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

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Making Disciples for Life 

Giving the Very Best

In the fanciful 1947 film *The Bishop's Wife*, an angel (portrayed by Cary Grant) writes a Christmas Eve sermon for a bishop (David Niven). This sermon starts out describing the pains people take to give the most fitting Christmas gifts to their loved ones. We strive to give everyone the very best we can. No one is left out, says the sermon in the movie — except the Child in the manger. What are we giving Him?

The words "The End" appear on screen while the bishop is preaching this sermon. Viewers are left to guess how he went on beyond the first couple of minutes.

A Christmas Eve sermon needs to go on from there, though. A Christian sermon — for any occasion! — will say more.

And it will say better. It will tell of the Child in the manger, mentioning Him not for what we give Him, but for the Gift He is to us. "For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given" (Isaiah 9:6). God gave His Son due to His great undeserved love for the world. "For the grace of God has appeared. It brings salvation to all people" (Titus 2:11).

At Christmas, the Creator of the universe and the Giver of every good and perfect gift gave the very Best. God "gave His dearest Treasure" (LSB 556:4). What did the Christmas angel say? "The Savior, who is Christ the Lord, was born for you today in David's town" (Luke 2:11). The greatest Christmas Gift is Christ and the salvation He brings. In Jesus, God gave the very Best.

Then God gives us still another gift: setting us up to gift others with the greatest Gift. When we tell people the Good News about Jesus, we give them the very Best . . . not only the very Best we can give, but also the very Best that God has given.

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From the
President's Desk

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Ero Cras – Tomorrow I Come.

As we enter into the season of Advent, we are reminded of waiting — waiting in eager anticipation of the coming of Christ. In the first half of the history of the Church, this anticipation was marked with special antiphons, or introductory verses, before the singing of Mary's song, the *Magnificat*, at every evening worship service in the seven days leading up to Christmas. These antiphons remind the church of the different names and offices of the promised Messiah spoken through the Prophet Isaiah. While debated whether intentionally organized this way, the first letters of these Latin phrases form the words "Ero Cras" — or "tomorrow I will be." Usually understood as "Tomorrow, I come," I cannot help but call to mind God's Divine Name — "I AM." I AM will be in the flesh among you tomorrow (Christmas).

No longer meeting for prayer three times everyday, if we followed the ancient practice, we might only encounter one or two of the these antiphons. Hymnwriter John Neale paraphrased these sentences for us in the Advent hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. (LSB #357.) As we prepare to speak this Good News of the birth, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord, Jesus, we take a moment to meditate on these antiphons and the story of our salvation they tell. And having been fed by God's Word, we speak that Word to others.

E*mmanuel (God with Us)* (12/23) In Isaiah 7, the Lord promises a sign to King Ahaz that God's people will not be wiped from the face of the earth. "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and you shall call his name Emmanuel... God with us." This promise is fulfilled in Christ. He is God with us not just in being beside us as we go through life. He is God with us as He has joined Himself to our very flesh and blood to redeem what He has become that we ourselves may be in the resurrection as He is now.

R*ex Gentium (King of Nations)* (12/22) Isaiah 9:4 promises that the child will bear the government upon His shoulders. All authority and might will rest upon this Promised One, not just the rule over Israel, but of all the nations. Salvation in Him is poured out over all, and the veil of death that covers all nations shall be lifted by His work. (Is. 25:7)

O*riens (Dayspring/Rising Sun)* (12/21) Since the fall of Adam and Eve, all of humanity has walked in the darkness of sin, death, and the power of the devil. "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light," (Isaiah 9:2) and that light is Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. (John 8:12) This light is sometimes called the bright and Morning Star.

C*lavis David (Key of David)* (12/20) Keys open and they close, they loose and they bind. God promises through Isaiah that upon His Chosen One shall be placed "the Key of the House of David. He shall open and no one can shut, he shall shut and no one can open." (Isaiah 22:22) Christ conveys this office for His Church to administer until His return. (Matthew 16:19) This title is still used of Christ even in the Book of Revelation. (Rev. 3:7)

R*adix Jesse (Rod of Jesse)* (12/19) Isaiah 11:1 — "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit." As the stump of a tree parents adventitious shoots, so did our God preserve the line of His Messiah even in the midst of His pruning judgment against His people. Jesse was the father of David - anointed by God to be king and given by God to be the ancestor of Jesus, the King of Kings.

A*donai (Mighty Lord)* (12/18) While these antiphons use titles of the Messiah used by Isaiah, this title is most fully developed in the first five books of the Bible, especially in Exodus, where we see God delivering His people with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Isaiah 11, the great chapter describing the coming Messiah, includes a catalog of deeds of the might of the Lord in verses 4-5.

S*apientia (Wisdom)* (12/17) "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD." (Is 11:2) This wisdom of God is proven to be righteous in her children — the deeds worked by our Savior, Jesus. The Word He breathes out for you make you wise unto salvation. (2 Tim. 3:15)

God bless you all in this coming year.

Reminder:

Winter Small Church Summit IN TWO LOCATIONS



If you think your church is small, you are invited to the Small Church Summit (SCS). And this time it is probably being held closer to you than in the past!

The winter SCS meeting in CID will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 (or, if weather is bad that day, on Feb. 10) at Faith, Lincoln. You may also attend the SCS in SID, with a similar program, on Jan. 6 (bad weather date: Jan. 27) at Messiah, Carlyle. Both are free.

There will be plenty of opportunity for discussion among participants. SID President Timothy Scharr will make a presentation on reaching out to inactive members. Small group discussion topics for the afternoon will include Bible study in the small church, congregational partnerships, stewardship of spiritual gifts, and more.

Register today for the SCS. Get two or three others from your church also to register, and bring them along! **Register at <https://forms.gle/5eEQYVGgAwMdtj4v6>**

Giving the Very Best

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For the Holy Spirit uses the Gospel witness of even the humblest Christian to bring Christ to others. None of us is worthy of this!

Nor was it inevitable that God would give us the honor of giving others the greatest Gift. He could have put His Good News out through angels. He did this at the first Christmas, and He could make it so all the time. God's angels would do the job right. These holy beings would do it on time, and without fail.

Still, none of them could ever say, "Jesus died for me." For Jesus died for people — not angels but people, all people.

Jesus died for you. Then He rose from the dead. A result of your believing in Him by the power of the Holy Spirit is that you get in on giving the gift of salvation. You too want to give others the very Best.

This Christmas *GatePost* issue highlights evangelism, telling the Good News about Jesus. It's a great emphasis for Christmastime.

Gifts are to be shared. That goes especially for the very Best Gift.



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EARTH.

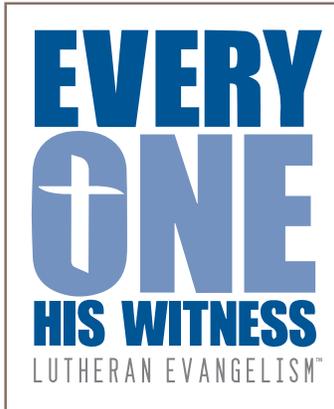


CHRIST CAME FOR YOU

STIMULATING TRAINING FOR WITNESS:

Every One His Witness

As God’s people, Christians “proclaim the excellencies of him who called [us] out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9) and maintain constant preparation “to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15). Perhaps sometimes to us, it might seem “best for God to take away our breath and let us die as soon as we are baptized and have begun to believe,” as Martin Luther observed. “But He lets us live here in order that we may lead other people to believe, doing for them what He has done for us” (*What Luther Says*, [CPH, 1959] number 3021).



Our Synod, as recently as its convention this past summer, encourages congregations to make diligent and widespread use of E1HW. It also encourages pastors and other church workers to inculcate a desire in people to witness, consistent with the Lutheran Confessions, particularly to non-churched people. (The foregoing is based on LCMS 2023 Res. 1-01A.)

Has your congregation conducted E1HW training? If so, how long ago was that training?

The basics of E1HW (the “core module”) can be obtained from Concordia Publishing House in

We Christians are positioned to do this. We know and interact with many non-Christians and unchurched people through our vocations and daily lives — for example, family, coworkers, or classmates. Recall, too, that most people who attend church for the first time or for the first time in a long time do so at the invitation of a church member who has a relationship with them.

a \$180 kit that includes 12 E1HW participant workbooks and an instructional DVD. The kit equips you to conduct the core module as a self-directed study. However, if you would like some help, Dr. Ken Schurb of the CID office will happily consult with congregations or, as time permits, conduct E1HW workshops on a congregational or even circuit basis.

Even though Christians in this sinful world often fear to speak of Christ with others, such fear can be addressed through teaching and learning not only the biblical message of the Gospel but also particular ways to become conversant concerning God’s Good News. There are resources for learning such as the Synod’s *Every One His Witness* (E1HW), both its core module and a growing number of context modules that help prepare Christians for witness to people from various specific backgrounds.

Specialized E1HW “context modules” are available for free online at <https://www.everyonehiswitness.org> These video presentations take up witnessing to Mormons, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Muslims, recently discharged military veterans, people who seem to worship science, unchurched adult children of church members, and many more groups. More material is being added to the website all the time. If you have questions, e-mail kschurb@cidlcms.org

Consider E1HW in 2024!

SONGS OF DELIVERANCE
PSALMS IN THE GREAT CONGREGATION

2024 INSTITUTE ON LITURGY, PREACHING & CHURCH MUSIC
July 9-12, 2024
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, NEBRASKA (CUNE), SEWARD, NEB.

Question of the Week

For years, churches have had guest books. More recently, these have been replaced by “friendship pads” in many places, or by other devices. All are means to enable church visitors to record their attendance, and for the congregation to gather data with which to follow up on those who have visited church services.

What if people don’t provide you such information, though? They may altogether ignore whatever means you have. Or, when they register, they may provide you only their name. Perhaps they will also tell you their city of residence. Overall, they leave you with a challenge: how to get back to them?

One thing that you can do is to entice visitors into contacting you. CID congregations now have the opportunity to do this in a new way, the “Question of the Week.”

Starting on Monday, December 11 (and looking ahead to the following Sunday, December 17), the CID office will send all District congregations a question and a link to an audio sound bite that contains an answer to that question. For example, here is what is set to be sent on December 11:

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Is God impersonal, a remote being way out there?

To hear an answer to this question, go to <https://www.cidlcms.org/myth-or-faith/1.1.m4a>

If you would like to receive every week an e-mail message with a new question and a link to audio answering that question, e-mail
INSERT THE E-MAIL ADDRESS OF YOUR CHURCH’S CHOICE

This blurb takes only a few lines in a church bulletin. It will probably catch the eye of some of your church’s members, which is great. Every week, when your church gets the new Question of the Week from CID, you can forward it to them.

But we are eager to discover whether at least some visitors to your church’s services will also register to receive questions and links to answers in subsequent weeks. If they do, *you will have some contact information for them*. And the messages you send them week by week can include more than the questions they requested. You can also advise them of events, invite them to services for Lent and Easter, and even write them specialized messages.

By the way, the various audio answers are from the “Myth or Faith?” series already on the CID website by the kind permission of Concordia Publishing House and Lutheran Public Radio.

CID plans a trial period. D.v., a Question of the Week will be sent out every week until the end of February. In early February, the District office will send all CID congregations a survey to help us determine how many nonchurched people the Question of the Week is helping you to reach. It will also ask how you are reaching out to them.

If you have questions about the Question of the Week, contact Dr. Ken Schurb at CID office, kschurb@cidlcms.org



Official
Notices

Ordained

Transferred Out

- **Rev. Matthew Montgomery** – to Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN – 11/13/2023

Installations

- **Rev. Keith Buelmann** – St. Paul Pana, IL – 10/29/2023
- **Rev. Matthew Berndt** – Trinity/St. Paul Dual Parish, Mantio, IL – 11/5/2023

Congregational Changes

- Trinity, Manito, and St. Paul, Manito, formed a dual parish – 11/5/2023
- Trinity, La Rose, merged with St Paul, Varna – 11/5/2023

Making
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Keeping Christ on *Campus*

Campus Ministry Tidbits

Western Illinois: After a lengthy pastoral vacancy, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Macomb welcomes Pastor Chris Hull, to be installed on December 10. He will be an asset to CID campus ministry, starting particularly, of course, as he works with students, faculty, and staff at WIU. And a huge thanks to all who “held campus ministry together” there over the last four years!

Illinois State: Typical of what happens frequently at our campus ministries, two ISU students were confirmed in the morning service on October 8 at Wittenberg Lutheran Center in Normal. Dr. Ken Schurb of the CID staff had been scheduled to preach at Wittenberg then. He ended up being there on an important day for these young men and for Wittenberg.

University of Illinois: University Lutheran Church and CID have concluded an agreement with Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center in Champaign to allow the center to utilize some space in the library at University Lutheran for counseling. This will make the center’s services initially available to a large number of women at and around the university campus.

Eastern Illinois: Most of the student leaders at Immanuel Lutheran Campus Ministry in Charleston graduated last spring. A new group of student leaders is taking its place under the leadership of Pastor Ken Hoover. One training event for them was conducted in September by Dr. Ken Schurb of CID office, a Saturday study session on Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s *Life Together*.

Endowments: Remember, the match is back on! Contribute \$5 to any of the Lutheran Legacy endowments to provide CID with campus ministry support, and Lutheran Legacy will offer a sixth dollar. From October of 2022 to October of 2023, only an additional \$1,675 was contributed to all four funds together. There is room for these endowments to grow in 2024!

Referrals: As the second half of the academic year gets underway after Christmas, many students from your congregation will be returning to campus. A few from your church may just be starting college. Help us to put our campus ministries in touch with them. Send the students’ contact information to Dr. Ken Schurb at kschurb@cidlcms.org



On September 30, CID’s Dr. Ken Schurb conducted a Saturday morning training session for student leaders at Immanuel Lutheran Campus Ministry in Charleston, serving Eastern Illinois University. He is at the right in the photo. With him are (from left) Pastor Ken Hoover, Jonathan Kang, Will Bryan, and Rachel Wisner.

**“Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!”** (Psalm 43:3)

For more information:

See the CID Website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-campus.html>

Contact Ken Schurb at the District office: (217) 793-1802 or e-mail kschurb@cidlcms.org

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



A Dollar for Missions News

Projects for 2024

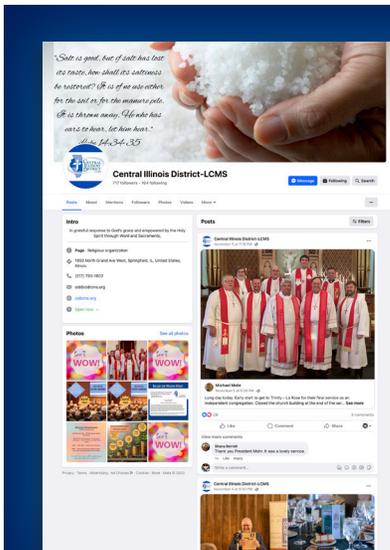
The CID Board of Directors announces the following projects to be funded by your Dollars for Missions during the year 2024:

1. \$1,800 for weekly mileage for Pastor David Dunlop from Chestnut to two prisons in Lincoln
2. \$300 for Spanish-language hymnals for St. John, Beardstown
3. \$2,100 to pay honoraria for Pastor Pablo Dominguez to conduct two Spanish language services per month at St. John, Beardstown for half the year
4. \$10,000 to continue prison ministries begun in 2024 or to start ministry in prisons not currently being so served.
5. \$25,000 to replace furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb



Regarding the first project: In the middle of 2023, Pastor David Dunlop began taking over the prison ministry formerly conducted by Pastor Charles Olander at Lincoln and Logan Correctional Centers. In the District’s new prison ministry funding model, Pastor Dunlop’s congregations in Chestnut and Clinton are being reimbursed for his time in this effort. However, there is no additional pay for mileage expenses, and Pastor Dunlop commutes to the prisons a little more than three times the distance that Pastor Olander traveled to make similar prison visits as a parish pastor. The DFM project will enable CID to pay mileage for Pastor Dunlop’s prison visits each week.

Additional information about the other projects will be forthcoming. You can always find out more about DFM, including the present project at any time, at <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>



CID is on Facebook, Instagram AND YouTube

Come find us @cidlcms! Our pages are 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!

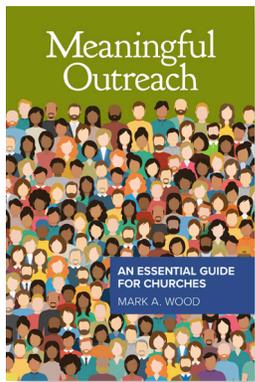


More Beyond the Classroom Training

Outreach to Nonchurched Families through Lutheran Schools

During this last year, the District Office provided initial training in *Beyond the Classroom*. The *Beyond the Classroom* program offers tools to help your educational program reach out to the unchurched. The District Office conducted six introduction workshops.

The second round of *Beyond the Classroom* training will return later this winter. We are currently waiting for the final updated training. We plan to provide the second level of training to congregations and schools. As we receive information regarding the second round of training, we will start to schedule our training locations.



As we begin the second round of training, it would be helpful for those who have received the training to start developing a list of the “WHOM”s (Who Has Our Mission) focus. Also, review your current activities to see which ones are Outreach.

If you have not attended our first level training, it is not too late, but it would be helpful for you to read a copy of Mark Woods’s book *Meaningful Outreach: An Essential Guide for Churches* (Concordia Publishing House, 2022).



Prison Ministry Materials

Thirty Spanish Bibles were given to Chaplain Paul Weber at the East Moline (Illinois) Correctional Center where Rev. Pablo Dominguez, pastor at Christ the King (Cristo Rey) Lutheran Church in East Moline, conducts weekly Spanish Bible studies.

Presenting one of the Bibles to Pastor Dominguez is Marilyn Woods, President of the LWML at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Geneseo, IL.

St. John’s LWML purchased the Bibles using money from a Central Illinois District grant which reimburses individuals or groups for pre-approved materials given to county, state or federal jails.

CID ENDOWMENT FUND

Thank you! to all who have contributed over the years to the CID Endowment Fund!

Your contributions and bequests have made it possible to grow the Endowment Fund AND fund scholarship monies for the education of full-time church workers. CID students 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 professionals are eligible to be considered by the Scholarship Committee for Endowment Fund monies.

The Endowment Fund provides a portion of its assets each year to the CID Scholarship Committee which determines the amount of the scholarships to be awarded to qualified recipients. We work with the Scholarship Committee to fund needs; we do not make individual scholarship decisions. During just the past five years we have been blessed to make available over a quarter of a million dollars to the Scholarship Committee for it to award scholarships.

Donations can be made at

<https://www.lutheranlegacyfoundation.org/fund/cid-endowment-fund>

Current Board Members

Mr. Jeff Bonnett
Rev. Martin Eden
Mr. Richard McMullen
Ms. Cheryl Neal
Rev. Gaylord Spilker

The CID Endowment Fund Board of Trustees is elected at the Endowment Fund convention every three years during the CID District convention. The board meets four times each year, or as needed, to oversee 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 and CID Treasurer.

Congregations and individuals are asked to prayerfully consider giving generously to the CID Endowment Fund. Contributions to the Endowment Fund are deductible for income tax purposes. The Endowment Fund is perfectly suited as a benefactor for estate planning.

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.

Installation of Rev. Keith Bueltmann at St. Paul, Pana



Assisting pastors at the installation of Rev. Keith Bueltmann at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pana on Sunday, October 29, 2023. Attending pastors included: (first row, left to right) Rev. Gary Fortkamp (St. John's, Effingham), Rev. Keith Bueltmann (St. Paul, Pana), Rev. David Bueltmann (Concordia, Decatur, and Decatur Circuit Visitor), (second row) Rev. Robert Bruer (Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion), Rev. Nathan Woolery (Holy Cross, Shelbyville, and Shelby Circuit Visitor), Rev. Adrian Piazza (Trinity, Casey, and Our Redeemer, Robinson), Rev. Karl Eckhoff (Christ, Peoria, and Peoria Circuit Visitor), Rev. Gaylord Spilker (Trinity, Edinburg), (third row) Rev. Kevin Bueltmann (Shepherd's Canyon, Wickenburg, AZ), and Rev. Aaron Bueltmann (St. John, Stryker, OH).

Services Every Weekday During Lent

AT TRINITY, SPRINGFIELD

Reader, do not overlook this item!

It's still before Christmas, so why think about Lent right now? It will be here before you know it! Lent starts on February 14.

You may not go to church at Trinity, Springfield. But a lot of folks in central Illinois could find themselves in a position to attend short services there at 12:15 pm on weekdays during Lent. Many travel to Springfield from surrounding communities, some not so close by, to work for or to have meetings at government offices or businesses downtown. Some of these people may be members of your congregation. Others might be unchurched or de-churched.

Here is an opportunity to generate prospect referrals for a number of CID churches. Will your congregation be ready for them?

What can you do, if your church is within, say, 40 miles of Springfield?

1. **PUBLICIZE** the 25-minute services, to be held *every weekday* during Lent (starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and ending on Good Friday, March 29) at Trinity Lutheran Church, 220 South Second St., Springfield, IL, 62701-1121, across the street from the State Capitol building. Sermons at the services will unfold the Passion Story little bit by little bit.
2. **PREPARE** for what your church will do you when get one or more contacts from nonchurched people in your area who visit these Lenten services. Prepare materials that you can provide them. Schedule a study or a series of special sermons for the weeks after Easter and so set up opportunities to which to invite them.
3. **"PULL":** If you yourself work in downtown Springfield, plan to attend these services. But don't stop there. Bring someone else along with you. Gently "pull" them in.
4. **PERSEVERE** if your church gets a contact. Do not rest content with sending one single letter or e-mail message. Figure out now who will be responsible for making sure that folks receive several "touches" from your congregation.
5. **PRAY** for this entire effort not only to *preach* the Passion of Christ but also to *reach* people with the power of the risen Lord!



Save the dates!

The 1974 Walkout: Why, and Why Does it Matter?

This study, very similar to one offered last fall at Christ, Normal, will unfold over a series of four evenings, **January 10, 17, 24, and 31**, at 6:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church's Parish Center, 515 South MacArthur, Springfield, IL, 62704-1744. (An evening prayer service will precede these classes at 5:30.) Dr. Ken Schurb of the CID office will teach. Participants will be able to purchase copies of the book *Rediscovering the Issues Surrounding the 1974 Concordia Seminary Walkout*.

Assimilation (Incorporation) of New Church Members

This study covers biblical material on the church and being members of the body of Christ as well as practical suggestions for how to incorporate new members into your congregation. You might think of it as preventing "back-door" membership losses. Positively put, though, this study helps to lay the foundation for cooperation within congregations, by the grace of God. Dr. Ken Schurb of the CID office will teach these sessions at Trinity Lutheran Church's Parish Center, 515 South MacArthur, Springfield, IL, 62704-1744. Sessions will be held on a series of Wednesdays in the spring: **April 10, 17, 24, and May 1**.



Illinois March for Life: Wednesday, April 17, 2024

This event had been set for about a month earlier, but plans have changed. As last year, Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Springfield (across the street from the state capitol building) will host a Matins service in the morning, prior to the rally and march, and a light lunch will be provided at a nominal cost. Precise times are being determined. This year, parking will be available to you downtown at the State House Inn, a block north of the capitol and near Trinity. However, please make plans now to carpool whenever possible.



2024 Legislative Update

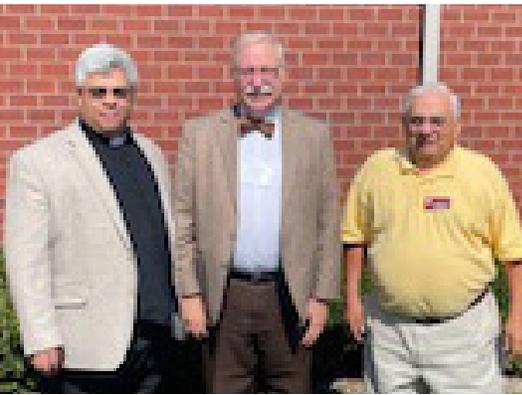
The Christian Citizenship page of the CID website carries periodic updates on business that is pending before, or perhaps likely to come before, our state legislature. Watch for an update in late December 2023, or early January 2024 concerning the regular legislative session in 2024. Go to <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-human-care-christian-citizenship.html>





Anniversaries for CID Church Workers

The CID would like to thank and congratulate the following church workers who are celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2023.



Pictured left to right: Michael Mohr, current CID President (25 years), Mark Miller, former CID President (40 years), and Davis Bueltmann, former CID President (55 years).

Pastors

5 YEARS

William Grueninger, St. Paul's, Decatur

10 YEARS

Andrew Dierks, Trinity, Arenzville
Adam Ray, St. John's, Decatur
Joshua Traxel, Our Savior's, Springfield

15 YEARS

Timothy Fitzner, Christ, Normal
Samuel Janssen, Emeritus
David McBurney, Trinity, Bloomington
Gregory Moyer, Bethel, Morton
Stephen Mueller, Concordia, Geneseo
James "Chris" Sansom, St. John's, Green Valley
Joshua Theilen, Camp CILCA

20 YEARS

Mark Drews, CRM

25 YEARS

Michael Damery, Emeritus
Michael Mohr, CID Office / Holy Cross, Vandalia
Mark Thompson, Zion, Lincoln

30 YEARS

David Anderson, Trinity, Coal Valley
Brian Leseman, St. John, Bath / Salem,
Chandlerville

35 YEARS

Jeffrey Anderson, Bethel, Morton
Michael Burdick, St. John, Effingham
L. Earl Kinnee, CRM
Jeffrey McPike, Carle Foundation Hospital,
Urbana
Donald Pritchard, Zion, Pleasant Plains
Dr. Ken Schurb, CID Office
Frank "Chip" Winter, Redeemer, Peoria
James Wright, Immanuel, Altamont

40 YEARS

Mark Eddy, Zion, Taylor Ridge
Jeffrey Harter, Concordia Village, Springfield
Kenneth Hoover, Immanuel, Charleston

Mark Miller, St. John's, Chatham
James Stuenkel, Immanuel, Springfield

45 YEARS

Steven Becker, Emeritus
Charles Olander, Emeritus
Thomas Radtke, Emeritus

50 YEARS

Robert Barth, Emeritus
Wayne Brinkmann, Emeritus

55 YEARS

David Bueltmann, Concordia, Decatur
Richard Harre, Emeritus
Jerry Klug, Emeritus
David Likeness, Emeritus

60 YEARS

Alan Holtz, Emeritus

Teachers

5 YEARS

Erin Berlin, Trinity, Bloomington
Robin Flemming, Concordia, Peoria
Olivia Kester, Our Savior's, Springfield
Amy Oun, Trinity, Bloomington
Erin Picon, Trinity, Springfield
Traci Riddle, St. John's, Buckley
Kaitlyn Schuldt, St. John's, Buckley
Denys Stark, St. James, Quincy

10 YEARS

Brittany Conner, Altamont Lutheran
Interparish School
Julie Elsts, Wee Disciples Preschool
Amber Peacock, St. John's, Buckley
Karen Rohrer, Wee Disciples Preschool
Ellen Rytter, Concordia, Peoria

15 YEARS

Jon Bernau, St. John, Champaign
Sarah Eyth, Our Savior's, Springfield

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Anniversaries for CID Church Workers

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15 YEARS continued

- Steve Parry, Zion, Lincoln
- Shannon Ponzel, St. Peter, St Peter
- Caitlin Reicher, Trinity, Springfield
- Adam Richards, Trinity, Bloomington
- Debbie Trautmann, St. John Preschool

20 YEARS

- Debra Bowles, St. James Quincy
- Laurie Stephens, St. John, Champaign
- Penny Tibben, Trinity, Danville

25 YEARS

- Kathy Bahn, Trinity, Bloomington
- Faith Block, St. John, Champaign
- Julie Hoffmann, Trinity, Bloomington
- Cathy Huff, Trinity, Danville
- Alicia Klug, Trinity, Springfield
- Zack Klug, Lutheran High
- Renita Mohr, St. James, Quincy
- Kristi Scott, St. James, Quincy

30 YEARS

- Pam Rudick, St. John, Champaign

35 YEARS

- Karen Bahler, St. John's, Buckley
- Mary Cowan, St. John's, Buckley
- Jana Deadmond, Altamont Lutheran Interparish School
- Rachel Koopman, Lutheran High
- Stephanie Middendorf, St. John, Champaign
- Sara Sielaff, Zion, Lincoln
- Deborah Steinacher, Salem, Jacksonville

40 YEARS

- Kurt Busse, Trinity, Bloomington

50 YEARS

- Jim Corrona, Trinity, Stewardson

2024 CID Youth Bible Bowl

Announcing 2024 Central Illinois District Youth Bible Bowl: **"The Gospel according to St. John."** In the best way you know how, study the Gospel according to St. John with your young people so they get to know better the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom He sent to win eternal life for all believers. The CID Bible Bowl is being planned for a Sunday afternoon in April, at Camp CILCA. Circuit Bible Bowls may be held in March. More information will be forthcoming. The CID Youth Bible Bowl is an opportunity for young people in Senior and Junior High School (grades 6–12) to study a portion of God's word each year, and meet with other young people of their circuit and the District. If you would like more information you may contact Pastor Mark Eddy at Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, Illinois (zionlcms@juno.com) or (309) 795-1063.



Central Illinois Principals' Fall Meeting

Our CID principals gathered at Bethel Lutheran School (Morton) for their Fall meeting. There were presentations from the Alliance For Freedom, Lutheran Education Ministries, and Ministry Safe. Please continue to pray for our educational ministries within our District and synod-wide.

CID LLL News

2023 Illinois State Fair LLL Booth

by Danny Magelitz, CID-LLL President

We have successfully completed another year of the Lutheran Ministries Illinois State Fair Booth. The weather was good for most of the Fair. On the hot evening of the last Sunday, I was reminded of Jesus’ words, “If you give a child a cup of water in my name,” as I helped a child get a drink from the water cooler.

It was gratifying to see youngsters and teenagers take the pocket size New Testament Bibles. And then to have a teenager ask for a complete Bible, which was the last one we had. I have noticed that at least 50% of the people visiting the tent only take items from the children’s table. Therefore, I put the Bibles on that table as well. It sure paid off with 600 Bibles taken. May God be praised!!!

In addition to the Bibles, the following books were given away:

- 700 copies of the children’s hardback book *Little Visits with Jesus*
- 250 copies of Concordia Publishing House’s (CPH) *Christmas Story Coloring and Activity Book*, gone in the first five days of the Fair
- 200 wood gliders from Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM), also gone in the first five days of the Fair
- 960 copies of LHM’s children’s small books including *The Bully*, *Do You Know Who Jesus Is?*, *Let’s Be Disciples*, and *You Are Precious*
- 1,100+ copies of LHM booklets with popular topics such as Alzheimer’s, depression, and anxiety

We would not be able to do this ministry without our faithful volunteers. This year we had 57 dedicated volunteers.

Thank you for helping spread God’s Word.



Annual “Retreat”

This year’s LLL Annual “Retreat” was held September 9th, 2023, and was led by Southern Illinois District President Tim Scharr, who presented on the Book of 1 Peter. His presentation was very informative and held our attention throughout the entire day.



The LLL Annual “Retreat” began in 1955 and is always held at Camp CILCA. The “Retreat” runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and includes an hour for lunch and a few breaks.

Please plan to attend the next LLL Annual “Retreat” on September 7th, 2024.

Annual Convention

Save the Date – Saturday, March 9th, 2024

Mark your calendars! Join the CID LLL District at their annual convention hosted at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont, Illinois. All are welcome to attend. Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour® focusing on *Energizing Mission*. Join us for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission. Be on the look out for more convention details in the new year.



Lutherans For Life

2024 Illinois Essay Contest

Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents

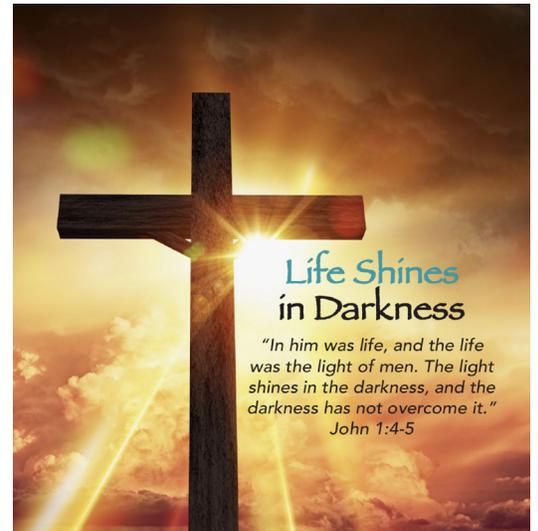
For Students in Grades 6-8 and 9-12

Any student in a Lutheran school or Lutheran congregation, e.g., confirmation class or youth group, when validated by a teacher or pastor, is eligible. Students may also enter through a Lutheran home school when validated by their Lutheran pastor.

Contest Guidelines

Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme: **Life Shines in Darkness** with the Bible verse: "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4-5.

1. Not incorporating the **theme and verse** in the essay will disqualify the entry.
2. All essays must include a title. Using the theme as the title is acceptable, although it does not count as using the theme within the essay, which is required.
3. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are, **but are not limited to**, abortion, living with disabilities, adoption or foster care, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician assisted suicide, euthanasia, etc.
4. Essays should include student's name, grade, school or church, email address, and phone number. All entries submitted by a teacher or pastor should include their name and email address. This information must be submitted on the rubric page used in grading the essay. Please consult the rubric to submit qualified entries.
5. All sources for references, statistics and quotes should be incorporated within the essay and then included in a bibliography at the end.
 - Grades 6 - 8 should submit essays up to 400 words (body copy only).
 - Grades 9 - 12 should submit essays up to 750 words (body copy only).
6. Entries should be submitted digitally using **Microsoft WORD or Google Docs** to cathy.benning.os@gmail.com by April 1, 2024. **Any pdf or other format submissions will not be accepted.**
7. There will be a \$100 first place award and \$50 second place award for each of the two categories. The two first place category winners will advance to the national contest. Email cathy.benning.os@gmail.com with any questions.
8. Grand prize for the national winning entries in each category if: \$250 for first place plus free conference registration to the 2024 Lutherans For Life conference and one night stay at the conference hotel. \$125 for the second-place winner.
9. All entries, including exclusive copyright, become the property of Lutherans For Life.
10. For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see lutheransforlife.org



LUTHERAN HIGH



LuHi Ready for New Chapter

Decommissioning Service Held November 4, 2023

In Springfield, numerous high school buildings are in the news. One Springfield public high school just had a new stadium built. Another public high school in town has announced auditorium plus football field and track renovations. And the third local public high school is about to release their renovation plans costing 123 million dollars!

Meanwhile, our own beloved Lutheran High School building on West Washington Street is also making news these days. On November 4th, about 150 people, of all ages, from the LuHi community assembled together for a special outdoor decommissioning ceremony led by Reverend Stuenkel. As we thanked God for the gift of our building over the years, the presence of television, radio, and newspaper media in addition to elected officials even more reflected the significance of this rare event.

From popular summer camps to tons of community service, Lutheran High School not only equipped their students enrolled over the years but also touched the community beyond its red brick walls. Believe it or not, I attended my first church at LuHi in the 1990's when Western Oaks Baptist Church rented the cafeteria for Sunday services. That's where I first received the Gospel message and became a

follower of Jesus Christ. What an impact, and there are so many more LuHi stories like mine.

Reverend Stuenkel also reminisced about how Lutheran High students met their husbands and wives at this building and how many LuHi grads have gone on to be influential pastors and ministry workers over the years.

Lutheran High is a special place in the Springfield area for so many: past students, current students, families hoping to enroll in the future, plus community members who have been blessed in some way by the Lutheran High School family and building.

Experiencing irreparable mine subsidence damage in the summer of 2022, just after coming out of a pandemic, was tough. However, like Reverend Stuenkel recently reminded us in his decommissioning message on that warm November afternoon, our Lutheran High community presses on in good and faithful service.

It was especially encouraging to hear Reverend Stuenkel recount our school's humble history. It's never been easy. Be sure to ask him his stories sometime! Lutheran High always persevered, though, and God has always provided.



**Empowered by God,
Lutheran High School
builds a Christ-centered
family equipping
students spiritually,
intellectually, and
physically for service
to God and society.**

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LuHi Ready for New Chapter

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Why don't we just count our losses and throw in the towel? Why don't we just send our kids to the other schools with big building plans and fancy renovations in the works? It's because we know we offer something different and very important that many others cannot. Empowered by God, we equip students, academically, physically, and spiritually to serve God and others for a lifetime. That's worth continuing. That *should* be continued.

One silver lining about our displacement from Washington Street is that our students are learning alongside us that community is not all about bricks and mortar. It's about the people, the fellowship, growing together in Christ, and constant outreach to share the Gospel and love of Jesus. That's what's most important.

We have been so blessed by the generosity of First Church of the Nazarene, who has graciously let us use their building as our temporary school location the past two years. God has grown us all in our dependence on Him and our gratitude for his provisions. These life lessons are invaluable.

Mine subsidence video:

<https://youtu.be/mjRMUmTLAOW>

News coverage of the decommissioning:

<https://youtu.be/ayu-z2MTi-4?si=qDnvh1gFuB6a5Vs3>

Now it's time for us to look ahead and see what God has in store for us next. The Lutheran High School Board of Directors recently announced they are in negotiations for the purchase of land in order to build a new school. They've also announced that 1994 LuHi alumni Zachary Klug, last year's interim Principal, is now our official Principal to lead us forward. So many exciting things are happening!

For decades, Lutheran High School has operated on the prayers and support of the Lutheran body. As we await demolition of the Washington Street building by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

rent and operate at the Nazarene church, and prepare to buy land and rebuild...we ask for your prayers for God's continued blessings and provisions.

There's no denying, our financial needs are significant. If you feel led to help in that regard, you can easily make a donation at our website, and we would be so grateful.

DONATE AT

<https://www.spiluhi.org/donate>

Or checks can be written to Lutheran High School and mailed to:

**Lutheran High School
5200 South 6th Street
Frontage Road E
Springfield, IL 62703**

If you have any questions, you can contact Principal Zack Klug at z.klug@spiluhi.org or (217) 546-6363.

Lastly, we'd love to keep you informed of all the terrific things our staff and current 111 students are doing at LuHi. Just email me at j.kaufmann@spiluhi.org and ask to be added to our mailing list. I'd be glad to add you! We also welcome any stories about how Lutheran High School in Springfield has blessed and impacted you, as well.

With the Lord's guidance and financial provision, we hope to announce a land purchase and some building plans in the near future.

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love over the years. It is felt. God bless you.

In Christ,
Jamie Kaufmann
Current LuHi Parent
LuHi Communications

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHAPEL UPDATE

Immanuel Lutheran Chapel meets in the building on the District office property that houses the CID archives. It is a preaching station of Immanuel Lutheran Church, which is located across Springfield, on Sangamon Avenue. Our District's only new church start, Immanuel Chapel held its first service in May, 2021, just as pandemic restrictions were lifting.

Pastor Jim Stuenkel of Immanuel observes that like all mission efforts, Immanuel Chapel is offered to the Lord with the prayer that He will use it to advance His Kingdom in its particular place – in this case, northwest Springfield. Thus far, there has been a steady attendance of about 15 or so. Pastor Stuenkel has been conducting services at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays, with occasional assistance from Pastor Micheal Strong of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Farmersville and Dr. Ken Schurb of the CID office.

Immanuel Chapel had its first baptism, that of an infant, on Reformation Sunday, 2023. On this same day, a new organ was dedicated. Some 40 people attended the services, and the preaching station's four organists each had an opportunity to play the new instrument during the service.

For the present, it is safe to say that the Lord will use this effort for His purposes. Immanuel Lutheran Chapel and Immanuel Lutheran Church are very thankful to be permitted to do His will.

Church planting is a tried-and-true way to pass on the faith to an expanding circle of people and to future generations. In fact, the church has been expanding ever since New Testament days. The apostle Paul traveled to plant churches among the Gentiles. Later, missionaries went from

Europe to England. Circuit riders opened up churches on the North American frontier. After World War II, older churches helped plant new congregations as suburbs burgeoned. Continued urbanization requires more city churches.

Yet many of these gains were only for a time, as the Lord was moving many of the members elsewhere. CID's Archives contain records of at least a dozen or so mission efforts that succeeded for a while only to fold, sometimes with no seeming explanation. Of course, the Scriptures teach that we Christians have no continuing earthly city. (See Hebrews 11:8-16.)

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Those who attend Immanuel Chapel for the most part hold church membership elsewhere, but they press on every week in their work for the chapel. Their occasional flier-distribution efforts have resulted in at least 12 people living in the neighborhood having attended services at the chapel at least once. A few of these folks have joined Immanuel. There have also been ads in the *Illinois Times*, noting time and days of worship services.

Immanuel is considering requesting a seminary candidate this coming spring, with the thought that a full-time pastor will have more time for Immanuel Lutheran Church and Immanuel Lutheran Chapel. Please pray for the new church start in northwest Springfield!



Immanuel Chapel had its first baptism, that of an infant, on Reformation Sunday. Pictured from left to right: Pastor Stuenkel, David, Catherine, baby Lewis, Grandma, and Grandpa.



“LOOK, I TELL YOU, LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND SEE THAT THE FIELDS ARE WHITE FOR HARVEST.”

JOHN 4:35 ESV



Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF)

A New High School for St. John's, Mattoon

The Central Illinois District has an exciting new mission to support! St. John's, Mattoon, is constructing a high school! The CID-CEF is supporting them in this endeavor by providing them with funding for the construction. This is where YOU can help fulfill God's mission to grow His Kingdom! Your investments in the CID-CEF enable us to provide these loans that support our churches and schools; we are the **ONLY** church extension fund that provides these loans in the Central Illinois District. Investments are open to LCMS members in Illinois — this includes individuals, churches, and schools. Please reference our website at www.cid-cef.org or call us at (217) 793-1802 for more information on our mission, investment rates, and resources.

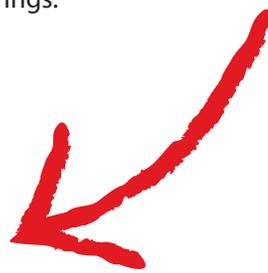


CID-CEF Investment Interest Rates

Yes, we've raised our investment interest rates, starting with our *18-month Special Offering at 4.00%*

Following are the rates on all of our *Certificate* offerings:

6 Month	0.75%
1 Year	2.25%
3 Year	2.50%
5 Year	2.75%
18 Month Special	4.00%



Rates have also increased on our *Flexible Savings Accounts*:

Regular Savings	0.40%
Capital Campaign Savings	1.00%

Please note that we are **not** increasing the interest rate charged on loans as we strive to provide low-cost funding to our LCMS churches, schools, and organizations in our District.

Did You Know...

that your Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund is the *only* church extension fund in the LCMS that provides loans to churches and schools in the Central Illinois District?

It is easy to confuse the CID-CEF with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), which serves the districts that do not have their own independent church extension fund. The CID-CEF focuses all of our financial resources solely on our churches, schools, and organizations within our District. We do this through *your* investments — partnering our investors with the churches, schools, and organizations needing funds to expand and grow His Kingdom.

As your Church Extension Fund, we are here to support you, as you support our LCMS churches, schools, and organizations throughout our District with your investments.

Thank you for enabling us to do so as together we share in the blessing of growing His Kingdom!



Camp CILCA Schedule

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 4, 2023 Fall Work Day

December 8-9, 2023 Joyful Hearts Christmas

February 23-24 **ACT LIKE MEN** WOODCUTTERS' RETREAT

March 2 Free Pancake Dinner

March 30 Spring Work Day

April 14 Annual Banquet
Held at Camp CILCA's Dining Hall. Contact the camp office to reserve your tickets.

TBD Spring Women's Scrapbooking Retreat

May 26 Annual Hog Roast

May 28 Junior Counselor Training (10am-2pm)

May 29-July 27 **SUMMER PROGRAM**

July 27 Homecoming - *Food, music, games, more!*

September 1 Grilled Chicken Dinner & Auction

September 13 Whippoorwill Golf Outing

September 21 **ACT LIKE MEN** Shooting Retreat
(Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)

October 5 GRIT Run!

November 2 **ACT LIKE MEN** Work Day

ACT LIKE MEN EVENTS

For men of all ages to make connections across generations, learn and sharpen new skills, and grow strong in the Lord.

**"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."
- I Corinthians 16:13**



Summer Programs 2024

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.

JOYFUL HEARTS

Campers of all ages with developmental disabilities experience the joys of the outdoors during a 4- or 2-night stay. **\$360/*\$180**

- Full Week: **June 2-6**
- Half Week: **June 2-4* or 4-6***

BOLD SPIRITS

4th- thru 6th-grade campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. **\$360**

- Session I: **June 9-14**
- Session II: **July 7-12**

DAUNTLESS SOULS

6th- thru 8th-grade campers gather for a screen-free week of life-changing outdoor adventure. **\$360**

- Session I: **June 16-21**
- Session II: **July 14-19**

FAMILY CAMP *New!*

Parents and children of any age are able to enjoy 4 days and 3 nights at camp with their family. **\$500** for up to 5 family members + **\$80** for each additional person.

- Session: **July 24-27**

GENERATIONS

Campers age 4 thru 4th grade are introduced to camp with a 1-night stay with a parent or other adult. **\$70 per person**

- Session I: **June 14-15**
- Session II: **July 5-6**

AQUA WEEK

4th- thru 6th-grade water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. **\$360**

- Session: **July 7-12**

ART, DRAMA, ATHLETICS & SURVIVAL

5th- thru 8th-grade campers choose one track—**Art, Drama, Athletics, or Survival***—for the week & are led by experienced instructors. **\$375**

- Session: **June 16-21**

*SURVIVAL WEEK *New!*

Grades 6-8 learn fire starting, outdoor cooking, shelter building, sleeping under the stars, and more. Each day will teach and develop a new skill useful to surviving outdoors. **Limited to 10 campers. \$375**

- Session: **June 16-21**

PATHFINDERS

1st- thru 4th-grade campers break out on their own with a 2- or 3-night stay. **\$155/*\$180**

- Session I: **May 29-31**
- Session II: **June 30-July 3***
- Session III: **July 21-23**

NIGHT OWL

6th- thru 8th-graders experience camp while staying up all night and sleeping all day. Enough said! **\$360**

- Session: **July 14-19**

INTREPID HEARTS

High school students enjoy the rejuvenation of God's creation through a week or half week of camp. **\$360/\$180* (half)**

- Full Week: **June 23-28**
- Half Week: **June 26-28***

DAY CAMP *New!*

Grades 1-8 come for the day Monday – Friday. A daily lunch is provided. **\$150/week.**

- Session: **Every week June 10-July 26**

We need you!

9th-graders and up, serve as a Junior Counselor or Joyful Hearts volunteer and enjoy camp absolutely free!

- Joyful Hearts Volunteer - **June 2-6**
- J.C. Training - **May 28**

Register Today!

Find in-depth details on each camp & register* at:

WWW.CILCA.ORG

*\$75 deposit due at time of registration
Registration is according to the grade most recently **completed**.



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 Affidavit and Indemnity Agreement must be returned with Application)

Reinvest \$ _____ Redeem \$ _____

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

- 2.75% 5-year term 2.50% 3-year term
 2.25% 1-year term 0.75% 6-month term

Special Term and Rate – Limited Time!!!

- 4.00% - 18-month 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 SUBJECT TO CHANGE – CALL TO CONFIRM CURRENT RATES

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

- Regular Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 0.40% Minimum: \$25 – available to all customers
 Capital Campaign Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 1.00% 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 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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Date

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The CID-CEF reserves the right to call this investment for redemption upon 60 days’ written notice and reserves the right to request 30 days’ notice of redemption prior to maturity on certificates and 15 days’ notice on flexible savings accounts. Certificates renew automatically unless the CID-CEF is notified otherwise within 10 days after maturity. Certificate is non-negotiable, redeemable with the CID-CEF upon proper endorsement, and subject to an early redemption penalty.

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.