



PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

May 2024

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President's Piece for Peace

May 24

Springtime has come and with it the joy of warmer weather and nature coming up from the ground with freshness and fragrance. I love this time of the year for many reasons. One most enjoyable is the fact that at this time of the year the Lord of the Church graduates and matriculates church workers ready to come into the harvest.

Once again, IDE will joyfully receive new ordained and commissioned workers to serve alongside us veterans. We are also blessed to contribute to the education of future workers by being assigned student teachers, interns, and vicars. We are so blessed to be able to fill many of the vacancies with well trained, faithful, and dedicated servants to enter these most precious vocations.

While we are receiving ready prepared workers, the Synod still lives with extreme shortages of ordained and commissioned servants. As of late a solution has been suggested, by some, to solve this problem that I think is a bigger problem than the shortage itself. The discussions about this issue have led to the idea that the Synod needs to make preparation easier for students. The main suggestion is that Church Worker preparation no longer require in residence education. The thought being that moving to college or seminary is too big of a sacrifice and that the same education can be accomplished on-line.

The pandemic taught us that online education is not a successful alternative to the quality of residential, in-person education. It proved that students who had a largely virtual education fell behind by months if not an entire year. Maybe in the circumstances of the time it was thought to be the best we could do. Nonetheless, it proved to be inadequate.

I could go into all the research and study that has been done to support my point, but this article does not allow for the room to do that. Suffice it to say, I am very opposed to on-line education when we are preparing for the most important vocations that impact the lives of students and parishioners now and for eternity. Sacrifice is commonplace in service to our Lord. He Himself is the epitome of sacrifice. Preparing for serving His Church should not be a matter of convenience but one of accuracy and fidelity to the Word of God and its exposition in the Lutheran Confessions. There is no shortcut to this learning from the Dr.'s of the Church who have the catechetical skill and expertise to prepare future preachers and teachers of the Word. There is no replacement for face-to-face interaction with professors and daily conversations with classmates. The same is true concerning proper worship and prayer by attending daily chapel led by the ordained of the Church.

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I don't have the solution other than encouraging our children, highschoolers, and even young adults to consider serving the Church with their God given talents. Vocation is not a matter of making the most money one can over a lifetime. It is a matter of being the hands of God in service to your neighbor. There is no greater need your neighbor has than to hear and learn the Word of God by those properly and fully trained to proclaim the life-giving message.

President's Piece for Peace

May 24

Pray and pray some more that the Lord of the Harvest would send workers into the fields. He is not unaware of the Churches needs. He opens His hands and satisfies the desire of every living being. What does every living being desire but to be loved by God and promised an everlasting life that is with Him in peace and joy. We have the message and the Truth that gives that gift to each who will hear. God be with you all and keep His Church fully supplied with servants.

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders
District President

Vacancy Updates

As of 4.29.24

May 24

Calling Congregations

Deep River, Calvary

Homestead, St. John;
Wellman, Good Shepherd

Newton, Our Savior

North Liberty, St. Silas

Osage, Trinity

Swisher, King of Glory

Michael Koesar (Vacancy Pastor)

Gary Sears (Vacancy Pastor)

Joel Picard (Vacancy Pastor)

Kris Kincaid (Vacancy Pastor)

Byron Northwick (Vacancy Pastor)

Brad Brown (Vacancy Pastor)

Pastor Calls

Accepted:

Placements: Isaiah Ambrecht, CTSFW

Josiah Schultz, CSL

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Manchester

St. John, Keystone

Pending: Keith Emshoff - Ellsworth, KS

James Rockhill - Crawford, NE (WY)

Jacob Swenson - Fairbank/Jesup

Michael Erickson - Bethany, Cedar Rapids

Our Savior, Newton

Trinity, Osage

West Portal - San Francisco, CA

Trinity - Ironwood, MI (N. Wisc)

Declined:

Vicarage Assignments

Harvey Peters, CTSFW to Our Redeemer, Cedar Falls

Tyler Simmons, CSL to Our Redeemer, Iowa City

Luke Konkell, CTSFW to St. Paul, Eldora

Jacob Stefanec, CTSFW to Trinity, Hampton

Commissioned Call Searches

Trinity Lutheran School, Cedar Rapids - Principal Search

Lutheran Interparish School, Williamsburg - 2nd Grade Teacher, 4th Grade Teacher

Central Lutheran School, Newhall - 3rd Grade Teacher

Trinity Lutheran School, Davenport - 5th Grade Teacher

Valley Lutheran School, Cedar Falls - Kindergarten Teacher

Vacancy Updates

As of 4.29.24

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Commissioned Calls

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| Accepted: | Heather Johnson - Troy, IL | Central Lutheran, Newhall, 1st Grade |
| | Bill Sitas - LIS Williamsburg | LIS Principal |
| Pending: | 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) |
| Declined: | 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 |

Calendar of Events

May 24

May

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|-------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 18 | Concordia Plans Retirement Workshop | IDE Office |
| 22-24 | Theological Symposium | Camp Io-Dis-E-Ga |
| 27 | Memorial Day | IDE Office Closed |

June

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|-------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 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

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| 30 | Board of Directors | IDE Office |
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Directory Updates

May 24

| PG # | RECORD | ACTION | INFORMATION |
|------|-----------------------|-------------------|---|
| 21 | Timm, Gary | change of address | 4165 Aspen Hills Dr, Bettendorf IA 52722 |
| 50 | Russell, Darci | Change | Delete phone 319-230-3850: New Phone: 319-440-2336 |
| 19 | Quick, Terry | Change | Delete email terryquick007@gmail.com; New email Pastor.Quick@holycrossdav.org |
| 36 | Davenport, Holy Cross | Change | Delete email terryquick007@gmail.com; New email Pastor.Quick@holycrossdav.org |
| 22 | Zoske, Jason | Add | Email: remove jbzoske@gmail.com. Use stpaulcmsthor@gmail.com |

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

The Animal School*

May 24

The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath"

Mark 2:27-28



A group of animals got together in the forest one day and decided to start a school. There was a rabbit, a bird, a squirrel, a fish, and an eel. They formed a board of education and tried to create a curriculum.

The rabbit insisted that burrowing in the ground be in the curriculum. The fish insisted on swimming. The squirrel insisted perpendicular tree climbing be included, and the bird wanted flying.

They put all these courses together and wrote a curriculum guide. They insisted that all of the animals take all of the of the subjects.

Although the rabbit was getting an A in burrowing, the perpendicular tree climbing was a real problem for him; he kept falling over backwards. Pretty soon he became brain damaged from these falls, and he couldn't burrow well any more. He found that instead of making an A in burrowing, he was making a C. And, of course, he always made an F in perpendicular climbing.

The bird was really beautiful at flying, but when it came to burrowing in the ground, he couldn't do it so well. He kept breaking his beak and wings. Pretty soon he was making a C in flying as well as an F in burrowing. And he had a very bad time in perpendicular tree climbing.

The squirrel was terrific at perpendicular tree climbing, but was so afraid of the water that he failed swimming altogether.

The fish was easily the best in swimming class, but he wouldn't get out of the water to come to any of the other classes.

The valedictorian of the class was the special needs eel who did everything in a halfway fashion. But the teachers were happy because everybody was taking all the subjects in their broad-based educational curriculum.

As you look back and reflect on this school year that is coming to a close, did you ever feel like one of these animals? You were put in a situation that you weren't equipped to do or you volunteered to do something because there was no else to do it. Did you put a student in a situation that he or she was uncomfortable in? Either way, whether it was you or a student, it probably caused some anxiousness or tension.

These are times when we realize there are things we are good at and things that we don't do well or can't do at all. These are also times when we find out we actually can do something we thought we could never do or it would take us out of our comfort zone, but with practice and patience we could accomplish more than you ever thought possible. I think about Caitlyn Clark, the women's basketball phenom. I played basketball in

grade school and was on some intramural teams in college but I could never achieve what she has done. But I also know she has spent hours and hours in the gym honing her skill and maturing in her ability to share her gift.

We know that the Body of Christ, that is the church, was designed by God to include everyone, but He never intended that everyone could do everything. He gave each of us specific abilities in which we serve Him and one another. No one else is gifted the way you are, and there are many jobs only you can do. As we serve Him we follow the call to discover and then to use our God-given gifts and abilities to bring glory and honor to Him. Take some time to go back and read 1Corinthians 12:12 and reflect on how Christ is using you, what He wants you to do, and where He want you to go.

Having these gifts and abilities and using them to serve Him and others wouldn't be possible unless we are connected to Christ. Isn't that what we've been talking about all school year. It's been our theme. This connection isn't something we do but what Christ does and works in us. One of the ways He does that is through worship. In the Old Testament, the observation of the Sabbath was of utmost importance. Unless it was extremely important or an emergency, no one could do any work on the Sabbath. There were strict rules as to how the Jews were to worship on the Sabbath.

Then, along came Jesus. He said that He is "Lord of the Sabbath". All the Old Testament promises were now fulfilled in Him. The focus wasn't on the laws of the past but now on the presence of the risen and victorious Christ who brings life and salvation.

Jesus wants us to see and believe that He is our Savior. You have had many important activities and events in your calendar this year. You've had tons of opportunities to use your gifts and abilities. You've also discovered there were things you could do that you never considered or thought possible, as well as gotten better at the ones you were kind of good at! None of this would be possible with the connection you have in Christ. That connection needs to be refreshed. You need some rest this summer. Use these days to be in His Word. Let Him be the "Lord of the Sabbath" where you meet Him in worship. As I've said before, if you're not spiritually healthy, neither will your students be spiritually healthy. They need you to be at your best, at full capacity.

May the "Lord of the Sabbath" be with you this summer in your worship details as well as the big events!

Jan Doellinger
Assistant to the President, Schools

Life Coordinator - Alleluia! Christ Ascended! And So Shall We.

May 24

The ascension of our Lord Jesus is very, very important! Don't skip it this year. Make a very big deal out of it. For it truly is a big deal.

This district life coordinator page is for pro-life announcements and writings. Last month I wrote about how the Litany is a beautiful pro-life prayer. Now I'm saying that Jesus' ascension is a most excellent pro-life holiday.

One of the countless problems with the elective abortion of little baby boys and girls is that there is a denial of that precious child's real, present life AND of that precious child's wonderful, potential future.

So, whether you celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ on its day, which this year is Thursday, May 9, or on its eve, or on the following Sunday, or all 3 – remember that Jesus Christ our Lord ascended so that He can now be present everywhere according to His human nature as well as according to His divine nature.

The same little toes that formed in Mary's womb are the same feet which the faithful women grasped on Easter Sunday – and they're the same feet that bruised the head of the serpent for us, under which our Father has placed all our enemies as a footstool.

The same heart that was lovingly formed and knit together in the Virgin Mary's womb by our Father in heaven still beats! Jesus' heart still beats with love for you, and for all, as He now fills all things and promises to come again in the same way the disciples saw Him go up into heaven.

The same hands that grew fingernails before His birth and grasped His mother's hand and were pierced and nailed to the cross just as all the prophets foretold – these hands now bless and feed and help and save and forgive you to this very day. Jesus Christ is truly present wherever two or three are gathered in His Name with His Word, Baptism, Absolution, preaching, and Supper.

This and much more is the good news of our upcoming yearly celebration of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Alleluia! Christ ascended! And so, one day, shall we. Amen.

Submitted by: Pastor Alex Post
Iowa District East Life Coordinator



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Northern Pastoral Conference Convenes in Eldora

May 31, 1938 – Vol. 57, No. 11

St. Paul's Congregation of Eldora was the hospitable host to the pastors of the Northern Conference of our District on April 26 and 27. After the opening devotion, conducted by Pastor Hesse, the Rev. O. Walper and the Rev. O.F. Koch were elected to serve as chairman and secretary, respectively. The conference thereupon took up the program of essays prepared for the sessions. The Rev. Th. Frese presented an exposition, or explanation, of Rom. 11:33-36, which gave evidence of much thought and painstaking preparation on the part of the essayist. Much time was also given to the hearing and discussing of an instructive paper on "*Holy Communion*," presented by Rev. E.H. Krieger. Considerable time was devoted to finding solutions to various problems confronting the brethren in their pastoral work. Time did not permit the completion of the program, and a number of papers had to be postponed until the next conference.

Pastors and Teachers Convene in Williamsburg

September 6, 1938 – Vol. 57, No. 18

On Aug. 16 and 17 the pastors and teachers of the District spent profitable and pleasant days in the midst of hospitable St. Paul's Congregation in Williamsburg. Upon arrival the visitors were greeted by the genial smile and welcoming handclasp of Pastor T. Joeckel and Teacher O. Kamprath. The opening devotion was conducted by the local pastor. Thereupon Pastor Zabel was elected chairman, and Teacher Huedepohl was asked to serve as secretary until the arrival of Secretary Will of Davenport. Seventy-four pastors and twenty teachers answered the roll-call. One half of the sessions were joint sessions of pastors and teachers; the other half were separate sessions of pastors and of teachers. The papers presented in the joint sessions treated matters pertaining to the Christian education and training of our children. Mr. A.C. Stellhorn, Synod's Secretary of Schools, was a welcome guest and represented Synod's Board of Education. He delivered a paper on "*Emotion in Training*." Teacher Huedepohl presented a paper on "*Enlisting Children for Our Christian Parish-schools*." Vice-President Harms lectured on "*The Integration of Church, Home, and School in the Christian Education of the Children*." In the separate sessions for pastors, presided over by Rev. Zabel, Rev. O. Koch, acting as secretary, two papers were presented by Pastors Th. Gutknecht and H.A. Bentrup. The topic of the former was "*The*

Pastor's Private Care of Souls"; that of the latter, "*The Problem of Mixed Marriages.*" All papers were thought-provoking and called forth a lively discussion. Considerable time was given on Tuesday evening to the consideration of various problems arising in the ministerial office and to reports concerning matters of the District made by President Hesse. Pastor P. Happel presented matters relative to the Pension Plan and Support Fund of Synod. In the sessions of the teachers, papers dealing with matters of particular interest and importance to teachers were presented and discussed. Also in these sessions Mr. Stellhorn addressed the teachers. An opportunity was given all pastors to partake of Holy Communion on Wednesday morning. The Communion service was in charge of Pastor Joeckel, who was assisted in the distribution by Visitor Alb. Bostelmann.

Northern Pastoral Conference **October 18, 1938 – Vol. 57, No. 21**

The *Northern Pastoral Conference* meets Oct. 25 and 26 at Fredericksburg (H.J. Wunderlich, pastor). Sermon: Krieger (G.A. Koch, Klatt). Communion address: Leckband (Oetting, Peters). Papers: *Exegesis on Rom. 12*: Th. Frese. "*The Unreasonableness of Unbelief and the Reasonableness of the Christian Religion*": Klatt. "*Sources of the Common Service*": Russert. *Exegesis on Haggai*: Ranzau. "*Doctrine of the Holy Trinity in the Old Testament*": Oetting. "*Divorce and Adultery*" (Matt. 19:9): Bentrup. *Sermon for Criticism*: Baldwin; critic: Wunderlich.

The *Southern Pastoral Conference* of our District will meet at Atkins (G. Rickels, pastor) on Nov. 1 and 2. Announcements should be sent to the local pastor. The following papers are scheduled: *Hebrews 9*: Hinck. "*Relation of the Church to Social, Economic and Political Problems*": T. Schliepsiek. "*Problems in Congregational Finances*": Joeckel. "*Anointing the Sick with Oil*": Brauer. "*Birth Control*": Young. *Office of the Keys*: Bornhoeft. *Job 19:25-27*: O. Krueger. *Homiletical Study*: Boelter. *1 Cor. 11:20-34*: F. Wolter. *Catechization*: Glock. "*Jesus a Model in Dealing with People*": Kitzmann. "*Text Interpolations*": Happel. *Isagogics on Proverbs*: Beer. "*Jewish Social Life in the Days of Christ*": Wuerffel. Sermon by W. Krueger (H. Glock). Th. C. Meibohn, *Secretary pro tem.*

Inter-Synodical Conference **March 28, 1939 – Vol. 58, No. 6a**

The pastors of the Davenport, Dubuque, and Cedar Rapids Circuits will meet with the pastors of the Dubuque conference of the American Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, May 8, to begin discussions as recommended by the St. Louis convention. Two essays will be read. One will deal with "*Unionism*," and the essayist will be Dr. M. Reu of Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque. Dr. Wm. Arndt of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., will present the other paper, the subject of which is to be "*Election.*" While the conference has been arranged for the pastors of the territory designated above, any and all others interested are invited to attend the conference. Kindly make a memorandum of place and time: Trinity Church, Cedar Rapids, May 8. –O. Nieting, *Secretary of Program Committee*

[to be continued]

Rev. Allen E. Konrad
IDE Archivist

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



May 2024

Summer Camp 2024: **So Close!**

Summer Camp

Summer camp is only a month and a half away! This means now is the time to get registered and reserve your spot for a safe and fun-filled week at a Christ-centered summer camp. We are excited for the upcoming summer camp season and look forward to sharing the gospel with all who attend! However, we are still in need of counselors. Camp counselors lead their cabin group in all of the various camp activities such as rock climbing, canoeing, Bible study, and more! (See pg. 2 for more information.) We are also still in need of a Cook and Kitchen Assistant for this summer ([see flyer!](#)). We are looking for someone to take on a 6am-1pm shift, Monday through Friday, throughout the summer camp season. Hours may be flexible if needed, so please contact the Camp at 319-848-4187 or dylan@iodiseca.org for more information or if you're interested in the position.

Symposium

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is thrilled to be hosting this year's IDE Theological Symposium from May 22-24, 2024. The theme is Church and Ministry: Then and Now. The Symposium is a theologically enriching event for pastors, church-workers, and lay-people! For more information, including registration options, presenters (we have a great lineup!), and how to support the Symposium, head to campiodiseca.org/idesymposium/.

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! A few of our projects are cleaning out Mary and Joseph Cabins, replacing their window AC unit stands, and replacing the audio-visual cabinet in the Activity Hall. Additional projects include upgrading from fluorescent to LED light bulbs in the upstairs of Omega Lodge; cleaning out a "storage room" in the Omega Lodge basement, so we can transform it into a kitchenette for our seasonal staff; and removing the bulky toilet paper holders and filling the holes left in the wall as well as installing a shelf above the back of the toilets, so our guests don't have to worry about running out of TP!

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

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Important Dates

May 4
Spring Cleanup

May 22-24
IDE Symposium

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

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](#)



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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

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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**. To get started with the application process, head over to www.nloma.org and complete a summer service profile. Be sure to list Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca as your first-choice camp!

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

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

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Lutheran Family Service To Offer New Spring Support Groups & Webinars On Infant Loss, Marriage, and Identity

Lutheran Family Service has some exciting new opportunities on the horizon for support and education coming up this Spring, including two free webinars and two support groups.

Webinars



LFS has two new upcoming webinars available for free. The first is called:

Christ At The Center: Conquering Communication & Creating Connection



Presented by Hannah Fowler, tLMFT

Date(s): Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Time: 5:30pm CT

Marriage was designed by God, but that does not mean it is always an easy road. For Christian couples who desire to strengthen their communication and connection, this webinar is for you.



LFS has two support groups available for free. The first is called:

The Loss Of An Infant



Presented by Dr. Mark Vande Braak

Location: Online/Worldwide

Date(s): May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm CT

Have you suffered the loss of an infant? Do you know someone who has? There is heartache. But there is also hope.

Join our very own Dr. Mark Vande Braak as he leads an online grief/loss support group for anyone who has dealt with the death of a very young child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS, and beyond.

This will be a four-part offering. The first date (May 15th at 1:00pm CT) will be an informational session given by Dr. Mark. It is meant to serve as an introduction to the topic of loss and grief, given in the form of a presentation. Everyone is welcome to join the first session to learn what the group is all about and what we hope to accomplish. The following three dates will offer a smaller, more intimate setting to discuss individual losses together in the form of a support group. Those three sessions will offer dialogue and conversation for those still wishing to continue in grief and loss support with other parents facing similar situations. All four dates are open to anyone. This is a FREE event with no registration fee. If you would like to join the group, sign up below. Please share with anyone who may be grieving a loss of this kind.

The four dates for the group are as follows:

- **Wednesday, May 15th at 1:00pm CT** (Informational Meeting)
- **Wednesday, May 22nd at 1:00pm CT** (Support Group Meeting)
- **Wednesday, May 29th at 1:00pm CT** (Support Group Meeting)
- **Wednesday, June 5th at 1:00pm CT** (Support Group Meeting)

<https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/support-childloss/>

The second support group from Lutheran Family Service is called:

Caring For Parents Of Transgender Children



Presented by Cassie Beltz, LMHC

Location: Online/Worldwide

Date(s): Every Tuesday

Time: 7:00pm CT

Our The divide between the Biblical view and cultural view of human sexuality grows wider every day. As the volume of secular opinions gets louder, many Christians struggle to discern what their response should be to such hot-button topics as transgenderism, especially when that topic hits close to home.

When your own child questions their gender, what do you say? What should you do? How can you help them develop a Biblical perspective? Foremost, know that God is good and gracious – even when you are confronted with uncomfortable topics and don't know what to do.

Join Cassie Beltz, LMHC, a Mental Health Therapist here at Lutheran Family Service, as she leads an online group aimed at offering support and encouragement for parents who have a child that is struggling with gender identity confusion or have a child that is transgender. Even though your child may be confused, you can have hope in the assurance that God created your child in His image!

This will be an ongoing support group launching **every Tuesday at 7:00pm CT**. Everyone is welcome to join at any time. This is a FREE event with no registration fee. If you would like to join the group, sign up below. Please share with anyone who may be struggling with this issue at home.

<https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/support-parents-transgender/>

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

- Call: 515-573-3138
- Email: info@lutheranfamilyservice.org
- Web Form: <http://lutheranfamilyservice.org/contact/>

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



Lutheran Family Service presents

Male And Female He Created Them: Creation And Identity

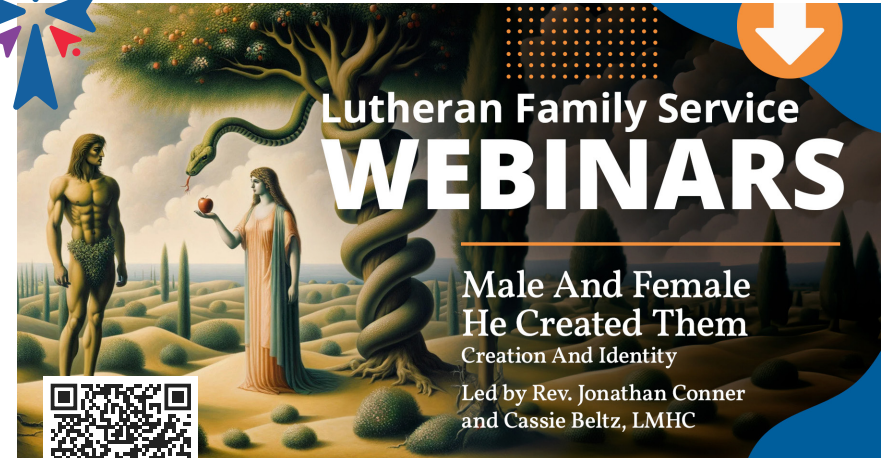
Presented by Rev. Jonathan Conner and Cassie Beltz, LMHC
Date(s): Thursdays, May 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, June 6, 2024
Time: 7:00pm CT

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If you or someone you love struggles with who God has created you to be, please join Pastor Jonathan Conner and Licensed Mental Health Counselor Cassie Beltz as we discuss God's good gift of gender and identity as it is revealed to us in the scriptures and how the world seeks to distort this gift to us.

This is a 5-part webinar, hosted live on Thursdays May 9th, May 16th, May 23rd, May 30th, June 6th at 7:00pm CT. Everyone is welcome to join. This is a FREE event with no registration fee. If you would like to join the webinar, sign up below, and we will send you a link as the day gets closer. Please share with any Christian couples with a desire to learn about God's good gift of gender and identity.

lutheranfamilyservice.org/webinar-creation-identity/



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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.

Saturday, May 18, 2024

9:00 am–3:00 pm

Iowa District East Office

1100 Blairs Ferry Road
Marion, IA 52302

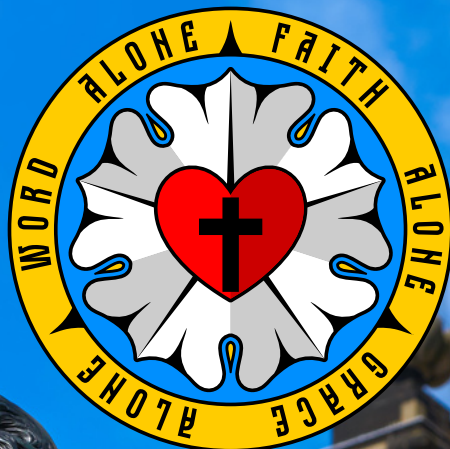
All materials, beverages, snack, and a light lunch will be provided.

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.



**THE IOWA
THEOLOGICAL
SYMPOSIUM:**

Church and Ministry:
Then and Now

May 22-24, 2024

Registration Information

(Lay People Welcome)

With Lodging:

Preaching Workshop and Symposium with
2 Nights of Lodging & Meals **\$85**

Symposium with 1 Night of Lodging &
Meals **\$65**

Without Lodging:

Preaching Workshop and Symposium with
Meals (stay off site) **\$65**

Symposium with Meals (stay off site) **\$35**

REGISTER HERE

or by scanning this QR code



Location:

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE
Solon, IA 52333
Daniel Sanchez: dsanchez@lcmiside.org

Questions?

Contact Rev. Sam Beltz: 870-476-0028

MAY 22: PREACHING WORKSHOP
"YES, YOU DO NEED A THEME"

MAY 23-24: THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM
"CHURCH AND MINISTRY:
THEN AND NOW"

GUEST PRESENTERS

REV. DR. MATTHEW HARRISON

REV. MICHAEL HOLMEN

REV. DR. BRIAN SAUNDERS

REV. DR. JOHN STEPHENSON

REV. DR. LUCAS WOODFORD

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Please send donations to:

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3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE
Solon, IA 52333

Checks should be made out to "Camp
Io-Dis-E-Ca" with a memo line of "ITS"



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!

Composed for Lutheran Woman's Missionary League
IED Convention 2024

Jean Hilbert

Joyfully, with confidence

Refrain

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

The first system of the musical score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment is written in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with the same key signature and time signature. It features a steady quarter-note bass line and a treble line with chords and moving lines.

5

Last time end

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

The second system of the musical score continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a quarter note C5, followed by a quarter note D5, and then a quarter note E5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as the first system, ending with a final cadence.

We be - lieve that God the Fa - ther, cre - a - tor of all
 We be - lieve 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
 sins; hung up - on the cross on dark Cal - va -
 ty; has been sent to bring us com - fort and
 God; by the gift of grace so free - ly be -

earth. To be born of a
 ry. Though He lived as a
 peace. He is our in - ter -
 stowed. That by faith in One

19

vir - gin and walk a - mong man; teach - ing
 hu - man and suf - fered and died; He is
 cess - or in our dai - ly prayer; and he
 True God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son; we are

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To Refrain

all of God's in - fin - ite plan. Shout it
 One with the Fa - ther, True God! Shout it
 reigns with the Fa - ther and the Son. Shout it
 freed from the bonds of death and sin. Shout it

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

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

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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

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Visit our website at ctsfw.edu/CE.

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Phone: (260) 452-2204
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Dr. Jeffrey Pulse
Director of Continuing Education
Email: Jeffrey.Pulse@ctsfw.edu
Phone: (260) 452-2273

Submissions for the next edition of the Professional Workers' Packet are due **May 24, 2024. The June Packet will be for June and July 2024.** The subsequent after the June packet be for August.

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



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