Christian Citizenship

Update for February 2023 (2)

ATTENDING THE ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE ON MARCH 21

The rally preceding the **2023 Illinois March for Life** will begin on March 21 at noon at the Lincoln statue on the front (east) lawn of the state capitol building in Springfield. The *March* itself, walking a perimeter around the capitol complex, will follow at about 1:00 p.m. Thereafter, *March* participants from Illinois are encouraged to visit the offices of their state legislators.

Preceding all these events, at 10:30 a.m. Trinity Lutheran Church will conduct a Matins service commemorating Joseph, Guardian of Jesus. Central Illinois District (CID) President Michael Mohr will preach. (He will also speak at the noon rally.) The church is across the street from the capitol building (on the northeast corner of 2nd and Monroe streets), about a block north of the Lincoln statue.

Please consider attending on March 21. You might find these notes helpful:

Transportation

There are several parking garages downtown. In addition, parking will be available at the former campus of Lutheran High School, 3500 W Washington St., Springfield, IL, 62711-7923. If you plan to travel to the *March* in a private vehicle (not a commercial bus or school bus, for example), you can consider parking there. NOTE: The building there will **NOT** be accessible for restroom use, filling water bottles, etc.

CID strongly encourages people to share rides to the March 21 events. It will provide shuttle service downtown and back from the Lutheran High parking lot for DRIVERS ONLY. If, for instance, you drive from Quincy with two or three passengers in your car, please drop your passengers off downtown, then head out to Lutheran High. We have bus capacity to shuttle the drivers of vehicles, but not all of their passengers. Plan to pick up your party downtown at the end of the day's activities.

Shuttles will begin leaving the Lutheran High parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Seven shuttle runs will leave between 9:30 and 10:10. If you live in or near Springfield and wish to park a vehicle at Lutheran High, please arrive early so your driver can be on one of the first shuttle runs of the day, allowing the later runs to transport drivers who are traveling from a greater distance.

At the end of the *March*, shuttle runs will depart from downtown starting at 1:45 through 3:05, with "straggler" runs at 3:50 and 4:00. If you are the driver who brought the two or three from Quincy, they can look up their legislators while you go and fetch your vehicle. Later in the afternoon, you can all rendezvous at a time and place of your choosing.

Food

A light lunch will be available at Trinity Lutheran Church for those attending the Matins service. It will consist of: a 4-inch Subway sandwich (ham or turkey), a bag of potato chips, a chocolate chip cookie, and a bottle of water. Suggested donation: \$5. Please use a \$5 bill. It's a fitting Illinois thing to do, since Lincoln is on the \$5!

Issues, etc

Issues, etc. will cover the **Illinois March for Life**, recording in-person interviews at Trinity starting at 11:30 and continuing to record through the early part of the afternoon. These will be broadcast on KFUO (850 AM, audible in southern and much of central Illinois) that same afternoon between 3:00 and 5:00. The entire program can be live-streamed or accessed on-demand at www.issuesetc.org