



# The Messenger

## Fall 2019

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### Continued Growth, Exciting Changes, and Help Needed!

*By Daniel Sanchez*

Thanks be to God for another fantastic summer at Camp Iodiseca! Under the theme BY FAITH, campers took the time to learn about their Christian faith. They learned about how their faith cries out to Jesus to RECEIVE forgiveness and life from him, about how their faith CONFESSES the truth about God, and how their faith ACTS in love and service to those around them. Finally, campers learned how this gift of faith SUSTAINS them as they go about their lives. Here are some of our favorite evaluation quotes from the past summer:

*"We pick Camp Iodiseca for the Bible based structure, dedicated staff, safe environment, and superb location!"*

*"We have peace of mind in sending our daughter alone to camp.*

*I think it impressed her to see older "kids" (counselors) integrating God in their lives and with fun activities."*

*"It was great for her to disconnect from devices and spend time with people of faith."*

*"Camp Iodiseca has always won out over other things because of its focus on Christ. The kids have such fun there, the counselors are positive and energetic, camper-focused, and FUN! The messages the kids come away with are the kind we want to stick."*

*"She pretty much loved everything and didn't find anything she didn't enjoy. She's certain that she wants to be a counselor someday down the road."*

Thanks be to God that **summer camp reached its highest attendance in seven years as numbers were up almost 10%**! Thank you to all of you parents, grandparents, family members, and friends who had a hand in sending a camper this past summer. Thanks be to God we had all of our staffing needs for the summer covered. God provided us with such wonderful servants of Christ to care for our summer campers and be Christian teachers and role models. To put this growth into perspective, it also means we've gradually grown over the past 5 years. Since 2014, summer camp attendance has grown about 28%. Again, Thanks be to God!

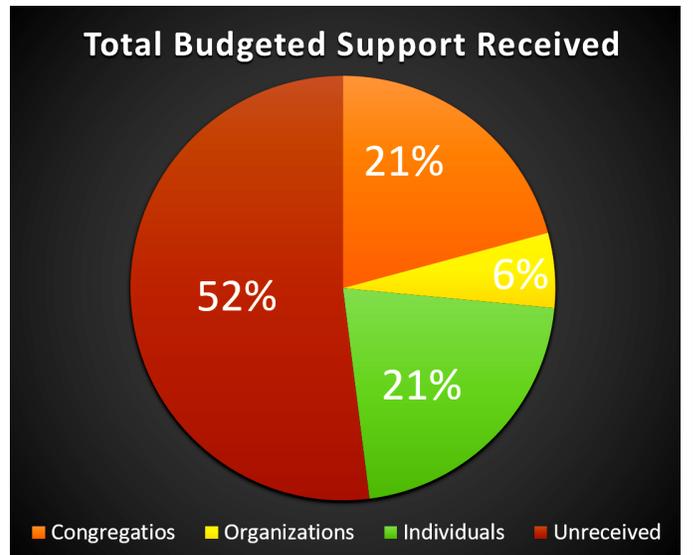


As we have grown in this key area of mission, some changes have also now come along on the staffing front. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca would like to welcome back Mr. Andrew Folkmann to the Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca full-time staff! Andrew has been hired as our **Director of Programs and Retreats**. Essentially, Andrew becomes Camp's primary on-site leader and coordinator for all programs and retreats. Check out page 3 to learn more about Andrew and his history with Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca.

I will still be overseeing our organization, but be giving more attention to Camp's strategic goals, development, publications and promotions, fundraising, and policy. I'll also be splitting my time with the Iowa District East of the LCMS managing their communications, technology, and events, many of which already overlap with Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca.

It is our sincerest hope that these changes continue to enable growth at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. With Andrew on board overseeing programs and retreats, we'll be able to give more attention to our guests and the services they require. Behind-the-scenes, we need to do a better job of ensuring we generate the support needed from generous donations to hard-working volunteers. **No matter how much our mission grows at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, we simply cannot exist without your generosity and support.** Our mission of Christ-centered education, recreation, and inspiration goes away without our wonderful supporters. Help our growing mission by donating and volunteering! With only 3 months to go in 2019, we only have HALF of our budgeted financial support needed to operate! We've received so many blessings of financial support throughout this year, especially in contributions to our Camp Scholarship fund and donations for projects across Camp, but as we finish 2019, we need your support to keep our growing mission going. To date, the support we've received has gone towards advancing our mission with results to show, and your support is still needed as we continue to teach campers about Jesus in a fun, outdoor setting each and every summer going forward.

**Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca needs nearly \$50,000 in donations to meet our budgeted financial support.** Now while it is true that much giving happens at the end of the year, we have a bit farther to go this year than most. And though it may seem like a high and daunting number to meet, join me in saying, "Thanks be to God!" We have a God who continues to provides us with all we need at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Most especially, He gives us the gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus. It's our privilege to carry that message of Jesus into 2020 for all of our campers. Thanks be to God!



**Daniel Sanchez**  
Camp Director





## Happy to be Home

*by Andrew Folkmann*

Hello! My name is Andrew Folkmann and I am the new Director of Programs and Retreats for Camp Io Dis E Ca. For some my face may be familiar, as I worked several summers at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca from 2013-2016, beginning as a counselor, then as a Zipmaster (climbing tower manager), and finally finishing my summer camp career as Summer Program Director in 2016. I was born and baptized in Manchester, but before I reached school age my family moved to where my parents currently farm in Denver, Iowa. I was confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Denver and my mom is the church secretary there! After graduating from Denver Senior High in 2011, I attended Iowa State University where I joined Beta Sigma Psi (Lutheran Fraternity) and graduated in 2017 with a Bachelor's in History and Political Science.

**Summer is when I fell in love with Camp and I am ready to be a part of the summer experience at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca once again.**

I was a camper at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in my younger years, but my camp story really starts in the summer of 2012, when I visited a friend and fraternity brother, Brandon Trent, at Camp one weekend. Brandon had already worked a few summers at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. When I visited that weekend and met the other summer staff I knew I wanted to be a part of it in 2013. With each passing summer of camp my desire to continue to serve in Lutheran camping on a full-time basis grew and grew. With college wrapping up, I focused on finding work in Lutheran camping in my final

year at Iowa State. Though I made it to a few final rounds at other Lutheran camps within NLOMA, nothing materialized. I took a position at a car dealership near home for about a year but kept pursuing camp positions far and wide. In early 2018, I ended up accepting a position as Resident Camp Director at Camp Takatoka, in Oklahoma, a camp belonging to the YMCA of Greater Tulsa. Working at Camp Takatoka for the past two camping seasons was a great learning experience. I oversaw 100-200 campers and 20-25 staff for nearly 3 months at a time on an isolated shore of Fort Gibson Lake.

Though I am grateful for my year and a half in Oklahoma, it is good to be home near friends and family. I am excited to be back at Camp Io Dis E Ca and I am looking forward to digging into a busier year-round schedule. I'm excited to bring in all that I have learned at Camp Takatoka into an already excellent atmosphere. I also cannot wait for the summer season. Summer is when I fell in love with Camp and I am ready to be a part of the summer experience at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca once again. For those of you who remember me from my summer camp years, I can't wait to see you back on Camp, and I look forward to meeting and working with all of you who are new to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca since my years on summer staff. I'm thrilled to be back home here in Iowa and at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, and God bless!

**Andrew Folkmann**  
Director of Programs and Retreats



## We're Hiring! Site Manager Position Open

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca would like to thank a few fantastic individuals for their dedicated service. First, Site Manager Paul Moritz moved on from Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in May.



**Thank you, Paul!**

Paul served Camp for 5 years, keeping our site beautiful and working. Many of the notable improvements to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca during Paul's tenure include updates and replacements to old equipment. He had an especially big hand in removing the old bedding at the main site and installing new bedding throughout Alpha and Omega Lodges. Thank you, Paul for all of your hard work over the years and we pray God's blessing to you going forward in all of your endeavors.

In wake of Paul's departure, Camp needed someone to fill the Site Manager position with summer camp just around the corner. We hired Eric Hansen, a former summer staff member as our interim

Site Manager. Eric has a longtime history with Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca as a camper, staff member, and volunteer. He was able to work alongside Paul for a few weeks and did an amazing job of doing such a big job. Though Eric was able to fill our position on such short notice in an exceptional way, Eric's heart was still in serving as an EMT and he moved on from Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in September. Thank you very much Eric for your love and service to Camp and for helping us out when we needed it the most!



**Thank you, Eric!**

With that, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is looking for a new Site Manager! **Please head over to our website at [campiodiseca.org](http://campiodiseca.org) to view the job description and for more information on how to apply.** Résumés can be emailed to [director@iodiseca.org](mailto:director@iodiseca.org). Our hope is to accept applications for the next month and begin interviewing sometime in December with the hopes of starting a new Site Manager in early 2020.

What does a Site Manager do? Well, in short, the Site Manager keeps Camp looking beautiful and makes sure things work! We're looking for someone who is very handy but also willing to learn about all the things that keep Camp ticking. From lawn and landscaping to tractors and machines to swimming pools to simple maintenance, there's plenty to do and learn! Are you or someone you know a good fit? Feel free to call Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca at 319-848-4187 to speak with Camp Director Daniel Sanchez about the position.





## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**November 1-2**

***IDE Pastors' Wives Retreat***

**November 2**

***Fall Workday***

**November 22-23**

***IDE Sr. High Retreat***

**January 10**

***Summer Camp Registration Opens***

**January 31-Feb 1**

***IDE Middle School Retreat  
and Snowlympics***

## **Support Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca: Your 2020 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 make financial contributions.

Congregational contributions make the mission of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, that is, providing Christ-centered recreation, education, and inspiration for all, a reality. It isn't merely about keeping the lights on or paying the heating bills, but it ensures that Camp's guests have a great experience at a quality location. Does your congregation currently support Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca? If not, it can! We appreciate your support!

### **I Believe In Camp: Monthly Giving to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca**

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Amount Per Month:  \$25  \$50  \$100

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In 2018 our Thrivent Choice participants designated over \$10,000 in support of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Help make 2019 an even better year in Thrivent Choice donations by designating your dollars today! Go to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836), state "Thrivent Choice", and designate your choice dollars for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Thank you for making Thrivent Choice a valuable stream of revenue for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca!

**Each donation must be completed manually as funds can no longer be designated via automatic repeat.**

