

# Heath L. Lewis

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## Employment

### **2015 – Present: Instructor of Christian Education (DCE Program)**

*Concordia University – St. Paul, MN:* Tenure-track faculty member, teaching academic classes in Christian Education and Parish Leadership; supervising field experiences for students in the Director of Christian Education Program; rebuilding the enrollment and programmatic strength of the Director of Christian Education program at Concordia; leading the Department of Theology and Ministry's *Digital Theology Initiative* and social media efforts.

### **2013 – 2015: Director of Discipleship**

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Edmond, OK:* (In May 2013, Holy Trinity worked through a staffing realignment, and during this time my position transitioned from Director of Youth Ministry to Director of Discipleship.) Called to Holy Trinity as a Director of Christian Education (DCE). Responsibilities in overseeing the outreach and discipleship ministries at Holy Trinity, including: educational processes and programs; small groups; new member connections; in-congregation service/volunteer development; community engagement and missions; overall congregational visioning and strategy expansion; leader development; supervision of additional staff DCEs, DCE Interns, and our communication department.

### **2007 – 2013: Director of Youth Ministry**

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Edmond, OK:* Called to Holy Trinity as a DCE. Responsibilities in Junior and Senior High Youth Ministry included: providing direction and leadership for the Youth Ministries of Holy Trinity; oversight of volunteer recruitment, training, and scheduling; planning and implementation of spiritual growth programs for Junior and Senior High Youth; working to create an environment of care and growth for all students; planning and leading retreats, gatherings, etc.; confirmation instruction; maintaining an accurate and timely schedule of events with the church office; general Youth Ministry duties such as promotion, publicity, fundraising planning, etc.

### **2006 – 2007: Director of Christian Education Intern**

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Edmond, OK:* This DCE Internship was an educational opportunity designed to obtain experience in parish education and youth ministry. Responsibilities included: helping recruit, train, and schedule adult leaders; identification of quality curriculum for congregational use for all age groups; working to develop the Children's and Junior Youth Ministries of the congregation; developing and leading Wednesday evening midweek programming for Senior High Youth; scheduling and conducting home and activity visits with Junior and Senior High Youth; leading students on retreats and special events; other duties as assigned.

### **2003 – 2007: Regional Scout/Player Development Specialist**

*Strategic Sports Management – North Branford, CT:* Responsibilities included: recruitment of hockey players to our agency for representation; representation of players to their coaching staffs, organizations, and the media; analysis of player potential and game play; advising players and parents in their development (both career development—contracts, free agency, etc.—and on-ice development); communicating with the home office regarding potential recruits and current players.

## Education

### **2011 - 2014**

**Gonzaga University: Spokane, Washington**  
M.A., Organizational Leadership

### **2001 - 2006**

**Concordia University: Seward, Nebraska**  
B.A., Behavioral Sciences  
Certification: Director of Christian Education (Emphasis: Family Life Ministry)

### **1997 - 2001**

**Adel-DeSoto-Minburn High School: Adel, Iowa**  
High School Diploma

## Invited Speaking Engagements

- 2016 National LCMS Youth Gathering (New Orleans, LA): Jesus, Jonah, and You: the Call to Obedience
- 2015 National Lutheran Youth Workers Conference (New Orleans, LA): The Big Picture: Why Vision Changes Everything; Avoiding the Leadership Vacuum: Christ-Centered Leader Recruitment, Development, and Retention
- 2014 Concordia University Texas DCE Retreat (Austin, TX): Christ-Centered Leadership
- 2012 National Lutheran Youth Workers Conference (San Antonio, TX): Expanding Vision; Reproducing Leaders

- 2011 Oklahoma District LCMS Teachers Conference (Edmond, OK): Sticks and Stones: Bullies, Victims, and Our Ministry
- 2009 Lutheran Education Association's National DCE Conference (Dallas, TX): Bullying in the 21st Century
- 2008 National Lutheran Youth Workers Conference (Indianapolis, IN): Reaching the College Crowd

### **Conference and Event Planning**

- 2015 National Association of Directors of Christian Education (NADCE) Conference: Program/Main Session Manager
- 2013 ILLUMINATE regional youth conference: Founder and Chairman
- 2013 National LCMS Youth Gathering: District Coordinator, Oklahoma District
- 2007 National LCMS Youth Gathering: Program Team Manager (Interest Centers/Sectional Speakers)
- 2003 LCMS World Missions Beautiful Feet Conference: Program Team Member (Campus Relations Coordinator)
- 2002-2004, 2006-2012: Program Team Member for LCMS District Youth Gatherings in Oklahoma, Iowa, and Nebraska

### **Mission and Service Experience**

- Led or participated in mission trips (domestic and foreign), including service with:
  - Iowa Homeless Youth Centers (Des Moines, IA): 2012, 2011, 2009
  - Christ for the City International (Omaha, NE): 2012
  - LCMS Servant Events (Angel Fire, NM): 2008
  - Mission-Minded Students (Hato Mayor, Dominican Republic): 2002
  - Iowa District West, LCMS (Los Angeles, CA): 2000
  - Iowa District West, LCMS (Grand Forks, ND): 1997
- Led or participated in local community service projects, including:
  - Angel Tree Ministries
  - Bible Club Ministries
  - Hot Dogs for the Homeless
  - Food and supply drives for various organizations

### **Notable Professional Services**

- Regular author on Concordia Publishing House's website (2016-Present)
- Guest author for Concordia Publishing House's *My Devotions* publication (2014-Present)
- Guest author for the LCMS Youth Ministry Office's *YouthESource* online magazine (2008-2013)
- Designed, initiated, and led Youth and Education programs for the Rock of Faith church plant (Waukee, IA; 2002-2005)

—References Available Upon Request—