



Central Illinois District
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

"Make Disciples of All Nations"

July, 2013

Opening Thoughts:

(Jesus said) "... the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28b

A few weeks ago Michael Patterson was at Georgia's Euharlee Creek when he saw a four-year-old child get pulled under. Those who were there say the 43-year-old Patterson immediately dove off the dam to save the child. Unknown to Patterson, the water was less than six feet deep. He broke his neck in three places, severed his spine, and was paralyzed.

Somehow, and nobody knows just how, Patterson was able to save the girl. According to reports, the child was at the bottom of the water and somebody pushed her up. At that moment there was only one person in the water: Michael Patterson.

A miracle? Possibly. I do know that a man gave himself and his future to save a child.

Patterson's sacrifice makes us mindful of what the Savior has done for all of us. Like that girl, we also had been dragged under. In our case sin had grabbed hold of us and our eternal death was certain. Seeing our helpless condition, Jesus came into this world to bring about our rescue, knowing exactly what would be involved. His was an action that took Him to the cross, which had Him give Himself and His future to save and offer salvation to all of humanity.

May we always be grateful for all Jesus has done to rescue us from the forces of evil.

Glenn Goeres, District Executive

Prayers for CID Missions

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

Our Savior Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, is served by Pastor Scott Weiler. Please pray for Our Savior, the pastor, and her people.

The pastor and congregation are very community minded as they serve and minister to the area people, telling them about our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Special Treat at the LCMS Convention in St. Louis

"Sundaes on Sunday" will take place on Sunday July 21, 2013.

This old fashioned, slice of Americana desert event will take place from 8:00-9:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Grand Hotel, 800 Washington Ave. in the Majestic Ballroom. This time is set aside for LCEF and the CEF districts to join with the delegates and attendees to socialize, relax, and share with them that Church Extension is one with them in support of their mission and ministry.

New "Disaster" Trailer

The Central Illinois District wishes to **thank** the **Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund** for their **\$15,000 donation** for a **trailer and equipment** to be used in **district disaster response** (floods, tornadoes, etc.).

Currently, the Central Illinois District-LCMS has 100 laypeople trained and certified in Disaster Response. By the end of this summer, we expect that number to be 200!

Deaconess Tiffany Manor, Bloomington,

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Disaster Response Coordinator!

Rev. Michael Fieberkorn was ordained and installed June 9 at St. James Lutheran Church, Quincy.

Rev. Andrew Dierks was ordained and installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church – Arenzville June 23.

Rev. Adam E. Jacobsen was ordained and installed June 23 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Mattoon.

Rev. Joshua Frazee was ordained in a service on June 23 at his home congregation of St. John's – Beardstown. He was then installed on June 30 as the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church - Shobonier.

Emmett Bartens (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Newton, IL) attended Christ Academy High School at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., June 16-29, 2103.

Christ Academy High School offers young men the opportunity to delve deeper into their faith, enjoy the seminary experience and make friendships that will last a lifetime. More information on Christ Academy can be found at www.ctsfw.edu/CA.