



June, 2016

Opening Thoughts:

The seemingly endless series of green Sundays has begun again—the Sundays after Pentecost. But while Sunday, June 5, was the Third Sunday after Pentecost for this Church Year, it was not, literally, the third Sunday after Pentecost. Tens of thousands of Sundays have come and gone since that first Pentecost Day. Depending on when Jesus returns, there may be tens of thousands more Sundays after Pentecost yet to come.

This year, on the Sundays after Pentecost, our congregations will do what the Church has done ever since the first Pentecost Day. Acts 2:42 says, "**They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.**" Pastor and people will gather in the presence of the risen Lord Jesus to preach and hear the apostles' teaching—the teaching of those to whom the Holy Spirit taught all things and which they wrote down for us. We will gather in the presence of our risen Lord, who is still among us as One who serves. We will do what He told us to keep on doing—eat the bread and drink the cup; the bread and the cup in which we receive what He keeps on giving—His body and blood offered and poured out for the forgiveness of sins.

As we do, Jesus will strengthen us for this Last Days' struggle. He will make us patient in our Last Days' wait as we look forward to the Last Sunday after Pentecost—literally, the Last Sunday!

Rev. Kent Tibben, 2nd Vice-President CID

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars... *"Finally brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored..."* (2Thes. 3:1) ...Please Pray for the Prison Ministry at Lincoln, and Logan Correctional Center, Lincoln (Rev. Charles Olander).

For Single Adults: A weekend of food, fellowship, & fun!

Lutherans Singles Association is holding their biennial Conference at Bethel Lutheran Church, in Morton, IL on June 24-26, 2016. Cost is \$90 for the entire conference (includes, snacks Friday, lunch Saturday, dinner/theatre Saturday evening and program costs, does not include sleeping rooms). Daily Rates are Friday \$20, Saturday Day \$40, Saturday, Evening \$30.00 Flyer can be downloaded at our Facebook page, or email: president@lsalcms.org.

Call Accepted. Lewis (Trip) Rodgers has accepted the call to serve as the new CID Assistant to the President in Education and Congregational Life. This position was being vacated due to the retirement of Glenn Goeres. Trip has spent many years as an administrator in Lutheran schools, most recently at Trinity – Springfield, and has been active in leadership in the National Accreditation Commission, serving for one term as chair of the commission. Mr. Rodgers will begin his ministry to the CID on July 1, 2016. (One of his responsibilities will be to take over the publication of these monthly bulletin newsletters.)

2016 LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Training)

Saturday, September 10, 2016, Trinity, Urbana 8 am – 4:30 pm
(Sessions begin at 8:30 am)

Registration forms available at www.cidlcms.org or call CID office 217/793-1802.

Board Briefs

- Rev. Rick Milas, campus pastor at University Lutheran, Champaign, gave a mission presentation on campus ministry at the U of I.
- President Miller reported there are 18 vacancies in the CID. Three pastoral candidates and three vicars were assigned to the district. Our Savior's, St. Joseph, voted to close June 30.
- President Miller acknowledged Mr. Glenn Goeres as he nears retirement, and presented him with a plaque for his years of service to the Lord and the church.
- Church Extension Fund is looking for "lost" investors.
- Volunteer Teacher of the Year in the CID is Ms. Pam Billotte of Concordia, Springfield.
- LLL Annual Retreat is scheduled at Camp CILCA for September 10.
- Treasurer's Report was given by Mr. Dale Dirks; an audit has been completed.
- Constitution changes for Good Shepherd, Minier, were approved; constitution changes for Trinity, Urbana, were referred back to the committee with concerns.
- The Board approved the Stewardship Commission's recommendations for the 2017 Salary Guidelines.

The next CID Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2016.