Promoting Christ-centered Education

by Terry Schmidt, Director LCMS School Ministry

“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”
— 1 COR. 1:9 ESV —

In 1 Cor. 1:9, God who is faithful calls us into the fellowship of Jesus, His Son. Every day, Lutheran schools celebrate “Life Together” within the school and congregation contexts, in the homes of school families and in the communities they serve. Lutheran schools are places of quality, intense activity and vitality. Rarely is there a time when the building and grounds are not in use. Congregations are provided with opportunities to connect with their communities in unique ways. More importantly, schools reach out to children and families with the love of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior. Schools are a rich and vital component of the church body.

Lutheran schools provide witness and mercy opportunities for students by serving the needs of their surrounding community and the world. When church and school come together in service to others, they become the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need. Additionally, schools impact the community through the arts with music and visual arts; athletics, as they compete in a Godly way with area school teams; and in connection with public, parochial and private schools in their community working together to educate children. Through it all, schools are a conduit for community connections where the Gospel message is shared.

Nationally, more than 2,100 Lutheran schools serve over 250,000 students in early childhood centers, elementary schools and secondary schools. Additionally, three international schools serve students and families abroad in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Hanoi. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) school system is the largest protestant school system serving children today.

The work of School Ministry is accomplished through programs, resources and support for the leaders and educators serving in Lutheran schools. National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) is available to all schools and is a process that includes a rigorous self-study, validation by an outside visit team and implementation of a program of continuous improvement. Lutheran schools that provide quality Christian education and engage in continuous improvement are recognized nationally.

Ps. 78:4 tells of the urgency to equip each generation with the knowledge of the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord in order that the next generation would know them. Imagine the many ways God works through the ministry of schools, sharing the baptismal journey as missionaries and equipping children to be disciples by helping them to grow strong in their faith in the presence of God, nurtured in homes and supported by congregations, equipped as stewards of God’s resources, and actively engaged in witness, mercy and life together.
In the last several months many have gone to their local theater to see the special showing of the documentary, “Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World.” It’s scheduled for PBS in the fall, so if you missed it, you’ll still have an opportunity to see it. Some of us look forward to seeing it again. The impetus for the making of another film on Luther is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, a celebration of which everyone should be aware.

Top of the list of the Reformation benefits that we still enjoy today is, most certainly, the rediscovery of the Apostolic preaching of the Cross. That the sinner is acquitted before our eternal Judge through nothing other than the sacrificial blood of His Son the God-Man, Jesus Christ; this is Reformation blessing. That the gate to heaven is opened to the whole world and that everyone who believes in the Lord Jesus will take up residence there, body and soul, at Jesus’ return; this is Reformation bounty for those in need of eternal comfort.

The days surrounding the Reformation were fraught with difficulties and problems that the reformers were left to deal with and which they attempted to solve all on the basis of divine revelation. In those heady days everything swirled and settled around the clarity and authority of God’s Word.

Continued exposure to the power of the Holy Spirit through the Word incarnate, the Word proclaimed, the Word flowing, seen, and tasted makes the difference between a living, breathing Christian and one in name only. During the Saxon Visitation (1528) the state of the Church was found to be rather deplorable both among the clergy and the laity. Basic knowledge of the Faith was lacking.

Luther said, in his preface to the Small Catechism: “The deplorable, miserable condition that I discovered recently when I, too, was a visitor, has forced and urged me to prepare this catechism, or Christian doctrine, in this small, plain, simple form. Mercy! Dear God, what great misery I beheld! The common person, especially in the villages, has no knowledge whatever of Christian doctrine. And unfortunately, many pastors are completely unable and unqualified to teach. This is so much so, that one is ashamed to speak of it. Yet, everyone says that they are Christians, have been baptized, and receive the holy Sacrament, even though they cannot even recite the Lord’s Prayer or the Creed or the Ten Commandments. They live like dumb brutes and irrational swine. Now that the Gospel has come, they have nicely learned to abuse all freedom like experts.”

Under these conditions, in 1529, Luther produced the Small and Large Catechisms. Here was summarized the Chief Articles of the Christian Faith to be taught by fathers to their families or pastors to their congregations. Today, we still use this resource and are familiar with its existence if not its content. This was a product of Luther the teacher and preacher. This was a Reformation highlight by which we profit today!

Luther’s translation of the New Testament in 1522 helped to standardize the German language as well as put the power of the Word in a common language for common folks. The whole Bible was available in German by 1534. Now the Bible is available in many of the world’s tongues when once, prior to the Reformation, it was available in Latin, the language of the church professional only.

What wonders occur as the Gospel has free course, and is preached to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people. It still works marvelous things among us, the beneficiaries of the Reformation. This abundance ought not to be taken for granted, for these are God’s gifts and works for and among us. What was done so long ago, God did through His instruments, first at Calvary’s cross, and then in and through Reformation times and people have prospered to the glory of His name! Thank God for every good and perfect gift from above, even His messengers, and His message, by which our troubled consciences are calmed and our lives are spared. Now that’s an idea whose time is always now!

— Rev. Mark A. Miller, President
1 Corinthians 2:2
We Are Part of a Bigger Picture — Bigger Mission

By Trip Rodgers, Assistant to the CID President, Education and Congregation Life

As members of the LCMS, we have a rich history of providing a strong academic education that is based on the teaching and beliefs of our church. From the founding of our Lutheran Church in the United States, we have been a strong proponent of providing a well-rounded Christian education to our congregational members and the community. Our Lutheran elementary/high schools and preschools are located across the United States and other countries.

From the Synodical records, we know that within The LCMS more than 1,200 early childhood centers and preschools are operated by congregations and Christian day schools. More than 87,000 children, ranging in age from infant/toddler to 5 years of age, are involved in these programs.

Additionally, our congregations operate more than 800 elementary schools, which serve approximately 113,000 students. We have 86 Lutheran high schools, with over 18,000 students. All of our schools have a core mission to reach out with the Gospel to their families and the community. As part of the blessings of this mission of our Lutheran churches, our Lutheran schools reported nearly 2,500 children baptized last school year because of a relationship with their Lutheran school.

The Central Illinois District (CID) is part of this picture. Within our District, there are a large variety of Lutheran churches that are providing a Christian educational outreach to their communities. We have 22 elementary schools of which many have early childhood centers. We have 30 congregations that are operating early childhood centers. We also have three Lutheran highs schools that are being supported by multiple congregations. These educational ministries may vary in their size, but not in their ministry to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These ministries are an expense to operate, but they are worth the cost. The following is a list of reasons (as posted on the LCMS website) why congregations and individuals support Lutheran Education.

Why Lutheran Schools?

• STRENGTHENING CONGREGATIONS
  Lutheran schools equip children to become Christian leaders in the congregation. The school also provides young parents in the congregation activities more than in congregations without schools. These young parents become new leaders of the congregation. Students are encouraged to become future pastors and teachers, ensuring an ongoing supply of church workers.

• NURTURING THE FAITH
  Faith is nurtured by daily proclamation of the Gospel, teaching children the Word of God and how to read and understand that Word on their own, and by modeling and challenging students to live the Christian faith.

• A SAFE PLACE
  Unfortunately, in many communities children are not safe. Lutheran schools provide places where children don’t have to worry about being attacked verbally or physically. Loving teachers and other staff members daily demonstrate Christ’s love for them and their love for children.

• STRENGTHING COMMUNITIES
  Every community needs students who are academically qualified and have learned to practice appropriate morality and respect. Since Lutheran schools accept students from all parts of the community, they can have a strong effect on the community itself.

• CHILDREN IN GOD’S WORLD
  As the Christian faith is integrated into their lives, Christian decision-making and problem-solving are facilitated.

• VALUE BY THE CONGREGATIONS
  Lutheran schools require a considerable investment of prayers, energy, money and staff. Such an investment by a congregation clearly demonstrates to the community that it places a high value on children, God’s beloved little ones.

• SEEKING THE LOST
  Lutheran schools, which enroll children from all parts of the community, provide new and varied opportunities for evangelism by the congregation and its staff. These opportunities are not available in any other way. That’s why Lutheran schools are considered the most effective agencies in congregational evangelism and why pastors of growing congregations with schools in nearly every case, identify the school as the congregation’s most effective outreach agency. Eighty-five percent of the fastest growing congregations in the Synod operate schools.

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
  When the LCMS was formed, it became a requirement of Synodical membership that congregations would provide Christian education for their children. This was before public schools were available and before Sunday schools were popular. Thus a congregation was expected to operate a Lutheran School if it was to become a member of the Synod. The Great Commission was not given only to parents, but to all members of the church. A current proverb, “it takes a village,” reminds congregations that it is their corporate responsibility to provide a Christian education for the children of the congregation.

• CONGREGATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY
  As the school reaches many segments of the community, the parents who come to the school begin to inquire about the sponsoring congregation. Members frequently ask each other, “Does this congregation have a school?” But non-member parents frequently ask the school, “Does this school have a church?” the congregation becomes better known in the community because of the school’s parents, and the school’s marketing efforts.
Camp CILCA

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have been privileged to be the director at Camp CILCA for just over a year now. As a former parish pastor I am often asked, “What does a camp director do?” I have settled upon this answer: “I pull people out of their mundane modern life and into contact with God’s creativity.” It is a great job!

Truth be told, every pastor does this. God creates us new in His Word and Sacraments. The creativity of God can be seen and enjoyed in nature. Even more, for the sake of our salvation, His re-creative work must be experienced in the Word of Christ.

That is why, while CILCA will always be thankful for its 215 acres of natural beauty, Camp CILCA is first and foremost bound and compelled by the Word of Christ. Thanks be to God!

I hope you will be able to take advantage of the programs offered at CILCA in the upcoming months. Our God has blessed us with this place that we may grow in faith toward Him and in love for one another.

In Christ,
Joshua W. Theilen
Director, Camp CILCA

What is going on at Camp CILCA?

June 4-August 4 – Summer Program for Pre-K through High School
To register go to www.cilca.org. If you encounter any difficulty or have any questions, just call the camp office at (217) 487-7497.

September 3 – Chicken Fry & Auction
10:30 a.m. - Joint Worship Service with the Lutheran Laymen’s League in celebration of LLL’s 100th anniversary.
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Chicken Fry Dinner
1:00 p.m. - Live Auction Begins

September 22 – Whippoorwill Golf Outing
Rail Golf Course in Sherman, IL

October 28 – Homecoming
Adventure Run 5K (registration now open), Oktoberfest, music, games, more!

“Faith, Hope and Love: A Threelfold Response to 13 Reasons Why”

The Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford’s “Faith, Hope and Love: A Threelfold Response to 13 Reasons Why” provides a timely theological response and reflection for teenagers, young adults and grown adults. As conversation continues around the controversial Netflix series 13 Reasons Why, we pray this resource will be useful for parents, pastors and teachers who continue to love and support our youth in the midst of sin and death.


Source: http://www.lcms.org
2017 CID’s Youth Bible Bowl Results

The 2017 edition of the CID Youth Bible Bowl was held Sunday, April 2, 2017, at Trinity Lutheran School in Springfield. This year’s theme was based on “The Life of David” (1 Samuel 16-1 Kings 2:12).

Congratulations to all the teams that participated in this year’s Youth Bible Bowl tournament. 1st place went to the team from St. John, East Moline (Allison Antolik, Collin Antolik, Caleb Engebrecht and Adam Homann), 2nd place went to Immanuel, Altamont (Nathan Budde, Austin Wendling, and Hayden Voelker), and 3rd place went to Zion, Taylor Ridge (Cameron Bieri, Kiersten Fuhr, and Carly Mueller).

All churches are invited to start their own Bible Bowl teams and join us next year. We have not selected a date for next year, but it will be in the spring. Next year’s theme will be based on a New Testament topic.

National Lutheran Schools Week
January 21-27, 2018

National Lutheran Schools Week provides our network of nearly 2,300 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God’s work among us in Lutheran schools.

We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus’ amazing love with children and their families. National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve.

Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God’s love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

National Lutheran Schools Week Resources can be downloaded at https://www.lcms.org/lutheran.schools.week

Source: http://www.lcms.org
The LCMS Children and Youth Ministry Conference is scheduled to be held July 9-12, 2017, in downtown Milwaukee at the Hyatt Regency Hotel under the theme “Transitions: Walking in the Truth.”

Join LCMS School Ministry and LCMS Youth Ministry for a time of learning, discussion and encouragement as we work together to strengthen our support of young people and their families, especially during critical times of transition.

Plenary speakers

Jake Mulder is the Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Fuller Youth Institute and is pursuing a Ph.D. at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. Mulder has worked in a variety of ministry and professional roles, including as a youth pastor in the Reformed Church of America, ministry director with Youth for Christ, and missionary with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Europe and Asia.

Cynthia Brown is Adjunct Professor in the Family Life department at Concordia University Ann Arbor, and she developed the core curriculum for the children’s ministry concentration. Brown is the author of *Energizing Your Children’s Ministry* (Concordia Publishing House), which uses personal anecdotes to present “a practical tool for church workers and volunteers who are passionate about outreach to God’s littlest disciples.” She has more than 40 years of experience working with children in both school and church settings.

Dr. Bernard Bull serves as Assistant Vice President of Academics and Director of the MS in Education — Educational Technology at Concordia University Wisconsin. He works with accelerated learning and continuing and distance education. His research interests include discipleship in the digital age; the philosophy of Christian education; Christian worldview studies; networked learning; formal and informal online learning environments; online and blended communities of practice; peer-to-peer learning; self-directed learning; digital literacy and digital citizenship.

Transitions

“For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” (3 John 3-4 ESV)

Members of the family of God participate together in the joy of watching young people walk in the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and their baptismal identity. In the journey, young people and their parents will face a number of transitions:

- Pre-Natal/Birth/Baptism to early developmental years
- Early childhood to elementary school
- Elementary school to confirmation and middle school
- Confirmation to high school and beyond

Through the transitions, we aim to instill a faith in Jesus Christ which young people do not outgrow, but cling to every day as part of the body of Christ.

Conference Goals

The goals of the conference are to gather, resource, and support LCMS congregations to:

- walk alongside young people as they live in their baptismal identity through each developmental stage.
- create and support Christ-centered environments which speaks of and demonstrates love for all of God’s children in every age and stage of adolescence.
- instill a hope-filled vision for ministry in the local, national, and international contexts.
- invite the whole “family of God” to be involved in the support of God’s young people.
- articulate a cohesive plan for ministry for training and nurturing parents and other leaders in the support of young people.
- be advocates for young people in their congregations and communities.
- celebrate how God has used His people to pass on faith in Christ from generation to generation in the LCMS and the Christian Church at large.

Resources and networking will take place through plenary and workshop sessions and special events.

Registration

Regular Registration (through June 1, 2017) — $250 per person

Late Registration (after June 1, 2017) — $300 per person

Group Discount (if registered by May 1, 2017) — $200 per person if three or more persons from the same congregation or entity register

Student Rate (Associate, Bachelor’s, Master’s, etc.) — $200

The Hyatt Regency Hotel is offering a block of discounted rooms for conference attendees.

For additional information email youth.ministry@lcms.org or call (888) 843-5267.
Our Challenge Response to 500th Anniversary to the Reformation

As we are all aware, 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In 1517, Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of Wittenberg’s Castle Church. That act initiated the reestablishment of the Biblically correct proclamation and teaching of salvation, by grace, through faith, on account of Jesus Christ. All believers have been the beneficiaries of that ever since. In the recent past, members of the CID have been instrumental in rebuilding Wittenberg’s Old Latin School and repurposing it into the International Lutheran Center. However, additional support is needed for special 500th Anniversary programming at the Center.

Around $25,000.00 would ensure an ongoing 2017 World Exhibition at the Center. (May 20 through September 10 is the height of the tourist season.) Numerous displays provided by many different Lutheran institutions would relate who we are as confessional Lutherans. Each week a pastor will be available to conduct tours and answer visitors’ questions. The customary twice monthly worship services would be increased to weekly. Those services could be simulcast so that believers all over the world can virtually worship “in” Wittenberg. Display materials, as well as pamphlets and brochures, signage and advertising, service bulletins, orders of worship, etc., need to be printed in English and German. Additional concerts, lectures, coffees, social hours will draw in people from outside the Church to come learn about Jesus. Individuals visiting Wittenberg, as well as those beyond, will be touched by the message of salvation, by grace, through faith, on account of Jesus Christ.

In order to meet those programming needs, as a fitting response to God’s many blessings to us, a special appeal is being made to members of all CID congregations. This appeal is over and above their customary corporate and individual yearly support of CID missions. Individual donations of $5.00 (for the 500th Anniversary), or $15.17 (for the 1517 beginning of the Reformation) or $20.17 (for the Reformation’s 500th year in 2017), or multiples of those amounts, could quickly add up. Members’ checks should be made out to their respective congregations, noting CID500 on the memo line to clearly designate this special mission purpose. Congregations are asked to merge those donations from among their individual members and, as needed, send (a) check(s) to CID LCMS 1850 N. Grand Ave. West Springfield, IL 62702-1626, again noting CID500 on the memo line. Any contributions over and above the needed $25,000.00 for Wittenberg will be devoted to other current CID mission projects.

Material for printing is available to download on the CID website at www.cidlcms.org.

What better way to celebrate the Reformation’s 500th Anniversary, than to effectively spread His Word!

“How be to God for His indescribable gift!”
(2 Corinthians 9: 15)

LutheranReformation.org
A website filled with great resources and more for you to use!

The Lutheran Reformation is still all about Jesus; that is, faithfully preaching and teaching the good news of Jesus Christ and standing for the teachings of God’s Word as they have been confessed in all times and all places wherever the Gospel is purely taught according to a pure understanding of it and where the Sacraments are administered according to Christ’s institution. With Martin Luther, we still say, “Here we stand, we can not do otherwise. God help us. Amen.” Learn more at: http://lutheranreformation.org.
Official Notices
1/16/2017 – 5/30/2017

Ordained

Status Changed
– Rev. Mark R. Elliott, Senior, St. John, Champaign to Candidate
– Rev. Joshua Theilen, Sole Pastor to Candidate, serving as Exec Director of Camp CILCA
– Rev. Russell Weise, Senior to Associate, St. John, Decatur
– Rev. Adam Ray, Associate to Senior, St. John, Decatur

Called to Glory
– Rev. Donald Richard Garvue, EM
– Rev. Wayne Martin, EM

Transferred In
– Rev. Jack E. Mackowiak from MI
– Rev. Michael W. Stoerger from English District
– Rev. Gary G. Trickey, EM, from PSW
– Rev. Matthew Berndt, Candidate, from MI
– Rev. Mark Drews, Candidate, from ND

Transferred Out
– Rev. Darrell Debowey, Immanuel, Springfield to WY
– Rev. Gregory Michel, St. Matthew, Milan to SWD

Assignments

Pastors
– Aaron Hauser, CSL to Associate, Our Savior, Springfield
– Simeon Raddatz, CSL to Sole Pastor, Trinity, Pekin

Vicars
– Raymond Doubrava, CFW, St. John, Beardstown
– Julian LaMie, CSL, St. John, East Moline
– William Smith Jr., CFW, Holy Cross, Moline

Ordained and/or Installed
– Rev. Jack E. Mackowiak, MI to Intentional Interim Pastor, Redeemer, Peoria
– Rev. Michael W. Stoerger, EN to St. Peter, Woodworth
– Rev. Matthew Berndt, Candidate, MI to Trinity, Manito

Straight From the President

The latest news and highlights – delivered to your inbox.

A new digital digest, packed with features selected from Synod publications and multimedia outlets, is available from the Office of the President. Pastors, church workers and laity will all find useful information to aid the whole church as we live and work together to proclaim the Gospel and bear Christ’s mercy to one another in our congregations, communities and the world.

Visit lcms.org/lifetogetherdigest to sign up.

Church Extension

Special Notes

For the first time in nearly four years, Church Extension has some exciting investment news. At the February meeting, the Church Extension Board of Trustees announced a special two-year investment with a rate of 1.25%. While that may not sound great, it is a very competitive rate.

The CEF goal is to provide competitive investment rates so we are able to provide our congregations with competitive loan rates for renovation and construction needs. These special notes will help us meet the nearly $6,000,000 loan demand that exists today and have surplus to meet future demand.

The special note will have a $1,000 minimum required and they must be purchased by September 30, 2017. When your note matures, it will automatically renew at a one-year term at the one-year rate in effect at that time. You may also redeem the special note at renewal and reinvest the proceeds at another term in effect at the time.

For more information, contact Dave or Susan at the CEF offices at (217) 793-1802.
LCMS CID Calls, Vicarage Announced

ST. LOUIS, April 28, 2017 — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis rejoices with the 119 students who learned of first call placements as pastors and deaconesses, and assignments as vicars and deaconess interns during Call Day services April 26. Calls were issued to 56 pastoral students and five diaconal students during a special worship service at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus on campus. These students join more than 12,500 who have been prepared to serve as pastors, missionaries, deaconesses and chaplains in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) during the Seminary’s existence. Five pastoral and four diaconal calls are pending.

Forty-eight vicars and one deaconess intern received their assignments at a 3 p.m. worship service, also in the chapel.

“It is a great time to be entering the ministry of our Lord Jesus,” Seminary President Dr. Dale A. Meyer told the students during the call placement service. “It’s because it’s a ministry of the Lord Jesus. He is alive. He is raising your generation up as ours recedes. Don’t let that go to your head. Let it sink deep down into your heart.”

Complete lists of calls, and vicarage and deaconess internship assignments can be found on the Seminary’s Call Day website at http://callday.csl.edu.

The LCMS CID received the following new pastors and vicar from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis:

**Pastors:**
- **Aaron Hauser** to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Springfield, IL
- **Simeon Raddatz** to Trinity Lutheran Church, Pekin, IL

**Vicar:**
- **Julian LaMie** to Saint John’s Lutheran Church, East Moline, IL

FORT WAYNE — Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, Indiana, placed the following students as vicars in the CID.

**Vicars:**
- **Raymond Doubrava** to St. John’s Lutheran Church, Beardstown, IL
- **William Smith, Jr.** to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Moline, IL

About Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis provides Gospel-centered graduate-level theological education for pastors, missionaries, deaconesses, scholars and other leaders in the name of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). To learn more, visit www.csl.edu.
The Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) volunteer training program is provided by the LCMS Office of National Mission. This is a simple training program designed to help attendees serve as a trained Christian volunteer when a disaster strikes.

This training is part of a Synod-wide disaster response program, facilitated by a network of District Disaster Response Coordinators and Teams, under the direction of LCMS Disaster Response. At the close of the program, attendees will receive a certificate of participation and a LERT volunteer credential issued by LCMS Disaster Response.

In the chaos of disaster, it’s important to stay focused on the task at hand. This training will help attendees focus on the most important thing to remember as they prepare for or respond to a disaster in their community or beyond. At the center of our LERT volunteer training is one thing—MERCY! Christ’s mercy is the basis for everything we say and do.

This 6-hour training event will equip attendees to be an effective volunteer should a disaster strike their community.

After a brief introduction regarding the goals and theological rationale of LCMS Disaster Response, the LERT volunteer training will address the following areas:

1) Christian Care in Times of Disaster
2) A Ministry of Presence
3) The LERT Program
4) Introduction to Disaster Response
5) At the Work Site
   a. Debris Clean Up
   b. Tarp and Patch
   c. Flood and Mud Clean Up
   d. Chainsaw Safety
   e. Necessary Paperwork

The $35 registration fee includes a disaster response training manual, disaster response vest, Certificate of Completion, I.D. badge, breakfast, and lunch. For registration forms, visit www.cidlcms.org.

The LERT Advanced Chainsaw Training Event

Saturday, November 4, 2017
Redeemer Lutheran Church
6801 North Allen Road
Peoria, Illinois 61614
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Registration begins at 8:30 am

The ADVANCED CHAINSAW volunteer training program is provided by the Central Illinois District – LCMS. In order to attend this course, attendees MUST have completed the six hour Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) basic training.

This eight hour event will consist of an instructional and operational based training. Once certified in chainsaw disaster applications, attendees will be equipped to be an effective chainsaw volunteer should a disaster strike their community.

Attendees will be required to bring hearing protection, eye protection, helmet, chaps, leather gloves, leather steel toe boots, chainsaw, bar oil, and fuel. If attendees do not have these items, we will provide them at the time of the training.

Attendees should bring their LERT disaster response vest and their LERT I.D. certification badge.

The cost is $35 which includes breakfast, lunch, manual, and certification. For a registration form, visit www.cidlcms.org.

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Annual CID Junior High Lock-In

Every three years, our church body holds a mega-event called the National Youth Gathering. Most likely, you or someone you know has attended the National Youth Gathering. If so, you know how the youth come back from that event—fired up for Jesus. Last year, our youth who attended the gathering came back and volunteered to speak to the congregation about what they experienced and how they were blessed! They also asked for the opportunity to go on a short-term mission trip this year!

Of course, the National Youth Gathering is not for Junior High age youth. But, we have something right here in central Illinois, that is! Every year, the Central Illinois District Junior High Lock-In provides a fun, safe, and Christ-centered event that hundreds of youth look forward to. After last year’s lock-in, I heard one of the seventh-graders in our congregation telling a 5th-grader, “Just wait until you get to 6th grade. You’ll be able to go to the CID Lock-In. You’ll love it!”

Many of our youth come from congregations where youth are in the minority. They can begin to think that church is not for them. At the lock-in, they join with hundreds of other youth from churches in our district. Together they listen to an engaging Christ-centered Gospel message. And together they hear God’s Word in connection with real-life, real-time issues that affect them. They realize that they are not alone. This can have a powerful impact. Last year we had students from our Concordia Universities who organized and led activities for the youth. This also has a positive effect on the youth, as they see these students, who are not too much older than themselves, who went to churches just like theirs, who are serving others and speaking out about their faith in Christ.

What’s great about the CID Lock-In?

• It is fun for youth! From the games, sports, music, message, and activities, to the food and the fellowship…it’s not Grampa’s gig!
• It is safe, well-organized, planned and supervised by adult volunteers from our CID congregations.
• It is Christ-centered. It helps youth grow in their faith and in their connection with their local congregation.
• It is not too far to travel, nor too expensive.
• It is easy for congregations, large or small, to participate.

On behalf of the CID Youth Committee, I want to invite and encourage congregations, pastors and youth leaders to put this event, the CID Junior High Lock-In, on your calendar for 2017. It doesn’t really matter if your church has a lot of junior high kids, or very few. And we are always open to suggestions on how we can make the event even better.

Have a blessed summer and see you in November!

Watch for more information.
The 2017 CID Jr. High Lock-In date will be announced soon!
New Investment Certificate Application

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<th>INTEREST PAYMENT METHOD (CHOOSE ONE)</th>
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<td>Flexible savings</td>
<td>0.25%</td>
<td>$25</td>
<td>Accumulate interest and add to note balance</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 year</td>
<td>0.50%</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td>Investment check semi-annually (if over $25)</td>
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<td>3 year</td>
<td>1.00%</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td>Direct Deposit - requires completed enrollment form.</td>
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<td>5 year</td>
<td>1.50%</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
<td>Go to <a href="http://www.cidlcms.org">www.cidlcms.org</a> or contact CEF to request the form</td>
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<td>6 months</td>
<td>0.25%</td>
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*INTEREST RATES ARE EFFECTIVE 10/1/2016 AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE - CALL TO CONFIRM CURRENT RATES*

OWNERSHIP TYPE (CHOOSE ONE)

______ Individual Ownership - Name ________________________________________________________________

______ Joint Ownership – Primary Owner Name _____________________________________________________
(See below to complete Secondary Owner)

______ Minor Ownership – Child’s Name _____________________________________________________________
(See below to complete Adult Custodian Name)

Address ____________________________________________ City ____________________________ State _______ Zip ________

Telephone Number ______________________________ Church Congregation (to meet 25% supporting investment requirement of mortgage loan)

Social Security or I.D. Number ____________________ Signature ________________________________

CERTIFICATION: Under penalties of perjury, I certify (1) that the number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number and (2) that I am NOT subject to backup withholding under the provisions of section 3406(a)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

INFORMATION BELOW IS REQUIRED IF JOINT OR MINOR OWNERSHIP IS CHOSEN ABOVE:

JOINT OWNERSHIP: circle one: AND OR Secondary Owner Name ________________________________
As joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common

MINOR OWNERSHIP: Adult Custodian Name ________________________________________________
Under the Illinois Uniform Gifts to Minors Act

Address ____________________________________________ City ____________________________ State _______ Zip ________

Social Security or I.D. Number ____________________ Signature ________________________________

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BENEFICIARY INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

1) (Name) __________________________ (Address) __________________________ (Social Security Number) __________________________ (Percentage) __________________________

2) (Name) __________________________ (Address) __________________________ (Social Security Number) __________________________ (Percentage) __________________________

3) (Name) __________________________ (Address) __________________________ (Social Security Number) __________________________ (Percentage) __________________________

4) (Name) __________________________ (Address) __________________________ (Social Security Number) __________________________ (Percentage) __________________________