



Central Illinois District  
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

"Make Disciples of All Nations"

April, 2013

### **Opening Thoughts:** Resurrection People

In John 20, each time someone encounters the risen Lord, the reaction is the same – they go and tell someone, “We have seen the Lord!” (John 20:25b) We are currently in the midst of the Easter Season, reminded each week of the resurrection of our Lord, seeing with the eyes of faith that our Lord is risen indeed. But our resurrection sight is not limited to Easter Day or the Easter Season. Every time we receive the Lord’s Body and Blood, we see our Lord resurrected for the forgiveness of our sins. Every time we hear the Words of Absolution, we hear the voice of our resurrected Lord covering our sins. Every time we read and meditate on God’s Word, we encounter our risen Savior. Every time we confess our sins to another and they speak a word of forgiveness, we are “united with Christ in a resurrection like his.” (Rom. 6:5) Seeing the Lord come to us in this forgiveness of our sins, our joy overflows into the lives of others – we exclaim with the disciples and Mary Magdalene, “We have seen the Lord.” Let us rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord, sharing the Good News of Jesus, not just on Easter, but every day of our lives as we live as God’s resurrection people – redeemed, restored and forgiven. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!  
*Rev. Michael Mohr, CID BOD Assistant Secretary*

### **Prayers for CID Missions**

During the next 30 days please include the following in your church’s and your personal prayers:

**Redeemer Lutheran Church, Peru** (Pastor Patrick Henry); and **Our Savior Lutheran Church, St. Joseph** (Pastor Scott Weiler). Both of these CID Mission churches are telling their communities the Good News of Jesus Christ! Thank you for your church’s monthly mission dollars which support these two and 17 other missions in our district!

**St. Paul's - Bowen** is celebrating their 80th Anniversary on June 9, 2013 with special services. Bible Study at 9a.m.; Divine Service 10a.m.; Celebration after Divine Service, followed by dinner. Please send any special remembrances or attendance RSVP to: Burdette and Lisa Rosendale, 361 N County Road 2830, Augusta, IL 62311, 217-430-9372 or [brosenda@adams.net](mailto:brosenda@adams.net)

**The 14th Lutheran Older Adult Retreat**, sponsored by Lutheran Senior Services and the Southern Illinois District of the LCMS, is scheduled for APRIL 24-25 at PERE MARQUETTE LODGE in Grafton, Illinois. The keynote speaker for Wednesday is Rev. Dr. John Nunes, president and CEO of Lutheran World Relief. His presentation is “You Are (STILL!) God’s Special Possession. The Bible study leader for Thursday will be Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Greg Seltz. Participants will have 16 different sectionals from which to choose 4. Wednesday evenings banquet and entertainment provide an opportunity for fun, fellowship, and inspiration. The cost for this retreat is \$95 per person. Registration deadline is April 13, 2013. Materials for registration and other information concerning the retreat can be downloaded from the SID web site at [www.sidlcms.org](http://www.sidlcms.org).

**Trinity** (135 NE Randolph Avenue, Peoria) **Concert Series:**  
April 19 @ 7:00 p.m. *Bach for Solo Strings* featuring Katherine Lewis, viola and Adriana Ransom, cello.  
May 31 @ 7:00 p.m. *Telemann’s Travels* featuring the New Comma Baroque Ensemble.

Board of Directors actions from March 19:

- CID will be requesting 5-6 pastoral candidates and 3 vicars from the Seminaries on Call Day.
- The CEF Board has approved \$20k for Mission Outreach Grants to assist congregations in reaching out to their communities. Applications were e-mailed to each congregation. Contact Church Extension Fund Office for further information.
- Our youth attending the National Youth Gathering have been asked to sing the National Anthem at the pre-Gathering event at the San Antonio Missions vs. Springfield Cardinals baseball game.
- Tremendous growth is being shown in the Hispanic Missions in Beardstown and the Quad Cities.
- Board approved revising the Scholarship Committee to consist of the CID President, Business Manager, Stewardship Commission Chairman, CID LWML representative and one at large member appointed by the President.
- Former District President David Buelmann concluded his transitional services as of the end of February. The Board thanked Pres. Buelmann for his service with a gift and lunch at a local restaurant.
- Mr. Glenn Goeres was renewed in his 3 year appointment as Executive Assistant to the District President.