



Central Illinois District
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

"Make Disciples of All Nations"

December 2012

Opening Thoughts:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined." Isaiah 9:2

In these words we see heavenly glory and eternal salvation, for we see the Savior! Here all darkness must vanish. All fear is turned to gladness. Let us seek and see regularly and faithfully the Savior in His Word that we may be sure of being His in faith. Let us tell others of Him. Let us keep His Word and turn it around (ponder) it in our hearts. Let us joyously praise God for His great mercy!

Prayer: Gracious and merciful God, I give thanks to You, that You did not leave us poor, lost sinners in darkness, but sent us the promised Savior, the true and eternal Light, and You caused Your Word to be preached to us. O faithful God, cause this light to shine into my poor heart, that, enlightened by true faith, I may constantly praise You through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen!

(Rev. Joel Cluver, CID Staff)

Prayers for CID Missions

New efforts to tell the Good News about Jesus among the Latino people of the Beardstown area have begun. St. John's Lutheran Church and the Central Illinois District are working together through various means to tell about our Savior who died for our sins and rose again.

During the next 30 days please include this new Latino outreach in your church's and your personal prayers:

CID Pre-Gathering Events for National Youth Gathering 2013
Put these dates on your calendars. For information contact Pastor Chris Decker 217-317-0969 or Pastor Aaron Schellhas, 309-634-6214.

Champaign/Urbana--April 7--3:00pm (Specific location TBA)

Lincoln--April 21--3:00pm (Specific location TBA)

Effingham area--April 28--3:00pm (Faith Lutheran Church, Shumway—7707 East State Highway 33, Shumway, IL 62461)

Galesburg—April 28—3:00pm (Specific location TBA)CID

Board Notes from November 27, 2012.

- President Miller reported 271 calling vacancies in the Synod and 163 seminary candidates will be available for calls this spring.
- Board ratified the appointment of Rev. Joseph Burns as Circuit Counselor, replacing Rev. Brian Hopfensberger, who accepted a call outside of the district, as well as appointing several additional members to various commissions.
- Board made a recommendation to President Miller for appointment of District Reconciler. This appointment is pending the consent of the nominee to serve.
- Mr. Dave Rohe will be retiring as District Gift Planning Counselor as of the end of 2012. He will continue to serve CID Church Extension Fund for the foreseeable future.
- Mr. Goeres provided enrollment statistics for the schools in the district. After several previous years of increased enrollment, there was a slight (2-3%) decrease this year.
- Board adopted a resolution recommended by the Mission Commission to hire a part time assistant for the Latino Mission in Beardstown.
- The Board officially extends its thanks to the Rock Island Circuit Hispanic Mission Council for its work and support for outreach to the Latino Community.
- The Board authorized the sale of the property in Buffalo.
- Camp CILCA continues to improve its operations.
- In light of events at the recent convention, the Board charges the Congregational Constitution and Handbook Committee to consider adjusting the bylaws to require a 2/3 majority to amend the bylaws.