



Central Illinois District
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

"Make Disciples of All Nations"

February, 2014

Opening Thoughts:

"And (Jesus) said to them, 'Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?'" *Luke 2:49*

When Jesus was just twelve, He spent considerable time in the temple at Jerusalem, "sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions." (2:46) Though His mother and Joseph did not understand it, Jesus was exactly where He needed to be, in His heavenly Father's house, actively engaged in the word of God. He loved His Father's house, and loved His Father's word. Unlike us, Jesus was keeping the Third Commandment perfectly.

Jesus is certainly the perfect Example for us, demonstrating for us the God-pleasing love of the Father's house and the Father's word. May we all follow Him in this!

More than that, Jesus is the perfect Savior for us. His holy obedience, including His perfect keeping of the Third Commandment, is for our salvation. For God graciously gives all believers in Jesus credit for His sinless obedience. And for the sake of His sinless death in punishment for our disobedience, God graciously forgives all our transgressions of all His Commandments. Thank You, Jesus, our Example and Savior!

Prayers for CID Missions

During the next 30 days please pray for the Latino Outreach Ministry through St. John's Lutheran Church, Beardstown. Pastor Douglas Evenson of St. John's, members of the congregation, area lay people, along with Pastor Pablo Dominguez, CID Hispanic Missionary-at-Large (East Moline, Christ the King Lutheran Church); and the Central Illinois District are working hard telling the Latino people the Good News of Jesus Christ our Savior. Please pray that our request for a Spanish speaking vicar called by St. John's will be answered and that the entire work of spreading God's Word in the Beardstown area will be blessed.

St John's Lutheran Church in East Moline, IL will be hosting a Disaster Response Training on Saturday, March 29th. As of January 2010, federal guidelines require that any volunteers responding to a disaster must be trained and certified or they will be turned away. This training will provide volunteers with National Incident Management

System/FEMA credentialing and authorization to enter and provide assistance in a disaster stricken area.

SAVE THE DATE: Each year our District coordinates a workshop for professionals, lay members, teachers, parents and anyone interested in Christian education for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. This year the Special Education Workshop will feature the Rev. Dr. Daniel Preus and his wife Linda Preus. The topic is: Sharing the Good News with persons with Mental Illness.

This year's workshop will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 205 Pulaski St., Lincoln, IL 62656 on **Saturday, March 22, 2014** from 9am-3:15pm. There is no registration fee. For more information contact: Deaconess Linda Schaefer, PO Box 429, Atlanta, IL 61723 or schaeferdeac@aol.com.

Board of Director Notes:

- In their regular focus on a District Mission, Board heard from Pastor Rick Milas on campus ministry work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- President Miller noted in his report that 1st VP of Synod Herb Mueller and Regional VP Daniel Preus will be officially visiting the District March 24-26. President Miller also reported making appointments to the Camp CILCA Board for the 2014 term.
- President Miller discussed recent action by the Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois choosing compliance with the laws of the State of Illinois over the Biblical teachings of the LCMS. Rather than withdrawing their own application for recognition as a Recognized Service Organization, the LCFS Board of Trustees recognizes that the LCMS may withdraw RSO status, but in order to continue work in foster care, LCFS must abandon church doctrine when in conflict with state law. With deep regret, CID Board of Directors passed a resolution to request the Synod to revoke the RSO status of LCFS of Illinois. The Board will also communicate their deep regret and sadness to LCFS.
- With contributions coming in right at the expected amount and expenses a little lower than anticipated, the District has finished in the black for the first time since 2008. Praise be to God for His great blessings. Board approved the 2014 Budget of \$2,357,789.
- Rev. Joel Cluver's regular evaluation has been completed and an additional three year term as Executive Assistant to the District President was approved by the Board.
- Ed Schoenbaum was appointed as a District reconciler.