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Iowa District East - LCMS

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DISTRICT UPDATES

As of January 1, 2026

New Pastor Installations in the Iowa District East

<u>Installation</u>	<u>Called To:</u>
Rev. Karl Bollhagen	Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mason City (New Dual w/ Hampton)
Rev. Dr. Byron Northwick	Messiah Lutheran Church, Mason City
Rev. Jesse Schlie	St. John Lutheran Church, Denver
Rev. Daryn Bahn	Trinity Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids (Associate)
Rev. Thomas Van Hemert	St. John Lutheran Church, Marengo
Rev. Christopher Boyd	St. John Lutheran Church, Center Point
Rev. Zach Johnson	St. Mark Lutheran, Garrison & Zion Lutheran, Shellsburg
Rev. Grant Tapken	St. John Lutheran, Fairbank & Grace Lutheran, Jesup
Rev. Noah Russell	King of Kings Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids
Rev. Matthew Baker	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls
<u>Retired</u>	Rev. Mark Brase
	Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fairfield
	Rev. Dr. Mitchell Otto
	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Coralville
<u>Called to Glory</u>	Rev. Robert Bartel, Park View
	8.26.2025

Calling Congregations

<u>CONGREGATION</u>	<u>VACANCY PASTOR</u>
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church—Coralville, IA	Rev. W. Max Mons
Grace Lutheran Church—DeWitt, IA	Rev. Merle Warnsholz
Immanuel Lutheran Church—Fairfield, IA	Rev. Dr. Chris Hinkle
St. Paul Lutheran Church—Lacona, IA	Rev. Nathan Knaus
St. Paul Lutheran Church—Marion, IA	Rev. Larry Lemke
St. John Lutheran Church—Melcher-Dallas, IA	Rev. Nathan Knaus
St. Silas Lutheran Church—North Liberty, IA	Rev. Dr. Dean Rothchild
St. Peter Lutheran Church—Riceville, IA	Rev. James Rockhill
St. Paul Lutheran Church—Waverly (Artesian), IA	Rev. George Volkert

DCE/School/Teacher/Others

New Calls

Principal	Joel Kilgus, Green Valley, IL	Trinity Lutheran School Davenport
Deaconess	Ieva Russell, Concordia Seminary STL	King of Kings Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids
Principal	Karen Bahn, Beatrice, NE	Trinity Lutheran School, Cedar Rapids

DCE/School/Teacher/Others Continued....

New Calls

DCE	Bethany Dorschner, Concordia St. Paul	Park View Lutheran, Eldridge
Teacher	Andrew Gavrun, Decatur, IN	Trinity Lutheran School, Davenport (4th Grade)
Teacher	Aaron Huesmann, Indianapolis, IN	Central Lutheran School, Newhall (Music)
Teacher	Lynn Casselman	Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool, Eldora (Preschool Teacher)
Teacher	Katherine Sievert, Concordia Chicago	Valley Lutheran School, Cedar Falls (English, Theology, Drama)
Principal	Gordon Russell, Concordia St. Paul (colloquy)	King of Kings Lutheran, Cedar Rapids (Parish Music)
Deaconess	Faith Muehler, Concordia Chicago	Trinity Lutheran School & Lutheran Family Service
Teacher	Dawn Growth, Cedar Rapids	Trinity Lutheran School, Cedar Rapids
Teacher	Miriam Navurskis, Cedar Rapids	Trinity Lutheran School, Cedar Rapids
 <u>Retired</u>		
	Melanie Maddick	Central Lutheran School, Newhall
	Marilyn Fahrmann	St. Paul Lutheran School, Latimer

Calendar of Events**January**

27 Board of Directors
IDE Office
27 LFS Pastors' Day
Des Moines
30-31 Middle School Retreat
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

April

03 Good Friday
IDE Office Closed
21 Board of Directors
28 Call Day - Concordia Seminary
St. Louis
29 Call Day - CTSFW
Ft. Wayne

May

4-5 Spring Workers' Conference
Zion, Hiawatha
25 Memorial Day
IDE Office Closed

June

12-13 IED LWML Convention
Iowa City

July

18-23 LCMS National Convention
Phoenix, AZ



Iowa District East - LCMS



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President's Piece for Peace - Convention Recap

The Iowa District East Convention gathered June 27-28, a wonderful gathering to say the least. A big thank you to our Lord who was present in Word as it was taught with such clear and precise expertise. I learned a goodly amount from Dr. Biermann on the authority of the Word. I also appreciated the way he guided us through his essay with easy-to-follow technology. I pray all were as edified as I was and can take that study back to their congregations with fruitful lives of faith.

The district worship committee prepared very Gospel-centered orders of worship and devotions. The hymnody was magnificent, hearing all the voices proudly proclaiming what we believe in stanza after stanza. The organist who played and the assembly who sang were all a "joyful noise to the Lord."

I especially appreciated the way our delegation addressed President Harrison during his question-and-answer hour. Everyone presented themselves with respect and courtesy. The questions and request for clarifications were fair and honest. President Harrison told me himself how much he enjoyed the churchmanship and professionalism of the assembly.



Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders
District President
Iowa District East—LCMS

of all who carry out the missions of IDE is a blessing to the Church local and abroad. So many for whom Christ died to save are now hearing that Good News and coming into the Kingdom. Praise God from on High.

The volunteers from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Marion were there and ready to help from early Friday morning to the finish on Saturday afternoon. Such helping hands are simply a manifestation of the loving hearts from that flock. Conventions could not be carried off with precision and efficiency without capable and caring volunteers.

**Our future is bright because it
is in the hands of He who is the
Light and Life of the world.**

One final word: Many, if not most, of the exhibitors mentioned to me how courteous and enjoyable the delegates that came to their tables were. They remarked repeatedly how interested the delegates were with the desire to take helpful information back to their congregations. (I know, the candy bars were an added benefit).

Thank you one and all for a blessed and fruitful convention. To our congregations, pastors, lay delegates and advisory members, I give thanks and praise that I am allowed by God's grace to continue to serve in the office of District President. Our future is bright because it is in the hands of He who is the Light and Life of the world. "Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endures forever."

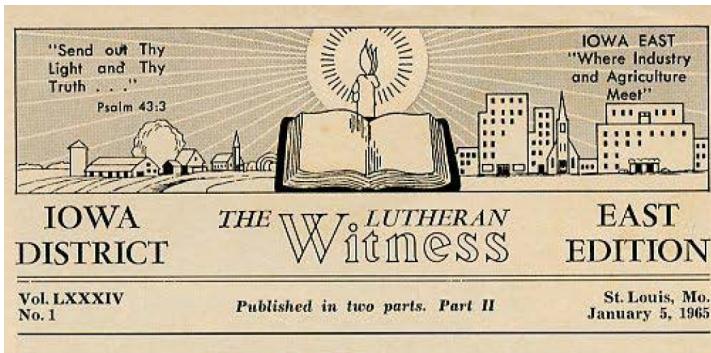
Hearing from the missions of our district was refreshing and optimistic. To find out how the Lord of the Church is using the offerings and generosity of our congregations is a delight to the soul. The hard work

About the Cover

The group photo of the Iowa East District delegates and attendees from the 2025 National LWML Convention in Omaha, NE. Read more on the convention on page 15.

Information for Congregation Historians

Due to the faithfulness of IDE Archivists in years gone by, the news shared with congregations via the *Lutheran Witness* (District specific) *Editions* were either gathered and bound into book volumes, or filed in manila folders and stored in archival gray boxes. The documents are full of information about congregation events, district & circuit events, obituaries of church workers, and much more. However, since hardly anyone knows about these documents, no one has been rushing to the IDE Archives to search for information which might be added to a congregation's preparation for a congregation history celebration.



1988—have been scanned, converted to PDF files, and made so that a person can actually search for the location of a specific word. For the congregation historian, this means you can type in the name of your congregation, or a pastor who once served there, and command the search function to find that name anywhere from 1935-1988.

Now I am aware that many folks might be experts at surfing the internet. However, I am going to back up and give a detailed explanation as to how you can make use of these “searchable” documents. You can also click on or scan the QR code to the right with your smartdevice camera to open the documents on your smartphone or tablet.



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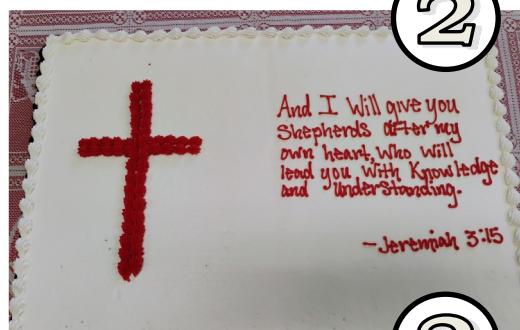
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Rev. Allen E. Konrad, IDE Archivist



New Pastors in the Iowa District East - LCMS

1. Rev. Jesse Schlie (center left holding hymnal) was installed as Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Denver on April 6, 2025. Pastor Schlie comes to the district from having previously served at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jefferson City, MO.
2. Rev. Daryn Bahn (center-right) was installed to Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Cedar Rapids as Associate Pastor on July 6. Pastor Bahn comes to the IDE from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Beatrice, NE. Rev. Bahn's Wife Karen was called as Trinity Lutheran School's Principal.
3. Rev. Gary Sears (center) was installed this March 16, 2025 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Wellman. Pastor Sears continues as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Conroy, but now assumes a tri-point parish between Wellman, Conroy, and St. John's Lutheran Church in Homestead. God's blessings to Pastor Sears and his congregations!
4. Welcome to Rev. Matthew Baker (center right in front of the altar cross)





to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Pastor Baker was installed as Senior Pastor on July 26. He comes back to Cedar Falls after having graduated this year from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne and having previously served his vicarage at Our Redeemer from 2023-2024.

5. Rev. Grant Tapken was ordained and installed as Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Fairbank and Grace Lutheran Church in Jesup on Monday, June 23. Pastor Tapken graduated this year from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne and is a native of Waverly, IA. He also attended our very own St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel in Iowa City while at the University of Iowa.
6. Welcome Rev. Zach Johnson to St. Mark Lutheran Church in Garrison and Zion Lutheran Church in Shellsburg. Pastor Johnson was installed on June 21 and is a 2025 graduate from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. We welcome Pastor and his wife Hannah back home to Iowa, including most recently as he served his vicarage at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Eldora.
7. Rev. Karl Bollhagen was installed as Pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Mason City on February 23, 2025. He now serves Bethlehem in addition to Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton, IA.





1. Rev. Thomas Van Hemert was installed as Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church, Marengo on Sunday, August 17. No stranger to Eastern Iowa, Pastor Van Hemert, who is a native of Muscatine and a graduate of the University of Iowa, has spent the past 5 years in the IDE as pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Center Point.
2. Welcome to Rev. Noah and Deaconess Ieva Russell to King of Kings Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids. Deaconess Ieva was installed at the Sunday morning service on July 13, and Pastor Russell was ordained and then installed as Associate Pastor at King of Kings in a separate service later the same day. It's a "welcome home" for Pastor Russell, whose father Gordon is the Director of Music Ministry at King of Kings. They were placed this year to King of Kings after having graduated from Concordia Seminary this year.
3. Rev. Christopher Boyd was installed on Sunday, November 2 to St. John Lutheran Church in Center Point. He comes to Center Point from Ohio after having completed the colloquy process.





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4. Trinity Lutheran School in Cedar Rapids welcomes Dr. Karen Bahn as Principal. She comes to serve at Trinity from Beatrice, Nebraska along with her husband, Rev. Daryn Bahn, who was installed as Associate Pastor.

5. Mr. Joel Kilgus is installed as Principal at Trinity Lutheran School in Davenport. He comes to Trinity having previously served at Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Pekin, IL.

6. DCE Bethany Dorschner was commissioned and installed at Park View Lutheran Church in Eldridge on August 24, 2025. Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich, President of Concordia University in St. Paul preached for the service.

7. Deaconess Faith Muehler was installed on August 31 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids. A recent graduate of Concordia University Chicago, she will be serving Lutheran Family Service in two Lutheran schools (Central Lutheran School in Newhall and Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Cedar Rapids) offering Christ-centered spiritual, emotional, and social support to students, families, and staff.



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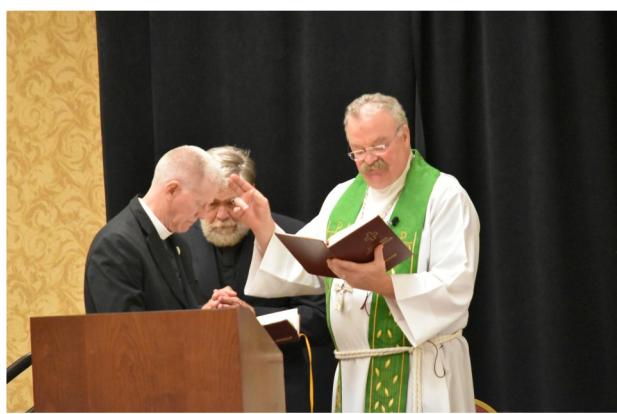
42nd Convention of Iowa District East—LCMS

The 42nd Convention of the Iowa District East – LCMS took place June 27-28, 2025 at the Radisson Hotel - Cedar Rapids. Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders (Cedar Rapids) was elected on the first ballot to his 6th term as District President, with Rev. W. Max Mons, S.T.M. (Iowa City) being reelected to 1st Vice-President and Rev. Stephen Preus, S.T.M. (Vinton) elected as 2nd Vice-President, both on the first ballot. The host congregation was St. Paul's Lutheran Church Marion with Pastor Alan Kornacki serving as Convention Chaplain. Mr. Riley Sindt served as musician.

Rev. Dr. Joel Biermann of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis was the Convention Essayist, who expounded on the theme of Psalm 119:105 - The Authority of the Word: The Word Walks Us Through Life. LCMS 6th Vice-President Rev. Dr. John Wohlrabe was the synod representative, and Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President of the LCMS

was in attendance Saturday of the convention to deliver his report and lead a Synod question-and-answer time.

In other elections news, all Board of Directors incumbents were reelected. Rev. Peter Hoft (Eldridge) was elected as Secretary and Mr. Zach Rowley (Cedar Rapids) was elected as Treasurer. Mr. Lucas Tanney (Waterloo) was elected as the commissioned minister, while Mr. Samuel Kleiss (Dike) was elected as a layman to the IDE Board of Directors. Mr. Kleiss was first appointed to the Board of Directors following the passing of IDE Board Member Chris Balvanz in 2023.



For the Constitutional Review Committee, Rev. Jesse Burns (Ventura) was elected as an ordained member. For the 2028 Nominating Committee, Rev. Alex Post (Marshalltown) and Rev. Nathan Wille (Clinton) were elected as ordained members, Mr. Andy Armbrecht (Williamsburg) was elected as a commissioned member, and Mr. Jeff Elbert (Waterloo) and Mr. Paul Moritz (Atkins) were elected as

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Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca - Summer Camp 2025: With Open Arms

Under the theme With Open Arms (Exodus 14:13), Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca saw another excellent summer come and go as they continue to sustain their summer camp growth. 2025 saw their best attendance in 19 years with 536 campers! Registration for 2026 summer camp opens on January 19, so be sure to visit www.campiodisdeca.org to see the summer schedule. Summer staff recruiting is already taking place for this coming summer, so contact programdirector@iodiseca.org for more information on summer jobs!



... IDE Convention Continued lay members. Mr. Daniel Sanchez (Lisbon) was elected to the Committee for Convention Nominations for the 2026 LCMS National Convention.

Sherry Brendes (former IDE Business Manager) and Carole White (former LCEF District Vice-President) were recognized for their many years of service having retired this last triennium.

Two main resolutions were adopted: 1.01A titled, "To amend the IDE By-Laws to Align with Synod By-Laws and Reassign IDE Stewardship and Congregational Services," and 1.03C titled, "To Affirm Residential Pastoral Education at Our Seminaries."





Jan Doellinger Receives Master Educator Award

Jan Doellinger, Assistant to the President - Schools, was this year's recipient of Concordia University Nebraska's Master Educator Award, which is presented to teachers, Directors of Christian Education, school administrators, or deaconesses who have distinguished themselves through prolonged superior service in Lutheran educational ministry. In her district role, she represents the president at all schools and preschools, serves as a resource to all schools and early childhood centers in the district, provides call lists and offers resources and support to new school starts. She also partners with others to plan and present yearly teacher's conferences, early childhood conferences, principal's conferences, and board trainings.

Doellinger previously served as teacher and then principal at Central Lutheran School in Newhall, Iowa, as middle school principal at Faith Lutheran Middle School & High School in Las Vegas, as teacher, assistant principal and principal of Trinity Lutheran School in Davenport, Iowa, and as teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School, North Tonawanda, New York. She said her time at Concordia Nebraska prepared her well for her work.

"This award isn't about me. It's about how God has used me to do His work. The Scripture passage that comes to mind is Colossians 3:15-17 "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." I'm just one of thousands of Lutheran school teachers past, present and future, who do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus every day because it's not about us," she said. "It's about how Christ uses each one of us to tell the story of Jesus by what we think, say, and do with all the people in our ministry that we come in contact. No, I don't deserve this honor, but I can honor our Lord by recognizing the fact that He is the One who is being honored, and I am His vessel. To Him be the glory!"

Active in her church, Doellinger has volunteered as an usher, handbell choir director, children and adult choir director and educational consultant. In addition to her current role with Iowa District East, she has served on the IDE Board of Directors, the IDE Schools Committee, and the IDE Parish Education Committee. She is also an ex-officio member of the Christ Lutheran High School board of directors. She is married to Rev. Jerry Doellinger and has two stepchildren, Chad and Chris Doellinger, and four grandchildren. Together, Jerry and Jan started the Pastor Jerry and Jan Doellinger Endowment Fund for Student Loan Relief for workers in Iowa District East to help called workers reduce their student debt.

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Launching Expanded Horse Programming



Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca soft-launched a new horse lesson and weekend trail ride program in the fall of 2025, with plans for a more year-round slate of horse program offerings in 2026. Mr. Jon Temme, who has been on Camp's summer staff since 2022 and has been a program intern for 2025, will be joining the Camp's staff full-time in 2026. He is a recent graduate of William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri with a degree in Equine Administration. He is also a graduate of the Oklahoma Horse Shoeing School and a certified riding instructor with the Certified Horsemanship Association. Jon has led Camp's horse program for the past 4 summers, and has also assisted seasonally with many retreats and family groups.

In the fall of 2025, weekend trail rides were available for two-hour time slots on Saturdays and Sundays to everyone ages 5 & up, and horse lessons were offered as an after-school program for youth, grades 4-12. Lessons took place once a week and varied in length

based on riding experience levels. In 2026, riding lessons and weekend trail rides will start up in the spring season. They will pause for summer horse camp and then resume in the fall. Camp is happy to accept and teach riders of any experience level.

Camp has already begun making several improvements to the horse facilities and arena, with many more to come. This fall they replaced all of the fencing inside the area and are revitalizing the tack shed and restrooms. For more information on horse lessons and weekend riding, please visit: <https://campiodiseca.org/horses/>.





Around the IDE

1. Nine young people made their public confession of faith on May 4, 2025 at St. John Lutheran Church in Newhall.
2. Making a public profession of faith and a lifelong pledge of fidelity to Christ in the Rite of Confirmation at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Atkins, on April 6, were Emme Wolf, Keaton Schmid, and Sophie Philipps. They are pictured with Pastor Doug Woltemath.
3. St. John Lutheran Church in Spring Fountain celebrated their 150th anniversary on August 24, 2025 with President Saunders preaching.
4. The inaugural Benton Circuit St. Patrick's Day luncheon was held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Van Horne. It was a "wee" bit of Ireland in the Hub of Benton County!
5. PALS facilitators, Pastor Ronnie and Sandy Koch, gathered their Iowa District East PALS (Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support) families together at the end of September at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Iowa.



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6. Lutheran Family Service hosted their annual LCMS Pastors' Day on the Hill on February 11, 2025. The goal of this day is to strengthen LCMS identity at the Iowa State Capitol, teach pastors how to engage with legislators and the government process, and bring focus to the vital topic of life advocacy. Nearly 50 pastors from both Iowa District West and Iowa District East attended. The next LFS Pastors' Day on the Hill is scheduled for January 27, 2026.
7. Many from the IED LWML and her zones attended the National LWML Convention June 26-29 in Omaha, Nebraska. This convention's Young Women Representatives were Mary Duebe and Anna Davis (pictured left). The LWML adopted a total mission grant goal of \$2,622,270 for the next biennium. The 2026 IED LWML district convention will take place June 12-13 in Iowa City at The Graduate by Hilton, and the 2027 National LWML Convention will take place in Oklahoma City, OK over July 8-11, 2027. Pictured at the bottom right is the official Iowa East District Delegation-Zone Delegates, YWRs, stand-in Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Greg Williamson, and LWML District President Martha Hartwig.



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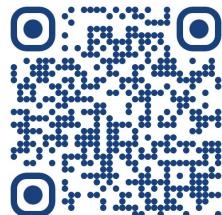
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2025 Youth Events & More

1. The 2025 IDE Middle School Retreat and Snowlympics took place over January 24-25, 2025 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca with Pastor Miguel Gonzalez-Feliciano of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Readlyn and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Klinger presenting on Heros of Honor, Saints of Shame, and Christian Courage.
2. The 2025 IDE Confirmation retreat took place at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca over October 11-12, 2025 with Pastor Aaron Hambleton of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Eldora teaching on Baptism to a crowd of about 75 youth and chaperones.
3. The triennial LCMS Youth Gathering took place in New Orleans, LA over July 19-23, 2025. From the Iowa District East, 357 participants from 22 different congregations attended under the theme Endure. The 2028 LCMS Youth Gathering will take place July 3-7 in San Antonio Texas. Pictured is LCMS President Harri-son Preaching at the Superdome.
4. Thirteen Iowa District East congregations with 92 participants attended Higher Things Lutheran Youth Conferences in the summer of 2025 under the theme All Things New. Some groups attended one conference at Concordia University Nebraska July 8-11 while the group pictured here attended the Conference at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI July 29-August 1.



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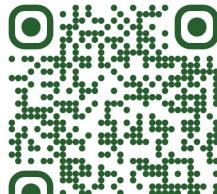
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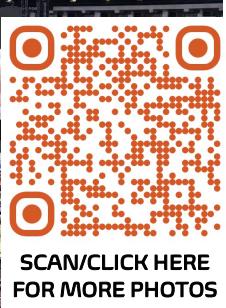
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5. LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) volunteers from Iowa District East and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon, IA spent 5 days cleaning up Camp Lutherhoma in Tahlequah, OK October 13-17. The Camp was devastated by a tornado in the middle of summer camp, needing to shut down two sessions. In October, 25 LERT volunteers from across the country came to clear out much of the tree damage and open trails up across the camp. LERT volunteers also deployed this year to assist after the tornado at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis May 17-18 and also to Concordia University Nebraska and Seward in August after a severe storm damaged the campus and town. Some new volunteers were trained in Basic LERT and also received a LERT chainsaw certification in 2025.
6. Rev. Dr. Gerhard Bode presents at the IDE Fall Pastors' Conference October 6-7 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, giving a fantastic presentation on The Missouri Synod in Controversy, a topic covering Seminex and the Walkout.
7. The IDE Pastors' Wives Retreat took place November 7-8 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca and featured Pastor Jason Braaten from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tuscola, IL. He presented on The Greatness of Difficulty: Confessing Christ in an Evil World and Time.





Campus Ministry, Education Workshop, and PALS

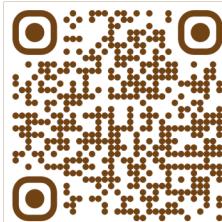
1. Theologian in Residence took place at St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel and University Center in Iowa City over March 28-30 with campus ministry groups from Iowa State, UNI, and Iowa. Rev. Dr. Stephen Pietsch from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis led the weekend's study, which focused on Martin Luther's theology, practices, and habits from friendships and hospitality to Christian joy to learning how to read and study God's Word.
2. St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel also hosted their annual variety show at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Iowa City on April 13, 2025. They later hosted a Welcome Back night at Pastor Mons' home for students on August 29.
3. St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel was the winner of the 2025 IDE President's Cup battle in their annual matchup between College Hill Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls.
4. For their 2025 Fall Fling, College Hill Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls hosted Rev. Bryan Stecker, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Waconia, MN and host of On The Line, a long-form podcast and YouTube channel featuring many LCMS pastors and theologians.





5. Staff from our Lutheran schools and preschools attend the IDE Education Workshop on August 18, 2025 at Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha. The workshop is put on annually for Lutheran Educators and Commissioned Ministers. Several teachers were honored for their many years of service and dedication. Dr. Bev Yahnke, Executive Director for Christian Counsel of Doxology presented on the topic of The Church and Mental Illness. Nearly 150 Lutheran educators and church workers gathered for this year's workshop. Thanks be to God for all of our Lutheran Schools, Preschools, Early Childhood Centers, and the faculty and staff who serve our children!

6. The Iowa District East PALS (Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support) group met at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca November 2-3 for an overnight retreat. Pastors and their families were able to enjoy fellowship, great food, horseback rides, a campfire, and a presentation by President Saunders.





District Representatives

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2nd Vice President	Rev. Stephen Preus, S.T.M.
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