



Opening Thoughts:

Sometimes people ask the question: "If you were going to be stranded on a deserted island what one thing would you want to have with you?" I have trouble with that question because there are a lot of things I'd want to have. Then again, it's probably not all that likely we'll ever be stranded on some island and have to wonder about the one thing we'd like to have.

The question could be asked a different way: "What's the most important thing in your life?" Here too we can think of many things that are important. The Apostle Paul, however, realizes that when all is said and done there is one thing that has come to define who we are, impacts the way we care for our families, go about our daily routines, put our possessions in the right perspective, and that will make all the difference when we die. This is the surpassing worth of knowing Christ. Compared to this, Paul counts everything else as loss (Philippians 3:8-14).

The fallen world is passing away and everything that's bound to it. Yet with all that we need and want to make a living in this world, it's easy to forget that the things of the world aren't as important as people make them. What we need is righteousness before God so that when we die and all things pass away, we'll be secure with Him. Yet righteousness is what we lack. There is however, a righteousness that is not our own and that makes all the difference for us. It is the righteousness of Christ that covers us through faith in Jesus. He is the one without sin who did all things right in our stead. He is the one who took our place and by His suffering and death on the cross took care of the punishment we deserve because of our unrighteousness before God.

In Christ our sin is forgiven, and we are a new creation with life that is eternal. This is our gift now in the world, at the time of death, and for the life of the world to come. God grant that we confidently live in Christ and press on to what He has set before us. Compared to what we have in Him, we can really count all things as loss.

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CID Board of Director Summary March 26, 2019

- Pastor Eddy opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.
- Pastor Michael Burdick gave a mission presentation focusing on the Lutheran Student Center at Western Illinois University, Macomb.
- Reports: President Miller reported on vacancies in CID (15 active); retirements (list is growing); and his activities including discussion with SID President Scharr concerning coordinating activities between the districts. Mrs. Christine Anderson (CEF), Mr. Trip Rodgers (Ed. & Cong. Life), Pastor Schurb (Missions, Stewardship, and Evangelism), Mr. Dirks (Treasurer), and Pastor Mohr (Fin. & Management), also gave reports.
- There was no Old Business.
- New Business: The BOD adopted policies for 1) Priorities in Addressing CID Finances in 2019; 2) A Modified Service Agreement; and 3) a Reduction in Force policy. The board also adopted Salary Guidelines for 2020.

Next Meeting: May 28, 2019 at 9 AM. The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Being the Shepherd's Hands:

On Saturday morning, May 4 (10:00 am – Noon) Deaconess Rachel Jaseph of Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind. will speak at Wittenberg Student Center, (Normal, Illinois) about the work done by this urban congregation in developing an outreach center, especially a two-pronged initiative to provide nutrition and after-school tutoring for neighborhood children. Her experience can be especially helpful for city or larger town churches that do not operate elementary schools at their sites. Others can learn from it too. It would help us to plan if you let us know by April 25 how many people you expect to send. Please e-mail cid@cidlcms.org

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Save the Date Sunday, July 28, 2019

University Lutheran Church is planning a celebration of Pastor Rick Milas' retirement as the Campus Pastor for the University of Illinois, Champaign. More information will be released soon.