adoptive families to contact you. Compile a directory with a paragraph or two about each one's story. Or plan a potluck to express appreciation and support for them as guests of honor.
- 3. Locate relevant agencies.** Explore whether your locale or region has nonprofits (such as Lutheran family ministries or pregnancy resource centers) that facilitate adoption and explore where they operate. Investigate their convictions favoring placement in biblical families. Inquire of their leaders and your parish's leaders how you might connect the two entities and collaborate. Introduce yourself also to any congregation members with vocations in medicine, social service, and legislation.
- 4. Learn more.** Research into adoption theology or adoption policy (even an online search for the phrases will get you started!). Peruse the websites of [Lutherans For Life](#), [Lutheran Family Service](#), [Christian Life Resources](#), [The Riverside Project](#), and the [Christian Adoptions Alliance](#).
- 5. Pray.** Remember those awaiting adoption before the Lord. Include them in the church's Sunday morning worship prayers as well. Ask Him to make you more aware

and willing with regard to opportunities for you to have a hand in caring for children who need homes and families.

6. **Donate.** Give an offering to one of the above organizations or another charity that assists the mission like [LifeSong for Orphans](#) or [Pathways for Little Feet](#). Better yet, become a monthly or annual contributor. Even better still, present an offering directly to one of the adoptive families you know!
7. **Volunteer.** Make yourself available to the adoption agency or pregnancy resource center for whatever nonprofessional tasks they may have. Or offer to provide childcare, housekeeping, or errands for an adoptive family.
8. **Educate.** Promote a congregational Bible study or Sunday school lesson about the adoptions God undertakes in the narratives of Scripture. Host an ambassador from an area agency at the church for an informational meeting to overview opportunities and needs.
9. **Advocate.** Reach out to your elected representatives – both state-level and national – to inform them of your endorsement for regulations that incentivize adopting. Look for what beneficial measures other places have enacted as well as any the current session is considering. Find out how you might encourage officials to introduce such proposals.
10. **Contemplate opening your home.** Ponder and dialogue together with your spouse and family about the Lord God’s call to care. What blessings – and what obstacles – could emerge from your household’s unique character? What details do you need to identify before deciding? What would it take for you to commence the process?

We don’t have to leave the adventure and the delight to someone else or another time. Our Heavenly Father, through Jesus the Savior, has brought adoption and fostering to your attention for such a time as this!

If you or someone you know would benefit from Christ-centered adoption services or unplanned pregnancy support, refer to or contact us today.

- Call: 515-571-9964
- Web Form: <http://www.many-hearts.com/>

Lutheran Family Service walks with those experiencing difficult times through mental health counseling, marriage counseling, crisis pregnancy counseling, and adoption services.



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>.



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 Iowa 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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Shout it Out, Praise the Lord!

Joyfully, with confidence

Jean Hilbert

Refrain

Shout it out, praise the Lord! Shout it out, praise the Lord! Shout it

last time end

out, raise your voices to all lands, near and far!

We be - lieve that God the Fa - ther, cre - a - tor of all
We be - lieve that that Christ Je - sus, a - tone - ment for our
We be - lieve that the Spir - it, who gives us un - i -
We be - lieve that we are bless - ed as ho - ly ones of

things; sent His one and on - ly Son down to earth.
sins; hung up - on the cross on dark Cal - va - ry.
ty; has been sent to bring us com - fort and peace.
God; by the gift of grace so free - ly be - stowed.

To be born of a vir - gin and walk a - mong
Though He lived as a hu - man and suf - fered and
He is our in - ter - cess - or in our dai - ly
That by faith in One True God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it,

To Refrain

man, teach - ing all of God's In - fi - nite plan.
died; He is one with the Fa - ther, True God! Shout it
prayer, and He reigns with the Fa - ther and the Son.
Son; we are freed from the bonds of death and sin.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE CHALLENGE?

The convention Co-M's are sponsoring the
Mega Megaphone Mite Challenge!!

Churches: This is your opportunity to support IED Mites.

How many times in a day do you

“Shout It Out and Praise the Lord” for something good in your life?

**Set aside some change every time you praise and thank God for
blessings He has showered on you!!**

LCEF will match mites collected up to \$500!!!

We invite you to designate a few Sundays before the 2024 LWML IED

**Convention to sing our convention theme song and collect these
praise mites. Send the collected mites along with the LWML ladies
who attend the convention. It's that simple!**

LWML 2024 IED CONVENTION: JUNE 21-22, 2024

THE RADISSON HOTEL – CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

lwml-ied.org for more details.

Carol Meyer, Co chair cmeyer@netins.net

Nancy Maurer, Co-Chair gnmaurer@gmail.com

IDE GOLF OUTING

TARA HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

VAN HORNE, IA

Monday, June 24, 2024

Arrive by 8:30am; Tee-Off at 9:00am



All IDE Professional Church Workers, Pastors, Teachers, Staff and spouses are invited to join us for a day of golf at Tara Hills Country Club.

Prizes awarded and Lunch provided.

In case of inclement weather, call Tara Hills—319-228-8771 or Daniel Sanchez—319-389-0120



- Who:** All Professional Church Workers, Pastors, Staff, and Spouses
- What:** Annual Two-Person Best Shot Golf Tournament
9 Holes—Bring your own partner, or we will pair you up
- When:** Monday, June 24, 2024
Arrive by 8:30am; Tee-off at 9:00am
- Where:** Tara Hills Country Club
1846 70th Street
Van Horne, IA 52346
- Cost:** \$30.00 Green Fees & Cart Rental
(payable to Tara Hills at golf outing)

Registration is open. You can register online through our website Lcmside.org/golf. Please contact the District Office at 319-373-2112 with any questions.

DAVENPORT, IOWA

JUNE 24-26, 2024



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.

Schedule

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

Forming servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost, and care for all.



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DAVENPORT, IOWA

JUNE 24-26, 2024

Luther's Theology in Today's World

Dr. Cameron MacKenzie

Please return this completed form with your check (made payable to CTSFW) to: Concordia Theological Seminary, ATTN: Continuing Education, 6600 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

(Please circle if applicable.) Dr. Rev. Deac. Mr. Ms. Mrs.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Email _____

Category	Price	Qty.	Amount
1.5 CEU course for pastors/professional church workers	\$150 x	_____ =	_____
1.5 CEU course for retired pastors/lay persons	\$100 x	_____ =	_____
Fort Wayne students/Fort Wayne vicars <i>(Please call LeeAnna Rondot to register. See contact information below.)</i>	\$0 x	_____ =	_____
1.5 CEU course for Fort Wayne vicars/fieldwork supervisors <i>(Please use the code provided by IT to register.)</i>	\$0 x	_____ =	_____

Name(s) of vicar/fieldworker(s): _____

ADDITIONAL CLASS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register by phone with credit card:
Contact LeeAnna Rondot at (260) 452-2204.

To register online:
Go to ctsfw.edu/CE/Davenport-Iowa

Additional information about this class (including accommodations):
Rev. Randall Golter
Phone: (303) 618-4564
Email: randall.golter@trinitydavenport.org

To find more Continuing Education classes:
Visit our website at ctsfw.edu/CE.

Continuing Education opportunities:
LeeAnna Rondot
Administrative Assistant—Continuing Education
Phone: (260) 452-2204
Email: CE@ctsfw.edu

Dr. Jeffrey Pulse
Director of Continuing Education
Email: Jeffrey.Pulse@ctsfw.edu
Phone: (260) 452-2273

Iowa District West & Iowa District East Early Childhood Conference

The Conference Planning Committee would like to extend a warm invitation to join us on Friday, August 2, for the annual Iowa District West and East Lutheran Early Childhood Conference! The theme for this year's conference is "Walk in the Light."



Take a moment now to reserve this date by placing it in your personal and staff calendars. Once again, this conference is a one-of-a-kind event for Iowa West and East early childhood ministries as it is the only training event you will attend that helps you grow as a Lutheran educator. Not only is this event for you and staff, but we encourage you to invite your pastor(s), DCE, board members, and others associated with your Early Childhood Center. The committee has put together a list of top-notch speakers who are experts in their field and you and your staff will walk away being enriched and inspired.

Jesus is the light of the world and as we lead children and families in our early childhood centers we want to share the love of Jesus with them so they can "Walk in the Light." Our theme verse is 1 John 1:7 "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." As an early childhood educator, you have a unique opportunity to not only educate young children but also to point children and their families to the "light," that great news that Jesus loves them and has given His life for them to purify them from all sin. As we "walk in the light," we are guided to live differently than the world.

All the registration information is included with this letter. If you have any questions, please give Jan or Rhonda a call.

The registration deadline is July 12. Please respect this deadline so that we are able to plan accordingly.

In the coming days, we pray for God's blessings on the end of your school year. Enjoy your summer! We look forward to seeing you at the Conference on Friday, August 2, 2024.

Lori Jenks, St. Paul Preschool, Ames – Chairperson
Jackie Illian, Immanuel Preschool, Cedar Falls
Kim Powell, Mt. Olive Preschool, Des Moines
Karen Ritter, Good Shepherd Preschool, Eldora
Heather Schmitz, Tiny Treasures Preschool, Gloria Dei, Urbandale
Jodi VanEtten, Lutheran Interparish School and Preschool, Williamsburg

Rhonda Mohr, Iowa District West Assistant to the President for Education, Youth and Family Life
Jan Doellinger, Iowa District East Assistant to the President - Schools

SECTIONAL A – 10:15 AM

A1. This Little Light of Mine Presenter: Steve and Seana Wilcken

Music is a great way to teach, learn, and celebrate the joy of our Lord. In this session, we plan to share our experience with bringing this joy to students. We will share songs and motions to help teach of God's love as well as show ways to get students involved with simple instruments / noise makers. We will also explore ways to bring this joy to the students even if you do not feel that this is your strength. Let's sing Praise to our God.

Steve and Seana have been involved with the music ministry and education at St. Paul, Ames, for many years. Seana has been teaching Sunday School and leading opening for the preschool - 2nd grade for over 30 years. Steven has been leading music / opening for the older students for the past 20 years, as well as currently serving as Sunday School Superintendent. Together, they have been leading the music for VBS for the past 8 years.

A2. Jesus: In the Morning, At the Noontime, When the Sun Goes Down Presenter: Andrea Lohman

In our classrooms, we want to be about sharing Jesus' love with our students all the time, but we need to work at it. During our time together, we will share, brainstorm and learn new strategies for creating a space where Jesus is integrated in all we do. When people visit our classrooms, we will then receive the best affirmation possible, "I can tell this is a Jesus place."

After serving in Lutheran schools for 30 years, Andrea retired in June 2024. She is still passionate about supporting and encouraging early childhood educators as they work hard to share God's love with young children and their families.

A3. Message in a Backpack Presenter: Dr. Annette Anschutz

Message in a Backpack is a one-page flyer that provides families with information about a variety of topics to help them become informed about appropriate early childhood growth, development, expectations, and timely topics, along with tips for extending learning at home. Participants will work together to design messages for a variety of topics, then share their work with one another so that everyone has several examples to take back to their classrooms.

Dr. Anschutz holds a B.A. in social work, an M.A. in family life science, an M.Ed. with an early childhood emphasis, and an Ed.D. in early childhood education. She has taught and directed early childhood programs for over 35 years. Since 2009, she has served at Concordia University, Nebraska. Currently semi-retired, she serves as graduate early childhood program director. She has three sons, two daughters-in-law, and three granddaughters. She is married to Concordia alum and Liturgical Artist, Mark Anschutz. She has written several articles and enjoys visiting other early childhood programs across the United States as learner, speaker, and consultant.

A4. Pushing Pride in Preschool and Beyond: Scholastic's "Joyous Boom" of Queer Literature and the Christian's Call to Bring the Joyous Light of Truth
Presenter: Rev. Jonathan Conner

"What literature you provide [children] with, and how you talk about both literature and identity, can have an immense, life-changing impact on the young people in your life." As an early childhood educator or pastor, you know this statement is true. What you might not know is that it was taken from Scholastic's "Read with Pride" Resource Guide that goes on to celebrate a "joyous boom of queer literature for children and young adults" that they are enthusiastically pushing into preschools, schools, libraries, and classrooms. In this sectional, Pastor Jonathan Conner will share excerpts from these books as he encourages and equips us not to bring a "joyous boom" of pride into our classrooms, but the joyous light of truth in Jesus.

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A5. IQ4K- Implementing Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)
Presenter: Erin Casey & Casey Shelton

Join us in learning more about Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement System, Iowa Quality for Kids. IQ4K provides five levels of quality (building blocks) that programs can achieve and continue to improve on. By implementing Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI), IQ4K allows programs to assess where they currently are across all areas of programming and devise a structured plan to increase the overall level of program quality. In this session, you will learn more about the CQI model within IQ4K and how to get started today!

Erin and Casey are both IQ4K Specialists with Childcare Resource and Referral of Central Iowa. They are part of a statewide group who meet to support early childhood and school age programs, community partners and Childcare Resource and Referral Staff to understand the IQ4K system, the benefits it brings to programs and to engage programs in CQI work. With nearly 25 years of combined experience working with Quality Initiatives, they look forward to sharing IQ4K information with you!

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Presenter: Heather Schmitz

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A7. Technology: the kids might know more than you
Presenter: Jackie Illian

Technology can be beneficial to use in the classroom but getting started can be tricky and overwhelming. In this sectional, we will discuss different apps that you can use, how to implement QR codes, and how to successfully integrate other aspects of technology.

Jackie is the preschool teacher and Parish and Preschool Administrator at Immanuel Lutheran in Cedar Falls, Iowa. She has served at Immanuel for seven years but has been in Lutheran Education for 27 years. She has held a variety of roles in her 27 years of ministry. She earned a master's degree in educational leadership in 2009. Jackie has always had the focus of making education exciting and fun for the children in her classroom.

SECTIONAL B – 11:20 AM

B1. This Little Light of Mine
Presenter: Steve and Seana Wilcken

Music is a great way to teach, learn, and celebrate the joy of our Lord. In this session, we plan to share our experience with bringing this joy to students. We will share songs and motions to help teach of God's love as well as show ways to get students involved with simple instruments / noise makers. We will also explore ways to bring this joy to the students even if you do not feel that this is your strength. Let's sing Praise to our God.

Steve and Seana have been involved with the music ministry and Education at St. Paul, Ames, for many years. Seana has been teaching Sunday School and leading opening for the preschool - 2nd grade for over 30 years. Steven has been leading music / opening for the older students for the past 20 years, as well as currently serving as Sunday School Superintendent. Together, they have been leading the music for VBS for the past 8 years.

B2. Jesus: In the Morning, At the Noontime, When the Sun Goes Down
Presenter: Andrea Lohman

In our classrooms, we want to be about sharing Jesus' love with our students all the time, but we need to work at it. During our time together, we will share, brainstorm and learn new strategies for creating a space where Jesus is integrated in all we do. When people visit our classrooms, we will then receive the best affirmation possible, "I can tell this is a Jesus place."

After serving in Lutheran schools for 30 years, Andrea retired in June 2024. She is still passionate about supporting and encouraging early childhood educators as they work hard to share God's love with young children and their families.

B3. Message in a Backpack
Presenter: Dr. Annette Anschutz

Message in a Backpack is a one-page flyer that provides families with information about a variety of topics to help them become informed about appropriate early childhood growth, development, expectations, and timely topics, along with tips for extending learning at home. Participants will work together to design messages for a variety of topics, then share their work with one another so that everyone has several examples to take back to their classrooms.

Dr. Anschutz holds a B.A. in social work, an M.A. in family life science, an M.Ed. with an early childhood emphasis, and an Ed.D. in early childhood education. She has taught and directed early childhood programs for over 35 years. Since 2009, she has served at Concordia University, Nebraska. Currently semi-retired, she serves as graduate early childhood program director. She has three sons, two daughters-in-law, and three granddaughters. She is married to Concordia alum and Liturgical Artist, Mark Anschutz. She has written several articles and enjoys visiting other early childhood programs across the United States as learner, speaker, and consultant.

B4. The Three Pillars of Success
Presenter: Dr. Drew Gerdes

Research continues to point to the value that self-regulation, executive functions, and social-emotional learning have in laying the foundation for success in the lives of young children. Join us for an in-depth look at each of these areas, how to foster them in your classroom, and how to best prepare children as they walk their journey into adulthood.

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Presenter: Lori Kilburg

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Presenter: Heidi Rains

In this make-it and take-it session, we will look at light and darkness through the eyes of a preschooler. While we are sinners and live in a dark world, God is our light and gives us forgiveness. As we look at 1 John chapter 1 for a devotion, participants will leave this session with a lesson and activities that they can take back to their classrooms.

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B7. Pastoral Oversight of the Christian Preschool
Presenter: Rev. Paul Dare

There are so many things a pastor needs to do. It's easy to leave a preschool/daycare to manage itself. However, in this sectional, we will discuss modern issues for Christian education that require a pastor's attention and leadership. In addition, we will examine materials from our church body to help a Christian preschool embody your church's mission.

Pastor Paul Dare has served in connection with a Lutheran school/preschool for his 24 years in ministry. He has a deep love for the blessings of Christian education and sees it as an avenue for mission. He currently serves as the Senior Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake.

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C2. Becoming Screen Wise: Understanding Screens' Toxic Tactics, Soberly Seeing Their Adverse Effects, and Confidently Charting a Wise Way Forward
Presenter: Rev. Jonathan Conner

The phone in your pocket has a message for you: You are being conditioned. Your imagination is being manipulated and your eyes are being monetized. The more time you spend with me (and other individualized screens), the more your mental health suffers. And it's worse for kids. Join Pastor Conner as he presents sober, eye-popping data on the toxic tactics and adverse effects of the individualized screen in the classroom and the home and then calls us to a courageous, wise way forward in the un-pixelated, three-dimensional world.

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Presenter: Andrea Lohman

Children are God's amazing creations. As early childhood educators, our privilege is to observe and listen to see and hear their perspective of God's world. During our time together, we will pause to reflect on our observation and listening skills when we are with children. We will consider how we can incorporate meaningful, enriching practices to create environments where they know they are truly valued as His children.

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C6. What's New with Jesus Time - Enduring Faith Early Childhood Training
Presenter: Jackie Illian

Sharing the love of Jesus in your early childhood classroom takes many forms. CPH has resources to help! This session will showcase the new Early Childhood level of Enduring Faith Religion Curriculum. We'll talk about how it compares to and aligns with the Pre-K level of Enduring Faith as well as look at other CPH resources that support faith development in the early childhood classroom.

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Keynote Speaker

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2:05 PM | Sectional C

3:05 PM | Close / District Celebrations

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-1 John 1:7

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9:00 DR. YOUMANS PART 1

10:00 BREAK

10:15 DR. YOUMANS PART 2

11:15 CLOSING

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