



Central Illinois District
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

"Make Disciples of All Nations"

Opening Thoughts:

Mack Davis, country singer popular in the 70's, sang out, "Lord, it's hard to be humble, when you're perfect in so many ways..." We chuckled. But he was right. Christian humility, the recognition and sincere belief in the beggarly estate of the sinner, is a hard commodity in the "I, me, my, mine" environment of today's culture. "It's all about me" rings out in so many expressions, all of which oppose a spirit of Christian humility. When people ask me, "How are you?" I sincerely reply, "Much better than I deserve!" Of ourselves, we deserve nothing but God's wrath, both temporally and eternally. But Christ, whose mercy and undeserved kindness is lavished upon us in Holy Baptism and sealed to us in His Blessed Word and Supper, gives us everything, in spite of our lack of true humility. And so we pray earnestly, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me," in a spirit of humble gratitude, trust, and joy.

Rev. Donald Pritchard, Zion – Pleasant Plains

Ministering To the Hispanic/Latino Family: How does one minister to the U.S. Hispanic/Latino families in our midst? The workshop (in English) will provide participants with the biblical basis and cultural tools for outreach to the Hispanic families.

Christ the King (Cristo Rey) Lutheran Church, 1301 19th St. East Moline, IL on Saturday, March 26, 2011, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Presenter: Prof. Mark Kempff, Center for Hispanic Studies, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO.

For additional information, go to the CID web site, www.cidlcms.org, or call the CID office, 217.793.1802.

Graduate Placed: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, is pleased to announce that **Karl Gibbs** has been placed as pastor of Our Savior Evangelical, Milford, IL.

Bethlehem, Altamont will celebrate its 150th anniversary with a 2 p.m. service on Mar. 27 under the theme "To the Glory of God and the Salvation of Man." Rev. Geoffrey Robinson will be the guest speaker. Worship service at 9 a.m. and catered luncheon at noon (must RSVP) will precede anniversary service. Visit www.cradleofchrist.org for details of ongoing events.

Illinois Lutherans For Life Statewide Conference

Sat. March 26, St. John's Lutheran Church 508 Bloom St., Red Bud, IL
Adults \$25.00, (Age 13+) \$15, Children 6 and under free. Babysitting provided. Continental breakfast and lunch included.

Registration form: email jeannestrubbe@yahoo.com **Registration was needed by Friday, March 11: contact Jeanne Strubbe ASAP.**

Conference speakers and topics:

Jean Heise: When a Baby Dies: Perinatal Hospice

Angela Michael: Rescuing babies, Saving lives, One heart at a time

Dr. Alvin Schmidt: Suicide Myths That Just Won't Go Away.

The Young Earth? Dr. John Morris, President of the Institute for Creation Research, Dallas, TX, will be the speaker at a banquet at Lutheran High School, Springfield 6 PM, Saturday, May 14. His presentation is based on his book, *The Young Earth* and examines the scientific evidence that supports the Bible's account of creation. To purchase tickets (\$30 each) please call Lutheran High, 217-546-6363. Event sponsored by the Lutheran High Foundation for Excellence.

Family Life Convocation (mark your calendars)

The Central Illinois District is presenting a Family Life Convocation on October 8, 2011 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Peoria, Illinois. Rev. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President, will address the convocation on the LCMS emphases of "Mercy, Witness, and Life Together" and how it fits in our family life. The convocation will feature breakout sessions for developing family life devotions and activities. Equipping churches to strengthen families with Jesus Christ at the center is a main feature of the convocation. More information and registration will be coming. To be on a contact list, email: Rev. W. Reimnitz, wr@cidlcms.org.

Attention Pastors' Wives: Plan now to attend the annual Pastors' Wives Retreat at Camp CILCA on October 28-29, 2011. Our speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Wilfred Karsten of Holy Cross, Moline, with his topic being the Mission Field in Sierra Leone and our Lutheran Service Book (LSB). Watch for your Registration in the mail this summer. Congregations, encourage your pastor's wife to attend this much needed Retreat by paying her registration fee of \$40.

Calendar of CID Events:

March 21-22: CID Pastors Conference, Bloomington

April 1-2: CID LWML Convention, Peoria

April 3: CID Bible Bowl, Springfield