



Central Illinois District  
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

"Make Disciples of All Nations"

June, 2014

### Opening Thoughts:

"God is faithful..." (1 Cor. 1:9, 1 Cor, 10:13; see also Deut. 7:9, 1 Thess. 5:24, 2 Thess. 3:3, 2 Tim. 2:13, Heb. 10:23, 1 Jn. 1:9)

In early confessions (esp. 2 Tim. 2:13) of the Church, these words were declared as an eternal truth by which we stand and live. When we say this, we are saying that our God is not fickle or arbitrary, but rather His promises are worthy of our consideration because He always stands by His Word until they are accomplished. Whether it be for the leading of a nation or the comfort of the individual, the Lord is trustworthy. "The Word of God stands forever." As I said in a recent Gatepost article, *He has a track record*. What He declares, He does!

Most importantly, to sinners like us, He kept His initial Word to our sinful parents, and us, when our God-Man Savior, Jesus, was born – for us – to "fulfill the Law and the Prophets," "all righteousness," and suffered, died, was buried, and rose "for our offenses" and "justification." So now, when "we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness."

In thankfulness for His gracious providential and salvific care His faithfulness spurs, motivates, and inspires our own. He kept His Word and so we keep ours. He fulfilled all righteousness and so we ought to do "the good works He prepared for us beforehand that we should walk in them." We faithfully worship Him who was faithful to forgive us our unrighteousness. In these dangerous days when it is harder to be a public confessor and doer of the Faith, we are called to be "faithful, even unto death."

As our example, but even more so as our Redeemer, Jesus was!  
*The Rev. Mark A. Miller, CID President, Springfield, IL*

### Prayers for CID Missions

During the next 30 days please remember in your prayers our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia. The former Soviet Union "came apart" in 1988-1989, and the Latvian church "gained" its freedom in 1991. Today our partner Lutherans in Latvia have concerns that Russia may again want to take away their freedom. May God preserve their freedom and bless their spreading of the Good News of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Congratulations! Zion Lutheran School - Lincoln:** It was selected from over 170 participating schools to receive the Governor's Award at the Illinois History Expo held at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield. The award was given "for excellence in the practice of student historical research and history education."

**Camp CILCA:** Summer Camps have openings for all weeks. Register on line ([www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org)) or get a registration form at your church office.

**Nurses and Pastors Needed** at Camp CILCA this summer to be Nurse of the week and Pastor of the week. Contact Pastor Dave Bueltmann if you are interested ([pastordave@bueltmann.org](mailto:pastordave@bueltmann.org) or 217-691-1252).

**Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) Volunteer Training:** one event will be held Saturday, August 9, 2014 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1209 Kingsbury Road, Washington, IL. Another event will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 3340 State Street, Quincy, IL. Saturday, August 23, 2014, 8 am to 4:30 pm (registration begins 8 am, sessions begin 8:30 am).

### Board Briefs

- Board of Directors met on May 27, 2014. Rev. Scott Weiler discussed with the Board the mission congregation of Our Savior in St. Joseph, IL just east of Champaign/Urbana.
- President Miller updated on various calls and vacancies. Five installations will be taking place in the near future. Five vicars have been assigned to the district. 360 calling vacancies remain in the Synod following the placement services at the two seminaries.
- District Convention scheduled for July 5-7, 2015. Nomination process will begin in October; overtures will be due in March.
- Evangelism Handbook available online as a PowerPoint presentation for congregational use. Pastor Cluver reviewed 25 year statistics on CID congregations recently compiled by the evangelism commission. Liz Neumann appointed to Mission Commission.
- The Board is continuing with its efforts to divest of the property which had previously housed Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Buffalo.
- Congregational constitution revisions were approved for Good Shepherd-Hoopston, Zion-Taylor Ridge, and St. John-Mattoon.
- Rev. Don Pritchard and Rev. James Wright were recognized for their endorsement by the LCMS as emergency services chaplains.

Next Board meeting is September 23.