



PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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President's Piece for Peace

October 24

Here we are again, a political year packed with ads and campaigns for issues and candidates. I don't know about you, but the next month will exhaust me until it is over in November. There are issues that we care deeply about and have great influence as to how our votes are cast. The challenge for the church worker is to determine what can be said and what can't be said in our professional capacity of servants of the Church. In this edition I will share with you some quotes from an organization called *Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF)*. They are a legal firm who specializes in advice and defense of Christian organizations. I recently receive from this a booklet on this topic and want to share a few sound bites for your benefit as we approach an election month.

"Introduced to the U.S. Code in 1954, the Johnson Amendment forbids 501(c)(3) charitable organizations- including churches- from participating or intervening in political campaigns for or against any candidate for public office. The Johnson Amendment prohibits churches from supporting or opposing a political candidate or party. This is applicable to all political races- federal, state, or local. This includes elections ranging from the President of the United States all the way to your local school board or city council. The law prohibits speech in the form of both sermons from the pulpit and monetary contributions."

"While pastors are restricted by the Johnson Amendment when speaking as an official representative of their church, they can support or oppose candidates from public office when acting in their personal capacity. As a pastor, you do not surrender your individual First Amendment rights when you agree to lead a ministry. The best way to ensure that whoever you are talking with understands you are speaking from your personal capacity is to indicate clearly that your comments are personal and are not intended to represent the church. For example, posting on your personal Facebook page with the caveat that all opinions are your own and do not represent the church would be considered speaking in your personal capacity. Making partisan comments in official church publications or at official church events does not qualify as speaking in your individual capacity."

You are all servants of the Word and have the responsibility to proclaim it from the rooftops.

"The law cannot stop you from teaching your church how to approach current topics of debated from your religious perspective. There is much to expound from the Bible on the public, social, and moral issues of concern today, and the church has a unique opportunity to guide the discussion surrounding many of these topics."

What was said by ADF about pastors also applies to any of our rostered church workers in their official capacity. I will repeat what I have said for many years. Preach and teach the Word of God in all of its truth and purity. Do so boldly and do not apologize for doing so. You are all servants of the Word and have the responsibility to proclaim it from the rooftops.

As you preach and teach the Word of God it will form the conscience of your members and students. That is all we can ask for in a political climate like ours, that we vote according to our conscience. We leave the conclusion of the elections to the ones the Lord of Lord's and King of King's has decided will lead the nation, state, and city. "Thy Will Be Done".

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders
District President

Vacancy Updates

As of 9.30.24

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Calling Congregations

Deep River, Calvary

Denver, St. John
Waverly (Artesian) - St. Paul

Homestead, St. John;
Wellman, Good Shepherd

Fairbank, St. John
Jesup, Grace

Lacona, St. Paul
Mechler-Dallas, St. John

Marengo, St. John

Mason City, Bethlehem

North Liberty, St. Silas

Swisher, King of Glory

Michael Kolesar (Vacancy Pastor)

David Menet (Vacancy Pastor)
George Volkert (Vacancy Pastor)

Gary Sears (Vacancy Pastor)

Ronnie Koch (Vacancy Pastor)
David Hasselbrook (Vacancy Pastor)

Nathan Knaus (Vacancy Pastor)

Daniel Krueger (Vacancy Pastor)

Karl Bollhagen (Vacancy Pastor)

Kris Kincaid (Vacancy Pastor)

Brad Brown (Vacancy Pastor)

Pastor Calls

Accepted: Greg Hyatt, Lacona/Melcher-Dallas

St. John's - Pinconning, MI

John Dolde, Cedar Rapids

Immanuel Lutheran - Grand Mound

Pending: Daniel Pool, Clinton

Messiah - Carlyle, IL

Declined: Arthur Rickman, Panama

St. John - Covina, CA

Retired: Larry Feldt, Denver/Waverly (Artesian)

10.02.2024

Commissioned Calls

Accepted: DCE Dalton Rau - CUNE

Our Savior Bettendorf (Installed 8.4.24)

Pending: Timothy Walz, Kendallville, IN

Trinity Lutheran School, Cedar Rapids (Principal)

Commissioned Openings

Trinity Lutheran School, Cedar Rapids

Principal

King of Kings, Cedar Rapids

1 Early Childhood Director, 1 Preschool Teacher

Good Shepherd Preschool, Eldora

Early Childhood Director/Teacher

St. Paul, Latimer

HS/MS Social Studies and Language Arts

Directory Updates

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The IDE directory is going digital and will be available through the IDE website. The directory will be available through a login to the IDE website. Print copies of the directory will be available for order in November.

Please review your current directory information and send any updates to:

pam@lcmside.org

Calendar of Events

October

7-8	Fall Pastors' Conference	Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
11-12	Confirmation Retreat	Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
17-18	Iowa Lutheran Teachers Conference	Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines
29	Board of Directors	IDE Office

November

1-2	Pastors' Wives Retreat	Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
9	Church Revitalization Seminar	Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
28-29	Thanksgiving Holiday	IDE Office Closed

December

24-Jan 2	Christmas Holiday	IDE Office Closed
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*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
For by it the people of old received their commendation.” Hebrews 11:1-2 ESV*

It’s been a few years, but I remember doing this with my 7th graders. It was the first time I used this metaphor. I don’t remember if was during religion class or after I was tired of hearing their grumbles about something they thought wasn’t fair or because they didn’t get to do something they wanted to. (Yes, these things do happen in a Lutheran school!) Either way, the point is I drew a picture of a glass on the white board with a line going through the glass half way up horizontally to represent a water line. After I finished, I asked them, “What do you see?” After a few answers, the next question I asked was, “Is the glass half empty or half full?”



Of course, some said half empty and some said half full. From there, I asked them to imagine this glass was your Christian life. Now let’s talk about what a Christian life with a half empty attitude looks like? Next question, let’s talk about what a Christian life looks like half full? Amidst the discussion I used the terms “pessimist” and “optimist” and they become vocabulary and spelling words on the next test along with their meanings and examples. This metaphor came in handy many times as we were discussing living out our Christian faith that

school year and subsequent years. The message conveyed to my darlings that day and subsequent days was the good news that the Holy Spirit fills us with faith so that we are always completely full, and when we fail, His grace and forgiveness is complete and full as well.

One of the greatest chapters in the Bible is Hebrews 11. Our Lutheran school teachers and pastors throughout Synod have been doing much talking and thinking about these words this school year as it relates to our theme of “Endure”. In these words from Hebrews the writer is giving us a definition of faith – *“the assurance of things hoped for”*... Faith isn’t wishful thinking. It is a confident expectation in the promises of God and the fulfillment of those promises. For us believers it is grounded in the hope of eternal life, His return, and His rule over creation. *“The conviction of things not seen”*... these are the realities that are invisible to our physical eyes. We trust in His plan for our lives, we see the works of His creation, and the reality that some day all believers in Him will go to heaven.

“For by it the people of old received their commendation.” Who are those people of old and what was their commendation? These people are the faith heroes from the Old Testament who were commended or approved by God because of their faith. These individuals – such as Noah, Abraham, Moses, and others – trusted in God’s promises even when those promises seemed impossible or far off. Just as it is for these heroes back then, so it is for us today. We may not always be recognized or rewarded by the world because of things we think, say or do, but in God’s eyes that’s a different story. In the end, all believers will receive God’s ultimate commendation which is heaven.

The promised Messiah, that is Jesus, was the object of faith for the Biblical heroes. Through Him, God kept the promise of a Savior He made to Adam and Eve. It was Jesus who fulfilled every promise God had made. Even though we didn’t stand at the foot of the cross or look inside the empty tomb, we know, by faith, that He died and rose again. Jesus is the fulfillment and focus of God’s Word, the object of our faith.

Faith in Jesus alone is what save us. There is nothing we do to earn or achieve salvation. Faith is always a gift of the Holy Spirit which God gave us through our Baptism. We don't have to worry about having enough faith. Our faith doesn't depend on our looks, our grades, how well we play our musical instrument, how many points we score, or whatever else we come up with. Having this faith in Jesus is the way in which we know our sins are forgiven and that we will be with Him in heaven forever.

Back to the half cup metaphor. Certainly, the preference is to teach our students to look at their Christian lives with a cup full understanding and appreciation of all our physical and spiritual blessings. However, it's a metaphor. We help our students understand that our lives in Christ are filled with God's grace, love, and power every day. That changes our perspective from what we lack to what we have in Christ, not just for our kiddos, but for us, too. Faith is something that can grow when we let the Holy Spirit into our hearts and read His Word. God is always at work of filling our students, and us, with a Spirit-led faith, lacking nothing, and strengthened live a life overflowing with an abundance of God's grace.

It's not always easy, is it? Some days it feels like our teaching is falling on deaf ears because we don't see faith-filled lives. Some days students or our colleagues or our parents don't see a faith-filled life in us either. We upset them for whatever reason because of our own sinful shortcomings. But, just as you/we talk to our students about what Jesus has done for us by dying on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, assurance of a place in heaven we can live a life of faith given to us by the Holy Spirit. Half empty? Not! Overflowing? Absolutely!

Jan Doellinger

Assistant to the President, Schools

We all may experience passing moments of loneliness during our lifetimes, but when loneliness becomes chronic or severe, the long-term effects can be detrimental to our health.

Loneliness Can Contribute to Cognitive Decline Social interactions keep our brains stimulated. Living in solitude does the opposite. In a study of more than 11,000 people, scientists found that those who reported high levels of social isolation had above-average decline in cognitive function when it came to tests of memory recall.

Loneliness May Make Us Pessimistic Researchers have found that hostility often emerges as a defense mechanism because lonely people fear further rejection. Unfortunately, that fear doesn't encourage seeking companionship, but instead leads to pushing people further away. Researchers call this a "self-reinforcing loop" of feeling lonely, criticizing friendships, and isolating from others.

Feeling Lonely May Make Us Less Likely to Trust Others Lonely people, who often become hyper-vigilant to potential rejection, develop higher levels of distrust in others. "This is one of the more worrisome signs of loneliness — when you're paranoid that people you don't even know are out to give you a hard time. It's a sign you've spent too much time alone," says Jacqueline Olds, MD, a psychiatry consultant at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Here are ideas for staying connected:

- Volunteer. As you work with others for a common cause, doing so will give you a sense of purpose and you'll feel better helping others.
- Make a "stay in touch calendar" with reminders to regularly reach out to family and friends either in-person, by video chat, or by phone.
- Go for walks or consider adopting a dog to walk with you (a dog can get you outside your house). During your walks you may run into neighbors also out for a stroll. Strike up a conversation even if it's just about the weather.

Source: Everyday Health and Journals of Gerontology

Submitted by Ronda Anderson RN, IDE Parish Nurse District Representative

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:36-38

In response to Overture 1.01 of the 2018 Iowa District East—LCMS District Convention, a district task force has been commissioned to, within the Iowa District East, to aid efforts to recruit and retain church workers in the LCMS. The synod has also launched Set Apart to Serve, an initiative of the LCMS to recruit church workers. This IDE Task force met in May, September, and November of 2022 and has developed the following vision statement:

We pray for God, through the intentional efforts of faithful mentors and ministries, to raise up and sustain well-qualified Lutheran church workers who are full of the love of God and are supported in their physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual well-being so that they may joyfully serve Christ and His church in their lifelong professional and personal vocations.

In addition, three initial goals were established: 1) Congregations, schools, ministries, families, and individuals regularly pray the Lord would send workers into the harvest; 2) All church workers view themselves as mentors; and 3) Cultivate a culture of well-supported workers. Achieving these goals will happen over time, but beginning with the Professional Packet, we hope to provide resources aimed recruiting and retaining church workers, beginning with providing prayers to be included for use in Divine service, school assemblies, classrooms, staff meetings, or at home.

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

*Father in Heaven, Your Son has given authority on earth to forgive sins. Grant that we never think evil in our hearts, forgive us when we blaspheme, and provide your church with faithful workers who preach and teach that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all unrighteousness, so that we may fear you and give you praise. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*For more workers in the Lord's harvest, who call the wicked to forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, that all would return to the Lord and abide in His compassion and mercy, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.***

More on LCMS Set Apart to Serve here: lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve

Through *Set Apart to Serve*, the LCMS is intentionally working to identify, encourage and form future church workers for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ until His return. Visit lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve to learn more.

SET APART TO SERVE
LCMS CHURCH WORK RECRUITMENT





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July 31, 2024

TO: Congregations of Iowa District East
RE: 2025 District Convention

Dear Congregation of Iowa District East,

The time has come to prepare for the 42st District Convention of the Iowa District East on June 27-28, 2025 at the Radisson Hotel in Cedar Rapids. It is the duty and privilege of congregations and professional church workers as members of Synod to participate in the convention process. Convention information and forms may also be found at lcmside.org on the "District Convention" page in the "Events" tab. *The deadline for Delegates, Nominations and Memorials is January 31, 2025.*

District Convention Delegates

Each parish, whether a single congregation or a multi-congregational parish, is to be represented by two delegates, the congregation's or parish's called and ordained pastor and a layperson. Congregations of a multi-congregational parish not providing the lay delegate may also register an advisory lay delegate with voice but no vote. These delegates, an alternate lay delegate and advisory delegate if applicable are to be elected by the congregation(s) and reported to the District Office. The Delegate Credentials Form is attached. This form needs to be signed by the congregation's president and secretary. The congregation's pastor should also fill out a Delegate Characterization Form for the lay delegates.

District Presidium Nominations

Each District congregation is entitled to nominate: 1. From the Clergy Roster of the Synod two ordained pastors as candidates for District President, 2. And from the Clergy Roster of the District two ordained pastors for each of the following positions: 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President. Presidium Ballot Forms are included in this mailing. The form shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the voting congregations and sent to the District Secretary at 14 Grove Road, Eldridge, IA 52748.

District Officer & Board Nominations

Nominations are also being solicited for officers, board and committee positions by the Nominating Committee. See the enclosed Official Notice for details.

Memorials, including recommendations of triennial mission and emphases may be submitted by congregations, boards, circuits, etc. An *Overture Template* is posted on the Convention tab of the IDE website. Again the deadline for delegates, nominations and memorials is **January 31, 2025.**

In Christ,

Rev. Peter D. Hoft, District Secretary



OFFICIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION NOTICE

The **42nd Convention** of the Iowa District East will be held June 27-28, 2025 at the Cedar Rapids Radisson. Rev. Dr. Joel Biermann will present on the convention theme *"The Authority of the Word: The Word Walks Us Through Life, Psalm 119:105."*

Each voting parish (an individual congregation or multiple congregations served by one called and ordained pastor) is entitled to have one pastoral delegate and one lay delegate. A congregation that is part of a multi-congregation parish, other than the congregation supplying the voting lay delegate, may elect and depute an advisory lay delegate with voice but no vote. The delegates' names (as well as the alternates and advisory) should be selected and submitted prior to the January 31, 2025 deadline. The business of the Convention will include elections and actions on overtures. The following offices will be filled by the Convention:

President (3-year term)*

First Vice-President (3-year term)*

Second Vice President (3-year term)*

Secretary (3-year term)*

Treasurer (3-year term)*

Board of Directors - One commissioned (6-year term)*

- One layperson (6-year term)*

Constitution Review Committee - One ordained (6-year term)*

District Nominations Committee

- Two ordained (3-year term)

- Two laypersons (3-year term)

- One commissioned (3-year term)

Synod Committee for Convention Nominations

- One layperson (2026 Synod Convention)

- One alternate layperson (2026 Synod Convention)

*Incumbents are eligible for re-election.

Each congregation may nominate individuals for these various positions, submit overtures concerning district or Synod business and ideas for Synod mission and ministry emphases for consideration at the convention.

The District Convention packet to be mailed by October 1, 2024 will contain information, deadlines, forms and pertinent information. This information will also be made available on the Convention page of the IDE website.

In Christ,

Rev. Peter D. Hoft, District Secretary



In Vitro Fertilization—Ark or Tower?

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

Is *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) “Ark Technology,” technology used in accordance with God’s will and to glorify Him, as was Noah’s Ark, or is it “Tower Technology,” used according to the will of man to glorify himself, as was the Tower of Babel?



Let me make it clear that the purpose of this article is not to judge those who have used IVF and have children by this process. I personally know such couples and their children, but have learned from these relationships that not all couples are clearly aware of the process involved. My goal is to lay out, in simple terms, the basic facts of IVF—not judge the people who have used the process.

Fertilization in Glass

The basic procedure of IVF begins when the woman is treated to produce many viable eggs per cycle. The eggs are retrieved through a hollow needle inserted through the abdominal wall. They are placed in a petri dish and mixed with sperm. Fertilization occurs and development begins “in glass,” Latin, “*in vitro*.”

Embryo Grading

A laboratory technician then assigns a grade to each embryo based on his visual microscopic assessment of how “good” each embryo appears. This is completely subjective—and is admitted as such on fertility clinic websites. Generally, embryos with “poor grades” are discarded. Many couples are unaware that this happens.

Pre-implantation Genetic Diagnosis

At this point, pre-implantation genetic diagnosis may take place. A nucleus from one of the embryonic cells can be removed and analyzed. If a genetic disease exists, the embryo may be destroyed. Since gender is determined at the moment of conception, this technique can be used to select boy or girl embryos, and the clinic will only implant the babies of the gender the client chooses.

Insertion

The “good” embryos are placed into the uterus. The procedure generally calls for three or four embryos to be inserted because not all may implant in the uterine wall. The success rate is about 30 percent. When multiple embryos do begin to develop, doctors often recommend “selective reduction” so only one or two remain. Selective reduction=abortion.

Embryo Freezing

Embryos not inserted may be frozen in liquid nitrogen. Although freezing techniques have improved, embryos may be harmed in this process, and harm may occur when they are thawed. Couples with frozen embryos generally have four options:

1. Have more inserted at a later date
2. Donate them for research
3. Seek to have them adopted by another couple
4. Allow them to die

IVF and God's Word

Marriage – IVF allows for introducing donor eggs or donor sperm into this process. This would violate the one-flesh union of marriage instituted by God in Genesis 2.

First Commandment – If we trust in technology to the point of ignoring or violating God's truth, then we fall into Satan's trap. Luther says in the *Large Catechism* under the First Commandment that whatever we turn to for more help and good than God becomes an idol, another god.

Fifth Commandment – The possibility for embryos to be destroyed is inherent in the normal IVF process. Remember, these are little boys and little girls. In addition, the idea of hurting or harming during these procedures—and especially in the freezing and thawing aspects of IVF—comes into play. Luther also brings the positive aspect to this commandment. We are to help our neighbor. Christians must see these embryos as our neighbors to love, speak up for, and defend—not as commodities or guinea pigs to be used in research.

Parenting – Christians using IVF need to remember that God gives us children, not just for us, but for them. As Dr. Robert Weise of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis likes to say, “You cannot parent a frozen embryo.” We are given children to be part of a family to be nurtured and brought up in the Lord.

The Incarnation – We see the magnitude of God's love for us in that His Son laid aside His Godhood and became a *speck*, an embryo in Mary's womb. This divine humiliation was necessary so that our God could further magnify His love by taking on human flesh, walking among us, and then becoming a bloody and forsaken *spectacle* on a cross for the sins of the world. This would all be for naught, of course, if it had not been for the *spectacular*—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead! We have a victorious and reigning Lord who is with us in the midst of our sins, assuring us of His forgiveness, love, victory, and hope. **Nothing** can ever separate us from Him, and we need never doubt His presence and power and purpose in our lives.

What If?

What if we have a married couple who use the husband's sperm and the wife's eggs? We only retrieve two eggs and we do not subject them to any grading process or any genetic testing. We then insert them both with the intent of carrying both to term and thus avoid any freezing. Have we met all of our theological problems in this scenario? Some I have talked to say yes. Others have said no—we are still introducing a third party into the one-flesh union in the lab technician who mixes the egg and sperm. Plus, some would say, even in this process hurt or harm may come to the embryos.

Conclusion

Even if the above scenario leaves a small window open for the Christian regarding IVF, it is clear that the normal process of IVF would not be acceptable. Please share this information. We want our fellow Christians to be fully informed and to avoid getting into difficult situations. If you have used IVF and are now in a difficult situation, we commend you to the mercy and grace of God in Jesus Christ. Talk with your pastor, seek a Lutheran counselor, or give me a call.

Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb is executive director of Lutherans For Life.

I D E A R C H I V E S

Pastor & teacher conferences

Pastors' and Teachers' Institute July 6, 1943 – Vol. 62, No. 14

[extracts from article] The Pastors' and Teachers' Institute will be held at Camp Okoboji on August 2-9. **T**he Rev. E.B. Glabe, Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Children's Friend Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota, will deliver a series of lectures on the topic: *The Parish Pastor and His Social Ministry*. He will discuss a variety of social problems which the pastor meets in his ministry, such as family disorganization, illegitimacy, dependency, juvenile delinquency, mental retardation, maladjusted personalities, and related subjects. Pastor Glabe is at home in this field, being a member of the White House Conference on Children in Democracy, of the Mayors' Committee of Juvenile Delinquency, consultant to public and private agencies in the welfare field, and to other organizations. The other speaker is Professor Alf. Rehwinkel of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, who will continue his highly interesting and instructive lecture of last year: *The Flood of Noah in the Light of the Bible, History, and Geology*.

Teachers' Sectional Conferences November 23, 1943 – Vol. 62, No. 24

[extracts from article] To solve the problem of gasoline rationing and yet have teachers' conferences, the regular Teachers' Conference of Iowa East was divided into three sectional conferences. **[1.]** The teachers of **Benton and Lynn Counties** met at [St John]-Homestead with Colleague R.H. Rehmer on October 21-22. All but two of the members were able to be in attendance. **F**ive sessions, including an evening session, were devoted to a study and discussion of Synod's new *General Course of Study*. **[2.]** **T**he teachers of the **Davenport Circuit** met at Zion-Wilton Junction. Ten members were present. **M**r. Waech, principal of Zion School, gave a demonstration of teaching a lesson in the Catechism and Miss Oelschlaeger that of a Bible story. The new *General Course of Study* prepared by Synod and the recent bulletins issued on the Iowa State Course of Study, led by Mr. A.E. Will, regional school superintendent of Davenport, were discussed by the group, which included a comparison of daily schedules and of textbooks. **[3.]** **T**he **Northern Section** of the Iowa East Teachers' Conference, serving in thirteen Christian schools with an enrollment of five hundred and eighteen children, met at [Immanuel]-Klinger. **T**he conference spent most of its time discussing portions of the new *General Course of Study for Lutheran Elementary Schools*. **T**he resignation of Teacher F. Torgler of Readlyn [due to health reasons] caused a noticeable feeling of regret.

Northern Pastoral Conference
March 14, 1944 – Vol. 63, No. 6

[extracts from article] Conference Notice: The Northern Pastoral Conference will be held at [St John]-State Center on April 11-12. **P**rogram: *Exegesis, Ephesians 1:1ff* by E. Harms; Synodical and District Matters by President C. Hesse; *The Action of a Pastor when approached by a Member of a Sister Congregation Complaining About His Pastor* by E. Yohr; *Christian Education* by J. Schliepsiek; *Sermon for Criticism* by P. Koch and *Critic* by Mark Steege; Panel Discussion of *Faith*, considering the three aspects: *Knowledge, Assent, Confidence* by leaders E. Brammer, J. Beiderwieden, R. Gutknecht, C. Sanders; *Grow in Grace* by H. Roschke; *Lutheran Union Discussion* led by Circuit Visitors; Miscellaneous Matters—*Stewardship*.

Teachers' Conference
May 9, 1944 – Vol. 63, No. 10

[extracts from article] Because of traveling restrictions the parish school teachers of Iowa District East met in three groups this spring. The teachers of the Waterloo and Westgate Circuits convened at Sumner, April 13 and 14. **T**he major portion of the sessions was given to a careful review of the *General Course of Study*. The chapters on Catechism, Science, Geography, Arithmetic, and Memory Work were studied and discussed. The hours on Thursday evening were devoted to a round-table discussion of primary and kindergarten problems. **P**resident Hesse and the District secretary of Christian education, Pastor J. Schliepsiek, were present and made reports. **M**r. L.W. Mueller, member of the Curriculum Committee, gave a detailed report on the work of the Committee in the field of Geography.

Teachers' Conference
May 23, 1944 – Vol. 63, No. 11

[extracts from article] The Teachers' Conference of the Davenport Circuit was held April 13-14 at [Trinity]-Lowden. **M**r. H. Bertram [local principal] and Miss E. Segebarth conducted classes for the benefit of the conference. The demonstration lessons formed the basis of a general discussion on educational procedures. Mr. H. Waech of Wilton Junction led a discussion on the subject *Christian Interpretation of Wars in American History*. The chairman of the conference, Mr. A. Will of Davenport, presented a study of curricular material for geography and led a discussion on the *State Course of Study* in spelling and handwriting. **A** set of slides on Palestine was shown to the group, demonstrating the value of slides as an approach to a unit of study. **M**r. E. Strieter of Davenport addressed the conference as a representative of the District Board of Directors. He urged that the general teachers' conference be resumed.

Pastors' and Teachers' Conference
August 1, 1944 – Vol. 63, No. 16

Notice: The Joint Pastors'-Teachers' Conference of our Iowa District East will convene in St. Andrew's, Van Horne (Wm. Ullerich, pastor), on August 15 and 16. The Latimer congregation, which had invited the conference, graciously yielded in favor of a more centrally located meeting place because of present conditions. As Benton County is centrally located for our entire

District, a good attendance is anticipated. Two guest speakers have been engaged for the conference. **T**he Conference will open with a divine service at 10:30 A.M. **T**hose desiring lodging should so inform Pastor Wm. Ullerich *immediately*.

Northern Pastoral Conference
October 10, 1944 – Vol. 63, No. 21

[extracts from article] Conference Notice: The Northern Pastoral Conference will meet Oct. 24 (9:30 A.M.) and Oct. 25 at Spring Fountain (Sumner, Iowa), the Rev. Edmund Weiss, pastor. **P**rogram: *Exegesis: Ephesians 1* by E. Harms and discussion; Synodical and District Matters by Pres. Hesse; *The State of the Soul Between Death and the Resurrection of the Body* by M. Steege; *Christian Education* by J. Schliepsiek; *Sermon for Criticism* by P. Koch and M. Steege as *Critic*; Panel Discussion on *The Work of the Holy Ghost in Calling, Gathering, Enlightening, and Sanctifying (Sanctification in the wider sense)* by E.L. Runge with: B. Bruch; Alf. Ernst as Moderators; *A Practical Presentation of the New Catechism, with Special Reference to the Changes* by O. Schultz; Study and Discussion of *1 Corinthians 11:29* by H. Kirchmann. [Not listed in the program, but mentioned in the report of the event in the November 21, 1944 – Vol. 63, No. 24 issue, was that Pastor Frese of Guttenberg led the discussion on the *Doctrinal Affirmation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States and the American Lutheran Church*.

Teachers' Conference
November 7, 1944 – Vol. 63, No. 23

[extracts from article] From Oct. 11 to 13 the teachers of the Iowa District East met at [Trinity]-Conroy for their regular fall conference. Mr. A.L. Daenzer conducted a demonstration lesson in Bible history and in arithmetic. An interesting lecture was delivered by Dr. Wendell Johnson of Iowa City, whose topic was *Speech Defects*. In his lecture, which treated stuttering, he showed what caused this defect and how to deal with it successfully. **O**n Tuesday evening the conference honored Miss Serena Wolter, who has completed twenty-five years instructing the lambs of the Good Shepherd.

Southern Pastoral Conference
March 27, 1945 – Vol. 63, No. 7

[extracts from article] The Southern Pastoral Conference will meet at Trinity-Davenport on April 3-4. **P**rogram: *Exegesis: Isaiah 53 (continued)* by Enno Schuelke; Discussion of *The Affirmation* by Happel; *Sanctification in the Narrower Sense* by Wm. Ullerich; *Church Discipline* by Rkkels; *The Position of the Episcopalian Church on the Doctrine of Holy Communion* by P. Burgdorf; *Exegesis: Philemon v. 3ff* by H. Eggold; *Sacrificial System of the Old Testament* by O. Nieting; *Parish Practice* by J. Beiderwieden; *Amos and His Times* by Th. Eickelberg; *Young People's Work* by J. Koch; *Modern Isms (continued)* by A. Starke.

[to be continued]

Rev. Allen E. Konrad
IDE Archivist

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



October 2024

IDE Confirmation Retreat - October 11-12

The **IDE Fall Confirmation Retreat** is scheduled for October 11-12, 2024 and will be held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. The retreat will begin at 7pm on Friday, the 11th and go through approximately 3pm on Saturday, the 12th. Registration is now open!



Pastor Caleb Schewe from St. John's Lutheran Church in Monticello will be teaching on The Lord's Prayer. We will be studying each petition and their meanings as well as how they relate to some of the parables we read in Scripture.

Registration is \$55 per youth and \$30 per chaperone. This retreat includes a pizza snack on Friday evening and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. You can register online or download a registration form, or find more information at www.lcmside.org.



Fall Workday - November 2

Camp needs your help! Come out to our Fall Workday on November 2 from 9AM to 3PM.



We are planning on doing some maintenance to fix things up around the horse activity areas. Additional information is still to come. Any help with this project will be greatly appreciated and of great assistance to one of Camp's biggest attractions! We'll have projects for people of all ages, so bring the whole family! Remember, lunch is provided!



3271 Sandy Beach Road NE, Solon, IA 52333

phone 319.848.4187

web www.campiodiseca.org

email office@iodiseca.org

Camp Presentations

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



THRIVENT CHOICE

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

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

Thank you for making Thrivent Choice a valuable stream of revenue for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca!



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Needs List

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

Important Dates

October 7-8

Fall Pastors' Conference

October 11-12

IDE Confirmation Retreat

November 1-2

IDE Pastors' Wives' Retreat

November 2

Fall Workday

November 9

IDE Church Revitalization Retreat

January 24-25, 2024

IDE Middle School Retreat

Summer Staff Update

Thanks be to God for the wonderful staff who came out to serve at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca this summer! They put in countless hours to ensure Camp has a summer program and that our ministry may continue. We are extremely grateful for their service this summer, sharing God's Word and His love with all who came to camp!

If you or someone you know would like the opportunity to serve camp in this way next summer, now is the time to start thinking about that! Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is one of dozens of Lutheran camps across the country looking for college-aged young adults to make a difference in the lives of children. The opportunity to serve at a camp awaits! To start a summer of service, go to www.nloma.org. **The application process opens up October 15th!**

Please contact Camp Program Director Alec Deppe by emailing programdirector@iodiseca.org for more information on how you can work, learn, grow, and have an experience of a lifetime by serving on Camp's summer staff.



[Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca](https://www.facebook.com/campiodiseca)



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

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October Update

**NEW
FAMILIES**

THAT ENROLLED
THIS FALL MADE
UP ALMOST
HALF OF THE
ASSISTANCE

6%

OF GOAL
CURRENTLY
FUND RAISED

\$513,000

WAS DISTRIBUTED
THIS SUMMER AND
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For Nothing is Impossible with God

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We Are His Children

by Amber Dopler, LISW



Writer's Block

I've been trying to write a "back to school" article for three weeks. I sent my two daughters to 5th grade and 12th grade on August 23, wondering how it's possible that next year will be middle school and college. I think the delay in writing is a result of both my complex emotions about my children's seemingly constant transitions and the chaos that back-to-school time can bring.

My "counselor brain" wants to give you tips about helping your children transition back to school. You know, things like creating a bedtime and morning routine, making sure they eat a healthy breakfast, and making sure they're getting enough sleep. All good things.

Uphill Both Ways

Have you heard that the U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, issued an advisory on August 28, 2024, declaring parental mental health an urgent public health issue? **48% of parents report that most days their stress is completely overwhelming.** Dr. Murthy says, "Chasing these unreasonable expectations has left many families feeling exhausted, burned out, and perpetually behind" in reference to financial strain, children's health & safety concerns, parental isolation and loneliness, technology and social media, and cultural pressures about children's futures.

My "parent brain" says we don't need more expectations. We don't need more reminders of all the things we already know we *should* be doing but aren't, and how, because we're not doing them, we might be messing up our kids. The antidote to overwhelming stress as parents is to remember that ***we are children.***

What Is God Saying?

As we sent our daughters to school this year, our pastor preached from John 17, which led to further contemplation on Jesus' prayer to God the Father, on our behalf, as He was preparing to leave the people He loved in this world.

I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. John 17: 9-10

My first meditation was to pray for my children as I left them each day, as Christ prayed to His father for His beloved children as He was preparing to leave this world. But, the Lord did not leave me there with something I could do. He was faithful to remind me that I am His child. All that is His is mine, even the perfect love of the Holy Trinity that existed before the world was.

Tonight's Homework

There might be mornings we realize our kids forgot to brush their teeth when we've already pulled into the school parking lot. Or, we might forget to sign a permission slip. Or, they may go to school in sandals or slides on P.E. day. We can trust that our Savior is in the business of redeeming all of our shortcomings and that He is praying that we would remember that we are His children.

My "counselor brain" again says I should share some sage advice. So, here it goes...

As often as you possibly can, lie in the dark with your child as they prepare to fall asleep. Do not be grieved by your shortcomings as you scan your day; that will not make you a better parent. Remember that you are a son or daughter of the One who is praying for you. And, if your child is still awake, tell them that He is also praying for them.

Amber sees clients at Lutheran Family Service's Bettendorf, Iowa (Quad Cities) office, and throughout the state of Iowa via telehealth.

If you or someone you know is in need of Christ-centered mental health or marriage counseling, refer to or contact us today.

- Amber Dopler, LISW
- Call: [563-359-0696](tel:563-359-0696)
- Email: ADopler@LutheranFamilyService.org
- Web Form: <http://lutheranfamilyservice.org/contact/>
- Office Location: 2550 Middle Rd., Suite 202, Bettendorf, IA 52722

Not located near Bettendorf, Iowa or the Quad Cities area? Visit our website to see if one of our other locations is near you, or, if telehealth/distance counseling is an option at: lutheranfamilyservice.org/mental-health-counseling.

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

2024 Fall Pastors' Conference

Genesis 1-11 : Historical and Christological Perspectives

October 7-8 @ Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, Solon

Registration

Registration and Check-In begin at 12:00 PM on Monday, October 7.

Cost is \$55 (Emeriti and wives \$30)

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

Housing

A housing package is available at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca for an additional \$33 which includes breakfast. **Rooms have been reserved at a nearby hotel for \$95, but reservations must be made by September 14 in order to secure the \$95 rate.** Please call in to make your reservation and ask for the Lutheran Ministers Group.

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8910 6th St. SW
CEDAR RAPIDS IA 52404
319-632-1800

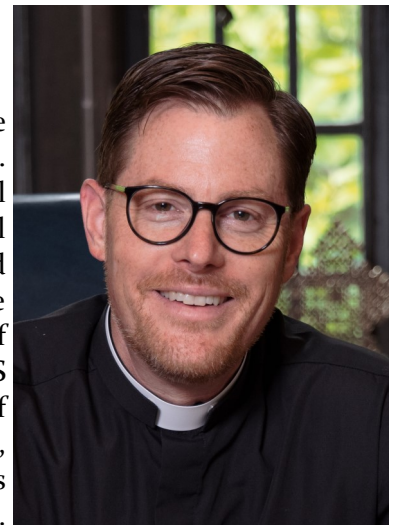
Guest Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Thomas Egger

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

President of Concordia Seminary

Dr. Thomas Egger serves as President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the Seminary faculty in 2005, teaching mainly in the area of Old Testament. A native of Muscatine, Iowa, he served as pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake, Iowa, from 2000 to 2005. His areas of interest include biblical Hebrew, the books of Genesis and Exodus, Christ typology, narrative and rhetorical analysis, and the nature and authority of Scripture. He has also made contributions in the area of American Lutheran history, especially the history of the LCMS and its first president, Dr. C. F. W. Walther. He served on the LCMS Small Catechism Explanation Revision Committee (2015-2017), the Board of Directors for Providence Classical Christian Academy in St. Louis (2008-2019), and the Board of Regents for Concordia University Chicago (2019-2021). He has served on the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations since 2010. Tom and his wife Tori have six children and four grandchildren.



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Name _____ Congregation _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

REGISTRATION TYPE

_____ Pastors, Vicars, Church Workers (**\$55** registration fee)
_____ Emeriti, Wives (**\$30** registration fee)

HOUSING

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_____ I will find my own housing away from camp.

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**The Lord's Prayer
With Rev. Caleb Schewe**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ AGE _____ GENDER: M / F

REGISTRATION TYPE (circle): Youth / Adult Chaperone

- Send a check for **\$55 per youth/ \$30 per chaperone** with this form to the District Office:

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- Students will need to fill out a camp Health and Photo Release Form. Bring this with you to camp. The form can be found on our district website at lcmside.org.

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IDE Youth Event

Online Registration Planning Sheet

Name	Email	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Gender	Age	Church / City	Registrant Type
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If you have questions please contact Daniel Sanchez at dsanchez@lcmiside.org or 319-373-2112.



This information is confidential. Youth leader needs to collect and bring this form along for each IDE youth event.

Iowa District East Youth Event Health Form and Photo Release

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Gender _____ Birthday ___ / ___ / ___ Age _____ Grade this Fall _____
Address _____ Information Provided By: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____
Parent 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____ Cell _____ Work _____
Parent 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____ Cell _____ Work _____

IF NOT AVAILABLE IN AN EMERGENCY, NOTIFY:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____ Cell _____
Doctor _____ Phone _____
Dentist _____ Phone _____
Pharmacy _____ Phone _____

NAME OF FAMILY MEDICAL/HOSPITAL INSURANCE:

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____
Insurance Phone # (if applicable) _____ Primary Insured's Name _____
Activity Restrictions by parent's/physician's advice?: _____
Other information we need to know? _____

ALLERGIES: Hay Fever Poison Ivy Insect Stings Asthma Food(s): _____
 Peanut Butter Nuts Penicillin Other Drugs: _____

Medications Brought To Event: _____ Notes on Giving: _____

Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, antacids, anti-diarrhea medication and first aid **MAY / MAY NOT** (CIRCLE ONE) be administered to my child, as needed, by designated chaperones.

Special Considerations? _____

AUTHORIZATIONS AND PHOTO RELEASE:

This health history is correct so far as I know and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed event activities except as noted above. I also give permission to the event coordinator or chaperone to order x-rays, routine tests and treatment. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the event coordinator to transport, hospitalize and secure proper treatment, order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery.

I grant to Iowa District East the right to take photographs of me and my family in connection with the Iowa District East youth events and retreats. I authorize Iowa District East, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically. I agree that Iowa District East may use such photographs of me and my family with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including, for example, such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content. I agree that if I have any concerns or questions regarding the use of such photographs I should contact the Iowa District East office, in writing, in a timely manner.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED AND GIVEN TO YOUR YOUTH COUNSELOR ATTENDING THE EVENT WITH YOU. THE YOUTH COUNSELOR COLLECTS AND RETAINS THE IDE YOUTH EVENT HEALTH FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT. DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

What should I bring to Camp?

Bible

Sleeping Bag

Pillow

Appropriate clothing and shoes for activities

DO NOT BRING

Irreplaceable or valuable items

Cell Phones

iPods, mp3 players, etc.

Extra money

Nuisance items that distract from the purpose of the event

You are responsible for any items you bring to camp

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THE APOLLOS LECTURES IN PREACHING.

***EQUIPPING THE PREACHER TO BE
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SCRIPTURES.***

WHEN

**Thursday, October 17, 2024
9 am – 3 pm**

WHERE

**St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel
404 E. Jefferson Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52246**

Topic

**The lectures will focus on problems
in preaching and working with
brother pastors to improve your
preaching.**

THIS EVENT IS FREE

**ALL PASTORS
AND VICARS
ARE INVITED!**

SCHEDULE

9:15 AM Matins

10 AM - Lecture 1

Stephenson will address what he, as a pastor and seminary professor, sees and hears as the weaknesses in preaching among pastors today.

11 AM Lecture 2

Schewe will share benefits and strategies for sermon concept and review, both before and after preaching the sermon.

12 Lunch

On your own

1:30 PM Lecture 3

Mons and Dolde will share their system for working as brothers from text through sermon delivery.

2:30 PM Vespers

Depart

PRESENTERS

Rev. Dr. John Stephenson

Rev. Caleb Schewe

Rev. W. Max Mons

Rev. John Dolde

His Only Son, Our Lord: Singing the Life of Jesus

Sunday, October 20, 2024

2:00 PM



You are invited to join the students and congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel for a hymn festival.

We will sing our way through the life of Jesus, His only Son, our Lord, using hymns from *The Lutheran Service Book*.

A cake reception follows the hymn festival.

St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel
and University Center
404 E. Jefferson Street
Iowa City, Iowa





Iowa District East

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

August 22, 2024

Dear Sister in Christ,

I am writing to inform you about the annual Iowa District East Pastors' Wives Retreat that is being held November 1-2, 2024 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. We are looking forward to having Kelly Schumacher of Agnus Dei Liturgical Arts presenting. The registration information is in this envelope and you may also register online at the Iowa District East website (LCMSIDE.ORG/PWRETREAT).

In addition to our regular schedule, we will be adding two extra options for fun on Saturday morning. A pastor's wife will be leading Cardio Dance before breakfast, so bring along workout gear if you're interested! We will also have a table set aside during breakfast to discuss the first three chapters of Rembrandt is in the Wind by Russ Ramsey. Join us for an enriching discussion!

We hope you will consider reaching out to your congregation to help support you so that you are able attend this wonderful event. Please submit this letter to your church leadership so they would consider supporting you in attending this event in the following ways:

- Have the congregation pay for your Pastor's wife to attend the retreat. The fee is \$65.00.
- If there are children, encouraging and offering your Pastor time away from the office to tend to their needs while his wife is at the retreat.
- If there is only one car, offering to provide transportation to the retreat, or helping to arrange a car pool with a "neighboring" LCMS wife.

Things to remember to bring along:

- Snack to share
- Watercolors

We thank you for your help and if you have any questions, please contact me, Emma Squire, at emmarksquire@aol.com or call 563-357-5883.

Blessings,

Emma Squire

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You're Invited
to the

IDE PASTORS' WIVES' RETREAT

November
1-2, 2024

at Camp
IO-DIS-E-CA

Kelly Schumacher

Presenting on Liturgical Art,
Durer, Cranach, and Hans Holbein,
& leading a watercolor painting session

Please bring a watercolor set
with paintbrush(es) and
a snack to share.
Lap babies are welcome.

*RSVP by
October 25th*

IDE Pastors' Wives Retreat



Religious Art in the Church

Kelly Schumacher - Agnus Dei Liturgical Arts

November 1-2 @ Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

REGISTRATION (Go to www.lcmside.org for online registration.)

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

Name of Congregation _____

Lap Baby Yes No

Dietary Restrictions (please list) _____

PAYMENT

The cost for this retreat is **\$65**. If attending Saturday only the fee is \$45. This includes 3 meals, a night's lodging, supplies, and good Christian fun and fellowship. Please mail this form along with a check for payment to the IDE office. Make checks payable to Iowa District East - LCMS.

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For questions or help with registration visit our website at lcmiside.org or call the district office at 319-373-2112.

CHURCH REVITALIZATION SEMINAR



Pastor Sawyer Meyers

When: November 9
Starting at 9AM

What Will Be Discussed?

Come learn a confessional Lutheran approach to replant or revitalize dying or shrinking LCMS churches. Pastor Meyers is a confessional LCMS pastor currently revitalizing two congregations in Mississippi. We'll discuss the theology of replanting and revitalization strategies and tactics. We'll also talk about characteristics of a revitalizing pastor and congregation along with plenty of time for Q and A.

How Much? \$15
Lunch included!

Where: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
3271 Sandy Beach Rd. NE
Solon, IA 52333

Who Should Attend?

- Pastors
- Congregation Leaders
- Laypeople

More Info and Registration:
www.LCMSIDE.org/Revitalization-Seminar

Submissions for the next edition of the Professional Workers' Packet are due
October 28, 2024.

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.