



# **PARTNERSHIP** IN THE *Gospel*

The Work of the Lord in the Central Illinois District  
 The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

Revised, December, 2023



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) was established in April 1847 by Saxon and other German immigrants seeking the freedom to practice their faith and follow confessional Lutheranism. The word “synod” means walking together. It means that our congregations profess the same faith, go together and work together to accomplish the tasks God has given us to do. About 5,800 congregations with more than 1,700,000 baptized members make up The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

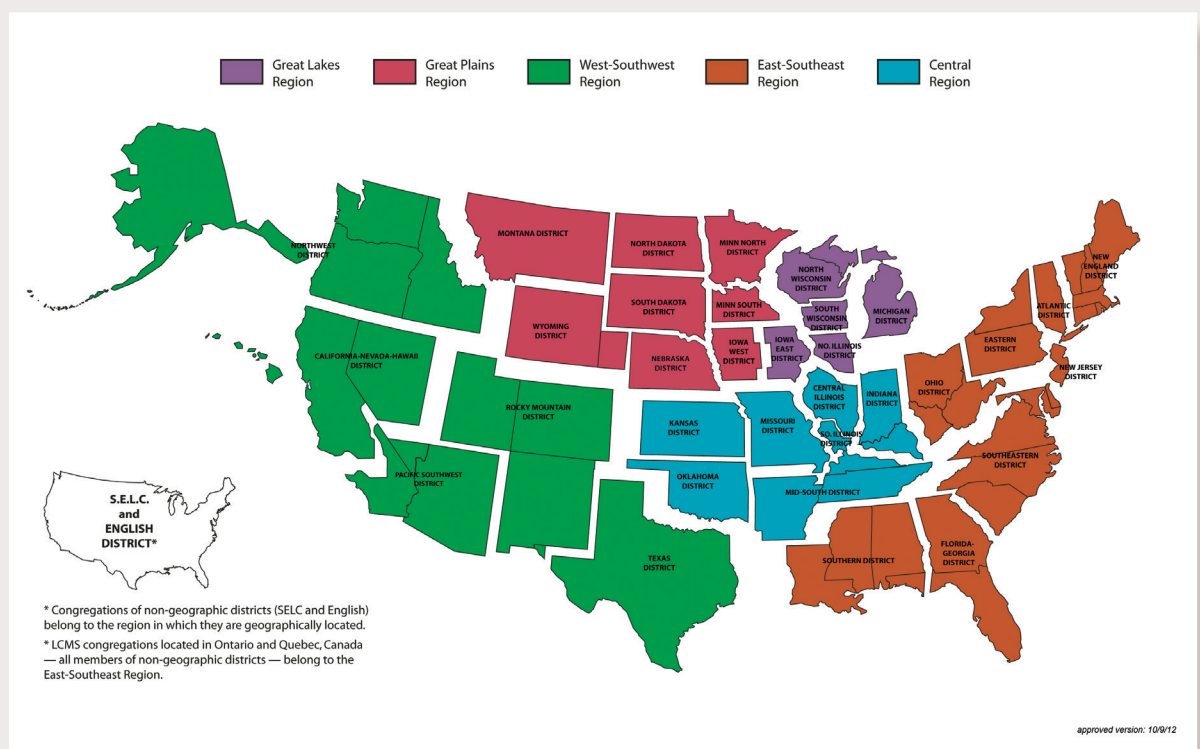


## The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

At first, the Synod was not separated into districts, but as more congregations joined, such a division became necessary. The LCMS Central Illinois District (CID) is one of the 35 districts of the Synod today (two of these are non-geographical). The number and strength of congregations in the area usually determine the size of a district.

### DISTRICTS OF THE SYNOD

The LCMS is divided into five geographical regions (Great Lakes, Great Plains, West-Southwest, East-Southeast, Central) and 35 districts (two of these are non-geographical districts —S.E.L.C. and English).





Rev. Michael Mohr, CID President

## The LCMS Central Illinois District

### MISSION STATEMENT

**The purpose of the LCMS Central Illinois District . . . is to . . . make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28). The congregations of the District . . . elect and call . . . District personnel . . . to advise and assist the congregations . . . in the use of their God-given resources to fulfill this mission and ministry both within their locality and throughout the world.**

To accomplish this purpose such personnel of the LCMS Central Illinois District serve the members of the congregations of the District in their ministry of worship, witness, nurture, stewardship and fellowship and assist them in establishing and maintaining missions and ministries beyond the structure of their congregations.

## CIRCUITS OF THE CID

The CID is divided into 17 circuits with 148 congregations and covers over 50 counties in Central Illinois.

Circuit	Congregations	Circuit Visitor (2022-2025 Triennium)
1) Altamont	9	Rev. Ryan Meyer – <i>St. Peter, St. Peter</i>
2) Bloomington North	9	Rev. Jonathan Boehne – <i>St. Paul, Chenoa/Trinity, El Paso</i>
3) Bloomington South	8	Rev. Jonathan Huehn – <i>Christ, Normal</i>
4) Champaign	9	Rev. Michael Schuermann – <i>University, Champaign</i>
5) Decatur	7	Rev. David Bueltmann – <i>Concordia, Decatur</i>
6) Effingham	9	Rev. Steven Becker – <i>Emeritus</i>
7) Iroquois	10	Rev. H. Douglas Minton – <i>Our Savior, Milford</i>
8) Jacksonville	12	Rev. Brian Lesemann – <i>St. John, Bath/Salem, Chandlerville</i>
9) Lincoln	12	Rev. David Dunlop – <i>Zion, Chestnut/Christ, Clinton</i>
10) Mattoon	7	Rev. Dan Ulrich – <i>St. Paul, Mattoon (Dorans)</i>
11) Peoria	6	Rev. Karl Eckhoff – <i>Christ, Peoria</i>
12) Quincy	9	Rev. Matt Riley – <i>St. James, Quincy</i>
13) Rock Island	12	Rev. Tim Nerud – <i>St. John, Geneseo</i>
14) Shelby	8	Rev. Nathan Woolery – <i>Holy Cross, Shelbyville</i>
15) Springfield East	9	Rev. Matthew Schneider – <i>Good Shepherd, Sherman</i>
16) Springfield West	8	Rev. Martin Kaufmann – <i>Trinity, Auburn</i>
17) Tazewell	6	Rev. Jeffrey Anderson – <i>Bethel, Morton</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	



<sup>5</sup> **May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,** <sup>6</sup> **so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Romans 15: 5-6



## CID BY THE NUMBERS

**17**  
Circuits

**148**  
Churches

**10**  
Mission Locations

**23**  
Elementary Schools

**4**  
High Schools

**26**  
Preschools & Daycares

**55,520**  
Baptized Members

**43,381**  
Communicant Members

**6**  
Commissions

Mission Commission  
Evangelism Commission  
Education Commission  
Congregational Life Commission  
Stewardship Commission  
Finance & Management Commission

**5**  
Committees

Congregation & Handbook Committee  
Ministerial Health Committee  
Human Care Committee  
Communication Committee  
Youth Committee

# SERVING OUR CHURCHES

## CONGREGATION / DISTRICT RESOURCES AND SERVICES

### PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

**CID President**  
**Communications Assistant**  
**Bookkeeper**

*The Rev. Michael Mohr*  
*Mrs. Amy Holmes*  
*Mr. Hugh Shown*

- Overall Executive Responsibility for the District
  - Ecclesiastical Supervisor
  - Maintain Roster
  - Office Staff
  - Co-Business Manager
- Liaison between Synod and District
  - Member of Council of Presidents
  - Board of Assignments
  - Synod Convention Floor Committees as assigned
- Guidance / Encouragement / Prayer Partner for Ordained Members of Synod
  - Ordinations / Installations
  - Anniversaries / Funerals
  - For Commissioned Ministers through Education Executive
- Guidance and Assistance to Calling Congregations
  - Pre-Call Meetings
  - Develop Call Lists of Pastoral Candidates
- Congregation Encouragement
- Crisis Intervention
- Resources for Problem Solving
  - Informal / Formal Reconciliation
- Congregational / Circuit Visitation
  - Circuit Visitors Assisting
- Preaching and Bible Class
  - Assistant Pastor Holy Cross, Vandalia
  - Pulpit Supply
  - Special Occasions
- Pastors Conference Committee Advisor
- References for Ordained / Commissioned Members
- District Archives Board Member
- Endowment Fund ex-officio CID Representative / CID Scholarship Fund Board
- Assistance to the CID Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), the CID Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL), and the Central IL Camp Association

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from the first day until now,"**

Philippians 1:3-5

### Christian Education & Congregational Life

*Mr. Lewis (Trip) Rodgers*

- Oversees CID schools, preschools, daycare and CID teachers
- Demographic Studies / Interpretation
- School Feasibility Studies and School Accreditation
- Teacher Colloquy Program Coordinator
- Continuing Educational Opportunities for Professional Church Workers



## CID Board of Directors (2022-2025 Triennium)

### Front Row (seated)

#### **Rev. Mark Eddy**

1st VP (Western Region) – Zion, Taylor Ridge

#### **Rev. Michael Mohr, District President**

#### **Rev. Michael Burdick**

2nd VP (Eastern Region) – St. John, Effingham

### Middle Row

#### **Mr. John Jacob**

Teacher – Bethel, Morton

#### **Rev. Kevin Wendorf**

Pastor – St. John, Chatham

#### **Mr. James Frazee**

Financial Secretary – St. John, Beardstown

#### **Rev. Marcus Manley**

Assistant Secretary – Bethlehem/Zion, Altamont

#### **Rev. Jeffrey Caithamer**

Pastor – St. John, Champaign

#### **Mr. Roger Garlisch**

Layman – St. Luke, San Jose

### Back Row

#### **Mr. Joel Oschwald**

Treasurer – Good Shepherd, Sherman

#### **Rev. Kent Umbarger**

Secretary – St. John, East Moline

#### **Mr. Tom Blessman**

Layman – St. Paul, Havana

#### **Mr. Robert Dalton**

Layman – St. John, New Berlin

#### **Mr. Larry Wachtel**

Layman – St. Paul, Altamont

#### **Rev. Peter Glock**

Pastor – Zion/St. Paul, Wenona/Varna

#### **Rev. Bruce Scarbeary**

Pastor – Trinity, Roanoke

#### **Mr. Brian Carr**

Teacher – Concordia, Springfield

- Editor of *The GatePost* and *News You Can Use*; website
- Youth Ministry – National Youth Gathering, Junior High Lock-In
- Sunday School and VBS, Confirmation Training (Jr. High & Adult)
- Family Devotions and Bible Studies
- Resource to the District President with the D.C.E.s, Deaconesses, and Parish Nurses in the District

### Missions, Evangelism, Stewardship & Human Care

*Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb*

- Oversee and help existing missions and encourage and support congregations and Circuits in church planting
- Assist congregations with mission education and support for district missions
- Conduct and facilitate training and consultations in witness, outreach, and stewardship
- Coordinate with Circuit Witness and Outreach Workers (C-WOWs) to share ideas, resources, and encouragement for effective outreach in congregations.
- Develop salary guidelines for our District church workers and share financial reports
- Cultivating concern for human care to remove and alleviate human suffering (*Hunger, Pornography, Abuse, Refugees, Substance Abuse, Natural disasters, LERT, Pro-Life Support, etc.*)
- Coordinate Small Church Summit (with Southern Illinois District)

### Gift Planning

*Rev. Charles Olander (part-time)*

- Workshops and Assistance in Planned Giving, Legacy Gifts, Endowment Funds

## CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

### **CEF Executive Director**

### **Assistant to the Executive Director**

*Mrs. Christine Anderson*

*Mrs. Susan Short*

- Loan Services to congregations and home loans for rostered church workers
- Investor Services

**Making  
Disciples  
for Life** 



# MISSIONS

Your congregation's regular support of Synod and District helps fund all these ministries:

## SPANISH OUTREACH

- Cristo Rey (Christ the King) Lutheran Church, East Moline
- at St. John Lutheran Church, Beardstown

## NEW CHURCH START

- Immanuel Lutheran Chapel, Springfield

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

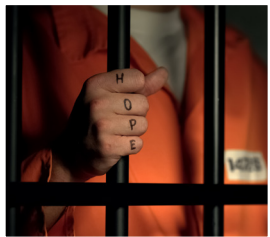
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and Parkland College, Champaign
- Illinois State University, Normal and Heartland Community College and Lincoln College, Normal
- Western Illinois University, Macomb
- Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

## SPECIAL MISSIONS

- Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Jacksonville
- Lincoln Correctional Center, Lincoln
- Logan Correctional Center, Lincoln

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# DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS

At its summer, 2022 convention, CID encouraged “Dollar for Missions” (DFM) giving, one dollar per church member per week, above usual offerings. A dollar, even given once each week, does not amount to sacrificial giving for most of us. Still, many dollars here and there add up. DFM also provides parents, grandparents, and baptismal sponsors a great way to teach children about offerings and mission giving.

A video on DFM is available at [www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html](http://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html)



## 2024 APPROVED PROJECTS

On November 28, 2023, CID’s Board of Directors established a list of projects to receive Dollar for Missions (DFM) funds during the year 2024. The projects are listed in priority order below. These projects will be funded, one at a time starting with the first, up to the board-designated dollar amount shown.

Amount	Project
\$1,800	Weekly mileage for Pastor David Dunlop from Chestnut to two prisons in Lincoln
\$300	Spanish-language hymnals for St. John, Beardstown
\$2,100	Pay honoraria for Pastor Pablo Dominguez to conduct two Spanish language services per month at St. John, Beardstown for half the year
\$10,000	Continue prison ministries begun in 2024 or to start ministry in prisons not currently being so served.
\$25,000	Replace furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb

As sufficient Dollar for Missions contributions are received to fund each project or phase of a project, the District will switch subsequent Dollar for Missions contributions to support the next item on the list. With the Lord’s blessing, everything on the list for 2024 will be fully funded!

Keep checking the CID website to see what your Dollars for Missions are doing at present. Visit [www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-2024-projects.html](http://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-2024-projects.html)

# EDUCATION

The CID education office assists, equips, and uplifts educators, administrators, and congregational leaders so that through them children may be equipped as disciples of Jesus Christ.

## CID SCHOOLS (PS-High School)

Total Enrollment: :	4,096 pupils
Average Elementary School Enrollment:	145 pupils
Enrollment LCMS vs Community Member:	32% LCMS vs 68% COMMUNITY
Attending Pupils with "No church home":	801 pupils or 21%
Number of Baptisms:	49



## CID PRESCHOOL & SCHOOL LOCATIONS

**Boldface** = Accredited under the National Lutheran School Accreditation program (NLSA)

Location	School	Grades
<b>Altamont</b>	<b>Altamont Lutheran Interparish School</b>	<b>K-8</b>
Arenzville	Trinity Lutheran School	PK-8
Auburn	Trinity Lutheran Preschool	PS
Bloomington	Trinity Lutheran School	PK-8
Buckley	Christ Lutheran High School	HS
Buckley	St. John's Lutheran School	PK-8
Champaign	St. John Lutheran School	PK-8
Charleston	Immanuel Lutheran Early Childhood	PS
Chatham	St. John Preschool	PS
Clinton	Christ Lutheran Preschool	PS
Danville	Immanuel Preschool	PS
Danville	Trinity Lutheran School	PS-8
Decatur	Lutheran School Association (LSA)	K-12
Decatur	Mt. Calvary Preschool	PS
Decatur	St. Paul Preschool & Day Care	PS
Effingham	St. John's Eagles Nest Preschool	PS
El Paso	Trinity Preschool	PS
Galesburg	Mt. Calvary Preschool	PS
Geneseo	Concordia Lutheran School	PS-2
Jacksonville	Salem Lutheran School	PK-8
Lexington	St. Paul Preschool	PS
Lincoln	Zion Lutheran School	PK-8
Mason City	Little Lambs of Christ Preschool	PS
<b>Mattoon</b>	<b>St. John's Lutheran School</b>	<b>PK-9</b>
<b>Milford</b>	<b>St. Paul's Lutheran School of Woodworth</b>	<b>PK-8</b>

Location	School	Grades
Morton	Bethel Lutheran School	PS-HS
Mt. Pulaski	Zion Lutheran School	PK-8
Paris	Grace Child Development Center	PS
Pekin	Good Shepherd Lutheran School	PK-8
Peoria	Christ Lutheran School	PK-8
<b>Peoria</b>	<b>Concordia Lutheran School</b>	<b>K-8</b>
Peoria	Redeemer Preschool and Child Care	PS
Quincy	St. James Lutheran School	PK-8
Roanoke	RB Preschool at Trinity	PS
Sadorus	Noah's Ark Preschool	PS
Salem	Little Lamb Preschool	PS
Sherman	Good Shepherd Preschool	PS
Springfield	Concordia Lutheran School and Preschool	PK-8
Springfield	Immanuel Preschool	PS
<b>Springfield</b>	<b>Lutheran High School</b>	<b>HS</b>
<b>Springfield</b>	<b>Our Savior's Lutheran School</b>	<b>PK-8</b>
<b>Springfield</b>	<b>Trinity Lutheran School</b>	<b>PK-8</b>
St. Peter	St. Peter's Lutheran School	PK-8
Stewardson	Trinity Lutheran School	PK-8
Taylorville	Trinity Lutheran Preschool	PS
Taylorville	Trinity Child Care Plus	Child Care
Urbana	Wee Disciples Preschool	PS
Washington	Our Savior Preschool	PS
Watseka	Calvary Preschool	PS





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## CID Listing of Congregations by County

### Adams (5)

Clayton, Good Shepherd  
Golden, Holy Cross  
Quincy, Our Redeemer  
Quincy, St. James  
Quincy, St. John

### Brown (1)

Mt. Sterling, First

### Bureau (0)

### Cass (3)

Arenzville, Trinity  
Beardstown, St. John  
Chandlerville, Salem

### Champaign (7)

Broadlands, Immanuel  
Champaign, Friendship  
Champaign, St. John  
Champaign, University  
Sadorus, St. Paul  
Thomasboro, Peace  
Urbana, Trinity

### Christian (3)

Edinburg, Trinity  
Pana, St. Paul  
Taylorville, Trinity

### Clark (1)

Casey, Trinity

### Clay (0)

### Coles (3)

Charleston, Immanuel  
Mattoon, St. John  
Mattoon, St. Paul

### Crawford (1)

Robinson, Our Redeemer

### Cumberland (0)

### De Witt (1)

Clinton, Christ

### Douglas (1)

Tuscola, Immanuel

### Edgar (1)

Paris, Grace

### Effingham (10)

Altamont, Bethlehem  
Altamont, Immanuel  
Altamont, St. Paul  
Altamont, Zion  
Dieterich, Grace  
Dieterich, St. John  
Effingham, St. John's  
Louisville, St. John  
Shumway, Faith  
Wheeler, St. Paul

### Fayette (4)

Shobonier, Immanuel  
Shobonier, St. Paul  
St. Peter, St. Peter  
Vandalia, Holy Cross

### Ford (0)

### Fulton (0)

### Hancock (2)

Bowen, (Quincy) St. Paul  
Warsaw, Concordia

### Henderson (0)

### Henry (4)

Geneseo, Concordia  
Geneseo, St. John  
Kewanee, Faith  
Kewanee, St. Paul

### Iroquois (9)

Buckley, St. John  
Cissna Park, Immanuel  
Cissna Park, Trinity  
Loda, Immanuel  
Milford, Our Savior  
Onarga, St. John  
Thawville, St. Peter  
Watseka, Calvary  
Woodworth (Milford), St. Paul's

### Jasper (1)

Newton, Good Shepherd

### Knox (1)

Galesburg, Mt. Calvary

### LaSalle (0)

### Lawrence (1)

Lawrenceville, Our Savior

### Livingston (0)

### Logan (5)

Chestnut, Zion  
Lincoln, Faith  
Lincoln, Zion  
Mt. Pulaski, Zion  
New Holland, Zion

### Macon (6)

Decatur, Concordia  
Decatur, Mt. Calvary  
Decatur, St. John  
Decatur, St. Paul  
Decatur, Trinity  
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion

### Marion (1)

Salem, Salem

### Marshall (2)

Varna, St. Paul  
Wenona, Zion

### Mason (6)

Bath, St. John  
Havana, St. Paul  
Manito, St. Paul  
Manito, Trinity  
Mason City, Christ  
San Jose, St. Luke

### Mc Donough (1)

Macomb, Immanuel

### Mc Lean (8)

Bloomington, Good Shepherd  
Bloomington, Our Redeemer  
Bloomington, Trinity  
Chenoa, St. Paul  
Danvers, Zion  
Lexington, St. Paul  
Normal, Christ  
Osman, (Fisher) Immanuel

### Menard (2)

Athens, Immanuel  
Petersburg, Bethlehem

### Mercer (0)

### Morgan (5)

Chapin, St. Paul  
Jacksonville, Christ  
Jacksonville, Our Redeemer  
Jacksonville, Salem  
Waverly, Christ

### Moultrie (1)

Sullivan, Faith

### Peoria (5)

Brimfield, St. Paul  
Peoria, Christ  
Peoria, Mt. Calvary  
Peoria, Redeemer  
Peoria, Trinity

### Piatt (1)

Monticello, Faith

### Pike (1)

Pittsfield, St. Paul

### Putnam (0)

### Richland (0)

### Rock Island (8)

Coal Valley, Trinity  
East Moline, Cristo Rey  
East Moline, St. John  
East Moline, Zion  
Milan, St. Matthew  
Moline, Holy Cross  
Rock Island, Immanuel  
Taylor Ridge, Zion

### Sangamon (13)

Auburn, Trinity  
Buffalo, Risen Savior  
Chatham, St. John  
New Berlin, St. John  
Pleasant Plains, Zion  
Riverton, Immanuel  
Rochester, Good Shepherd  
Sherman, Good Shepherd  
Springfield, Concordia  
Springfield, Holy Trinity  
Springfield, Immanuel  
Springfield, Our Savior  
Springfield, Trinity

### Schuyler (1)

Rushville, St. John

### Scott (2)

Bluffs, Trinity  
Winchester, Christ

### Shelby (5)

Shelbyville, Holy Cross  
Sigel, St. Paul  
Stewardson, Trinity  
Strasburg, Grace  
Strasburg, St. Paul

### Stark (0)

Tazewell (8)  
Delavan, Christ  
East Peoria, St. Peter  
Green Valley, St. John  
Minier, Good Shepherd  
Morton, Bethel  
Pekin, St. John  
Pekin, Trinity  
Washington, Our Savior

### Vermilion (3)

Danville, Immanuel  
Danville, Trinity  
Hoopeston, Good Shepherd

### Warren (0)

### Woodford (5)

El Paso, Trinity  
Eureka, Our Redeemer  
Roanoke, Trinity  
Secor, St. John  
Washburn, St. John