



PROFESSIONAL WORKER'S PACKET

Iowa District East—LCMS

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November 2014

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This issue of the Professional Packet is the tenth issue of 2014. The deadline for content that you would like included in the next issue for December and January 2015 is **November 15th**. Content can be submitted anytime before then by emailing it to jon@lcmside.org.

President's Piece for Peace

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders

November 2014

The month of October gets us thinking about more than just Reformation and Advent. It is the month of circuit forums where preparations for the 2015 Iowa District East Convention begin. I was just talking with our presenter for the conference, the Reverend Randy Golter. He will be speaking on the connection between world missions and the mission of Christ at the local altar. He made me aware of a 2013 publication that would be a good primer for his presentation at convention. I have not read it yet but have read its reviews. It sounds very interesting and I wanted to make you aware of it if you wanted to purchase it and read it for your own edification.

The author is Jack D. Kilcrease. The name of the book is *The Self Donation of God: A Contemporary Lutheran Approach to Christ and His Benefits*. It is published by Wipf & Stock Publishers: ISBN #1620326051. The cost on half.com is around \$37.00. Here is what one review says about the book:

In The Self-Donation of God, Jack Kilcrease argues that the speech-act of promise is always an act of self-donation. A person who unilaterally promises to another is bound to take a particular series of actions to fulfill that promise. Being that creation is grounded in God's promising speech, the divine-human relationship is fundamentally one of divine self-donation and human receptivity. Sin disrupts this relationship and therefore redemption is constituted by a reassertion of divine promise of salvation in the face of the condemnation of the law (Ge. 3:15). As a new effective word of grace, the promise of a savior begins the process of redemption within which God speaks forth a new narrative of creation. In this new narrative, God gives himself in an even deeper manner to humanity. By donating himself through a promise, first to the protological humanity and then to Israel, he binds himself to them. At the end of this history of self-binding, God in Christ enters into the condemnation of the law, neutralizes it in the cross, and brings about a new creation through his omnipotent word of promise actualized in the resurrection.

If that doesn't whet your appetite I don't know what will (except maybe a T-bone steak with baked potato). Kilcrease is saying when God makes a promise He plans out a strategy to keep that promise for the sake of its recipients. He bases his premise on Genesis chapters 1-3. In these chapters God makes things come into being and carries out His work of creation by the spoken Word. It is through the spoken Word that God makes a promise to fallen humanity that He will rescue them from their own death with a savior. From this (along with many other biblical references) Kilcrease concludes that God's Word, when spoken one to another, is where God does His work of seeking and saving the lost.

Kilcrease contends that speaking God's Word is much more than simply conveying information or announcing theological themes connected by theological jargon. He holds to the fact that when God's Word is spoken, God is doing the work of keeping His promise to save the lost and strengthen the found. This work is a work which finds its conclusion in the resurrection.

I am excited to read this book and look forward to the convention speaker next summer. He will assist us in seeing the work of mission around the world is also the work of mission at our local altar. Blessings reading, blessed Reformation festival.

President Saunders.

Calendar of Events

October

23-24TH

Urbandale

Iowa Teachers' Conference
Gloria Dei

28TH

Marion

Board of Directors
9:00am
District Office

November

1ST

Williamsburg

IDE Volleyball Tournament
8:00am
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1ST

IDE Today
Submission Deadline

13TH

Marion

Worship Committee
9:00am
District Office

15TH

Marion

LWML Board
District Office

21-22ND

Solon

Senior High Retreat
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

27-28TH

Thanksgiving Holiday
District Office Closed

December

24-JANUARY 2ND

Christmas Holiday
District Office Closed

Save the Dates

November 2014

Senior High Retreat November 21-22, 2014

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE
Solon, IA 52333

Junior High Retreat January 30-31, 2015

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE
Solon, IA 52333

5th and 6th Grade Gathering April 24, 2015

Lutheran Interparish School

804 Court Street
Williamsburg, IA 52361

2015 District Convention June 26-27, 2015

Marriott Hotel and Convention Center

1200 Collins Rd NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Church & Sanctuary Photos

IDE Archives is planning to put on a continuous slide presentation at the display table at the next IDE Convention. Our Archivist has been requesting landscape photos of the church exterior and one from the entrance to the sanctuary. There are many congregations which have not yet responded. Please send the pictures of your church to the IDE Archivist—onamission@lbt.org.

2015 District Convention

Your congregations should have received the first mailings of information for the upcoming District Convention.

The 2015 theme is “Witness, Mercy, Life Together—Missions: The Church in Motion” The Convention will take place at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Cedar Rapids on June 26-27, 2015.

For up to date information on the 2015 Convention visit our website: <http://lcmside.org/2015-district-convention/>. You can also keep an eye on our Facebook page <http://facebook.com/lcmside> or our twitter account <http://twitter.com/lcmside>.

Tell Us What You Think

It has been nearly a year since the Professional Packet took on its current form. If you have comments or suggestions on things that would be helpful to include in the Professional Packet, things you like, or things that we could be doing better let us know by emailing Jon Kohlmeier at jon@lcmside.org.

Vacancy Updates

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Calling Congregations:

Trinity, Lowden—Steven Anderson (vacancy pastor)
Messiah, Mason City—Clarke Frederick (vacancy pastor)
Trinity, Ottumwa—Kevin Saylor (vacancy pastor)
Redeemer, Ventura—Scott Kozisek (vacancy pastor)
Grace, Waterloo—pastoral transition
St. Paul, Williamsburg—Gary Sears (vacancy pastor)

Pastors Call Update:

Accepted: Tim Eckert, Word of God—Deaf
Ryan McDermott, Word of God—Deaf

Pending: Thomas Ogilvie, MNS to St. Paul, Williamsburg

Declined: Steve Henderson, Risen Christ, Davenport to Trinity, Crown Point, IN
Ronnie Koch, Fredericksburg to Redeemer, Ventura
Thomas Ogilvie, MN S to Grace, Waterloo
Michael Salemink, IN to Trinity, Lowden

DCE / School / Teacher Calls:

Vacancies: Trinity, Cedar Rapids—Principal
Central, Newhall—Principal
Community, Readlyn—Teacher, Principal or combo

Directory Updates

November 2014

Please take a moment to add these changes to your Fall 2014 directory.

Page	Name	Change
3	Mr. Jeff Pool	Cell Phone: 319-784-7636
10	Gray, Andrew	Cell Phone: 319-855-9688 Office Phone: 319-642-5452
12	Hyatt, Gregory	Wife's Name: Mary
16	Musick, Michael	Remove Home Phone Number
32	Eldora—St. Paul	Fax Number is also main office number.
66	Gomez, Linda	Home Phone: 319-239-8395
75	(add) Rev. Allen E Konrad District Archivist	PO BOX 157 ROWLEY, IA 52329 Phone: 319-938-2946 Email: onamission@lbt.org

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

Salvation is in Christ Jesus!

November 2014

Rev. Dr. Dean F. Rothchild
Assistant to the President

“And he called for lights and rushed in and, trembling with fear, he fell down before Paul and Silas, and after he brought them out, he said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household.” - Acts 16:29-31

This is the well-known account of St. Paul with the jailer at Philippi. The question which the jailer asked is one that many people may be asking today, what must I do for my salvation? That question unfortunately is flowing from sermons that focus upon all that the Christian must be doing in his or her life and rarely hearing about what has been done for them.

Here is how that works. If you hear one sermon series after another, instead of preaching from the lectionary, you end up with sermons which are all about what you should be doing. This Law is third use Law; we hear very little second use which mirrors and slaps us in the face with our sins. The old Adam continues to be numbed down by the Law while the new person in Christ Jesus begins to starve to death because it is hearing no gospel being proclaimed.

Sermon series are safe in that the Law doesn't usually kill anything. You won't be calling anyone to repentance with that kind of preaching. If something is not killed there is no life to be resurrected by the Gospel. The outcome is that kind of preaching is no longer Christo-centric but focuses on that which we can't do perfectly, so why even bother. Preaching that is not centered in Christ will eventually kill the Church. Why would you want to go to some place where you don't meet the incarnate Christ Jesus?

As for salvation a little ditty that I came up with the other day while driving back from Minnesota is: **“It's all done, and it's done for you!”** The unbeliever always wants to know what he or she must do. When you tell them it's all been done for them then they are still wondering well, “what's the catch?” We still confront the Roman heresy that you are saved by faith and your works. The consequence of which is no peace or assurance of salvation.

My mother died on September 30th of this year at the age of 95 years and two weeks. Mom was ready to die and to go and be with Jesus. While we miss her, we rejoice that she suffered little in the last days of her life as pneumonia took her life. Our family received a memorial from one of my cousins and her husband. They live in Oregon and are both practicing Roman Catholics. They gave money to the church where I was baptized and also indicated that my mother, LCMS Lutheran all her life, had been enrolled in “perpetual masses.” My brother Daryl, an LCMS Pastor asked, “How should I respond to that?” I simply said, speak the truth in love. If there is one passage they have never read it probably is I John 1:7c, **“And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”**

Our family rejoiced in the wonderful fact that the incarnate Christ Jesus had done it all for my mother and had brought His death and resurrection to mom in the waters of Holy Baptism some 95 years ago. It is truly sad that people who confess The Three Ecumenical Creeds of Christendom can have no real hope or peace in their lives because they do not understand **“that it's all done, and it's done for you!”** Thanks be to God for the crucified and risen Savior, Christ Jesus!

Capital Campaign Update



Proclaiming Christ Jesus! Luke 24:46-47

Capital Campaign (Update: 10-16-14)

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.
- Dr. Rothchild wishes to thank all our faithful donors, both individuals and congregations

Update:

Gifts received to date: \$ 407,088
Gifts promised in next 1-10 years: \$ 45,383

Total to Date: \$ 452,471

For further information, please contact Rev. Dr. Dean F. Rothchild at 319-373-2112 (office), 319-350-9564 (cell) or deanrothchild@lcmiside.org.

ILSTO – Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Assistance Organization – Bulletin Inserts for your church bulletin.

Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization: If you haven't heard about this organization, now is the time to take a closer look. This is the program whereby you can contribute and your dollars will benefit families wanting to send their children to Lutheran elementary & secondary schools. The benefits you receive are two-fold: 1) You get to see more children experiencing the love of God every day, and 2) You will receive a 65% tax credit on your Iowa state income taxes and possibly a charitable deduction on your Federal return. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. You might also check the websites: www.iowalutheranlsto.org and www.iowasto.org

Tell your family, friends, and neighbors about the ILSTO: You've been reading about the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization. This giving opportunity isn't just for Lutherans – anyone who pays Iowa state income tax can donate and receive the tax benefits. Please help spread the word to someone you know who would like to assist students in Christian education while receiving a great tax benefit of a 65% tax credit on their Iowa state tax and possible federal tax deductions. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. You might also check the websites: www.iowalutheranlsto.org and www.iowasto.org

What can you do for Iowa Lutheran Elementary and Secondary Schools? You have been told many ways you can assist by participating in fundraisers, volunteering your time and we hope you are able to do some of those. And here is another! It is the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO). This is a way to expand our schools and reach out to those in our churches and community. By donating to the ILSTO more students are able to receive more financial aid to enable them to attend. In addition the benefit to you is a great tax credit of 65% on your Iowa state taxes. Donate \$1000 and receive a tax credit of \$650, plus the usual charitable deduction on your federal taxes. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. You might also check the websites: www.iowalutheranlsto.org and www.iowasto.org

Listening Post

I will be hosting a Listening Post at the Fall Education Conference. It will be in the building at Gloria Dei Urbandale. I will have some small snacks and will be looking to hear your concerns, ideas, complaints and praises about things in our District. Please stop and say HI.

Please remember to join us during district time on Thursday afternoon in Urbandale as we honor years of service by many of our teachers and other items.

It is an honor to serve the Lord and YOU in this ministry. I have had a great time visiting your schools and preschools, and am available to help you as needed.

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Youth Leaders' Page

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Apologetics Not Apologies

Senior High Retreat
November 21–22, 2014

High school life provides you with a challenging climate in which the reliability and truth of God's Word is mocked and your faith in Christ is often ridiculed by friends, classmates, or even your teachers. St. Peter implores us to *"always be ready to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you"* (1 Pet. 3:15). In an effort to help you do just that, our retreat will discuss three of the most common objections to Christianity.

"Oh, my God!"

Junior High Retreat
January 30–31, 2015

There are no better prayers and hymns than the ones that are in Scripture. We use the Psalms all the time at church and personally in every time of need. But what do they mean? What is hyssop? Why is David always talking about rocks, caves, and fortresses? Why all the language of shields and battles? And what does it all mean for you? Come learn what was happening to David when he wrote the Psalms and learn from him how to pray them and find refuge in God our fortress.

Like Him

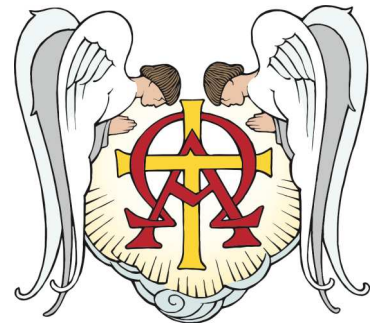
5th & 6th Grade Gathering
April 24th, 2015

What is your image? What is your identity? In other words, who or what are you like? As we look at ourselves, we don't have to look very far to see that we are unlike God. As we sin and experience the pain of sin in our lives, being Like Him might just be the last thing on our minds. That is why we need Jesus. Now that we identify with Jesus, what is life like? Join us in answering these questions as we explore life in Christ under our theme Like Him.

Registration for the 2015 Higher Things Conferences opens Nov. 1st!

Te Deum, Te Deum Laudamus, "We Praise You, O God." All praise, all glory, all honor, all everything goes to you, O Lord, for You sent Your Son who died on the cross for us. He rose again. He saves. He is the sacrifice that makes us — and our praise — acceptable to You.

In the Te Deum, we confess all that God the Father did for us in the sending of His Son. And by faith, we join our voices with those apostles, prophets, martyrs, and of the whole Church of all times and places, in praise and worship of the Holy Trinity...giving us a glimpse right into the divine Throne Room of heaven itself!



This summer's 2015 Higher Things Conferences will rejoice in the gift of the Te Deum, a hymn of praise that gives us a foretaste of what's happening in worship in heaven and on earth.

Download the Registration Packet and register at tedeum2015.org. Call or email Crysten Sanchez (319-389-0105, registrar@higherthings.org) with any questions! See you at Te Deum!

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NE - July 14-17, 2015
- Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI - July 21-24, 2015
- Concordia University, Seward, NE - July 27-31, 2015

Submitted by Ronda Anderson RN
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Promoting Brain Health

The brain is the most complex part of the human body: this 3-pound organ (in the average adult) is the seat of intelligence, interpreter of the senses, initiator of body movement, and controller of behavior. From its bony shell, it contains about 100 billion nerve cells and trillions of “support cells”. When the brain is healthy, it functions quickly and automatically. But when problems occur, the results can be devastating. About 50 million people in the USA – one of every five – suffer from damage to the nervous system, such as neurogenetic diseases (e.g., muscular dystrophy), developmental disorders like cerebral palsy, degenerative diseases (Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s), cerebrovascular disease (e.g., stroke, vascular dementia), trauma (e.g., spinal cord or head injuries), convulsive disorders (e.g., epilepsy), infectious diseases (e.g., meningitis) and brain tumors. We may not be able to change our genetic makeup, but a growing body of evidence points to other factors that we can control.... Here are some ways to keep your brain healthy, and prevent or, at least, delay some common “brain-drain” diseases!

1. EAT & DRINK THE RIGHT STUFF! Try the following...

- Fruit or vegetable juices three times a week slashed Alzheimer odds 76% in one study.
- Caffeine – the new brain tonic – found in coffee & tea [NOTE: only brewed tea works: bottled tea lacks the antioxidants]
- Red wine: high in antioxidants, but limit it to one glass a day for women, two for men.
- Fatty fish & liver- high in omega-3 fat, an essential component of your brain... and the retina of your eye!
- AVOID: sugary soft drinks, especially those sweetened with high fructose corn syrup; water with high copper content.

2. FLOSS THOSE PEARLY WHITES - Inflammation in diseased teeth/gums migrates to the brain.

3. GET ACTIVE - Physical and mental exercises help us make and keep new brain cells.

4. PROTECT YOUR HEAD - Wear seat belts and helmets, fall-proof your home, practice balance/flexibility exercises, and don’t take unnecessary risks!

5. GET ENOUGH ZZZZZZ’s - Sleep is not only essential for regenerating the physical body, but is imperative for problem-solving, memory, creativity and behavior control. Adults, as well as youngsters, benefit from a mid-day nap to boost and restore brainpower.

6. GO TO CHURCH - yes, interactive worship is not only good for the soul... the brain is engaged by the song, prayer, recitation of liturgy, as well as social engagement!

Reprinted from Health Notes by Marla Lichtsinn, RN, MPA, FCN

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



November 2014

FALL WORKDAYS: OCT. 25 & NOV. 8

Amphitheater Landscaping, Omega Lodge Decks Highlight Upcoming Workday Projects



For years, the time and skills contributed by Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's volunteers have produced some amazing results in the Camp's effort to be a best-in-class facility for its guests. The upcoming Fall Workdays are your opportunity to make an impact!

Landscaping the back of the newly refurbished Amphitheater and staining the staircase and decks of the Omega Lodge will be our two main workday projects on October 25 and November 8.

We'll also try to clean up the landscaping in front of and around the Omega Lodge. Finally, we'll try to complete as much wood splitting as possible so that we can be fully stocked for the winter and early spring. Contact Site Manager Paul Moritz at paul@campiodiseca.org and let him know you're coming! As always, lunch is on us!



Capital Campaign Coming to a Close

Support Still Needed For Final Projects

In 2010, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca kicked off an effort to improve and renovate its most heavily used and most important facilities. Over the last five years, contributions have funded projects that have made Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca a better facility for youth, families, schools, and congregations. A new climbing tower, significant improvements to the Alpha Lodge dining hall and kitchen, and important repairs to the camp pool have been some of the notable projects that have been completed. But there is still work to be done, and we need your financial support to accomplish it! The Alpha Lodge entryway roof needs attention and we are looking to purchase new round and rectangular tables. In addition, the pool still needs a few important repairs. *Building on the Foundations* will stop receiving gifts at the end of the year. As the campaign concludes, will you please consider one last gift to cap off these necessary improvements? With your support, we can make sure Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is a best in class facility where Christ-centered education, recreation, and inspiration abound!



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Camp Presentations

Would you like to know more about Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca? Camp Director Daniel Sanchez is 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

Our total Thrivent Choice for 2013 contributions was \$14,653! Thank you donors for making this program a success for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Will you help make 2014 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!



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www.campiodiseca.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 25
Fall Workday #1

November 8
Fall Workday #2

November 21-22
IDE Sr. High Retreat

January 30-31
IDE Jr. High Retreat & Snow-lympics

IDE Sr. High Retreat

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November 21-22, 2014

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

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- get estate plan samples.
- stay current with financial news.
- connect with LCEF for planning assistance.

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The hymn
“Amazing
Grace”
summarizes our
story, “I once
was lost but
now am found.”

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GOLDEN TREASURE TRUTHS

By Rev. Bob Riggert

“Behold, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house.’” Luke 19:8-9

As a “chief tax collector” and “rich” (vs. 2) Zacchaeus treasured possessions and power. Even though Zacchaeus was a traitor, greedy, dishonest, and “a sinner” to his peers in Jericho, Jesus came seeking this “wee little man in the sycamore tree.” Jesus’ mission was to “seek and save the lost.” (vs. 10)

Jesus’ interaction with Zacchaeus is Good News for us as Jesus has come to seek and to save us. For many of us, Jesus found us in our sinful nature and in our parents’ arms at the baptismal font. He washed us and welcomed us to His family. The hymn “Amazing Grace” summarizes our story, “I once was lost but now am found.”

Luke is inspired to also record Zacchaeus’ response to God’s grace. Zacchaeus returns what he had stolen and give half of his goods to the poor. With Jesus as his treasure, Zacchaeus’ perspective on his earthly treasures changes. Zacchaeus is repentant and responsive. As we manage our earthly treasures, we ask, “What’s God’s?” “What’s fair?” “What’s generous?”

Zacchaeus learns that the coins are not the Roman government’s possession nor his own. They are God’s. Jesus taught “render to Caesar.” What had been stolen must be returned. Having obeyed the Seventh Commandment, Zacchaeus moves on to “What’s generous?” He is blessed to move beyond a tithe to give “half my goods to the poor.” God’s grace motivates us to be generous for the sake of His kingdom.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) provides investments to meet basic obligations (family emergencies, retirement needs, taxes, etc.). LCEF as a partner of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod celebrates the seeking and saving grace of God which invites a generous response. LCEF joins in mission efforts which provide funds and services to bring the Gospel to the “lost.” LCEF encourages investors to be generous in their local congregations and to other ministries. As God is generous with His grace so we too are blessed to join in His mission to “seek and save the lost.”

Reflection: How has God been generous with His grace in your life? What opportunities is God giving you to be generous in response to His grace?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, “I once was lost but now am found.” Thank you for seeking and saving me. Direct my generous responses to Your grace. Amen.

“Carole White, District Vice-President (carole.white@lcef.org)
Rev. Bob Riggert, Director of Customer Services (bob.riggert@lcef.org)
Ruth Gerken, Promotions Director (ruth.gerken@lcef.org)

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Presenter: Rev. W. Max Mons,
St. Paul Lutheran Chapel, Iowa City, IA

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Who: High School-Aged Youth
When: November 21-22, 2014
Where: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
Time: 7 pm Friday—4 pm Saturday
Cost: \$42.00

Contact the Iowa District East office at
(319) 373-2112 or email jon@lcmside.org
for more information.



Apologetics Not Apologies

IDE Senior High Retreat

November 21-22, 2014

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE
Solon, IA 52333

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Rev. Max Mons, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel in Iowa City, will be teaching the youth about Apologetics during the 2014 IDE Senior High Retreat.

The retreat will take place beginning on Friday, November 21st at 7pm and going through 3 pm on Saturday. This retreat includes dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. A complete schedule can be found on the next page.

This year we are offering online registration for all youth events. Visit <http://lcmside.org/2014-senior-high-retreat> for more information and to register online. For your convenience an Online Registration Planning sheet is included in this packet. You may use this to gather information before you register online.

The registration deadline for this event is **Friday November 14th**.

The cost of the Senior High retreat is \$45. Please fill out the online registration form. If paying by check, make checks payable to "Iowa District East." On the memo line write "Senior High Retreat."

Things to Bring

- Bible
- Appropriate clothing and shoes for activities

Things Not to Bring:

- Irreplaceable or valuable items
- iPods, mP3 players, etc.
- Extra money

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the District Office at 319-373-2112 or email jon@lcmside.org.

In Christ,

Jon Kohlmeier
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Communications/Technology Coordinator
Iowa District East – LCMS

Schedule

Friday

7:00-8:00 pm	Arrive and register
8:00-8:30 pm	Opening Worship
8:30-8:55 pm	Pizza (Alpha Dining)
8:55-9:15 pm	Icebreakers
9:15-10:00 pm	Relays (Basketball Court)
10:00-10:45 pm	Session 1
10:45-11:00 pm	Evening Devotion
11:00-11:30 pm	S'mores/Free Time/Get Ready for Bed
11:30 pm	Lights Out

Saturday

8:00-8:45 am	Breakfast and Table Talk
8:45-9:00 am	Morning Devotion
9:00-9:45 am	Session 2
9:45-10:45 am	Game
10:45-11:00 am	Break
11:00-11:45 am	Session 3
11:45-12:00 pm	Break
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch (Alpha Lodge Dining)
	Pack up room
1:00-2:00 pm	Servant Event
2:00-2:45 pm	Topic Review & Closing Devotion
2:45 pm	Depart

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IDE Senior High Retreat

Iowa District East Youth Event Health Form/Release

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Gender _____ Birthday _____ Age _____ Grade _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Parent Names _____ Phone _____ Email _____

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: _____

Allergies:

_____ Hay	_____ Poison	_____ Insect	_____ Asthma	_____ Foods
_____ Fever	_____ Ivy	_____ Stings	_____ Other	_____
_____ Peanut	_____ Nuts	_____ Penicillin	_____ Drugs	_____
_____ Butter	_____	_____	_____	_____

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 / 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.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

IDE Youth Event

Online Registration Planning Sheet

Name	Email	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Gender	Age	Church	Registrant Type
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For current events visit: <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/iowa-district-east-lcms-6137224941>.

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