



"Make Disciples of All Nations"

Central Illinois District  
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

October, 2015

### Opening Thoughts:

In the Explanation of the Small Catechism, the first question under the "Sixth Chief Part: The Sacrament of the Altar" gives other terms that refer to the Sacrament of the Altar, including *eucharist*, which "comes from the Greek word for 'giving thanks.'" For the Christian, the first Thanksgiving meal did not consist of turkey, maze and popcorn, but rather the Body and Blood of Christ under the bread and wine of that final Passover.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let us ponder "eucharist." As we think about the vast riches of our land, when we contemplate the grand scale of the blessings our Lord has showered upon us, we cannot help but to marvel, as did the psalmist in Psalm 116. In Divine Service Setting I, we sing an offertory using the psalmist's words: "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord." (LSB p. 159) We give our sacrifice of thanksgiving to God for all that He has done for us.

As we prepare to stuff ourselves with turkey and cranberry sauce, watch football, and rejoice in the plenty God has given us, let us also remember that each time we gather for the Sacrament of the Altar, we are celebrating the Great Thanksgiving, the Eucharist of our Lord.

*Rev. Michael Mohr, Secretary to Board of Directors*

### Prayers for CID Missions

Western Illinois State University, Campus Ministry, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Macomb (Rev. Michael Burdick)

**German Meal** – The members of St. John's Lutheran of rural Bath (13961 CR 1100 N) invite you to their annual German Meal on Oct. 19th, from 4-7 pm. This meal will help raise money to support our mission work among the deaf in our district. The menu will include: Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Bavarian Bratwurst, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut and Root Beer on tap. Hope to see you there.

### "God Is Love"

**Music for Reformation and All Saints, Charles P. Brown,** Conductor. Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, 711 Court St., Pekin. A freewill offering will be received for more information call 309.347.2136

### LERT ADVANCED CHAINSAW COURSE - ONLY OPEN TO CERTIFIED LERT VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, November 14, 2015, 9AM - 5:00PM. \$35.00 fee  
St. John's Lutheran Church, 13443 Townline Road, Green Valley, Illinois 61534. Questions, please contact Steven Born at 217.220.0162 or by email [bornstephen@yahoo.com](mailto:bornstephen@yahoo.com). We currently have 400 LERT team members and 38 LERT certified chainsaw team members. If you would like to join the chainsaw team, please sign-up by contacting Steven Born.

**The 2016 National Youth Gathering (July 16-20)** DVD is in route to your church!!! The DVD will include nine brief videos related to the Gathering; the Gathering registration book containing all the information needed for registering congregations' groups; and worksheets to record information needed for registration. Keep your eyes open for this important package! Visit [www.lcmgathering.com](http://www.lcmgathering.com) for information. Registration will open October 21, 2015.

**150th Anniversary** On Sunday, October 18th, St. John's, Secor will be celebrating its 150th anniversary. The celebration will be observed at the 10:00 AM worship service. The address of the church is 212 N 2nd Street, Secor, IL.

### CID Board Briefs from September 29, 2015

- President Miller addressed the board outlining plans for the coming year, and thanking the district for re-electing him to serve as CID president for the next three years.
- There are presently nine pastoral vacancies in the district, 473 throughout the synod.
- Mr. Glenn Goeres has announced retirement plans for May 2016 as the Education Executive. The Education Commission will serve as the search committee for his replacement.
- The roof at the Wittenberg Center has been replaced, and Wittenberg celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 20.
- September was the final printing of the Gatepost; future editions will be in electronic form. Sign up at: [www.cidlcms.org](http://www.cidlcms.org) This service is free.
- The Treasurer, along with Finance and Management are starting to work on the 2016 budget.
- Members of the various commissions of the board (Missions, Education, Stewardship, Evangelism, Finance and Management) were approved.
- Next of the Board is scheduled for November 24, 2015.