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"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved" John 10:9

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Taking Care

Of what will you be more likely to take greater care? Something you own, or something that is not yours?

“... thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine’” (Isaiah 43:1).

Stewards created and sustained by God have no reason to fear. They belong to God! They are owned fully by Him. With His mighty power the Lord created them. By His amazing grace, He has redeemed them in the innocent suffering and death of His beloved Son, Jesus.

You are doubly owned! And the Lord takes care of what He owns.

God, the Owner of all things by virtue of creation, sees you as a treasured possession. He promises never to hold out on you. He many not make you stupendously wealthy, incredibly intelligent, or astonishingly beautiful. But you do have the sure and certain promise that God IS with you. In Word and Sacrament, our Lord dwells with you, giving you His gifts of life and salvation! He takes care of you.

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We need not fear, contemplating the simple gifts our Lord gives and thinking of how we might share them with the church for the Gospel and our neighbors for God's glory. We have His promise to be with us.

So we can be generous, extravagantly so. For the Lord will not abandon us. We can take care with His gifts.

The faithful stewardship and generosity to which we are called is a confession of our trust in His promise. It isn't always easy, but it is all about the One Who owns us. In Him, we have no reason to fear. Because of Him, we are free to be faithful stewards of all He has, for His glory and our neighbor's benefit.

– adapted from “Simple Gifts: A Series of Devotions on Stewardship”
<https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/stewardship-ministry>

From the President's Desk

“Shall We Gather?”

In our topsy-turvy world, especially during the last eleven months, we have made do, with restrictions, quarantines, and governmental and health department dictates that have stretched the limits of our mental and spiritual wellbeing, and for some, due to the illness, their physical condition. Add media hype and manipulation, governmental overreach, political narrative, and personal fear to the mix and we have seen our lives and liberty stifled to a degree not experienced by most of our citizens in our lifetimes.

Gather with your fellow believers and draw from their Spirit-given strength and the encouragement of the Word of God.

While all this was going on, our little community, the Church, has carried on within these limitations and even ventured forth in new ways. A greater use of the Internet for live-streamed services has sent the Gospel out in ways we had not utilized as much or as often until now. Love for our neighbor in the pew kept our shared smiles under cover and held us at a distance, which affected our usual post-service fellowship and conversations. Shared snacks and meals became fewer and even the Lord's Supper, in some circles, was suspended for a time. Numbers of worshipers gathered on a Saturday or Sunday were maintained at extremely low levels of ten at first and only raised to 25% of capacity since mid-summer. It took a while, at least in our state, for our congregations' worship to be viewed

as “essential” by governmental standards. Pastors were extending themselves to the point of sheer exhaustion in order to provide the gifts that are exclusive to the Church to those eager to receive them.

There is now a new prognostication that with the present-time restrictions slowly going away, the vaccines being made available, still a new group is developing in our congregations who may now avoid public worship in the future because of the promise that doing so will keep them safe. This all over an illness that has a 98% survival rate. There are still fears of potential hospitalization, virus mutations, and long-time lingering after-effects. Some, we are told, enjoy watching the service on their computer screen, while sipping their coffee and eating their donut in their pajamas and remaining anonymous. They are still feasting on the Word, but is this the optimum for the children of the Lord?

Our loyalty to the Lord is always put to the test. Certainly, in our daily remembrance of His commandments and our evaluation of how well we are doing by them, we fall short in obedience but repenting, He never falls short in grace and pardon. In our knowledge of His Word, we don't know as much as we are known by Him. In self-justifying our actions according to the times and circumstances, He justified the world (declared us not guilty) by the shed blood of His Son which was not a convenience for Jesus but certainly worked out for our benefit. As far as worship attendance is concerned, statistically, we have seen a steady decline over the last half of the twentieth century and into the 21st, so that now we should rejoice that 20% of the membership is in church when things are good and not so scary. A steady increase in those who are determined to have nothing to do with Christianity or the Church (the non-affiliated) has been seen since the beginning of the new century.



Rev. Mark A. Miller, CID President

Those still a part of the worshipping community should recognize the benefits that should draw us to a greater participation as the opportunity lends itself. *There are privileges that come with our membership!* Since the beginning, worship of God doesn't only take place on an individual basis as in our prayer conversations with the Almighty. The Church is a community on par with family and country. We step forward in our pilgrimage with fellow saints by our side who share our same experience in our heavenward trek. Encouraging takes place as they take hold of our hand on this same narrow pathway. In the Third Commandment we are called together “in holy assembly” to be taught and to hear, to meditate and to join in the mutual comfort and conversation of the brotherhood. We are told not to forsake the “assembling of ourselves together,” because even “where there are two or three gathered in His name, the Lord is in our midst.” We offer up prayers for ourselves and for one another as an exercise of love that can never take place in isolation. The Church is community! The Word is communal, the sharing of the Gospel is communal, the washing of water and the Word takes place as a communal act, and the body and the blood of Jesus in the Sacrament is never isolated from the fellowship of the Church. It is a communal meal, an expression of our common faith, our common participation with God and with each other.

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Don't let thoughts of the convenience of individual expression and worship, or even personal safety, turn you into a "religious isolationist." Enjoy everything that the Lord has provided in all that it means to be His, a member of the royal household, His own dear child. Gather with your fellow believers and draw from their Spirit-given strength and the encouragement of the Word of God. Don't give place to thoughts that there is some better alternative to meeting in God's House and being with God's people and bathing richly in all His generous gifts by which you are made and preserved whole. I hope you are eagerly asking yourself: when we can gather, why shouldn't we gather again, to bask, in every way, in the depths of God's grace made ours when the pure Son of God entered our filthy world to save us?

— **Rev. Mark A. Miller**, *CID President*
1 Corinthians 2:2



Issues, Etc.

Through the Old Testament in a Church Year

Audio resource by Issues, etc. with Ken Schurb

You can find resources that survey the Old Testament in a year. Here, however, is one that does so in a *church year*. Going through Old Testament history in chronological order, it correlates various Old Testament incidents with the church year's themes and emphases.

This audio resource will consist of a series of *Issues, etc.* interviews with CID staff member Ken Schurb during the 2020-2021 church year. The typical interview will run about 25 minutes, closer to 20 minutes if listeners fast-forward through various announcements. The interview recordings will be available on demand at <https://issuesetc.org/archive>

The series commenced on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020, with an hour-long premiere highlighting the biblical teachings of Creation (appropriate for Thanksgiving) and of the Fall and first prophecy of the coming Deliverer (for the First Sunday in Advent). In each succeeding week, God willing, you will find at least one interview, occasionally more than that, to unfold the story of the Old Testament through the church year. The series will end on the Sunday before Thanksgiving in 2021.

After listening to each of these interviews, you can ask yourself:

1. **Now, how did that go?** – What was the Bible story on which the interview centered?
2. **Now, what is the Lord saying to me?** – What was the Law in this biblical account? Where was the Gospel?
3. **Now, how does this apply?** – What applications to life did this interview state? Or which others might be suggested by it?

Listen for these interviews week by week. Dig into the Old Testament. At the same time, renew your acquaintance with and appreciation for the church year. It all centers in Christ!



CID Youth Bible Bowl (April 2021)

Introducing the 2021 Central Illinois District Youth Bible Bowl: **The Exodus**. As, God willing, we have our own exodus from home confinement to meeting together as God's church in our various congregations, we seek God's guidance for our exodus by studying the historical portions of the biblical book of Exodus (chapters 1-20, 24, 32-34, & 40). Whether or not we can have an in-person District Bible Bowl (or via Zoom?), we can study God's word in our homes and/or churches in the Christian hope of God's freeing us from the shackles of this world into His promised paradise through Jesus Christ. Contact Pastor Mark Eddy at zionlcms@juno.com if you would like more information about how your congregation's youth might participate in this year's Bible Bowl.



In 2021, Bring Giving Home

“Bring Giving Home” (BGH) is the Central Illinois District’s Stewardship and Mission Education initiative that began in 2019. During 2020, events interrupted it somewhat.

BGH equips and encourages congregations to take the next step in Stewardship. What, precisely, might that step be? It depends a bit on what you have been doing up to now. Yet there is a “next step” for every church and every church’s members. We can all grow in the care of the Lord, and in caring for what He has entrusted to us. (See the front page of this *GatePost* issue.)

Due to the generosity of Church Extension Fund, BGH continues throughout 2021. CEF funding makes two prime BGH resources available:

- District President Mark Miller and Stewardship Executive Ken Schurb are most eager to preach and teach about Stewardship at your church during 2021.
- Dr. Schurb is also available for congregational consultations. Contact him at kschurb@cidlcms.org

If your congregation’s involvement with BGH has been limited up until now, you still have opportunity.

Schedule soon!

Ramsey+

If you have heard of Dave Ramsey, you have probably heard of Financial Peace® University, and vice-versa. Mr. Ramsey has taught money management skills for some years now. Although he has a number of platforms, including his own radio program, until now Financial Peace® University has amounted to his main set-piece teaching tool.

By the way, the Stewardship page of our Synod’s website has for years featured a “Preview and Review of Financial Peace® University,” which offers helpful suggestions for Lutheran pastors and lay leaders who want to use that tool in their congregations. This “Preview and Review” was written by Pastor Jonathan Conner, Stewardship chairman for the Iowa West District. Find it at <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/stewardship-ministry>

Now the Ramsey organization has unveiled Ramsey+, a suite of financial teaching and management tools. It includes Financial Peace® University, but also includes

- **Jump Start** – a basic place for beginners to begin
- **Legacy Journey** – suggestions for giving in the form of bequests
- **Smart Money, Smart Kids** – suggestions for teaching money management to children, with age-specific applications
- **Budgeting that Really Works** – just as it says: how to budget effectively
- **A budgeting tool**
- **A financial tracking tool**



RAMSEY+

Ramsey+ also offers online support through a Facebook group, a free coaching session for those who have questions and are challenged to find answers, and access to various live-streamed events.

With a generous grant from the Church Extension Fund, the Central Illinois District finds itself in a position to purchase a one-year Ramsey+ subscription that will include a number of CID congregations. With this, a congregation could grant access to the entire Ramsey+ bundle of financial resources to every family unit within the congregation for that year.

Would your congregation be interested in availing itself of this opportunity? How much use would you make of Ramsey+ in a year? Would your congregation be willing to offer CID the sum of \$500 — not to pay for its own subscription to Ramsey+, but to help CID do something like this again in the future?

Pastor Jonathan Conner appeared in an 11-minute video introducing the various aspects of Ramsey+. He made this video for Iowa West District, as part of that District’s attempt to determine the interest among congregations there. The video may be viewed at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kYbXgCU7fxRB1jyDRlvVZVnq_vPAGXGO/view

We are making similar inquiries of CID churches, and Pastor Conner has given us permission to utilize his video. Please address any reactions, including questions you may have, *not to him or to the Iowa District West office but to Ken Schurb* at the Central Illinois District office, kschurb@cidlcms.org

We would like to hear from you by the **end of February**, even if it is just a preliminary expression of interest.

Mathilda-ness

During this 175th academic year of Concordia Theological Seminary, the GatePost presents a transcribed portion of a class taught by Dr. Harry Huth on the Lutheran Confessions, from the seminary's last year in Springfield (1975-76). Dr. Huth told his students:

When I used to have a stewardship program in congregations, everybody thought that I was probably going to talk immediately and initially about how they handled their pocketbooks. But I used to tell them this story in order to make my point. I would tell them about the kind of stewardship I was hoping they would learn by the grace of God.

There was a fellow who wanted to marry a girl by the name of Mathilda. His father asked him, "Well, why do you want to marry Mathilda?"

The son replied, "Well, the first obvious reason is because she's a girl" . . . The father replied, "There are lots of girls. Why Mathilda?"

"Well, Mathilda is a Lutheran girl, and you told us we should always marry in the faith," the son answered.

"You know, there's lots of Lutheran girls. Why Mathilda?" asked the father again.

"Well, Mathilda is a beautiful Lutheran girl," came the son's reply.

"There are a lot of beautiful Lutheran girls. Why Mathilda?" pressed the father.

"She's an accomplished, beautiful Lutheran girl," came the son's emphatic answer.

"There are a lot of accomplished, beautiful Lutheran girls," said the father. "Why Mathilda?"

The father kept plying him with that kind of question.

Finally, in utter frustration, the son exclaimed: "I want to marry her for her Mathilda-ness!" [transcribed by Rev. M. L. F. Freiberg, Sr.].

Only Mathilda could be Mathilda, and this young man knew it.

The Lord Who created you and in Christ redeemed you has given you a unique responsibility. He has given you the responsibility to be you, with all the gifts He has given you, and all the callings and opportunities He has placed before you.



Camp CILCA "Life Changing, Life Long, Life Eternal" Campaign Update

In 2018 Camp CILCA launched the Life Changing, Life Long, Life Eternal capital campaign with the goal of raising \$1,000,000 to expand the Dining Hall, add a full time program director, eliminate debt, and add a significant amount of money to CILCA's endowment fund. The generosity of God's people abounded and two of these goals were met in full. The \$60,000 mortgage was paid in full and the endowment fund is up to \$100,000. The funds from this endowment go toward providing "camperships" for children who might not otherwise be able to afford a full week at camp.

While 2020 was a tumultuous year, CILCA was able to break ground on the Dining Hall expansion in September. As of January 11, the exterior frame is nearly completed and interior work continues. With the Lord's blessings the work will be completed by spring. Once the Dining Hall is completed the program director position will become the next priority.

Our Lord has been truly generous and His grace has made this all possible, working through His people. "Thank you" to all who have prayed, donated, and volunteered. You are a gift from the Lord.



CID is on Facebook AND Instagram

Come find us @cidlms in both locations! Our page is filled with prayer and encouragement for you to share with those around you. Join us to keep up to date on District happenings and learn about new and exciting things coming soon!



Keeping Christ on Campus

College is tough. People need Jesus. Won't you help?

The *Keeping Christ on Campus* initiative is actively growing four campus ministry endowment funds created last year by Lutheran Legacy Foundation. What's more, Lutheran Legacy has generously offered to match 100% contributions to each of these funds, up to \$10,000 apiece, through July 1. Earnings from these endowments will help the Central Illinois District maintain ministry to the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Illinois, Illinois State, Eastern Illinois, and Western Illinois.

Campus Ministry Endowment Update: as of the middle of January, donations (NOT including matching funds) are as follows – U. of I.: \$10,450.75; ISU: \$8,296.75; EIU: \$4,025.75; WIU: \$9,320.75. As you can see, one of these endowments has already garnered over \$10,000, two others are approaching this mark, and the other is close to halfway there. **Thank the Lord for this early success!**

For more information: <http://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-campus.html>

To donate: <https://www.lutheranlegacyfoundation.org/fund/central-illinois-district-campus-ministry>



On Facebook, CID has been featuring different campus ministries every month during the present academic year. See if you recognize familiar faces, places, and stories!

Visit [facebook.com/cidlcms](https://www.facebook.com/cidlcms)

New Prison Ministry Coordinator Rev. Rodney Blomquist

The Central Illinois District has welcomed help as it seeks to expand prison ministry. Rev. Rodney Blomquist, who is retiring as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Taylorville, has agreed to serve as CID's Prison Ministry Coordinator.

Rev. Blomquist has a wealth of personal experience in prison ministry. When the Taylorville correctional facility opened in 1990, he was among the first volunteers to conduct services and later a Bible study there.

Most recently, but prior to the current pandemic, he has taught a weekly Bible study and conducted chapel services on the fourth Sunday of the month at Taylorville. When there were confirmed Lutheran men in the facility, he has held monthly communion services for them.

He has also been involved in the "Storybook" project. Every other month, the men could record a book for their children or grandchildren. The recording as well as the book would then be sent to the appropriate child.

Rev. Blomquist's years of experience and depth of familiarity with Illinois prison procedures will benefit our District and many who will be on the receiving end of various outreach efforts that he coordinates. Pray for these efforts as they are getting started, and watch for further information about them in the weeks and months ahead!

Upcoming Events

CID LLL Convention – March 6, 2021

Convention will be held at St John's, Effingham. Speaker will be Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Michael Zeigler.

LCMS Virtual Life Conference – March 19-20, 2021

Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod; Timothy Goeglein, Focus on the Family Vice President of External and Government Relations; and Deaconess Tiffany Manor, Director, LCMS Life Ministry will be featured speakers. For \$20, you get access to the event live. For \$40, you get that, plus ongoing access to the recordings for another 90 days. Each participant must register individually. Additional information and registration can be found at https://www.lcms-life.org/?r_done=1

CID Youth Bible Bowl – April 2021

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"Here I Stand" Sunday – April 18, 2021

More information will be released from the Synodical Office in the future. As a reminder in its 2019 convention, the Synod adopted the following resolution:

4-09, To Declare April 18, 2021, as "Here I Stand" Sunday and to Encourage Multi-Congregation Celebrations

"Resolved, That April 18, 2021 be declared "Here I Stand" Sunday throughout The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, its districts, circuits, and congregations; and be it further

"Resolved, That these entities be encouraged to gather for worship celebrations to commemorate this event; and be it further

"Resolved, That a synodwide thank offering be coordinated and collected for this day, to be used toward the continued proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world . . ."

LWML CID's 75th Convention & 75th Anniversary Celebration

The LWML CID's 75th Convention and 75th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for April 29-May 1, 2021, at Bethel Lutheran Church, Morton.

CTSF – Continuing Education Class – June 21-23, 2021

The class will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Decatur. Topic will be "The Book of Jeremiah: Overcoming Life's Sorrows". Instructor will be Dr. R. Reed Lessing, Professor of Theology and Ministry and the Director of the Center of Biblical Studies at Concordia, St. Paul. Based upon Dr. Lessing's forthcoming book on Jeremiah, this course will be a combination of in-depth study and practical application — all based upon one of the prophet's major themes: surviving life's sorrows. Jeremiah offers a hope and future in Christ to all who have experienced a major disaster in life. For cost and additional information contact email Rev. Matthew Verseemann at pastorverseemann@msn.com or by phone (217) 420-0586.

Official Notices

12/4/2020 – 2/14/2021

Ordained

Change In Status

- **Rev. Jonathon Holmes**, Associate Pastor, Trinity, Springfield to Candidate
- **Rev. Rodney Blomquist**, Trinity, Taylorville to EM

Transferred In

- **Rev. Brian Pape**, PSW
- **Rev. Doug Minton**, MNS

Transferred Out

- **Rev. Aaron Hauser**, Associate, Our Savior, Springfield to SWD

Installation

- **Rev. Brian Pape**, Pastor, St. Peter, East Peoria
- **Rev. Doug Minton**, Pastor, Our Savior, Milford

Called to Glory

- **Rev. K. Michael Simminger**, EM
January 1, 2021

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CID Church Extension Fund

Grants Awarded in 2020

During 2020, God blessed the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF) to enable us to approve just shy of \$100,000 in grant requests with exciting possibilities for expanding the LCMS ministry both within and reaching beyond the Central Illinois District. The pandemic opened new opportunities for creative approaches to spreading the gospel! Following is a summary of the grants we approved during the year:



\$1,000 to Washington Our Savior – “Store to Door”

Shopping for those in the community who are unable to do so, while building relationships and sharing the Good News.

\$8,000 to Monticello Faith – “Vision for Honduras, Haiti, and Kenya”

Purchasing two autorefractors for prescribing eyeglasses to be used on evangelism and vision trips supplying 2,000 pairs of eyeglasses annually.

\$900 to Springfield Trinity – “Small Group Ministry”

Building small group relationships within the church and expanding to reach unchurched families and friends.

\$8,800 to Springfield Lutheran High School – “Live Streaming”

Live streaming activities such as chapel and athletic and musical events from the school while COVID restrictions prohibit attendance and posting on YouTube for greater outreach.

\$22,500 to schools throughout the CID – “Funding CID Schools Now and Forever”

Partnering with an anonymous donor and the Lutheran Legacy Foundation in year 2 of a 3-year program providing matching funds and grant funds to schools raising an initial \$5,000 endowment.

\$4,000 to Champaign University Lutheran – “Outdoor Tent for COVID Ministry”

Creating an outdoor space for student ministry and activities while providing great visibility to members of the community.

GRANTS to the Central Illinois District Office

\$10,000 to CID – “Parking Lot”

Third installment on refurbishment of the CID parking lot.

\$20,000 to CID – “Ramsey Plus Grant for CID Congregations”

Providing our CID congregations affordable access to financial tools including Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University.

\$4,000 to CID – “Reaching Out to Our Community Students and Families”

Producing a video for our schools as a recruitment tool highlighting their unique offerings during COVID and for the future, and hosting a training workshop on public relations and advertising/promotion.

\$4,050 to CID – “Peer Support Stipend”

Supporting the volunteer efforts of early childhood consultants, the prison ministry coordinator, and organists conducting clinics for other organists.

\$2,500 to CID – “Prison Ministry Video”

Creating a video to raise awareness of and recruit workers for the CID prison ministry.

\$2,700 to CID – “Circuit Events for Church Worker Recruitment”

Producing two videos during the Shelbyville/Effingham/Altamont joint Circuit Convocation focusing on church worker recruitment to be shared with other circuits in the CID.

\$7,500 to CID – “Seminarians in Need”

Providing needs-based support for seminary students.

We pray God’s Blessings on these ministry projects — may they enhance the spiritual life of our congregations and cultivate new believers for His harvest!

CID Endowment Fund

The Central Illinois District of the LCMS Endowment Fund promotes and encourages Christian Stewards through special gifts and bequests. These funds are used to further the Lord's work primarily in the area of scholarships for the education of full time church workers attending the Concordia University System, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, or Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, pursuing careers as ordained pastors or other full time church work professions.

The Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc. was established for the solicitation, investment and disbursement of gifts, grants, devises and bequests to the Central Illinois District. It provides an avenue for the above gifts to be received and managed independent of the regular District budget.

The CID Endowment Fund was established by the CID at the 2003 District Convention. For many years prior to this the Clara and Spencer Werner Foundation provided financial support for CID students. The Clara and Spencer Werner Foundation encouraged the CID to establish this Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund provides a vehicle for others to join in the funding of church worker education.

The CID Endowment Fund's Board of Trustees manages Fund assets and establishes policies for disbursement gifts. Congregations and individuals are asked to prayerfully consider giving generously to the CID Endowment Fund. Your gift, when combined with the gifts of others, will help the CID continue its support for those answering the call to serve His church.

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the operations of the fund, review investments and related returns, and administer funds distribution to the CID for scholarships. Non-voting Trustees are CID President Miller, CID Treasurer Mr. Dale Dirks.

The Endowment Fund was founded to assist the CID with scholarships for the education of full time church workers attending the Concordia University System, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, or Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, pursuing careers as ordained pastors or other full time church work professions. CID Church Extension Fund CDs were the initial funding method. The Endowment Fund Board determined the need for investment management and changed from exclusive investment in CDs because of changing economic conditions. The Fund also changed from reactive to proactive distribution of funds to the CID and established a distribution formula to inform the CID in February the funds available for the next academic year. This year's Scholarship Sunday is May 2, 2020.

Please consider additional gifts for scholarships by sending those funds to the CID Endowment Fund. With the current 4% of total plan assets going to the District for scholarships, your gift to the Endowment Fund will continue funding scholarships each year. Contributions to the Endowment Fund are deductible from income for tax purposes.

For additional information about the CID Endowment Fund, please contact the Central Illinois District Office at (217) 973-1802.

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CAMP GILCA SCHEDULE 2021

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



February 27 - Men's Woodcutter's Retreat

March 21 - Annual Banquet

Held at Our Savior's Lutheran in Springfield.

Contact the camp office to reserve your tickets.

April 16-18 - Women's Scrapbooking Retreat

May 29 - Junior Counselor Training

10 AM-2PM at Camp

Sunday, May 30 - Annual Hog Roast

10:30 AM: Worship

11:30-2:30 PM: Hog Roast Dinner

June 2-July 27 - Summer Camp Program

August 28 - Dudes' Shooting Retreat

September 5 - Chicken Fry & Auction

10:30 AM: Worship

11:30-2:30 PM: Chicken Fry Dinner

1:00 PM: Live Auction Begins

September 24 - Whip-Poor-Will Golf Outing

October 1-2 - Catechetical Retreat

October 23 - Homecoming

GRIT Run, food, music, games, and more!



SUMMER PROGRAMS 2021

The Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association (CILCA) exists to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and fellowship with others in a unique outdoor setting. CILCA strives to reconnect Christians to Christ and Creation.

GENERATIONS

Campers age 4 thru 4th grade are introduced to camp with a 1-night stay with a parent or other adult. **\$125***

Session I : **June 18-19**

Session II: **July 2-3**

*per parent/child twosome

PATHFINDERS

1st- thru 4th-grade campers break out on their own with a 2- or 3-night stay. **\$140/*\$175**

Session I; **June 2-4**

Session II: **July 6-9***

Session III: **July 25-27**

BOLD SPIRITS

4th- thru 6th-grade campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. **\$310**

Session I: **June 13-18**

Session II: **June 27-July 2**

DAUNTLESS SOULS

6th- thru 8th-grade campers gather for a screen-free week of life-changing outdoor adventure. **\$310**

Session I: **June 20-25**

Session II: **July 11-16**

M.A.D. WEEK

5th- thru 8th-grade campers choose one track-**Music, Art,** or **Drama**-for the week & are led by experienced instructors. **\$340**

Session: **June 20-25**

AQUA WEEK

4th- thru 6th-grade water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. **\$340**

Session: **June 27-July 2**

JOYFUL HEARTS

Campers of all ages with developmental disabilities experience the joys of the outdoors during a 2-night stay. **\$150**

Session I: **June 6-8**

Session II: **June 9-11**

ATHLETICS WEEK

5th- thru 8th-grade campers focus on a new sport every day: soccer, volleyball, track & more! **\$340**

Session: **June 13-18**

NIGHT OWL

6th- thru 8th-graders experience camp while staying up all night and sleeping all day. Enough said! **\$340**

Session: **July 11-16**

INTREPID HEARTS

High-School students enjoy the rejuvenation of God's creation in a laid-back week before school starts. **\$310**

Session: **July 18-23**

WE NEED YOU!

High-Schoolers & Older! Stay at camp for free while serving as a Joyful Hearts volunteer or Junior Counselor (JC)! Junior Counselors are confirmed members of an LCMS congregation and assist Senior Counselors with the care of campers. *Register at our website!*

Register Today!

To find in-depth details on each camp & **register*** visit:

www.cilca.org

*\$50 due at time of registration

INVESTMENT APPLICATION



CHURCH EXTENSION FUND, INC. (CEF)

Central Illinois District - LCMS (CID)

1850 North Grand Avenue West

Springfield, IL 62702-1626

TELEPHONE: (217) 793-1802 FAX: (217) 793-9454

EMAIL: cef@cidlcms.org www.cid-cef.org

New Investment: \$ _____

Make check payable to:
CID Church Extension Fund

-OR-

Existing CID-CEF Investment Certificate # _____

(signed Investment Certificate or Lost Certificate Agreement must be returned with Application)

Reinvest \$ _____ Redeem \$ _____

INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES - Minimum Investment: \$500 - Interest paid/applied and statement sent semi-annually

- 1.25% 5-year term 1.00% 3-year term
 0.60% 1-year term 0.30% 6-month term

Special Term and Rate – Limited Time!!!

- 1.00% 2-year term

INTEREST PAYMENT METHOD (Choose one)

- Accumulate interest and add to investment
 Investment check semi-annually (if over \$25)
 Direct Deposit – requires completed enrollment form
(Go to www.cidlcms.org or contact CEF to request the form)

INTEREST RATES ARE EFFECTIVE 1/1/2021 AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – CALL TO CONFIRM CURRENT RATES

FLEXIBLE SAVINGS – Interest added to account monthly, statement sent quarterly

- Regular Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 0.25% Minimum: \$25 – available to all customers
 Capital Campaign Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 0.60% Minimum: \$500 – available only to religious organizations

Account Ownership (Complete A, B, or C. Please print)

A. Sole or Joint Owners (One or more owners as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not tenants in common. Beneficiaries may be designated on "Beneficiary Designation" form. Interest is reported to the IRS using the Social Security number of the first owner listed.)

1. _____
Last or Religious Organization Name First MI Social Security # or TIN Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
2. _____
Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
3. _____
Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

- Check if "Beneficiary Designation" form is attached Check that all joint owners have signed application

B. Trust ("Certificate of Existence of Trust and Authority to Act" must be completed and sent with application)

Name of Trust Social Security #/TIN

C. Custodian Investment for Minor (Under the Illinois Uniform Transfers to Minors Act)

MINOR Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

CUSTODIAN Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Contact Information for Account

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

Supporting Investments

(Please provide the organization to be recognized for current or future investment requirements)

Your Home Congregation

City

---OR---

Other LCMS Organization

City

Investment Certification and Signature – Signatures of all account owners are required.

By signing this application (“I” refers to all applicants, whether one or more), I certify that:

- All information provided is true and correct.
- I am of legal age and not a minor.
- I authorize the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund to initiate any correcting debit or credit that may be necessary.
- I have received a current Offering Circular of the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund.
- I am a member of, contributor to, or participant in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or any district or other program, activity, or organization which constitutes a part of the Synod or any of its districts, or I am an ancestor, descendant, or successor in interest to such person.
- I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).
- The Social Security or Tax ID number shown for me on this application is correct.
- I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) the IRS has not notified me that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding. Please draw an “X” through the preceding sentence if you ARE currently subject to backup withholding. Due to IRS regulations, the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund cannot record your investment until your Taxpayer Identification Number is provided and the above certification signed. The IRS does not require your consent to any provisions of this application other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

Signature of Account Owner/Trustee/Custodian/Authorized Signer

Date

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The CID-CEF is a nonprofit religious organization, therefore CID-CEF investments are not FDIC-Insured bank deposit accounts.

The Mission of the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund, Inc. (CID-CEF) is to aid member congregations and agencies in the Central Illinois District of the LCMS in building and expanding their facilities and their ministry for the growth of God’s Kingdom.