



Opening Thoughts:

In preparation for the Bible Bowl this month, re-read the account about Lot in Sodom. Bible-believing Christians in Illinois are living in his shoes. Our government insists on promoting what God calls crimes: killing babies in the womb, homosexuality, lawlessness in general. Our state mandates the teaching of lies: that God did not create you, that people can change their sex, that gambling is good. What are we doing to help God call our neighbors "out of the darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Pet. 2:9)? Must God send angels to drag us out of sinful entanglements? May He be so gracious to us! May God prevent us from becoming accustomed to evil! May God lead us to repentance this Lent, and, for the sake of Christ's atoning death, may He forgive us, renew us, and lead us to walk in His ways to the glory of His holy name!

Pastor Mark Eddy

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..."

In your prayers, please remember to thank God for Pastor Doug Evenson, Vicar Gino Marchetti, and Maria Guijosa at St. John's Lutheran Church, Beardstown. The Lord is using them to bless this congregation's continuing Latino outreach.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING- CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT EVENT

Timber! Join the fun and fellowship at the Minnesota Lumberjack Experience with the CID on Friday, July 12, 2019. The event will be from 4:30-6:00 at Concordia St. Paul's campus at Sea Foam Stadium, located at 281 Hamline Ave N, St Paul, MN. Dinner will be provided!

If you would like to register your group, please complete the online form below. You can also download the PDF version ([Download PDF](#)).

(https://cidyouth.weebly.com/uploads/6/3/9/1/6391788/2019_central_illinois_district_event.pdf)

During the event, wear your CID T-shirts! There are 3 packages to choose from for your group:

#1 – T-Shirt Only = \$10 per participant

#2 – Lumberjack Experience ONLY = \$40 per participant

#3 (BEST DEAL) – Both T-shirt and Lumberjack = \$45 per participant

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CID's website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

CID's GatePost (newsletter) <http://www.cidlcms.org/gatepost.html> (New Issue is Out)

Subscribe to the E-GatePost/Monthly Bulletin Inserts: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

Pro-Life Rally and Lobby Day

March 20th, 2019

Prayer Service: Anyone attending the "Pro-Life Rally and Lobby Day" at the state capitol in Springfield on Wednesday, March 20 might be interested in a Prayer Service at Trinity Lutheran Church (220 S. 2nd Street, Springfield) (just across the street from the capitol to the north and east), 11:30-noon on that day. President Mark Miller will be preaching at the Prayer Service. The church building will also be open during the day for prayer.

Don't forget to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available are asked to direct any remaining Choice Dollars. Help support the Central Illinois District- Springfield, IL. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. If you're an eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars available to direct, please keep us in mind.

The CID Lutheran Layman's League 2019 Annual Convention

Saturday, March 30

Location: Lutheran Church of St John, Quincy

Adults \$7.50 (Children & Students Free)

Make checks payable to: Central IL LLL District

RETURN REGISTRATION TO: (Included the number of individual attending)

Bob Kassel 20 Fairlane Drive Altamont, IL 62411

See CID website- Upcoming Events (www.cidlcms.org) for additional information/ registration form

Contact Rev. Kendall Meyer at 515-306-9479 if you have questions or need hotel information.

Dr. Tony Cook, VP of Lutheran Hour Ministries- Global Ministries presentation will highlight findings of the Barna Group study on Spiritual Conversations in the Digital Age. Attendees will discover ways to apply these findings in sharing their faith.

Being the Shepherd's Hands:

On Saturday morning, May 4 (10:00 am – Noon) Deaconess Rachel Jaseph of Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind. will speak at Wittenberg Student Center, (Normal, Illinois) about the work done by this urban congregation in developing an outreach center, especially a two-pronged initiative to provide nutrition and after-school tutoring for neighborhood children. Her experience can be especially helpful for city or larger town churches that do not operate elementary schools at their sites. Others can learn from it too.

Student Center Anniversary: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Macomb, announces a 50th anniversary celebration of the completion of CID's student center and chapel for Western Illinois University in a service at the student center at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 31. Dr. Dale Meyer of Concordia Seminary will be the guest preacher.