



Opening Thoughts:

Father, Son, and Spirit

The unassuming third person of the Holy Trinity is very important to the Church and to believers. "No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit." "When the Helper comes... He will bear witness about Me." "He will guide you into all truth..." "He will bring to remembrance all that I have said to you." "He will glorify Me." In the Creed, He is noted as the "Lord and Giver of Life." There is no life in us apart from this work of the Spirit of Truth.

The Christian Church has as its center the works and words of Jesus. He satisfied divine justice for the world so that His Father could declare us righteous by sacred blood. The Spirit sees to it that through the recorded and empowered words of holy men, death is replaced by life everlasting.

Peter's sermon in Jerusalem fifty days after Jesus' graveyard victory was about Jesus. The gathered believers received the Spirit and they spoke the Gospel. They proclaimed the works of God through Jesus. They pointed to the cross and preached the resurrection, and that day the Spirit added 3000 souls to the number of those saved. Thus, that same Spirit continues His effective work and more souls will be saved.

– Rev. Mark A. Miller, CID President

Pray for Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District. "Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored..."

Please remember in your prayers our CID mission work in area prisons. Rev. Charles Olander and Rev. Stephen Southward, along with many CID volunteers, eagerly tell the Good News of Jesus Christ to incarcerated people.

LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Team)

Volunteer Training Events

Saturday, July 20, 2019

Immanuel Lutheran Church

902 Cleveland Ave.

Charleston, Illinois 61920

9:00 am - 2:30 pm (Sign-in begins at 8:30 am)

Registration form (<http://www.cidlcms.org/LERT.Charleston.7.20.19.pdf>)

Summary of the May 2019 CID-Board of Directors

- The Central Illinois District Board of Directors met on Tuesday, May 28. Rev. Tom Phillips presented on Deaf Ministry in the district. CID is the last district to support full time Word and Sacrament ministry to the deaf. Instead of having a single congregation, we have a district wide parish with multiple preaching stations.
- Marsha Shown, who has served in the district office for twenty years, was recognized for her service as she prepares to retire at the end of the May.
- Connect to Disciple workshops will be available through the district office. Thanks to facilitator training grants and a grant from LWML-CID, and Church Extension Fund congregations hosting workshops through 2020 can host for only the cost of the materials. Contact Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb to schedule your workshop today.
- University Lutheran Church in Champaign is in the process of calling a new campus pastor following the retirement of Rev. Rick Milas. We hope to have the new pastor installed by the start of the academic year.
- The Board of Directors will be reviewing policies concerning the financial health of the district, providing guidelines for adjustments to the budget in the future. The Board is considering the minimum emergency backup fund they wish to maintain for healthy operation.
- The Board established new guidelines for the Church Worker Scholarship Fund, making it possible for higher awards to be made if donations and grants provide additional monies available.
- Requested modifications to the congregational constitutions for Mt. Calvary – Galesburg, St. Paul – Woodworth, Faith – Monticello, and St. John's – Louisville were approved.

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 24, at the district office.

Rev. Rick Milas' Retirement Celebration

"Join Us For a Retirement Celebration! University Lutheran Church at the University of Illinois has been blessed by the ministry of Pastor Rick Milas for the last 25 years. We are honored to host his retirement service on Sunday, July 28 at 10:30 am. Following the service will be a cookout at University Lutheran Church. For those who cannot make it that Sunday, an additional Saturday (July 27) event will be held from 3-7 pm, also at University Lutheran. We invite you to attend either or both celebrations. Please RSVP to rick.milas.unilu.retirement@gmail.com. We pray for God's blessing on Pastor and Martha Milas as they enter into this new season of retirement together."