



# PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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# President's Piece for Peace

Dec 24/Jan 25

How quickly the clock moves. We are entering into a new year because God has given us more time on this earth to live for Him and gather for His Kingdom. Time is not something God is bound to. He created it and can end it whenever He wants. Time is simply an element of measurement so we can mark out the day, week, month, year, and so on. It is valuable to us as we set schedules and deadlines. As time marches on, so do the tasks we wish to accomplish in the allotted time given from God.

As I said, time is an element of measure for us who live in the flesh. King Solomon wrote about time as the Holy Spirit led him to pen the book of Ecclesiastes. In the third chapter of that book, first verse, he says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." It is because we live under heaven (on the earth) that we leave 2024 behind and welcome 2025. We live here and are bound to the time that moves forward until God decides to end it.

Therefore, time is a gift from God. As a gift, it is appreciated and exercised with faithfulness to the reason that we are afforded it. During the time of the Church (the time we are living in right now) it is our privilege to spend it with Jesus as He comes to us in His Word and Sacraments. The Word of God and the Sacraments come to us from eternity that we may be fed now and prepared to live when there is no more measurement of time. In heaven there will be no more measure of time. It will only be eternity, eternal bliss. The flesh by which we lived in this life will be raised from the dead, but from then on it will be incorruptible. There will be no death in heaven because there will be no sin. It will be a constant now of eternity worshipping the Lord in all His glory.

**In heaven there will be no more measure of time. It will only be eternity, eternal bliss.**

While we look forward to the certainty of that promise being fulfilled in our lives, we still live in time now. For each year, month, day, hour and even for each minute in time we have another privilege. We are allowed to speak the Holy Gospel. The opportunity to speak forth words that flow from our lips to other ears is this: "God is not against you. He is for you in His Son Christ Jesus." There are so many ways we can tell of Christ to our neighbor. God is affording us time for so many reasons, but none more important than inviting folks to Church where the Word of God transcends time that it may enter the ears of the sinner where it brings peace to the conscience and rest for the soul.

Our prayer, each and every day given us, is that opportunities may arise for giving witness to Christ Jesus. I pray our new year of 2025 would find us loving the time we have, and leading others to the time when time will cease, and eternal bliss will go on without end.

Happy and Blessed New Year,

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders  
District President

# Vacancy Updates

As of 11.27.24

Dec 24/Jan 25

## Calling Congregations

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

Mason City, Messiah

North Liberty, St. Silas

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)

Byron Northwick (Vacancy Pastor)

Dean Rothchild (Vacancy Pastor)

## Pastor Calls

Accepted: Brad Brown, Cedar Rapids  
Michael Kolesar, Victor

King of Glory, Swisher (dual w/ Concordia-CR)  
Calvary, Deep River (dual w/ St. James, Victor)

Pending: Brett Simek, Trinity - Rantoul, WI  
Dan Greg, Peace - Elk Grove Village, IL  
Andrew Noble, Marion  
Jeffery Pautz, Muscatine

St. John, Fairbank; Grace, Jesup  
St. John, Marengo  
Zion - Acadia, IA  
Zion - Canistota/St. John - Montrose, SD

Declined: Jonathan Crawford, Dubuque

Trinity - Bowling Green, KY

Retired: Rev. Clark Frederick, Mason City

## New Dual Parishes

Calvary Lutheran Church, Deep River & St. James Lutheran Church, Victor

King of Glory Lutheran Church, Swisher & Concordia Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids

# Vacancy Updates

As of 11.27.24

Dec 24/Jan 25

## Commissioned Calls

Accepted:

Pending: Rev. Adam Baumann, Garrison St. Paul's Latimer - HS Teacher

Declined: 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

Dec 24/Jan 25

The IDE Directory is now available at LCMSIDE.ORG. Viewing the directory requires a member registration at the IDE website. Please email any contact updates to [pam@lcmside.org](mailto:pam@lcmside.org). If you wish to update pictures for the directory profile pages, please send those to [dsanchez@lcmside.org](mailto:dsanchez@lcmside.org).

Please take some time to watch the tutorial video to learn how to register, login, and navigate the directory from your computer or mobile device: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swPqgszcJ6o>

If you still desire a print directory, please [complete this request form](#). Once the total copies to order is known, those who have completed this form will receive a payment form to complete their order, with the 2025 print directory arriving in January. We currently estimate the cost to be between \$10-\$15 per copy. Please complete this form by December 19 to order your copy of the print directory.

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## Calendar of Events

### December

24-Jan 2 Christmas Holiday IDE Office Closed

### January

24-25 Middle School Retreat Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca

28 Board of Directors IDE Office

31 Memorials, Delegate Credentials, Nominations **DUE** N/A

### February

25 Pastors' Day at the Capital (tentative) Des Moines

# Enduring the Christmas Season

Dec 24/Jan 25

<sup>6</sup> *who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,<sup>[a]</sup>* <sup>7</sup> *but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,<sup>[b]</sup> being born in the likeness of men.* <sup>8</sup> *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* Philippians 2:6-8

Our theme for this school year has been endure. That word (in its secular sense) is most appropriate for the month of December. You have endured the start of another school year with tons of planning and preparation. You have endured the “Halloween costumes and the sugar rushes”. You have endured the stories of the Pilgrims and that first Thanksgiving. Now look at what you must endure in the month of December.



In reality, the Christmas crazies started so much earlier than December. Jerry and I were walking through the Cedar Rapids Holly Lobby on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Look at the picture we took of one of the aisles of that store. In August!! And no sooner was Halloween over and television commercials and programs are filled with Christmas gifting and celebrating.

If stores were starting to advertise (the secular) aspects of Christmas in August, just think what your students have been exposed to since the day after Halloween and all the weeks of November and December leading up to their Christmas vacation. With all this craziness you have to not only *endure*, you also get to use this month to break through all the secular nonsense of the season to tell your students what is really important.

Presents? Yes! God gave us the greatest Christmas Present anyone could ever imagine. Jesus, the Christ, <sup>6</sup> *who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,<sup>[a]</sup>* <sup>7</sup> *but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,<sup>[b]</sup> being born in the likeness of men.* <sup>8</sup> *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* (Phil 2: 6-8).

Endurance, yes! Look what Christ endured for us. I am told that Martin Luther once said he never will be able to fully imagine or understand the fact that the eternal Second Person of the Holy Trinity had to wear diapers or drooled when He was teething. St. Paul describes in the above verses what all Christ endured for you, for your students, for the whole world.

So your challenge this month, in the midst of all the reindeer, all the snow men, all the decorations, all the “what do you want do you want for Christmas”, and the programs (!), is TO ENDURE. As you are enduring, make the story real to your students, your family, your loved ones, etc. about what God did by coming to live among us, taking the punishment for our sins, and experiencing the hell that our sins earned for us, and making that the center point of your classroom (and personal) Christmas celebration.

May God bless each of you as you use the personality and talents that God has given only to you to bring the message the Angels shared with the shepherds, *unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord*), to the hearts and souls of your students.

Jan Doellinger  
Assistant to the President, Schools

# Parish Nurse - Live Longer with three Healthy Habits

Dec 24/Jan 25

According to a new study published in “JAMA Network Open,” three achievable lifestyle habits increase the chances of living to 100 years old:

### 3 HEALTHY HABITS:

Physical activity  
Never smoking  
A healthy diet

More precisely, exercise was associated with a 31% higher likelihood that a person would become a centenarian, followed by never smoking (25% higher chance) and then a healthy diet (23% more likely). The study involved 5,200 people with an average age of 94, and 62% of them were female. Interestingly, researchers found that while moderate alcohol use or a person’s BMI didn’t contribute to living to 100 years old, those two factors also didn’t greatly inhibit the likelihood of living to 100 – particularly when the top three health habits were present.

The good news is that it’s never too late to start making healthy lifestyle changes. Adopting the three habits at any age can have an impact on longevity and quality of life. Making the time to be physically active is the key to exercising, and as for a healthy diet, health experts recommend:

- Eating more plant-based foods such as vegetables, fruits, legumes, whole grains, seeds and nuts.
- Limiting animal meats high in saturated fats, as well as limit cheese and sugar.
- Consuming seafood two or three times per week and eat fish that is high in omega-3 or omega-6, such as salmon, sardines, herring, trout and sea bream (a “white” fish similar to sea bass).
- Choosing high fiber alternatives such as whole wheat pasta, brown rice or a potato with the skin on.
- Limit ultra-processed foods such as chips, cookies and crackers.

Source: Everyday Health and Healthline, Better Health, Fall 2024 Volume 40 Number 3  
Submitted by Ronda Anderson RN, IDE Parish Nurse District Representative

# Life Coordinator - Life Sunday

Dec 24/Jan 25

Life Sunday may be observed on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as we give thanks that Roe V. Wade was overturned. Or, perhaps Life Sunday would be incorporated better into the life of the Church along with one of the appointed Feasts.

**Christmas Eve** (December 24<sup>th</sup>) and **Christmas Day** (December 25<sup>th</sup>) are obvious opportunities for you to teach and proclaim that our Lord Jesus was born as a tiny, defenseless baby so long ago for us and for our salvation. Father in heaven, grant us grace to proclaim Christmas joy every day, and offer your peace to every mother, father, son, and daughter!

The Feast of **the Holy Innocents, Martyrs** (December 28<sup>th</sup>) is a tragic remembrance of the baby boys in Bethlehem who were slaughtered by King Herod. We pray in the Collect for that day: "Almighty God, the martyred innocents of Bethlehem showed forth Your praise not by speaking but by dying." Lord, help us also to make the good confession in our lives as well as with our words, defending innocent babies with our words and with our actions!

The Feast of **the Annunciation of our Lord** (March 25<sup>th</sup>) is also a wonderful time to preach into the ears of God's people that our Savior Jesus was made man, not only at His birth, but 9 months prior to that at His conception! We confess in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Creed: *And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary...*

Whenever you observe Life Sunday this year, remember the murder of nearly a million tiny little unborn babies in the United States every year by elective abortion. Pray for moms, dads, babies, grandparents, friends, and neighbors, that we may speak God's Word as God gives us opportunities. Help to offer alternatives to abortion in your area. Give a special offering to Lutherans for Life. Most importantly, offer the forgiveness of every sin, including abortion, to everyone, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Here are your resources from Lutherans for Life for Life Sunday:

<https://lutheransforlife.org/store-life-sunday-2025/>

Pastor Alex Post, Iowa District East Life Coordinator





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

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

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

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

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

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks that as your Son once came humble and mounted on a donkey, He comes to us now in humble means of Word and Sacrament. Bless Your church with faithful pastors, that through their preaching our hearts may be stirred up to say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For an increase of church workers, that by their service more would turn their hearts to the Lord, saying, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

More on LCMS Set Apart to Serve here: [lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve](https://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](https://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 [lcmsside.org](http://lcmsside.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: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **42<sup>nd</sup> 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

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# Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we are humbly reminded that God's love is unending and His mercy endures forever.



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# I D E A R C H I V E S

## Pastor & teacher conferences

### **Northern Pastoral Conference** **December 3, 1946 – Vol. 65, No. 25**

[extracts from article] The Northern Pastoral Conference met at Immanuel-Klinger on Oct. 22-23. It opened with a pastoral Communion service conducted by local pastor, Rev. M.F. Scheel and assisted by Rev. f. Starke of McGregor. **P**apers delivered and discussed: *Exegesis on Ephesians 2* by Rev. A. Ernst of Wellsburg; *Exegesis on Numbers 21:4-9* by Rev. Theo. Eickelberg of St. Ansgar; *Doctrine of the Eternal Election of Grace* by Rev. I.G. Kitzmann of Osage; *Sermon Study on the Transfiguration of Christ-Luke 9:28-36* by Rev. K.J. Baumgart of State Center; *Doctrinal Content of the Beatitudes* by Rev. W.G. Nagler of Sumner. **R**ev. W.D. Oetting of Waterloo led a discussion on *Sola Scriptura* the first of the *Guidelines* prepared for study by the faculties of our seminaries. *A Statistical Study of Christian Education in the Iowa District East* was led by Rev. J. Schliepsiek of Hubbard. In the presence of Prof. O.H. Theiss of the International Walther League office, time was spent discussing the workings of the Walther League in the local congregations.

### **Teachers' Conference** **December 17, 1946 – Vol. 65, No. 26**

[extracts from article] The regular fall conference of the teachers of the Christian parish schools in Iowa District East was held at Trinity-Davenport on Oct. 23-25. **D**uring the conference the teachers were given an insight into the following papers: *Efforts Toward Lutheran Union* by Rev. P. Burgdorf of Clinton; *History of Mormonism* by Rev. A. Starke of Davenport; *Résumé of the Beginning Teacher* by Miss Johannes; *My Participation in Conferences* by Mr. L.W. Fischer; *Putting Our Schools on a Business Basis* by Mr. F.L. Strieter, a local businessman. **T**he values, uses, and materials for visual instruction were presented by a representative of Concordia Publishing House. **T**he principal speaker of the conference, Dr. A.V. Mauer, professor at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., made observations in the field of modern education.

### **Northern Pastoral Conference** **May 6, 1947 – Vol. 66, No. 9**

[extracts from article] The brethren of the Northern Pastoral Conference assembled on April 15 and 16 for their annual spring conference at St Paul-Latimer. **F**orty pastors were in attendance. The following essays and discussions took place: *Translation and Explanation of Ephesians*

2:21ff by Pastor A. Ernst; *The Pastor as Pivot in the Each-One-Reach-One Program* by President C. Hesse; *Preaching Mission* by H.J. Heilmann; W.D. Oetting pleading for a maximum effort in the *Centennial Thanksoffering*; A filmstrip and slide projector demonstration on *Trends in Modern Education* by J. Schliepsiek; *Explanation of Psalm 23 directly from the Hebrew original* by H. Roschke; *Is Our Attitude Toward Prayer Fellowship Legalistic?* by E. Weiss; and *The Modern Divorce Problem in the Lutheran Church* by W. Tolson.

### **Teachers' Conference** **June 3, 1947 – Vol. 66, No. 11**

[extracts from article] Conference was held by the teachers of the Iowa district East on April 10 to 11, at St John-Clinton. The following papers were read and discussed: *Social Psychology of Childhood* by E.G. Handrich of Readlyn; *Trends in Education* by Mr. P. Norris of the Iowa Board of Education; *Freemasonry* by Dr. Theo. Dierks of Morrison, Ill.; *Juvenile Delinquency* by W.G. Horn of Homestead. President C. Hesse answered the questions: *Why Are We Living?* and *Why Are We Christian Educators?* The Secretary of Christian Education, the Rev. John Schliepsiek, addressed the assembly on *Trends of Influence of the Past and Present in Church, School, and Home*. The District Secretary of Young People's Work, Teacher Arnold Will, reported on the recent conference on *Youth Work* held in Chicago. Topics discussed during the round-table sessions were: (1) *Educational Displays*; (2) *Greater Missions in Our Schools*; (3) *Valuation of the Sunday School, the Saturday School, and Especially the Vacation Bible School*. Mr. Zeddies spoke in behalf of the Lutheran Educational Association and as representative salesman for all types of visual aids. The following officers were elected: President, H.W. Albrecht of Atkins; vice-president, E.J. Studt of Waterloo; secretary, E.G. Handrich of Readlyn; treasurer, W.G. Horn of Homestead.

### **Southern Pastoral Conference** **December 2, 1947 – Vol. 66, No. 24**

[extracts from article] The fall sessions of the Southern Pastoral Conference were held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 14 and 15, at St Paul-Bennett. The conference opened with a communion service in which Pastor R.E. Baldwin of Ottumwa preached the sermon on Luke 20:21. During the conference the following papers were presented: *Exegesis of Psalm 72* by H. Maas; *The Doctrine of the Church According to Article VII of the Augsburg Confession* by J. Choitz; *Micah and His Times* by Theo. Hinck; *The Beginning of the Missouri Synod in Iowa* by P. Happel; Review of *The Church and Organized Movements* by Edm. Frese; *Exegesis of Ephesians 1* by E.W.M. Brewer; *Abnormal Psychology* by A. Koch; *Archaeological Discoveries in Palestine* by A. Starke; *Sermon Delivery* by H.C. Wolters; and *The Pastor's Reading* by J. Bertram.

[End of Series]

Rev. Allen E. Konrad  
IDE Archivist

# Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



December 2024

## Into the New Year!

### **Registration**

As 2024 comes to a close, we have begun planning and preparing for summer of 2025! We are excited to announce our theme of *With Open Arms*, focusing on how God works his salvation, using the open arms of multiple figures throughout Scripture, and especially the open arms of Christ on the cross. This will be taught during each session of camp this summer. Summer camp is slated to begin on **June 11, 2025**. Registration will open on **January 20th, 2025!**

Camp has also updated our registration system. We are moving into the digital age! All of the forms that previously needed to be printed may now be filled out online! This will increase the speed and efficiency of registering for summer camp as well as the sign-in/ registration process on the first day of each camp session. We will be sharing some of the ins-and-outs of the updated online registration process on our social media pages in the days leading up to the launch of registration.

### **Giving**

Camp is looking to make various improvements to our programs and facilities throughout the next year. Those improvements include repairing the sewage lagoon filtration system in order to keep it up to code and keep Camp operational. Another is fixing the lights over the recreation area by Alpha Lodge to create a space where campers and retreat guests can enjoy swimming as well as playing basketball, volleyball, gaga ball, and human foosball all after dark! Lastly, we have plans to continue improving the facilities that are necessary to operate our horse program. Stay tuned for additional updates on that front! We ask that as you consider any end-of-year giving, that you prayerfully consider continuing to support Camp and our mission to promote and provide Christ-centered education, recreation, and inspiration for individuals and groups of all ages. Thank you for all of your support in helping make this ministry possible!



### **IDE Middle School Retreat (and Snowlympics!) January 24-25**

The upcoming IDE Middle School Retreat and Snowlympics is scheduled for January 24-25, 2025 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca! Pastor Miguel Gonzalez– Feliciano from Readlyn, IA will present on **Heroes of Honor, Saints of Shame, and Christian Courage**. Visit <https://lcmiside.org/msretreat/> for more information and to register!

## **SUMMER 2025 Theme: With Open Arms**

**Registration opens at 1:00pm on January 20th!**

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## 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](http://www.campiodiseca.org).**

## Important Dates

January 20, 2025  
*Summer Camp  
Registration Opens!*

January 24-25, 2025  
*IDE Middle School Retreat*

February 28, 2025  
*Registration Discount  
Deadline #1*

June 11, 2025  
*1st Day of Summer Camp*

## Summer Staff

It is that time of year again. The recruiting season has begun once again! Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is 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'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](http://www.nloma.org), or scan the QR Code below, 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 with 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](mailto:programdirector@iodiseca.org) for more information or to receive an application.



Begin your summer  
employment application  
process today!



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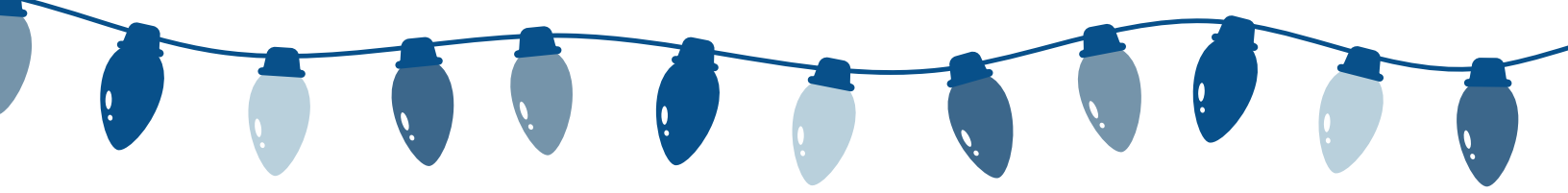
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PO Box 176  
Terril, IA 51364

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2024



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



**“That there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:25-27**

- ▶ **123 years of ministry to families and the church.**
- ▶ **Forever faithful in all service areas to the teachings of the Lutheran church.**
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At this historic time when more people are asking for help, the need to expand our existing base of partners at all levels is a priority. We need you, at whatever level God calls you, to join the team of faithful stewards who make this ministry — of mental health & marriage counseling, adoption services, unplanned pregnancy support, church worker wellness, and more — possible. Whether you need help, or want to help, know that you're not alone. We are all **In This Together**.

**Scan here to make your partnership gift online today. Prayerfully consider and make your most generous gift before December 31. Support from NEW partners will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$40,635.**



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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:

IOWA DISTRICT EAST  
1100 BLAIRS FERRY RD  
MARION IA 52302-3093

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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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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

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