



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod/Erik M. Lunsford

PARTNERSHIP IN THE *Gospel*

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



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. There are over 5,700 congregations in the Synod, with baptized membership numbering almost one and two-thirds million people.

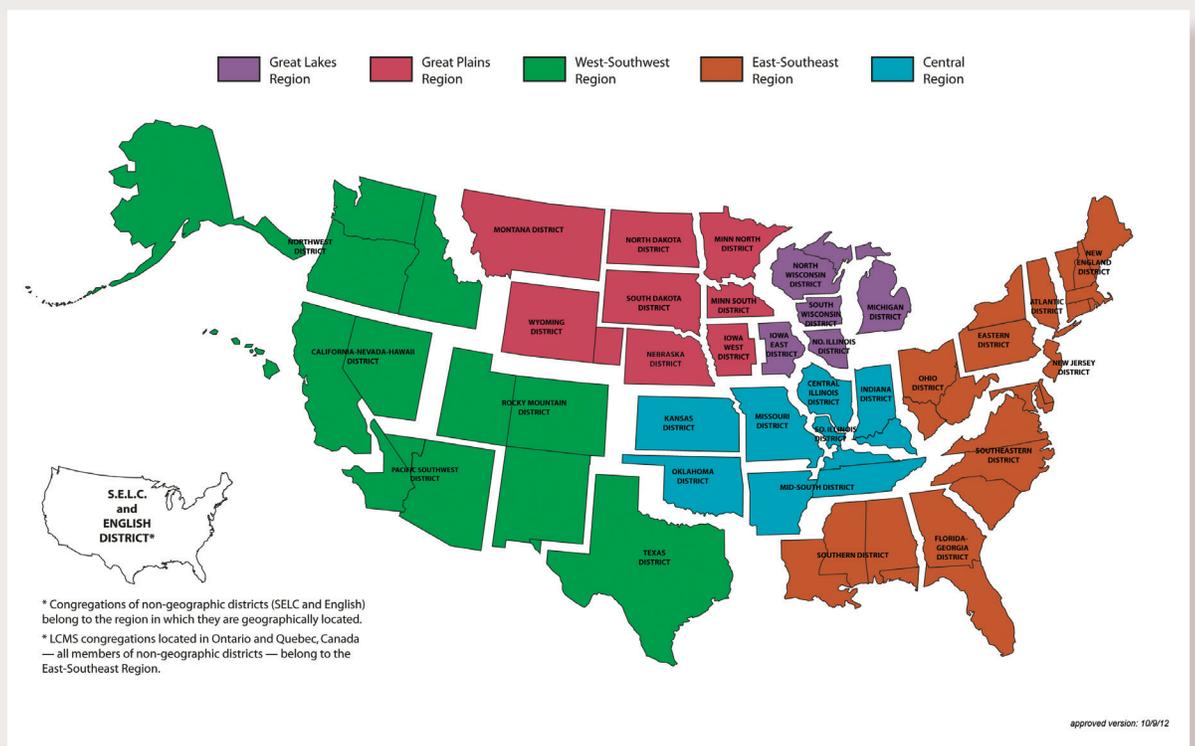


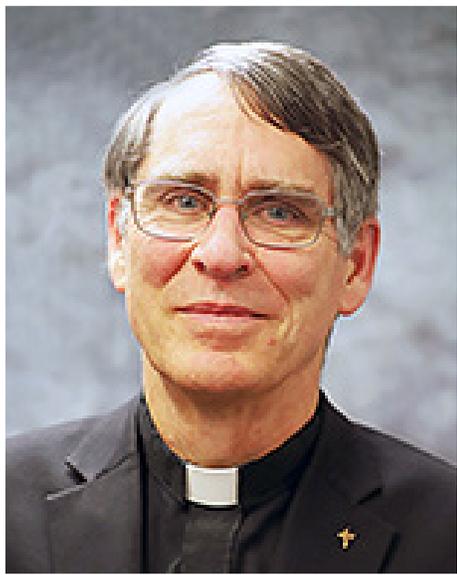
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At first, the Synod was not separated into districts, but as more congregations joined, such a division became necessary. The LCMS Central Illinois District (CID) is one of the 35 districts of the Synod today (two of these are non-geographical). The 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. Mark Eddy, 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 (2026-2028 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. Andrew Smith – <i>Our Redeemer, Bloomington</i>
4) Champaign	9	Rev. Michael Stoerger – <i>Peace, Thomasboro</i>
5) Decatur	7	Rev. Brett Hinrichs – <i>Mt. Calvary, 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. Matthew Berndt – <i>St. Paul/Trinity, Manito</i>
10) Mattoon	7	Rev. Dan Ulrich – <i>St. Paul, Mattoon (Dorans)</i>
11) Peoria	6	Rev. Chip Winter – <i>Redeemer, 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. Brian Johnston – <i>Trinity, Taylorville</i>
16) Springfield West	8	Rev. Martin Kaufmann – <i>Trinity, Auburn</i>
17) Tazewell	6	Rev. Greg Moyer – <i>Bethel, Morton</i>
Total	148	



⁵ **May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,** ⁶ **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

5

High Schools

23

Preschools & Daycares

49,778

Baptized Members

38,930

Communicant Members

6

Commissions

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

4

Committees

Congregational Constitutions
and Handbook Committee
Human Care and Church Workers
Support and Wellness Committee
Communication Committee
Youth Committee

SERVING OUR CHURCHES

CONGREGATION / DISTRICT RESOURCES AND SERVICES

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

CID President

The Rev. Mark Eddy, S.T.M.

Communications Assistant (*remote*)

Mrs. Amy Holmes

- Overall Executive Responsibility for the District
 - Ecclesiastical Supervisor
 - Maintain Roster
- Liaison between Synod and District
 - Member, Council of Presidents
 - Synod responsibilities as assigned, e.g. convention floor committees
- Guidance / Encouragement / Prayer Partner for Pastors
 - Ordinations/Installations, Anniversaries/Funerals
 - For Commissioned personnel through Education Executive
- Guidance and Assistance to Calling Congregations
 - Pre-Call Meetings
 - Develop Call Lists of Pastoral Candidates
- Congregational Encouragement and Crisis Intervention
- Resources for Problem Solving – informal or formal reconciliation
- Congregational/Circuit Visitation, Circuit Visitors assisting
- Preaching and Bible Class, as requested
- Pastors Conference Committee Advisor
- Member of District Archives Board and Scholarship Fund
- Assistance to the CID Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), the CID Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL), and the Central IL Camp Association

Christian Education & Congregational Life

Mr. Lewis (Trip) Rodgers, M.S., C.A.S.

- Oversees CID schools, preschools, daycare, and CID teachers
- Demographic Studies/interpretation
- School Feasibility Studies and School Administration
- Teacher Colloquy Program Coordinator
- Editor of *The GatePost* and *News You Can Use*; website
- Youth Ministry – National Youth Gathering, Junior High Event, Higher Things, Bible Bowl
- Resource to District President with CID's Deaconesses, DCEs, Parish Nurses, Directors of Parish Music

"³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,"

Philippians 1:3-5



CID Board of Directors (2026-2028 Triennium)

SEATED

(center) Rev. Mark Eddy, President

(left) Rev. Jason Braaten,
First Vice-President

(right) Rev. Karl Eckhoff,
Second Vice-President

MIDDLE ROW

Robinette Flach, Teacher Member

Steve Parry, Teacher Member

Rev. Kevin Wendorf, Pastoral Member

Rev. Kent Tibben, Pastoral Member

BACK ROW

Rev. Timothy Fitzner, Pastoral Member

Aaron Schroeder, Lay Member

Dr. M. Scot Breitenfeld, Lay Member

Rev. Justin Cullen, Secretary

Joel Oschwald, Treasurer

Rev. Aaron Uphoff, Pastoral Member

Kevin Block, Lay Member

Bill Blessman, Lay Member

NOT PICTURED

Robert Dalton, Financial Secretary

Rev. Marcus Manley, Assistant Secretary

Missions, Business Operations

*Rev. Patrick Gumz, M.B.A.
Mr. Hugh Shown, Bookkeeper*

- Encourages and supports congregations and Circuits in church planting
- Oversees and helps existing missions
- Provides management expertise and service for CID office

Evangelism

Rev. Ken Schurb, Ph.D.

- Coordinates with Circuit Witness and Outreach Workers (C-WOWs) to share ideas and encouragement for Evangelism
- Promotes individual and congregational Evangelism, consults as requested
- Coordinates Small Church Summit (with Southern Illinois District)

Stewardship

Rev. William Jensen

- Supports Stewardship Commission in developing salary guidelines for District church workers
- Facilitates Stewardship training/workshops, resources, and consultation.

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

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

- District-Wide Deaf Ministry Parish
- East Moline Correctional Center (in Spanish)
- Logan Correctional Center, Lincoln

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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: 4,374 pupils

*Enrollment LCMS vs Community Member: 36% LCMS vs 64% COMMUNITY

*Attending Pupils with "No church home": 20%

*Number of Baptisms: 34

* 33 of 47 (70%) schools reporting



CID PRESCHOOL & SCHOOL LOCATIONS

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

Location	School	Grades
Altamont	Altamont Lutheran Interparish School	K-8
Arenzville	Trinity Lutheran School	PK-6
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
Mattoon	St. John's Lutheran School	PK-HS

Location	School	Grades
Milford	St. Paul's Lutheran School of Woodworth	PK-8
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
Peoria	Concordia Lutheran School	K-8
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 Preschool	PK
Springfield	Lutheran High School	HS
Springfield	Our Savior's Lutheran School	PK-8
Springfield	Trinity Lutheran School	PK-8
St. Peter	St. Peter's Lutheran School	PK-8
Stewardson	Trinity Lutheran School	PK-8
Taylorville	Trinity Lutheran Preschool	PS
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