



# Central Illinois District Spring Pastor's Conference

**April 15-16, 2024**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

2645 Old Jacksonville Rd.

Springfield, IL 62704

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Taylorville at [pastor@tlctaylorville.com](mailto:pastor@tlctaylorville.com) or by phone at 217-827-8148

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**



Rev. Dr. Mark Wood  
Director of LCMS  
Witness & Outreach



Rev. Dan Galchutt  
Executive Director for the  
Office of National Mission  
of the LCMS

## **Registration**

Register by March 21, 2024 at

<https://form.jotform.com/240045128624045>.

Paper registration forms also available on district website. Lodging accommodations are available at the following locations using code "Lutheran District Conference":

### **Drury Inn & Suites**

3180 South Dirksen Pkwy.  
Springfield, IL 1-800-325-0720 or  
<https://www.druryhotels.com/bookandstay/newreservation/?groupno=10096464>

\$131/night plus tax; Queen bed rooms available  
#10096464  
Reserve by March 25.

### **Hotel Sleep Inn**

3470 Freedom Dr.  
Springfield, IL  
217-787-6200  
\$69/night plus tax; Queen bed and Double bed rooms available  
Reserve by April 1.

### **Hampton Inn & Suites**

2300 Chuckwagon Dr.  
Springfield, IL  
217-793-7670  
\$109/night plus tax; Queen bed and King bed rooms available  
Reserve by April 1.

**Camp CILCA**—The camp has 14 hotel style rooms available as well as 9 cabins and several campsites. Those interested can make arrangements directly with the camp at 217-487-7497.

## **March for Life**

Come for the conference and stay for the march for life at Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield. We encourage you to bring members of your congregation as we advocate for the unborn on April 17, 2024 at 10am. Rally will be held at noon. The march will begin at 1pm.

## **CAMP CILCA BANQUET**

Camp CILCA's banquet will be on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> (the night before the conference). If you would like to reserve and come to the conference early, we invite you to attend this banquet in support of Camp CILCA.



# **Central Illinois District**

## **Pastors Conference**

### **Call For Papers**

The CID Conference Planning Committee is issuing a Call for Papers to be presented at sectionals during our Spring Conference, April 15th-16th at Our Savior Lutheran, Springfield.

Please include in your submission the following:

Your name

Your current assignment/call

The title of your presentation/paper

A half-page summary of your presentation/paper

Please submit in PDF or Word format to Rev. Brian Johnston, Committee Secretary, at [brian.c.johnston19@gmail.com](mailto:brian.c.johnston19@gmail.com) by March 12, 2024.

Sectional presentations are allotted 45 minutes, and are scheduled for 1pm on Tuesday and 8am on Wednesday. The Conference Planning Committee will review all submissions and make the final decision on presenters and scheduling by March 21, 2024.

The committee makes no guarantees about the availability of power outlets or technology for the sectionals.



**Central Illinois District  
Pastors Conference  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Springfield, IL**

**Preliminary Schedule**

**Sunday, April 14 (At Camp CILCA)**

5:00pm      Camp CILCA Banquet

**Monday, April 15 (At Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Springfield)**

9:00am      Registration

10:00am      Divine Service

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•      Presentations by Rev. Dan Galchutt

•      District Staff Presentations

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5:45pm      Break/Travel to Camp CILCA

6:15pm      Dinner (at Camp CILCA)

**Tuesday, April 16 (At Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Springfield)**

8:00am      Sectionals

9:00am      Divine Service

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•      Presentations by Rev. Dr. Mark Wood

•      District Staff Presentations

•      Additional Sectional Session

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5:45pm      Closing Prayer

6:00pm      Dinner (on your own)

**Wednesday, April 17 (March for Life)**

10:00am      Matins at Trinity-Springfield

11:00am      Lunch for Worshippers at State House Inn

12:00pm      Rally at Lincoln Statue

1:00pm      March for Life around the Capitol

# Conference Speaker Biographies

## **The Reverend Doctor Mark Wood**

### **Director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry**



The Rev. Dr. Mark A. Wood serves as the director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry and the LCMS Revitalization Initiative. He is the creator of the Every One His Witness evangelism program and re:Vitality revitalization resources and the author of *Connected to Christ: Witnessing in Everyday Life* (CPH 2021) and *Meaningful Outreach: An Essential Guide for Churches* (CPH 2022). Prior to joining the LCMS Office of National Mission in June 2014, he served as the founding pastor of Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Lithia, Fla., a daughter congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brandon, Fla., where he served as the evangelism pastor from 2000 to 2008. A second-career pastor, he served for six years on active duty service in the U.S. Air Force and then worked 14 years in the aerospace-defense industry, primarily in project management systems. A 2000 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, he also

holds an associate degree in computer programming, a bachelor degree in business administration, and Doctor of Ministry degree with an emphasis in Church Planting and Renewal from Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, FL. He and his wife Mary Ellen have five adult children, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. They reside in Gold Canyon, AZ

## **The Reverend Dan Galchutt**

### **Executive Director for the Office of National Mission of the LCMS**



Rev. Dan Galchutt received his B.A. in Theology from Concordia University, St. Paul in 2000. At CSP he had many great and life changing experiences. He made lifelong friends, enjoyed playing on the basketball team, and grew through his coursework and study. One of his greatest highlights from those years was the semester he spent abroad in London. This is where he met his wife, Melissa (Jacobitz), B.A. '03, who was also a student at CSP and a part of the exchange program. Pastor Galchutt serves as the new Executive Director for the Office of National Mission of the LCMS. He previously served six years on the staff at the LCMS Kansas District as the Assistant to the District President for Mission and Stewardship. Before joining the staff of the Kansas District, he was a pastor at Calvary, Topeka, Kan. (seven years) and at St. Paul's, Haven, Kan. (five years).

His experience in the parish blessed him with the opportunity to serve as a vicarage supervisor, to work with a Lutheran grade school and two preschools, be part of a building project, and experience many other joys and challenges in ministry. Dan has been active in various communities. He, and his wife, have taught Love and Logic parenting classes, as well as Families Count for at risk families. Dan has volunteered as a coach for youth sports on numerous occasions, been a regular visitor at a nursing home and helped out with soup kitchens, food banks, and pregnancy centers. Dan and Melissa, who have been married for 22 years, are blessed to be raising five children: Alison, Benjamin, Isaac, Andrew and Grace. They enjoy doing puzzles and playing games as a family, hiking and seeing the sights on vacations, sports (especially basketball), and going to help on the farm in Nebraska.