



PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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About the New Look:

As you have probably noticed, the Professional Packet has a new look this month! This is one of the first steps in implementing congruency across the publications that come from the Iowa District East Office. Please send any comments or feedback on the new design or how we can make the Professional Packet a better resource for you to jon@lcmside.org.

President's Piece for Peace

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders

November 2013

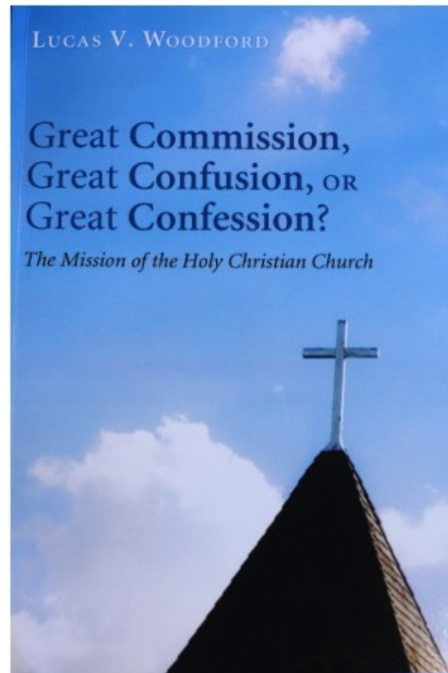
One of our pastor's recently suggested a book for me to read. While I receive many suggestions on reading material I have found that our pastor's are thoughtful and well read. So when I receive a suggestion about a book I make every effort to read it. This latest book I read has not disappointed my view for recommended discernment. I found it very easy to read as well as thought provoking. The author (Rev. Lucas V. Woodford) is a parish pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Mayer, MN. I had not heard of him before I read this book.

Pastor Woodford addresses a very important topic in the church today. He writes about the "mission" of the church within the cultural setting it finds itself. He is very skilled at simplifying issues so that the reader can understand the essence of the challenge and the power of the Gospel that overcomes such challenges. He has a unique way of asking probing questions as well as reviewing past trends. His goal is not to tell you what to do but to assist you in thinking through the mission of the church from the perspective of her historicity. The challenges we face today are often times considered unique only to us in our culture and time. Woodford reveals a consistency of oppositions to the church that preceded us and will most likely confront the church long into the future.

At the center of his evaluation of the way the church has addressed these challenges in the past few decades is that we have created a great deal of confusion for the church member as well as for the clergy. He connects the "great commission" of the church with the need for a clear and understandable "confession" of

the church. I share with you an excerpt from the Forward written by Dr. Harold Senkbeil,

"Woodford provides a bird's eye view of contemporary cultural and theological trends. Better than that, he charts a course through the rough seas we face. He writes cogently, compellingly, and personally. He helps modernists come to grips with the postmodern (or post postmodern) world view. He helps evangelists grasp the importance of theological integrity, and he helps theologians see theology's beating heart: the justification of the ungodly in the cross of Jesus Christ, the living Son of God. He explores the essence of the church's liturgy



and its impact on contemporary culture. He unpacks the Reformation insight on Christian vocation as it pertains to mission for both clergy and laity. He sheds light on the "missional" trends of our time and the complexity of the "emergent/emerging" church. He offers a faithful and profound analysis of Christ's mission imperative found in Matthew 28 and explores its use and abuse in recent centuries."

I agree with the assessment given by Dr. Senkbeil. It is a book well worth reading if not only for the sake of making us think and then think again about the mission of the church. The title of the book is *Great Commission, Great Confusion, or Great Confession? The Mission of the Holy Christian Church*. (Wipf & Stock Publishers, Eugene, OR. 2013).

Blessed reading and joyful service to you all.

Brian Saunders, IDE President

Calendar of Events

November

8-9TH **Urbandale**

Lutherans for Life National Conference
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
www.lutheransforlife.org

9TH **Cedar Falls**

Men's Leadership Retreat.
8 am to 3:30 pm
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

16TH **Marion**

LWML Board Meeting
District Office

22-23RD **Solon**

Sr. High Youth Retreat
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

28-29TH

Thanksgiving
District Office Closed

December

5TH **Hiawatha**

Professional Church Workers
9:30 am
Zion Lutheran Church

Vacancy Updates

November 2013

Calling Congregations:

Melcher/Lacona

Riceville, St. Peter

Victor, St. John

Vacancy Pastors: Picard/Christ

Vacancy Pastor: B Northwick

Vacancy Pastor: Jan Horn

Pastors on Call Lists:

Accepted:

Kent Peck, Melcher-Dallas to Wheat Ridge, CO

David Miller, Cedar Rapids to Ascension, Atlanta, GA

Pending:

Declined:

Dean Rothchild, Marion to Grace, Dodge Center, MN

Candidate

Received:

Readlyn, Immanuel/St. Paul - Matthew Moss from CTSFW (10-19)

DCE / School / Teacher Calls:

Vacancies:

Our Savior, Bettendorf – DCE

Bethlehem, Mason City – Preschool Director

Accepted:

Larry Yochum, DCE Bettendorf to Arnold, MO

Jodene Baker, Mason City to Sioux Falls, SD

Declined:

Directory Updates

November 2013

Please take a moment to add these changes to your Fall 2013 directory.

| Page | Name | Change |
|-------------|---------------------|---|
| 11 | Renfro, David | Cell Number: 319.389.9115 |
| 17 | Wegener, Thomas | Address: 914 Bluegrass Circle #205 Cedar Falls 50613 Home Phone: 319.277.1422 |
| 33 | Trinity—Ottumwa | Send all mail to: PO Box 1378 Ottumwa 52501-7378 |
| 37 | Immanuel - Waterloo | website: www.ilcv.org |
| 55 | Anderson, Ronda | Replace Home Phone with Cell: 319.721.3779 |

Please notify the District Office of any changes in email address, home addresses, staff changes. Include all professional worker changes within your congregation, school or pre-school.

Done, Given, and Doing!

Rev. Dr. Dean F. Rothchild

November 2013

The first paying vocation that I had in life was that of “baker.” My parents owned and operated a bakery for 24 years and I learned that vocation from my father. I worked in two different bakeries while going to college and those jobs helped pay for my undergraduate education. So, at one point in my life, you could say that I had some expertise in the area of baking.



Personally, I prefer cooking over baking at this point in life. With cooking you have a little more opportunity to be creative with recipes whereas in baking you had best follow the recipe if you want things to turn out as they are supposed to. My wife is an excellent baker in her own right having learned much from her mother. But it never fails that when she is baking and I am nearby I will be consulted with the question, “Does this look like it is done?” That happened again last week.

That got me to thinking about Paul’s words from Ephesians 2:8-10, “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

In a couple of recent conversations, I have had Pastors point out that there is really not a whole lot of difference between the Catholics and the evangelicals when it comes to salvation. Both are hung up on terms of what they must do, the Catholics with their works and the evangelicals with deciding for Jesus. As I thought again about the above word of St. Paul I came up with the phrase: “As you have been done and given, so now you can do!” I know that phrase has the Gospel preceding the Law, but it reflects the baptized life of the believer.

Just as a cake or pan of bars is done at the proper time, so has our salvation been “done for us,” by Christ Jesus. Jesus went to the cross and His life was splattered and splintered for us! “And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having cancelled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.” Colossians 2:13-14.

Yes, our neighbor does need our good works, not God. Yes, good works follow and flow from the fact that we are new creations in Christ Jesus and that our salvation has been done and given to us. Yes, these are the things which we now “get to do” because of the faith which we have been given!

Rev. Dr. Dean F. Rothchild is Assistant to the President and the Director of the Proclaiming Christ Jesus Capital Campaign.

Capital Campaign Update



Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Luke 24:46-47

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (Update: 10-11-13)

approved on 6/29/12 by Iowa District East in Convention.

- Pastors are being contacted by phone for potential names of those saints in Christ Jesus who may wish to make an individual gift.
- Dr. Rothchild will send a letter of introduction to potential donors and will follow-up with a phone call to schedule a personal visit.
- Dr. Rothchild will show the DVD and share other information at the time of his visit and the saints will be given a donor form to complete as they deem appropriate.
- We are in the process of developing a bulletin giving form.

Update: Gifts received to date: \$277,771
Gifts promised in next 1-10 years: \$37,342
TOTAL TO DATE: \$ 315,1136

For further information, please contact Rev. Dr. Dean F. Rothchild
at 319-373-2112 or deanrothchild@lcmside.org

Focus on Pre-Schools

Rev. David W. Korth

Assistant to the President—Pre-Schools

November 2013

Peggy Seeber and I are working on next year's District Early Childhood Conference. We hope to hold it in March. The location is being worked on. I am interested in knowing how many of our preschools are participating in the state grant program for free preschool for four year olds. Please let Pam Krog at the District Office know if you are participating in this program. Years ago when we planned the District Early Childhood Conference we could have about anyone present and the hours would count for the DHS. We could issue the continuing education certificate from the district office and it would count. It is a different situation when we are trying to satisfy requirements for the department of education for those preschools who are participating in the state grant program. To obtain credit for these preschools the presenter and the certificate must come from one of our universities. This makes selection of the presenter more limited and raises the cost of the conference. We need to know how many of our preschools need continuing education credit for the department of education in order to decide who to select as the presenter.

It is the time of year when many preschools have presentations in the Sunday morning worship service. This is a great way to expose many non-churched families to the church. Invite the families for fellowship and Sunday School. Ask your pastor and evangelism committee to make contact with the families who do come for the preschool presentation. Please encourage your pastor to visit the preschool on a regular basis to build relationships with the children. Ask him to do "Jesus Time" on occasion.

Recently several of our preschools have had staffing changes. I am available to help with job descriptions and DHS requirements. Some of our preschools have called rostered teachers to their staff. If you wish to call a teacher, please contact me so that I can provide you with a call list.

As you know my wife, Carol, was called home to heaven in May of this year. The support of my congregation, brother pastors, and the Iowa District East family has been a great blessing. My life and schedule certainly have changed since her passing. There are good days and not so good days. I am comforted by the text of the funeral sermon from Romans 8. Truly, nothing shall separate us from the love of God – not even death. I ask that you continue to keep me in your prayers. I am also back to my usual routine. If you would like me to visit your preschool or with your board of education about any issue please contact me.

In Christ,

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Focus on Schools

Lois Warscholz

Assistant to the President—Schools

November 2013

God is good! Love Him! Praise Him! Thank Him! Serve Him!

Thanks to the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice for leading the support of school choice programs!

On my mind: As you read on to the ESA paragraphs you will see there could be big changes coming to education in Iowa. It appears to be helpful to our Lutheran schools. However, this will give us some added challenges. I think as some of our board members and parishioners learn of this the \$\$\$ will become the most important aspect as in, “How much can we now charge for tuition so we have more money and our parents don’t have to pay anything?” I would rather our response be gratefulness to God that more children and families may come to know Him. As the year progresses I will continue to write about some of those challenges our schools will face if this comes to pass in a few years.

Iowa Legislature: Last month I mentioned the good news of the independent accreditation bill passage. This month we are still waiting for publication of the rules. The committee worked quickly on the “deregulation” of homeschooling, but now some foot dragging on the independent accreditation piece. Word was received that the person who was doing much of the work and appeared to have some understanding of the issue has been transferred to a different arena in Des Moines. Someone different will be writing the final rules, so we need to pray for his understanding of previous discussions.

Education Savings Account (ESA): This is a 2014 legislative agenda item which our lobbying and supporting organizations will be working towards with the help of those of us at the grassroots level. I suggest that anyone interested in the future of our Iowa Lutheran schools become familiar with newest school choice topic – ESA. Briefly, an ESA is similar to a HSA (Health Savings Account) with which many of you are becoming familiar. Under an ESA funds for educating a student in Iowa are put into an account which may then be used as the parent chooses – public school, private/parochial school, homeschooling, an aide, etc. and what is unused from one year remains in the student account. This does not take funds from the public schools. The property tax money still goes to the public school, but the dollars per student enrolled will follow the student which it only does now if the student attends a public school. Arizona is the only state which presently utilizes this school choice program.

I request that you, your school boards, parents, and other interested congregational get on the mailing/emailing lists of the:

- Friedman Foundation www.edchoice.org see results of Iowa survey just published
- Iowa Advocates for Choice in Education www.iowaadvocates.org
Brian L’Heureux chairman
- Iowa Alliance for Choice in Education www.iowaace.org
Lois Warnsholz on the board

If you are on Facebook you can Like them and that will also keep you up-to-date.

ILSTO: No longer my other hat. Principals forward your Iowa student count to Dewey Torkelson in Spencer no later than October 20. It’s also push time to raise funds so we will be able to fund students next school year who choose a LCMS school in Iowa. Please use any articles you are sent, have someone or two talking to possible large donors.

Youth Leaders' Page

November 2013

Upcoming Youth Events of Iowa District East

Every school year, the IDE Youth Committee organizes four main youth events. We have a Confirmation Retreat, Senior and Junior High Retreats, and 5th & 6th grade Gathering. Whether you have one youth or twenty, these events provide a wonderful opportunity for Christian learning, fellowship, and fun.

Registrations for the Senior High Youth Retreat are due November 8th, 2013.

Senior High Youth Retreat

When: Nov 22-23, 2013
Where: Camp IoDisECa

Presenter: Rev. John Wegener

Register by Nov 8

Junior High Youth Retreat

When: Jan 31 – Feb 1, 2014
Where: Camp IoDisECa

Presenter: Rev. Bert Mueller

Register by Jan 17

IDE 5th & 6th Grade Gathering

When: April 25, 2014
Where: Lutheran Interparish
School

Topic: "Clothed with Christ"

Register by Apr 11

The Senior High Youth Retreat packet is included in this professional packet.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Rev. Sean Hansen, Youth committee chairman at 319-895-8772.

Higher Things

The mission of Higher Things is to assist parents, congregations, and pastors in cultivating, encouraging and promoting a distinctively Lutheran identity among their youth and young adults. Through summer conferences, youth from around the country participate with hundreds of other Lutheran youth in worshipping as Lutherans, learning as Lutherans, and playing as Lutherans. The theme for the 2014 conferences is "Crucified." 1 Corinthians 2:2 says "For I decided to know nothing among you except Christ and Him crucified." Can't get much more Lutheran than that! Contact Crysten Sanchez – 319-389-0105.



July 1-4
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL

July 8-11
Concordia University WI
Mequon, WI

July 22-25
Utah State University
Logan, UT

Confirmation Retreat Recap

Jonathan Kohlmeier



On October 4th and 5th, nearly 70 catechumens, youth leaders, and pastors gathered at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca for the Iowa District East 2014 Fall Confirmation Retreat. This year, the theme of the retreat was "Bold and Confident: The Lord's Prayer."

While many of their friends were spending their Friday night playing video games, watching movies or playing sports, these seventh and eighth graders gathered to learn

more about Jesus through Luther's Small Catechism - specifically the third chief part on the Lord's Prayer.

Friday night began with opening worship. This service focused on being bold and confident in prayer as baptized children of God. This would provide introduction for what the confirmands learned throughout the rest of the retreat.

Next, they participated in "icebreakers" which gave them the chance to get to meet new Lutherans their own age with whom they would be spending the remainder of the retreat. Some other opportunities they had for fellowship involved games like "Eagle's Nest," different kinds of relays, and Friday night pizza and s'mores.

Pastor Brent Hartwig, of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Iowa City, presented on the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer. Session one was spent talking about the Introduction and what we are praying when we pray "Our Father." Saturday morning picked up with petitions one through three. The confirmands learned about the name of God and how it is kept holy among us, what is meant when we pray "Thy kingdom come," and how God's will is done.

For the last four petitions of the Lord's Prayer, those attending the retreat broke up into different groups. In these groups, they completed activities that helped to teach them more about what we pray for when we pray for daily bread and forgiveness of our trespasses and how God answers those prayers. Using the explanations found in the Small Catechism, the catechumens learned what they pray for when praying to not be led into temptation and for deliverance from evil. In the fifth group, the youth and chaperons completed a service project by helping with things around the Camp.

The October Confirmation Retreat was full of fun and learning more about Jesus through the prayer which He gave to us. The confirmands left with a greater understanding of how they boldly and confidently pray as dear children of God through the Lord's Prayer.



Rev. Brent Hartwig of Our Redeemer, Iowa City teaches on the Lord's Prayer

CRSP Fund Has New Share Class

Concordia Plan Services Investment Committee strives to provide the best investment lineup possible for the Concordia Retirement Savings Plan (CRSP).

On September 27, 2013, after the close of the stock market, a change will be made to one of the funds. The share class of the **Invesco International Small Company I** will be improved. Improving the share class of a fund reduces the fees plan participants pay, allowing them more potential for investment earnings. If you have a CRSP account balance with the fund listed above, you will see the transfer of funds on your 3rd Quarter CRSP Statement.

ProManage will not conduct a rebalance at this time.

The new ticker symbol for the fund is IEGFX.

For additional information on the investments offered through the CRSP, visit our website at www.ConcordiaPlans.org and click on Retirement > Concordia Retirement Savings Plan > Investment Options.

New Online Benefits Website – myCPS.org

Concordia Plan Services is excited to present the myCPS.org online benefits* portal. This new website allows Concordia Health Plan (CHP) members to see some personal information on file with Concordia Plan Services as well as their health plan benefits, including information about Be Well Rewards.

Since myCPS.org displays information that is personalized, a username and password is required to access the site. In September members in the CHP (and their enrolled spouses) were sent letters announcing myCPS.org. These letters contained instructions for accessing the site, including the required username. (Members set up their password upon initial entry to the site.)

To help CHP members get acquainted with myCPS.org, a helpful e-learning module, "Overview to myCPS.org benefits portal," is available at www.ConcordiaPlans.org under Resources > E-Learning.

If you have any questions about myCPS.org, please call CPS at 888-927-7526.

**Phase One of the benefits portal is focused on the CHP and health and wellness. Subsequent phases will incorporate other benefits like disability, retirement, and survivor benefits.*



Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



NOVEMBER 2013

FALL WORKDAYS - NOVEMBER 9 & 16

Amphitheater renovation a top priority for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's two Fall Workdays.

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's Fall Workdays are the perfect servant opportunity for your family, youth group, and congregation. The amphitheater is a very important part of the summer camp program. We need your help to keep the amphitheater a beautiful place for worship, learning, and fun. Lunch is on us! Contact Luke Fischer at luke@campiodiseca.org and let him know you will be coming!



THRIVENT CHOICE

Our total Thrivent Choice for 2012 contributions was 24,738! Thank you donors for making this program a success for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Will you help make 2013 another excellent 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!



Thrivent Financial
for Lutherans®

Building for the Future

We thank you for supporting our Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in this important year! Now that the time frame for our first two goals has passed, we now look for you to support our remaining two goals for this important year.

\$50,000 in donations

We've budgeted to receive \$50,000 in unrestricted individual contributions for 2013. Help make this goal a reality by making a tax deductible donation and by designating your Thrivent Choice dollars to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca!

50 endowment fund gifts

We're looking for contributions that support the future of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. The Endowment Fund pays for future program and facility expansions and repairs. These gifts support the next 50 years!

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Speakers Available

Would you like to know more about Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca? Program Director Daniel Sanchez and Site Manager Luke Fischer 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!



IDE Sr. High Retreat - Nov. 22

"Silly Myth Demolition Derby"

Join us as we expose the many commonly-held myths of the day and find truth in God's Word.

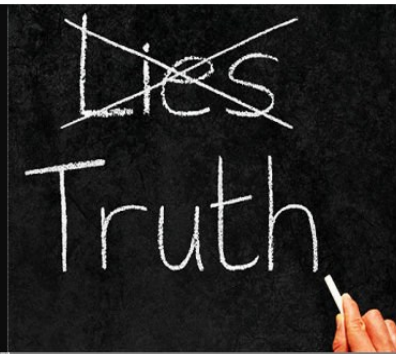
Presented by: Rev. John Wegener

When: November 22-23, 2013

Where: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Time: 7:00pm Friday - 4:00pm Saturday

Cost: \$42.00 per registration



2014 Mission Budget

Though many of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's donations come from individuals and families, we also rely on congregations for financial support. Some congregations are generous enough to add Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca as a line item in their mission budget. Other congregations have groups such as their LWML societies offer financial contributions. Your congregation's contributions directly support the mission of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca as we provide Christ-centered recreation, education, and inspiration for all. We appreciate your support!

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 21-22

IDE Fall Pastors' Conference

NOV. 9 & 16

Camp Fall Workdays

NOV. 22-23

IDE Sr. High Retreat

JAN. 31 - Feb 1

IDE Jr. High Retreat & Sno-lympics

Needs List

Postage Stamp (First Class); Kickballs (10); Life Jackets; Vacuum Cleaner; 60" zero-turn mower; Copy Paper; Mattresses; Golf Cart or Utility Cart; Breakfast Cereal. **Please see our web site for a complete list:** www.campiodiseca.org.

OMEGA LODGE ROOF PROJECT

Our Omega Lodge roof is in dire need of repair. We are seeking donations and volunteers to help with a shingling project for the roof. We're hoping to begin work on it as soon as possible. Contact Luke at luke@campiodiseca.org to volunteer or support this project!



Become a fan of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca by clicking the 'Like' button on our Facebook page.

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For more information on LCEF loans, investments, and services, please contact:

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Faithful investors provide ministry loan funds

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) has been blessed to provide loan funding to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Muscatine. With the metropolitan population of Muscatine being 25,000 they are in the middle of a large mission field. Our Savior's baptized membership is 198 with communicant membership being 160. They have people that have seen the power and grace of God!



This year, the congregation renewed an LCEF line of credit. The financing allows Our Savior the flexibility and time to fully research and prayerfully consider how to handle sanctuary renovations and other needed updates around the property.

LCEF is a financial organization that empowers ministry. Through the dollars invested by over 50,000 individuals, congregations, schools, organizations and businesses, LCEF assists ministries with low-cost loans and ministry support services that help leaders respond to growth and community needs. LCEF also offers loans to rostered church workers—those dedicated servants who are on the front lines of ministry. For more information on loans or ministry support services contact Carole White.



You Are Empowering Ministries!

We're celebrating our partnership with you as we celebrate God's gifts to us.

Bounty of Blessings for Ministry

During this time of the year, we reflect on the gracious God we have and all of the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Please know that you are part of those blessings!

Your Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) investments empower ministries with low-cost loans and ministry support services that help leaders respond to growth and community needs. Your invested funds also enable LCEF to make loans to rostered church workers at low rates and costs, and with a caring staff that understands their unique calling.

Thank you for your continued investment in our faith community through LCEF! LCEF is a nonprofit religious organization; therefore, LCEF investments are not FDIC-insured bank deposit accounts. This is not an offer to sell investments, nor a solicitation to buy. LCEF will offer and sell its securities only in states where authorized. The offer is made solely by LCEF's Offering Circular. Investors should carefully read the Offering Circular, which more fully describes associated risks. Lutheran Church Extension Fund-Missouri Synod (NMLS# 3444).



The Scriptural truth is that Jesus treasures children. Jesus welcomes and blesses children. (Matthew 19:13-15)

Lutheran Church
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GOLDEN TREASURE TRUTHS

By Rev. Bob Riggert

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and be drowned in the depth of the sea.” Matthew 18:5-6

The Scriptural truth is that Jesus treasures children. Jesus welcomes and blesses children. (Matthew 19:13-15). Jesus treasures how each child is uniquely created. (Psalm 139:13-16) Jesus treasures children in His kingdom offering the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through Holy Baptism. Jesus treasures the faith of children. In the text above Jesus holds us accountable for nurturing and protecting the faith of children. There is no greater calling for parents, grandparents, Sunday school teachers, pastor, etc. than sharing the love of Jesus with a child. There is no greater offense than tempting a child away from Jesus.

The church treasures children. The church responds to the baptized child and family, “In Holy Baptism, God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven . . . We receive you in Jesus’ name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts . . .” LSB, p. 271) In the book *Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions* (Regal Books, 2003) George Barna challenges the church to evaluate the investment of various treasures, “As you ponder how to invest your personal resources of all types—time, money, experience, ability, facilities, expertise and so on—keep in mind that there is no better investment than nurturing our youngsters for an eternal paycheck.” (p. 42)

Lutheran Church Extension Fund treasures children. As church buildings are designed or remodeled, appropriate planning questions include: How will this place be a blessing to children now and in the future? Is this setting welcoming and safe for children? Lutheran Church Extension Fund treasures the stewardship response of children. It is important that children learn to share their allowance, birthday and Christmas money, and other monetary gifts with others. Lutheran Church Extension Fund has developed the “Y.I.” Club (Young Investor). Children ages 0-18 can participate in a savings club earning a premium interest rate, learning Biblical stewardship lessons, and supporting a ministry which empowers ministry through low-cost loans and ministry support services. More information on the Y.I. club is available at www.lcef.org.

Reflection: Whom did God use to nurture your faith as a child? Who are the children that God has placed in your life to share His love? How does your church treasure its children? Prayer: “O teach them with all diligence The truths of God’s own Word, To place in Him their confidence, To fear and trust their Lord.” LSB #867, vs. 4)

“Note: Lutheran Church Extension Fund offers a “Treasure Chest” of financial support for congregations, church workers, and members of all ages. For additional information contact:

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Rev. Bob Riggert, director of customer services (bob.riggert@lcef.org)

Ruth Gerken, promotions (ruth.gerken@lcef.org)

Mark your calendar!

2013 National Lutherans For Life Conference

November 8-9

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Urbandale, Iowa (Des Moines)

Our theme is L.I.F.E.

Living in Faith Everyday.



**"And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation"
(Luke 1:50 ESV).**

Confirmed speakers:

- **Steve Deace** - Nationally syndicated radio talk show host
- **Rev. Matt Harrison** - President of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
- **Linda Bartlett** - Titus 2 for Life and past president of Lutherans For Life
- **Jenny Farrell** on post-abortion healing
- **Rev. Peter Preus** on dealing with suicide
- **John Talley** on religious freedom
- **Chris Lamb** on protecting you and your family when dealing with the online world
- **Laura Davis** on L.I.F.E. with youth
- **Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb** on L.I.F.E. around the world

Contact Trisha Adams @ 515-382-2077 or tadams@lutheransforlife.org for more information. [REGISTRATION IS OPEN ONLINE.](#)

MEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Saturday, November 9
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
904 Bluff Street
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

- Why do men stay away from Church?
- How can the Church help men?
- Why do so many Men's groups fail?
- What is Biblical Masculinity?
- How can we encourage men to assume Christ-like leadership in the congregation and the home?



The Rev. Dr. Gary Zieroth, Senior Pastor of St. John

Lutheran Church in Chaska, MN will answer these and many other questions at an upcoming "Men's Retreat" in the District. This one day conference will be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran in Cedar Falls on Saturday, November 9 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Pastor Zieroth will present materials similar to what he provided at the IDE Fall Pastors' Conference in 2010. Pastors who found that information helpful will now have the opportunity to put this information into the hands, heads, and hearts of the men in their congregations.

Pastor Zieroth said about this conference, "*In this retreat we will examine modern male leadership trends as we take a closer look at 3 Biblical figures - Adam, David, and Peter. In this section we look at the responsibilities God has given to men, and what a life lived under the cross means.*"



Pastors and laymen are encouraged to register. This Retreat would be excellent for Boards of Elders, Men's Club leaders, Men's Bible Study groups, or any man who would like to grow in his understanding of the significance of maleness in the Church of Jesus Christ.

The cost of the conference is \$10, with a congregational maximum of \$50. This will include refreshments, materials, and lunch.

If 2 or more men register from a congregation, your pastor's registration will be free! Bring your pastor with you!

Registration forms are available online at theforgivenessplace.org. Simply click on the Men's Retreat button and you will find registration information.

Registration form is also included in this Professional Packet.

RETREAT SCHEDULE

- 8:00 – Registration/Coffee
- 8:30 – Matins – District President Rev. Brian Saunders
- 9:00 – **Session 1 Why do Men Stay Away from Church?** The typical congregation in the U.S. draws an adult crowd that is 61% female and 39% male. As many as 90% of the boys being raised in the church today will abandon it by their 20th birthday. Many will never return. Of the world's major religions, only western Christianity has a consistent nagging shortage of male practitioners. Why? This session examines these questions further and helps to answer the question of why modern Christianity seems to be driving men away from the church.
- 10:00 – Questions/Answers/Discussion
- 10:15 – Break
- 10:30 – **Session 2** This will be a continuation of the 1st Session. During this session Pastor Zieroth will also discuss Biblical Masculinity and the relationship between men and women.
- 11:30 – Questions/Answers/Discussion
- 11:45 – Lunch
- 12:30 – **Session 3 How Has the Church Been Identified with Femininity?** Before the year 1200 A.D., men and women played an equal role (participation) in the life of the Church. Before this time, the relationship of the sexes showed no signs of imbalance. This session examines 3 trends that developed in the medieval Church that began to drive men away, and how Martin Luther tried to bring men back.
- 1:15 – Questions/Answers/Discussion
- 1:30 – Break
- 1:45 – **Session 4** In this final session Pastor Zieroth will draw some conclusions and provide guidance for congregational leaders as they answer the question, “How can the Church help men?”
- 2:30 – Questions/Answers/Discussion
- 3:00 – Vespers – Pastor Michael Knox

Questions?

Please contact Pastor Michael Knox at Our Redeemer **319/266-2509** or through email **pastorknox@cfu.net**

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REGISTRATION

Please print or type!

Congregation: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Congregational Contact: _____

Name

Phone

Email

Names of Registrants:

First Last

First Last

First Last

First Last

First Last

First Last

Pastor's Name: _____

COST: \$10/person, maximum of \$50 per congregation. For congregations with at least 2 registrants, the pastor will be free. (Men, get your pastor to come with you 😊)

Registration Deadline: Friday, November 1

Please return registration, with payment to:

Men's Retreat

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

904 Bluff Street

Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

Checks Payable to: "Our Redeemer"

Memo: "Men's Retreat"

"Silly Myth Demolition Derby"

Join us as we expose the many commonly-held myths of the day and find truth in God's Word.

Presented by: Rev. John Wegener

When: November 22–23, 2013

Where: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Time: 7:00pm Friday – 4:00pm Saturday

Cost: \$42.00 per registration

~~Lies~~
Truth



Senior High Retreat



Activities:

Enjoy getting to know others from the around the district and build friendships that can last a lifetime. There will be games, small group Bible study, fellowship time and worship.

District Office – (319) 373-2112 or DeanRothchild@lcmiside.org

THIS FORM AND PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK THE DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR CURRENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

IDE Youth Event Registration Form

**Return to your Youth Counselor:
Registration Form, Registration Fee, Signed "IDE Youth Event Health Form"**
Registration deadline is two weeks prior to the event.

Please mark the event for which you are registering:

Senior High Retreat *Registration due Nov. 8th*
\$42 per registration

Junior High Retreat
\$42 per registration

5th & 6th Grade Gathering
\$20 per registration (youth only)

Other: _____

This registration is for a: Youth Adult Counselor (please check one)

Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ Parent(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Home Church: _____

Youth Counselor: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Make checks payable to "Iowa District East" or "IDE." On the memo line, write the name of the event.

Youth Counselors: Send checks with the registration forms to:

Iowa District East, 1100 Blairs Ferry Rd. Marion, IA 52302-3093

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Bible
Sleeping bag
Pillow
Appropriate clothing and shoes for activities
Swimsuit/trunks & towel
Snacks to share during movies

WHAT SHOULD I 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 property you bring to the 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 _____