



"Make Disciples of All Nations"

Central Illinois District  
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

May, 2014

### Opening Thoughts: **Be Ready Always**

"...*be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you"...1 Peter 3:15

**Jesus...** "He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat"...Luke 5:3

"He opened the Scriptures to us"...Luke 24:32

"He opened His mouth and taught them, saying...Matthew 5:2

"I was daily with you in the temple teaching"...Mark 14:49

**Paul...**"Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the *Gentile* worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there...Acts 17:17

"I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house"...Acts 20:20

**Be Ready Always...**"always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear"...1 Peter 3:15

*(Rev. Joel Chuver, CID Staff)*

### Prayers for CID Missions

During the next 30 days please pray for our mission congregation Faith Lutheran Church - Monticello. Pastor Kurtis Bueltmann is pastor of Faith, the only LCMS church in Piatt County.

**Trinity Lutheran Church** – Taylorville will be hosting guest artist Kristine Stout, handbell soloist on Sunday, May 18, 2014. Trinity' address is 1010 N. Webster St. This is located just east of Springfield Road (SR 29) near the corner of Webster and Bidwell. Call (217) 825-3310 for more information.

**Mark your calendar: A marriage seminar** for the long-time married, recently married, or those intending to marry. Saturday, September 20, 2014 (9am-3pm)\_Christ Lutheran Church  
311 Hershey Road, Normal, IL. Presenter: Reverend Dr. Michael Eschelbach.

**Camp CILCA Hog Roast** will be Sunday, May 25 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00. \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 4-12, children 3 and under are free.

**Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) Volunteer Training Event** will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2645 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield on Saturday, May 17, 2014, 8 am to 4:30 pm (registration begins 8 am, sessions begin 8:30 am). The registration fee is \$35 which includes your disaster response training manual, LCMS volunteer vest, other helpful materials, and lunch. Plus, you will receive your certificate of participation and volunteer certification badge from LCMS Disaster Response and the Office of National Mission. More information is available on our website: [www.cidlcms.org](http://www.cidlcms.org)

### Board of Directors Review

At its March 2014 meeting, the CID Board of Directors heard a presentation from Rev. Tom Phillips on work in the District among the deaf. CID is one of only four districts directly supporting deaf ministry, and it continues to receive growing emphasis within the District.

In other business:

- Mr. Dave Rohe reported that every mortgage held by CID CEF was eligible for a mortgage interest rebate grant (for mortgages not more than 30 days past due).
- The Evangelism Commission reports that the new Evangelism Handbook is available on the District's website as a PowerPoint presentation so that congregations may have easy access to it.
- Board adopted a Marriage Policy to help protect district staff, missionaries-at-large, campus pastors, and all others called by the District from any legal action arising under recent changes in the marriage laws of Illinois.
- Congregational constitution changes for Holy Cross – Moline were accepted.
- Discussion continues between the (CID) Congregational Constitution and District Handbook Committee and the (Synodical) Commission on Constitutional Matters to address updates to the District's Articles of Incorporation that stem from recent Synodical convention action.
- A bequest was received by the District. Board voted, per its usual practice, to immediately forward 10% to the Synod in support of national/international mission efforts.

The afternoon was spent in dialogue with Synodical 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Herb Mueller and Regional Vice President Daniel Preus as they conducted their official visit. Such visits were emphasized at the last Synodical Convention.

Next BOD meeting will be May 27.