

# the GatePost

"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved" John 10:9

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**Making  
Disciples  
for Life** 

## What's the Good News IN MISSIONS?

The evangelist Philip had no confusion about this matter. He "opened his mouth, and . . . told" a man from Ethiopia "the good news of Jesus" (Acts 8:35).

THE Good News is the Gospel of the Christ Who died for poor sinners and rose again. He loved you and gave Himself for you. When St. Paul wrote the Corinthians, he reminded them that this was the Gospel by which they were saved (1 Corinthians 15:2). Here's a matter of death and life, eternally!

### When THE Good News still reaches people today, that's good news.

So it is good news when the Gospel — "the good news of Jesus" — comes to people, like it came to the Ethiopian or to the Corinthians. When THE Good News still reaches people today, that's good news.

There is good news about mission efforts in the Central Illinois District (CID), as they are better positioned to reach more and more people with THE Good News of Jesus, God willing:

- A new mission effort in northwest Springfield, **Immanuel Lutheran Chapel**, has started conducting Sunday services. *See story on Page 3.*
- Enjoying the services of new coordinator Rev. Rodney Blomquist,

**CID Prison Ministry** is undergoing reorganization for broader-based participation. It will also have enhanced funding from LWML. *See story on Page 3.*

- The four **CID Campus Ministry** endowment funds have each achieved their initial goal of \$10,000 in donations by July 1, 2021. Now Lutheran Legacy Foundation has extended its offer to match contributions for these four endowments. *See story on Page 6.*
- **Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, East Moline** (CID's only congregation presently conducting services in Spanish every Sunday) will soon start its own endowment fund that can help to support its ministry into the future.
- **St. John Lutheran Church, Beardstown** is receiving a new candidate as its pastor, the Rev. Brian Homann. He will work with CID-supported community liaison Maria Quijosa in continuing to reach out to the Spanish-speaking population in and around Beardstown.

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# From the President's Desk

## "Give Me Liberty!"

Everyone on earth wants freedom, but the definitions attached to such differ. When Patrick Henry first spoke the words above, he, with many others, sought a separate destiny apart from the tyranny of the homeland and its king. Freedom is to be oppressed no longer. Freedom evokes opportunity not available under the prevailing circumstances. Freedom is the ability to chart one's own path without interference or obstacle. Most often, however, most sinners have confused freedom with license and in our having no further obligation to any authority. This latter definition is just a new kind of slavery.

Israel thought that their "Chosen People" status gave them license to do as they pleased without ever being called into question. The world, in general, does not believe that it will ever be called to account for the evil it perpetrates. Each of us feels we have gotten away with our indiscretions and our greater offenses so long as we remain undetected. Our conscience bears witness that we are quick to abuse liberty so that every pleasure might become ours to enjoy to the full. Every rule is meant to be broken for the sake of liberty. All things have become lawful and beneficial despite what St. Paul said to the contrary.

Christ freely gave up His heavenly throne to take on an obligation toward His fallen creation. He came to establish liberty for those whose independent uprising had enslaved them to death and destruction. The object of His love was thoughtlessly traveling down a path that he was convinced was truly free, but such "freedom" was just a myth or a mirage. Christ's mission was to attach freedom and pardon, getting to the very root of mankind's dilemma. There is no freedom for us apart from our sin and rebellion being duly dealt with.

The whole of Scripture is focused on our Christ and Savior, who, from the time of our false start toward our own divinity and wrong turn away from our Creator, sought

to fulfill the first Gospel promise to crush the serpent's head and reverse the effects of death now claiming creation and creature. From the start Christ sought our freedom from death and hell.

Throughout His life, Jesus kept the Law perfectly, in our behalf. He was obedient to His Father in every respect, for us. Though innocent, He became the sacrifice for a world full of sin and sinners, and with His resurrection from the dead gained liberty from what had oppressed us and freedom to become the "sons of God." Jesus became to us the open gate into the Kingdom of God. He set the foundation of true Freedom!

Our trespasses have been forgiven in Christ and are no longer held against us. This is true of the whole world! That frees our conscience of the terror and turmoil of guilt! That then places us under a new and free obligation.

Ben Franklin, following the Constitutional Convention of 1787, is said to have responded to a question from Mrs. Powell of Philadelphia, "What have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" He said, "A republic, if you can keep it!"

With freedom goes a certain obligation, first, not to give way and unleash all of one's common urges, but to walk in liberty, carefully and well-disciplined. So, we have been justified by grace through faith in Christ alone, should we then sin more that we might be forgiven more? Certainly not, responds St. Paul.

Luther pointed out the paradox that is Christian Freedom. He wrote, "A Christian is an utterly free man, lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is an utterly dutiful man, servant of all, subject to all." Yes, we are set free by the Gospel so that we live in the hope that no one can snatch us from His hand, but at the same time Christian love obligates us to our God and neighbor. We have been given



*Rev. Mark A. Miller, CID President*

liberty but not to become subject again to the slavery of sin. We ought to give a testimony to the hope that is within us which the Bible has taught us when we were turned to Jesus as our conqueror who makes us more than conquerors.

The Mission of Christ's Church, and all its members, is to share this good news that the captive has been released, the sinner has been pardoned, and that heaven is open to everyone because of the all-availing sacrifice of God's Son in behalf of the lost and enslaved of the world. We were lost, standing apart from our loving Father. We were enslaved to sin so that it was our only preferred lifestyle. We were dead, blind, God's enemies until Jesus' life and blood made a difference in how we were viewed from heaven. We are now, in the sight of God, truly free!

We have been reconciled so that we might be ambassadors of the message and ministry of reconciliation. The Liberty Bell bears this inscription: "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants thereof." The people who have been pardoned with a pardon meant for all, couldn't... shouldn't... wouldn't... we ring out blood-bought liberty to family, friend, and foe alike, as an act of Christian love in the mold of Christ who gave Himself for all! God grant that by so living, believing, and doing we will be known as the sons of God's liberty!

— **Rev. Mark A. Miller, CID President**  
1 Corinthians 2:2





# Prison Ministry Opens Wider

While he was imprisoned, the apostle Paul prayed for an open door. Yet he did not have in mind an exit from his imprisonment. Selflessly, he invited the church at Colossae to “pray for us also, that God may open to us a door for the Word” (Colossians 4:3).

The pandemic caused prison doors to close to the Word, as visits by outside chaplains and others were curtailed for health and security reasons. As these words are written, we anticipate that Illinois state prisons will open to our chaplains soon. This would be a welcome wider opening for prison ministry.

Meanwhile, CID prison ministry efforts are in the process of opening wider still. One of the lessons learned from the pandemic is the importance of ways and means to get the Word into prisons even when chaplains cannot go in.

Prison Ministry Coordinator Rev. Rodney Blomquist is laying plans to expand the number of prisons and jails served with resources, and to involve more congregations, their pastors and members in the process. This wider opening is being supported in large part by Central Illinois LWML, which has decided to award a generous \$10,000 grant for resourcing and restructuring of CID Prison Ministry. Roughly two-thirds of this amount will be for the provision of materials and the other third for training of volunteers.

Please spend about five minutes with the District’s new video, produced with funding from Church Extension Fund, *Prison MinisTRY: Will You TRY?* It is found on the CID website at <http://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-prison.html>

For questions about Prison Ministry, or to find out how to get involved, contact Rev. Blomquist. His e-mail address is [prisonministry@cidlcms.org](mailto:prisonministry@cidlcms.org)

## What's the Good News in Missions?

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- CID’s District-wide **deaf ministry** parish probably suffered less disruption to its routine than a lot of other ministries did during the pandemic, since its members were already communicating electronically with Pastor Tom Phillips and each other. His travel schedule should be picking up again soon.

Also, the “**Mission Festival Toolkit**” on the CID website is being updated this summer. As its name suggests, this resource can help you to hold a mission festival in YOUR congregation. Find it at <http://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-mission-festival-toolkit.html>

In addition, CID’s “**Partnership in the Gospel**” brochure has been updated this summer. This is a guide to many aspects of the cooperation of LCMS congregations in the CID. Find it at <http://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-brochure.html>



## Immanuel Lutheran Chapel SPRINGFIELD

Immanuel Lutheran Chapel is a ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Springfield. With the help of members of other CID churches, Immanuel is attempting to serve northwest Springfield with the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pastor James Stuenkel conducted the first service of Immanuel Lutheran Chapel in May, 2021, as things were starting to open up after the COVID pandemic. Services continue to be conducted at 2:00 on Sunday afternoons in the “red building” adjacent to the CID office.

We dare to look forward to the day when a new congregation develops as people gather around God’s Word. Please pray for this mission effort!

### Weekly Services

2:00pm Sundays in the “red building”

1800 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702 • (217) 528-5232

# in all things

JULY 9-13, 2022

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

## Ways to Connect

### CID Lutheran Youth Facebook Group

Find the latest district updates and information

### LCMS Youth Ministry Facebook Group

Lots of Gathering related content and collaboration, but all thing youth ministry too!

### End Goals: LCMS Youth Ministry Podcast

All things youth ministry and some great episodes on the Gathering!

### LCMS Youth Gathering Social Media Links

- <https://www.facebook.com/lcmsgathering>
- <https://www.instagram.com/lcmsgathering>
- <https://twitter.com/lcmsgathering>

## Upcoming Dates

### July 2021

Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) applications open

### July 11-14, 2021

National 21 Lutheran Youth Workers Conference

### August 28, 2021

Primary Adult Leader Training at Bethel Lutheran Church, 325 E. Queenwood Rd. Morton, IL 61550 – Open to all, but geared especially toward first time adult leaders. We will discuss planning, timelines, budgeting, fundraising, and more!

### September 2021

Data entry for registration opens

### October 2021

Official registration open

For more information about the Gathering and regarding COVID-19 precautions, go to [www.lcmsgathering.com/faq](http://www.lcmsgathering.com/faq)

If you need any assistance, please contact the CID District Coordinator, Jonathan Guse at [cidcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:cidcoordinator@gmail.com) or (309)-263-2417

## THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL!



### Circuit Convocation on Recruitment

On Pentecost Sunday, May 23, CID's Shelby and Effingham Circuits held a joint Circuit Convocation focusing on church worker recruitment, especially the recruitment of future pastors. Dr. Dale Meyer, President Emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, was the featured speaker.

Our two seminaries were represented, as well as Concordia Universities in Chicago and Wisconsin, LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, and Camp CILCA.

Some 65 people attended. Among them were seven men who are considering studying to become pastors.

The convocation offered several special interest sessions. Some specifically spoke of the challenges and joys of serving full-time in the church. Others focused on the educational paths to church work careers. Still others gave ideas on how to encourage others (sons, daughters, grandchildren, friends, and fellow church members in general) toward such service — for example:

- As you mull over “what to do for a living,” consider being a full-time church worker FIRST. There may be reasons to move beyond this option to others, but maybe not.
- Congregations can set up prominent displays to put everyone in mind of all their sons and daughters from that church who have gone into full time church work.

As Jesus said, “pray . . . the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest”!



2021 Championship team from Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge – Kiersten Fuhr, Holly Fuhr, Taylor Hofer, and Jakob Hofer.

## CID YOUTH BIBLE BOWL

The twenty-second annual CID Youth Bible Bowl (after missing last year due to the pandemic) took place on Sunday afternoon, April 18, 2021, via e-mail and phone. Three teams from two circuits participated by answering questions about “The Exodus.”

The championship team was from Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, with a record of 3 and 1. Team members were: Kiersten Fuhr, Holly Fuhr, Taylor Hofer, and Jakob Hofer. Second place went to the team from Holy Cross, Moline, with a 2 and 2 record. Team members were: Max Serre, Emma Noah, Taylor Lohse, and Alex Serre. Third place went to St. Paul's, Lexington. Team members were Jadyn Reimer, Jillian Reimer, and Tanner Laesch. This is the first time a team from Lexington ever participated in the CID Youth Bible Bowl. Welcome!

After months of study by the youth, this year's Bible Bowl was quite different from previous years. At least we had one this year. Instead of using a buzzer system to determine which team got to answer each question, the quizmaster e-mailed an entire match of 15 questions to both teams in the match. Each team answered all the questions they could via reply e-mail. If there had been any ties in the number of correct answers, the team which sent in its answers first would have won. Many matches were close, but not quite that close. There was a delay of quite a few minutes before each team learned how well they did, instead of learning the correct answer immediately (as we do in-person).

Here is what some of the participants thought of the electronic format:

*“This year's format prompted a lot of challenging questions and some absolutely amazing discussion within the team. Everyone present sure did learn a lot!”*

Susan Serre, parent

*“I really liked how it ran this year. Even though it was hard (and I can now easily recite the correct order of all the plagues no problem) our team really had fun.”*

Max Serre, team member

Or, more succinctly, from the winning group: “It was too long.” But “there was better collaboration.” The lack of immediate feed-back for answers, and the quizmaster's need to check two sets of answers for each match did add to the time involved. And, of course, the participants could not learn from matches in which they were not involved. (And no audience could learn from the experience.) As former CID Education exec. Glenn Goeres used to say: watching a Bible Bowl in this format “would be as interesting as watching paint dry.” So, God willing, we'll get back to in-person, buzzer-and-all, audible circuit and District Bible Bowls next year.

The Bible Bowl is open to junior and senior high youth from any congregation in the CID. Circuits who are interested in holding a Bible Bowl should contact the Bible Bowl coordinator, Pastor Mark Eddy at Taylor Ridge, or Mr. Trip Rodgers at the CID office. Next year's Bible Bowl will cover some part of the New Testament. God willing, the topic will be announced in October. “Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!” (Luke 11:28).





# Keeping Christ on Campus

Over the years, the CID has had campus ministries at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Illinois State University, Eastern Illinois University, and Western Illinois University. These ministries offer C.A.R.E.:

- C**atechizing and Caring for our own
- A**pologetics (defense of the faith) in the academic square
- R**eaching out to those who are lost
- E**ngaging a dying culture with Christ

Pray for our campus ministries, as they are planning now for a new academic year that will start soon. Prayer is one way of supporting them.

Financial support of campus ministry has grown increasingly difficult. However, last year Lutheran Legacy Foundation created four endowment funds, each for ministry at one of the above-named universities. These endowments are to provide the District with earnings to continue supporting ministry to students, faculty, and staff members. Lutheran Legacy donated \$10,000 to each of these endowments initially, and it also matched the first \$10,000 given to each of the four funds.

Now Lutheran Legacy has announced a generous extension of its matching funds offer. It is going to continue providing dollar-for-dollar matching contributions to each of the endowments for an additional \$10,000, for donations made by July 1, 2022.

So another way to support campus ministry is to alert alumni of these four campus ministries, or their parents and other family members, to this significant opportunity. This effort too can become part of *Keeping Christ on Campus*.

The psalmist prayed to the Lord, "Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!" (Psalm 43:3). Our Synod says: "College is tough. You need Jesus. We'll help."

*Please help.*

## For more information:

See the CID Website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-campus.html>

Contact Ken Schurb at the District office: (217) 793-11802 or e-mail [kschurb@cidlcms.org](mailto:kschurb@cidlcms.org)

To donate: <https://www.lutheranlegacyfoundation.org/fund/central-illinois-district-campus-ministry>



Another method of support for campus ministry is to provide the District contact information on students attending one of the above-mentioned universities. In fact, CID will make referrals to LCMS U chapters all over the country.

Send students' names, mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, and/or telephone numbers to [kschurb@cidlcms.org](mailto:kschurb@cidlcms.org)

# Scholarship Sunday

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR CID STUDENTS  
STUDYING FOR VOCATIONS IN MINISTRY.**

CID Scholarship Sunday was Sunday, May 2nd. We thank everyone who participated with gifts and prayers in support of our CID seminarians and full-time church worker students. Because of the great need for pastors, teachers, principals, and other full-time church workers we also ask you to speak to your pastor if you are considering a vocation in ministry or know of someone who would be a good candidate. We ask you also to forward their name and contact information to the district office.

Please continue to pray for the needs of our students throughout the year. If you were not able to make a gift last month you may still do so today or at any time during the year. The need is great. Please make your check payable to "The CID Scholarship Fund" and designate it to be used for current needs or to be added to the CID Scholarship Endowment Fund. Please send your gift to the Central Illinois District LCMS, 1850 North Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. If you are considering making a gift to ministry of assets or a gift through your estate, you may contact our CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander at (217) 416-8842 or [c-olander@msn.com](mailto:c-olander@msn.com) for assistance.



## Church Planting

The Synod's Office of National Mission has recently concluded a study of LCMS church planting 2000 to 2020. One of the summary statements of this study is worth quoting:

**"... CHURCH PLANTS ARE EFFECTIVE AT REACHING THE LOST. CHURCH PLANTS ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO GROW THAN ... [OLDER] CONGREGATIONS OF COMPARABLE SIZE, AND THE GROWTH THEY EXPERIENCE IS ATTRIBUTED IN LARGE PART TO THE BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION OF NEW ADULTS INTO THE LCMS."**

What can you and your congregation do for the cause of church planting? Contact Mission Executive Ken Schurb at (217) 793-1802 or e-mail [kschurb@cidlcms.org](mailto:kschurb@cidlcms.org)



## Official Notices

4/15/2021 – 7/3/2021

### Ordained

#### Transferred In

- **Rev. Michael Wagnitz**, EM, RM to CID
- **Rev. James Yonkers**, Candidate, IDW

#### Ordained

- **Rev. Justin W. Cullen**, CSL, St. Robert MO, by Rev. Perling, 5/30/21
- **Rev. Kyle C. Ronchetto**, CSL, St. Paul Lexington (Miller) and install, 6/6/21
- **Rev. Aaron J. Hickey**, CSL, Redeemer, Peoria by Rev. Winter and install, 6/20/21
- **Rev. Brenden M. Harrell**, CSL, Our Savior, Springfield (Miller) and install, 6/27/21
- **Rev. Brian P. E. Homann**, CTS, St. Paul, Mattoon by Rev. Grills 6/27/21

#### Installation

- **Rev. James Yonkers**, Pastor, Immanuel, Danville 6/20/21
- **Rev. Brian Homann**, Pastor, St. John, Beardstown 7/3/21

#### Called to Glory

- **Rev. Dr. Harold Woodworth**, EM April 16, 2021
- **Rev. Bruce Lakamp**, EM, April 19, 2021

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## Ministry Outreach Grants

Because the next issue of *The GatePost* will not allow much time for you to assemble and submit your grant requests, we thought it would be better to remind you a little earlier about the October round of Ministry Outreach grants from the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF).

These grants are provided to assist our congregations, agencies, and individuals carry out the mission and ministry of the LCMS, with special consideration given to new and innovative opportunities addressing the issues and concerns confronting our District and its congregations. Examples include addressing the needs of our rural congregations and schools, encouraging involvement by our youth, reaching the unchurched, meeting the needs of multi-cultural communities, and addressing the growing needs of the elderly.

The deadline for grant application submission is October 1. The application for the grant can be found on our website at [www.cid-cef.org](http://www.cid-cef.org), then look under “Grants” and “Ministry Outreach Grants”. You can also email us at [cef@cidlcms.org](mailto:cef@cidlcms.org) or call our office at (217) 793-1802 to obtain a copy of the application.

*May the Lord guide you to embark on an opportunity to minister  
to others in our Central Illinois District!*

## Growth Bond Program is Ending

Through its Growth Bond Program, the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF) has encouraged the young members of our congregations to save up their treasures while supporting the growth of the LCMS and God’s Kingdom in the CID. Many of our youth have taken advantage of this program, but the time has now come to bring the program to an end.

The CID-CEF will initiate the following steps to bring the Growth Bond Program to a close:

- All unused stamps not yet in booklets will be refunded at stamp face value upon presentation.
- All stamps in booklets, partial or full, will be refunded at stamp face value upon presentation.
- Growth Bonds that have not yet reached maturity will be allowed to reach maturity value. At that time, the Growth Bond will be redeemed, or the owner may have the option to reinvest in a CID-CEF Flexible Savings Account or Investment Certificate where qualified and permissible to do so.
- Growth Bonds that have matured will, after a 60-day notification period, be redeemed at their current value, or the owner may have the option to reinvest in a CID-CEF Flexible Savings Account or Investment Certificate where qualified and permissible to do so.

**Please submit all unused stamps and stamps in booklets for redemption by December 31, 2021, to the CID-CEF (1850 N. Grand Ave. W., Springfield, IL 62702). We ask churches and schools to please communicate this request as necessary to members of their congregations and schools.**

Communications regarding redemption of Growth Bonds already purchased will be sent 60 days in advance of their maturity or redemption as a reminder of this change and to allow reinvestment, where qualified and permissible to do so.

We thank you for participating in the Growth Bond Program and pray that your youth have likewise grown spiritually from the knowledge that they have assisted with reaching souls by providing the use of their treasures to build and grow our churches and schools in the CID.





## Upcoming Events

### LERI Advanced Chainsaw Training

August 7, 2021  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Charleston, IL

### Camp CILCA Chicken Fry & Auction

September 5, 2021  
Camp CILCA

### International Lutheran Laymen's League Retreat

September 11, 2021  
Camp CILCA

### CID Pastors' Conference

October 4-6, 2021  
Location TBA

### CID-SID Teachers' Conference

October 8, 2021  
Good Shepherd Lutheran School  
Collinsville, IL

### Preparing for Retirement Workshop for Church Workers - Part 2

November 6, 2021 (Saturday)  
Location TBA

Part two of a Preparing for Retirement workshop for Church Workers. This event was scheduled for last year, but had to be postponed. Rev. David Fleming of DOXOLOGY will speak on spiritual aspects of retirement

and CID Gift Planner Rev. Charles Olander will outline giving that leaves a legacy not only for one's family but also for churches and ministries. The location and exact times are yet to be determined, but the event will generally take the late morning and early afternoon, and will include lunch. See the next *GatePost* for more information!

### The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self - Zoom Presentations

October 20, November 3 and 17, 2021 (Wednesdays)

At 3:00 in the afternoon, CID Evangelism Executive Ken Schurb will make one-hour presentations via Zoom based on a recent book by Carl Trueman, *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self*. This book goes back to the late 18th century to trace the beginnings of our present expressively individual and therapeutic culture. These sessions should prove valuable for pastors, teachers, or anyone else who wants to understand the mind-set to which we address ourselves with the Gospel today.

### CID Junior High Lock-in

November 12-13, 2021  
Five Points  
Washington, IL

### CID Convention (moved to 2022)

July 17-19, 2022  
Crowne Plaza  
Springfield, IL

Sign-up now at  
[www.cidlcms.org](http://www.cidlcms.org)  
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# LERT Advanced Chainsaw Training Event

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

902 Cleveland Avenue  
Charleston, IL 61920

**Saturday, August 7, 2021**  
**9am to 5pm**

**Register online at**  
[https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=590681](https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=590681)

**The cost of the training is \$35.00.**  
**Lunch will be provided.**

**You must have previously completed the LERT basic training class to participate in this class. Volunteers should be between the ages of 18 and 85.**

The Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) is hosting an Advanced Chainsaw Training Event on Saturday, August 7, 2021. The training will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 902 Cleveland Avenue, Charleston, Illinois, 61920.

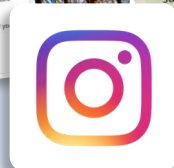
The training will consist of four hours of instructional-based (Classroom Portion) and four hours of operational-based (Hands-On Portion). The afternoon hands-on session will be held outside. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing. We will pause for heavy rain or lightning.

All participants will need to bring the following items: Helmet, ear protection, eye protection, chaps, gloves, steel toed boots, chainsaw, chain-bar oil, and fuel. If members do not have these items, they will be provided to you at the time of training.

During the training, you will learn the following:

- safe operation of a chainsaw
- personal protective equipment (PPE)
- injury prevention
- physics of cutting trees
- how to buck and limb fallen trees
- how to clear debris in a safe and beneficial manner

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Stephen Born at (217) 220-0162 or e-mail [bornstephen@yahoo.com](mailto:bornstephen@yahoo.com)



## CID is on Facebook AND Instagram

Come find us @cidlcms in both locations! Our page is filled with prayer and encouragement for you to share with those around you. Join us to keep up to date on District happenings and learn about new and exciting things coming soon!

## International Lutheran Laymen's League

**RETREAT**

**Saturday, September 11**  
**Camp CILCA**  
**4124 Camp CILCA Rd.,**  
**Cantrall, IL**  
**Hosted by Central Illinois**  
**LLL District**

*Topic: How Critical Race Theory and Wokism Are Their Own Religion*  
*Registration Fee: \$15.00 per person/students are free*  
*Registration Includes Lunch*



**Guest Speaker:**  
**Dr. Russell Dawn, President of**  
**Concordia University, Chicago**  
**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
**Doors open at 8:00 a.m.**

*Send registration and fee to: Deloris Blessman,*  
*24204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567*  
*phone: 309.361.1461;*  
*email: delorisblessman@yahoo.com*

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 Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee** *(includes lunch)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults attending (\$15 per person)      \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children/students attending (FREE)



# INVESTMENT APPLICATION



## CHURCH EXTENSION FUND, INC. (CEF)

### Central Illinois District - LCMS (CID)

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New Investment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to:  
CID Church Extension Fund

-OR-

Existing CID-CEF Investment Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_

(signed Investment Certificate or Lost Certificate Agreement must be returned with Application)

Reinvest \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Redeem \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES - Minimum Investment: \$500 - Interest paid/applied and statement sent semi-annually

- ☐ 1.25% 5-year term ☐ 1.00% 3-year term  
☐ 0.60% 1-year term ☐ 0.30% 6-month term

##### Special Term and Rate – Limited Time!!!

- ☐ 1.00% 2-year term

#### INTEREST PAYMENT METHOD (Choose one)

- ☐ Accumulate interest and add to investment  
☐ Investment check semi-annually (if over \$25)  
☐ Direct Deposit – requires completed enrollment form  
(Go to [www.cidlcms.org](http://www.cidlcms.org) or contact CEF to request the form)

INTEREST RATES ARE EFFECTIVE 1/1/2021 AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – CALL TO CONFIRM CURRENT RATES

#### FLEXIBLE SAVINGS – Interest added to account monthly, statement sent quarterly

- ☐ Regular Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 0.25% Minimum: \$25 – available to all customers  
☐ Capital Campaign Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 0.60% Minimum: \$500 – available only to religious organizations

### Account Ownership (Complete A, B, or C. Please print)

#### A. Sole or Joint Owners (One or more owners as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not tenants in common. Beneficiaries may be designated on "Beneficiary Designation" form. Interest is reported to the IRS using the Social Security number of the first owner listed.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last or Religious Organization Name First MI Social Security # or TIN Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

- ☐ Check if "Beneficiary Designation" form is attached ☐ Check that all joint owners have signed application

#### B. Trust ("Certificate of Existence of Trust and Authority to Act" must be completed and sent with application)

Name of Trust

Social Security #/TIN

#### C. Custodian Investment for Minor (Under the Illinois Uniform Transfers to Minors Act)

MINOR Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

CUSTODIAN Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

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## Contact Information for Account

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Address

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City

State

Zip

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Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

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## Supporting Investments

*(Please provide the organization to be recognized for current or future investment requirements)*

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Your Home Congregation

City

---OR---

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Other LCMS Organization

City

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## Investment Certification and Signature – Signatures of all account owners are required.

By signing this application ("I" refers to all applicants, whether one or more), I certify that:

- All information provided is true and correct.
- I am of legal age and not a minor.
- I authorize the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund to initiate any correcting debit or credit that may be necessary.
- I have received a current Offering Circular of the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund.
- I am a member of, contributor to, or participant in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or any district or other program, activity, or organization which constitutes a part of the Synod or any of its districts, or I am an ancestor, descendant, or successor in interest to such person.
- I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).
- The Social Security or Tax ID number shown for me on this application is correct.
- I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) the IRS has not notified me that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding. Please draw an "X" through the preceding sentence if you ARE currently subject to backup withholding. Due to IRS regulations, the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund cannot record your investment until your Taxpayer Identification Number is provided and the above certification signed. The IRS does not require your consent to any provisions of this application other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

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Signature of Account Owner/Trustee/Custodian/Authorized Signer

Date

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The CID-CEF is a nonprofit religious organization, therefore CID-CEF investments are not FDIC-Insured bank deposit accounts.

**The Mission of the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund, Inc. (CID-CEF) is to aid member congregations and agencies in the Central Illinois District of the LCMS in building and expanding their facilities and their ministry for the growth of God's Kingdom.**