



Central Illinois District
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

"Make Disciples of All Nations"

April, 2014

Opening Thoughts:

When I was in grade school, I learned the old adage about March weather – “in like a lion, out like a lamb.” As we go through our Lenten journey to the Cross with Jesus, my mind is racing with how the reverse is true of our Lord. Jesus came to His Passion as a lamb – a silent sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. “He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5 ESV) His death fulfilled once for all time the sacrifice required to satisfy God’s required sin-offering (Hebrews 10:12-14). Having fulfilled the Law for us, Christ rose from the tomb victorious. “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered...” (Revelation 5:5 ESV) The victory is ours, even now in the midst of our fallen world. God bless your joyous celebration of the Resurrection!

Rev. Michael Mober, Grace – Strasburg

Prayers for CID Missions

During the next 30 days please pray for CID Mission Worker Deaconess Linda Schaefer. Deaconess Schaefer spiritually serves the developmentally disabled adults in our district through Bible Study in Lincoln, Atlanta, Jacksonville and elsewhere! She has been a faithful worker in our district for over 40 years!

Mark Your Calendar: Trinity Lutheran Church – Taylorville will be hosting guest artist Kristine Stout, handbell soloist on Sunday, May 18, 2014. Trinity - Taylorville is located about 20 miles southeast of Springfield on State Route 29. The address of the church is 1010 N. Webster St. Call (217) 825-3310 for more information.

Mark your calendar: A marriage seminar for the long-time married, recently married, or those intending to marry. Saturday, September 20, 2014 (9am-3pm)_Christ Lutheran Church
311 Hershey Road, Normal, IL. Presenter: Reverend Dr. Michael Eschelbach.

Bible Bowl 2014 was held April 6 with the following results:

1st place: St. Matthew – Milan

2nd place: Trinity – Coal Valley

3rd place: Immanuel – Altamont Sr. team

Lumberjacks Wanted: Camp CILSA has planned a retreat for May 2-4 for men to be strengthened spiritually and physically. We will be spending much time cutting up firewood for the summer camping season. Help is invited beginning Friday night through Sunday morning. Let the camp know when you can come to help (camp@cilca.org or 217-487-7497). Food, lodging, Bible Study, and worship will be provided.

CILCA Hog Roast - Camp CILCA will hold its annual fundraiser on May 25. Serving will begin at 11:30 am and conclude at 2:00 pm. Suggested donation is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. The menu will include barbeque pork sandwiches, vegetable, salad, homemade desserts, and drink. We will have a worship service at 2:00 pm to induct the summer staff. Pastor Karl Eckhoff, pastor of Christ Lutheran in Peoria and president of the Camp Board, will be the preacher, assisted by Pastor Dave Buelmann, interim camp director. Family activities are planned for the whole weekend.

St. John’s Lutheran Church in Beardstown, invites you to celebrate with us during a special 100th Anniversary Celebration on May 4th at 2:30 PM. We will celebrate the completion of our building restoration work during a special afternoon service. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Carl Fickenscher, a professor of homiletics at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Keith Williams, a guest organist from Champaign, will play on our irreplaceable and treasured 100-year-old pipe organ.

Join us on the campus of Illinois State University on **Saturday, April 26** for a joint speakers’ forum on the topic of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandates requiring employee health insurance coverage for contraceptives, abortive drugs, and sterilization. Under the Affordable Health Care law, most employers’ health plans must include these and other types of birth control opponents say can induce an abortion. The event will take place at **3:30pm in Room 130 of Schroeder Hall** on the campus of ISU. Speakers will be Angela Franks, an author, and the Director of Theology Programs for the Theological Institute for the New Evangelization (TINE) at Saint John’s Seminary in Boston, and Mollie Hemmingway a longtime journalist and senior editor at The Federalist. Parking will be available at **Wittenberg Lutheran Center** (201 S. Main Street, Normal) and adjacent ISU lots F-53, G-53 and M-53. Please consider joining us as we walk together at 3:00 p.m. from Wittenberg through the Quad to Schroeder Hall.