

Iowa District West Organist Workshop

“Preach While You Play”

(an organist’s guide to effective hymn leadership)

Saturday, August 22, 2009

(9:00 a.m. registration; 9:30-Noon workshop)

at

St. John Lutheran Church, Storm Lake

(402 Lake Avenue)

- Sectional on wedding and funeral music
- Sectional for those who play keyboard/piano for worship

Featuring Dr. Jeffrey Blersch

Jeffrey Bersch is a graduate of the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, where he received degrees in organ performance and music education, and of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he earned the Doctor of Musical Arts in organ performance. He has studied organ, organ improvisation, and choral conducting with several leading music professionals. Prior to his appointment at Concordia, he served as Cantor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Peoria, Illinois; as Associate Professor of Music and Music Department chair at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Michigan; and as an elementary music specialist in the Brunswick City Schools, Brunswick, Ohio.

Blersch has been actively involved in church music since being appointed organist of Peace Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, at age eight. He regularly performs recitals and hymn festivals across the United States and is best known for his creative hymn interpretations. He is a published author and composer of organ and choral works, and in 2006 he released his first compact disc, *Resounding Alleluias*, which features his own compositions and arrangements.



Cost: \$10 payable at event

Registration: Contact Sue Light by phone (515-576-7666) or email (sue.light@idwlcms.org)