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

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Now what?

We have now moved past the Lenten Services, Holy Week, Good Friday, and the joyous celebration of Easter. Many of our congregations have completed their confirmation rites. They have added more music and expanded opportunities for worship and fellowship. However, as the disciples did after Easter Sunday, many congregations may experience a slight post-Easter lull, prompting the question, 'Now what?'. This question, echoing the disciples' post-Easter experience, is common for us.

In John Chapter 21, we see Jesus appearing to the seven disciples who were fishing. After a successful fishing lesson, the disciples catch many fish. Jesus then invites them for breakfast. During this meal, Jesus asks Simon, 'Do you love me?' three times. (vs 15,16, 17 ESV). Simon answers affirmatively each time. Jesus' response to these three confessions is 'Feed my sheep, tend my sheep, feed my sheep.' This interaction with the disciples mirrors our post-Easter experience, when, like the disciples, we may ask, 'Now what?'. Just as Jesus provided a plan forward for the disciples, He does the same for us.

As congregations and individuals, we have many opportunities to feed and tend His sheep. As a Synod, we have developed many ways for us to come together and feed and tend to His sheep. As a Synod, we have a long history of providing Christian education within our Lutheran fiber. We have come together to provide a Lutheran education system that provides education opportunities from early childhood to post-graduate education, including our seminaries. The Central Illinois District and its congregations have also placed a significant investment in our Lutheran Educational system.

In the beginning, many of our Lutheran schools were established for the members of that congregation. But today, most of our Lutheran schools serve both church members and the community. Our schools have become a major mission field. We currently have over 4,000 children attending the schools in our District. Around one-third of those students are from that supporting congregation. While we have a similar number of students who are members of other Christian congregations, we have a growing number of students with no church home. The Synodical average is 27% of the students have no church home. While we are tending and feeding these sheep, the question becomes, 'Now what?'



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Making Disciples for Life

Many schools are seeing an increase in students and families with no-church homes. We have started to feed and tend these families, but the question is how we can connect with these unchurched and dechurched families. We have started a new Synod program within the Central Illinois District to provide guidance. The program is called "**Beyond the Classroom**". This program is being offered to the schools within our District. The initial goal is to help schools (congregations) determine who these unchurched people are and develop ways to strengthen their connections. And the ultimate goal is bringing more disciples to Christ. We are starting to offer this program in a workshop setting within the schools. We are currently beginning to schedule these workshops over the next 16 months.



From the President's Desk

Rev. Michael W. Mohr, CID President
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Lutheran Education

**Lutheran Education!
What's the big deal with
"Lutheran Education?!?"**

I will admit, when I was growing up, I did not understand why my church had a school. We lived quite a ways out of town from our church, so I just walked down the block to my local, public elementary school. Why have a school at the church? This was a question that was not limited to my precocious, seven-year-old brain. There were lots of grown-ups at church that were asking that question, too.

Simply put, the people of God gathered in congregations are commanded to teach their

youth. "Make disciples of all nations by... teaching them all that I have commanded you." (Mt. 28:19-20). "You shall teach [the commands of God] diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." (Deut. 6:7) These are but the two most commonly quoted of the many passages of Scripture on the subject. But Scripture is clear—we teach our children the handiwork of God.

This handiwork is not just the redeeming work of Christ Jesus, though that is central. This handiwork includes unraveling the mysteries of creation—mathematics and biology, astronomy and chemistry and physics—what the Church Fathers referred to as God's "Second Book" – the natural revelation of creation itself. These handiworks of God permeate our lives and are not shrouded behind some imaginary wall separating our faith life from our life in the public square. Parochial schools, Lutheran schools, our schools teach this all-encompassing and unredacted truth to all. These schools, aiding parents to fulfill the promise they make at their child's baptism to raise him/her in the fear and knowledge of God, are as much a part of the life and work of the church as our gatherings on Sunday. They are worthy of our prayers to God. They are worthy of our time. They are worthy of our resources and our support.

Every circuit of our Central Illinois District has a school or early learning center. If your congregation is not able to start or operate one on their own, consider how you can help fulfill this command of our Lord through your support of these schools operating near you.

LCMS National Youth Gathering Summer 2025 – New Orleans

Plans are already underway to bring your youth and adults a fantastic experience. The theme for this upcoming Gathering is **Endure**, based on Hebrews 12:1-3.

Jonathan Guse is the DCE from Bethel Morton, and Christy Malinowski is the DCE from Trinity Bloomington, and they will be the District Coordinators for CID! Both have had many years experience in not only leading a group, but each has also had experience as District Coordinators!

We wanted to make sure you are connected to the LCMS Youth Gathering website: <https://www.lcmsgathering.com>. There you can find information, FAQ, resources, Zoom link sign-up for monthly meetings, and more.

ENDURE
JULY 19-23, 2025; NEW ORLEANS, LA



Higher Things

by Rev. Michael Mohr, Assisting Pastor of Holy Cross, Vandalia, with contributions
by Crysten Sanchez, Events Executive, Higher Things

Serving the youth of our congregations, teaching them all that the Lord has commanded us—not only the head knowledge of the words on the page but the actions of how that Word of God permeates all that we think and do and say, is a daunting task. To assist pastors and congregations, our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod not only employs an entire Youth Ministry department, she has also registered several Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs). One such youth-focused RSO is Higher Things.

Higher Things seeks to make the gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth and young adults. But what does this mean? Recently, HT has helped to make these gifts known online by employing the many voices and talents of our brothers and sisters in Christ from across our church body. HT believes that while the internet cannot replace Word and Sacrament ministry, it does need to try to reach the youth in these areas. They use social media platforms like TikTok and Instagram for bite size lessons and YouTube for deeper content. HT Content points youth and young adults toward Christ crucified for them, the very message they hear in your sanctuary. HT also offers an abundance of curriculum designed to help youth learn, think, and defend their faith with offerings of VBS, confirmation curriculum, High School Bible studies, and more. They help your Church equip youth to stand firm in Christ Jesus. Search for Higher Things on YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok.

But this internet content simply supports the flesh-and-blood encounter with the gifts of Christ. Since 2000, Higher Things has hosted 54 in person and one virtual (thanks COVID!) conference, with three more slotted for the summer of 2024, bringing hundreds of youth together on college campuses.

The Word is preached and taught, and the Sacraments are administered. We know that Gen Z is living in a world unlike any we have experienced, but that the same three evil foes attack them daily. Sin, Death, and the Devil don't let up, so we engage them with meaningful conversations in ways that impact their lives and lead them to and keep them in the Church. Your Church.

Higher Things Conferences are designed to encourage, support, and supplement the faith-life of students in the parish, reflecting that ebb and flow of life in the congregation through worship, learning, and just enjoying life together as God's redeemed people. Beginning and ending with Divine Service, youth participate in thirteen opportunities to receive the Gifts of God with Matins, Vespers, Evening Prayer, and Compline scattered throughout the week—all services directly from our *Lutheran Service Book* and scalable to a gathering of five or five thousand. Four plenary sessions on the main theme of the conference are taught by pastors and expert laity to anchor the teaching component, with five breakaway sessions on issues impacting their daily lives and a panel session where they can anonymously send in the questions and struggles with which they wrestle rounding out the group learning opportunities. And let's not forget the countless opportunities for individual conversations with their pastors, group leaders and other Higher Things staff and speakers.

While our life together in our congregations is derived from and centered on God's gifts, our life together is not only these gifts, and HT conferences include a number of fun, recreational activities. They have everything from laser tag to axe throwing, from Lego building to painting, from talent shows to magicians. They run the kids ragged, ready

to crash with a good night of sleep (ha!) and get back to it in the morning. A week at a Higher Things conference truly is something to experience!

Three or four regional conferences are typically scheduled each year to help facilitate broad geographical participation and keep conferences at a size that fosters those individual conversations mentioned earlier. 2024 brings conferences to the campuses of Concordia University-Wisconsin (in suburban Milwaukee), University of the Ozarks (in Clarksville, Arkansas), and Lewis and Clark College (in Portland, Oregon). While the conferences in Wisconsin and Arkansas have already reached their registration capacity, you can still register for the Portland conference or request a place on the waiting list for the CUW or Arkansas conferences.



CID Congregations that attended Higher Things during the past three years

Bethlehem/Zion, Altamont
Christ, Normal
Concordia, Geneseo
Faith, Sullivan
Holy Cross, Moline
Holy Cross, Vandalia
Immanuel, Rock Island
Immanuel, Altamont
Our Savior, Milford
Saint Peter, Saint Peter
St. Paul-Blue Point, Altamont
Trinity, Stewardson
Trinity, Roanoke
Trinity, El Paso
Zion, Taylor Ridge

For more information about Higher Things, visit their website at [higherthings.org](https://www.higherthings.org) or contact one of your neighboring CID congregations listed in the sidebar — all of which have participated in at least one HT conference during the past three years.

A Dollar for Missions News

Within about two months ...three Dollar for Missions projects completed, now on to the next!

By early March, 2024, congregations had provided CID sufficient Dollar for Missions (DFM) money fully to fund the first three projects that the District Board of Directors adopted for this year. Funds to support the projects have been or are being disbursed. These projects are:

1. \$1,800 for weekly mileage for Pastor David Dunlop from Chestnut to prisons in Lincoln
2. \$300 for Spanish-language hymnals for St. John, Beardstown
3. \$2,100 to pay honoraria for Pastor Pablo Dominguez to conduct two Spanish language services per month at St. John, Beardstown for half the year.



DFM funds presently received are being devoted to the next designated project, \$10,000 to continue new prison ministries begun in 2024 or to start ministry in prisons or county jails not currently being so served.

CID provides a “thank you” of \$5,000 a year to any of its congregations that “lend” their pastors to the cause of prison ministry one morning, afternoon, or evening a week. Last January, Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, East Moline, started receiving such money in gratitude for Pastor Pablo Dominguez’s prison work in Spanish. Present monthly gifts of \$416 to Cristo Rey have been made possible by DFM funds received in 2023.

Other willing pastors and churches are being sought to start new prison ministries! Contact CID Prison Ministry Coordinator Rev. Rodney Blomquist, prisonministry@cidlcms.org

The current DFM project is to make sure new prison ministries that are beginning in 2024 can continue being funded as described above into 2025, or if possible to start wholly new prison ministries during 2025. Congregations make a big difference for this and other projects when they gather from their members one dollar a week over and above regular church giving.

**Many small contributions add up and enable important mission work.
This is happening right now!**



You can always find out more about DFM, including the present project at any time, at <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>



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Small Church Summit

HELPING ONE ANOTHER WITH RESOURCES



FOR THOSE ATTENDING

We are trying something a little different this time. Please bring along with you a “show and tell” item that you can use briefly to describe a community engagement effort your congregation has made recently. Even if you have no item to show, it would be great if you could talk for a couple of minutes about such an effort.

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Rev. Galchutt would like to hear what resources for ministry your congregation is looking for.

Small Church Summit (SCS) remembers the Lord’s words, “where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them” (Matthew 18:20). Where Christ is, in Word and Sacrament, He is there in His fullness!

The next SCS will be on Saturday, June 8 at Zion Lutheran Church, Carlinville. The formal session will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. An ice cream social will follow.

Special guest presenter will be Rev. Dan Galchutt, Executive Director of the Synod’s Office of National Mission. A former parish pastor and Mission and Stewardship in the Kansas District, Rev. Galchutt has been in his current position for about a year.

Rev. Galchutt’s topic for the SCS is “Engaging Your Community . . . with Jesus.” He will give answers to two questions that emerged last time SCS met: a.) How can a small congregation engage its community so as to “make a dent”? and b.) How to make sure we are not simply providing refreshments, fun, or food, but are also pointing people to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

In the afternoon, participants can choose two of the following three breakout sessions:

1. Continuing discussion with Rev. Galchutt
2. Walking Through Your Community’s Demographics with Mr. Trip Rodgers of CID staff
3. Front Line Reflections on Forming a dual parish from a pastor who has just been through this process, Rev. Matthew Berndt of St. Paul and Trinity Lutheran Churches, Manito, Illinois

To make sure demographic studies will be at hand for the congregations of all participants, registration deadline is a little earlier this time: Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day).

Each person attending should register. Start by clicking <https://forms.gle/pEuFuENrygSBDtWG6>

There is no cost to attend SCS. Remember, *if you think your church is small, YOU are invited!* And while it concentrates on the joys and challenges of small churches, *SCS welcomes anyone who wishes to attend.* You will find it works best if two or three attendees come from your church, not just one.

Remember — if you think your church is small, you’re invited!

Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday

MAY 5, 2024

Each year our Central Illinois District designates the first Sunday in May to encourage financial gifts to assist CID students who are studying for full-time church work vocations. Gifts will be used to support our 19 CID students. This includes 12 seminarians and seven undergraduates who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher, or other called church worker. Last year we were able to send \$127,050 to offset \$399,526 worth of unmet needs.

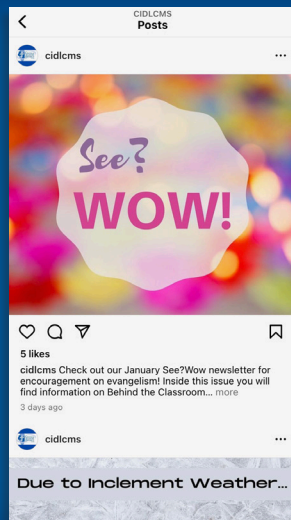
Please plan to make a generous gift on or before May 5th. Gifts may be designated “CID Scholarship Fund” to be used for the 2024-2025 school year or be designated “CID Scholarship Endowment Fund” and the income from your gift will be used to help CID students for years to come. Checks may be given through your church or sent to:

Central Illinois District – LCMS
1850 N. Grand Avenue West
Springfield, IL 62702-1626.

Also, don't forget to pray for, thank, and encourage those called church workers who are presently serving you, as well as those who are studying to serve the Lord and you in ministry. If you are considering or know someone who would be a good candidate to study for a called vocation in the church, please speak to your pastor about them and send their name and contact information to our District President, Rev. Michael Mohr.

If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy or IRA, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or c-olander@msn.com for assistance.

Thank you for your support of the Central Illinois District and all our mission projects.



CID is on Facebook, Instagram AND YouTube

Come find us @cidlcms! Our pages are 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!

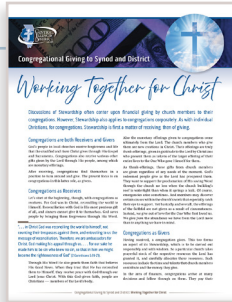


BRIEFLY NOTED

The **2024 Illinois March for Life** will be in Springfield on Wednesday, April 17. Southern Illinois District President Timothy Scharr will preach at a Matins service at Trinity Lutheran Church (220 South Second St., Springfield, 62701) at 10:00 a.m.; a light lunch will be available at the State House Inn ballroom (101 East Adams St.) at 11:00 a.m. (recommended donation: \$5; please bring a \$5 bill); rally at noon on capitol front lawn; march steps off at 1:00 p.m. Free parking for those attending Matins and the following activities is available in State House Inn’s parking lot, in the block west of the hotel building, across First Street. Please carpool.

Prison Ministry materials reimbursement extended: central Illinois LWML has extended the time in which CID can use funds it granted to provide reimbursements to congregations or individuals who provide Bibles, devotional books, catechisms, etc. to nearby prisons or county jails. If you have been meaning to do this, it is not too late to receive a \$400 reimbursement! For details, see <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-prison.html>

Working Together for Christ, the special report on congregational giving to Synod and District from pages 2-5 of the previous GatePost issue, is available for you to view on CID website at <https://www.cidlcms.org/resources/stewardship/WorkingTogetherForChrist.pdf>



TOLLING THE BELLS

We recommend that our churches across the District toll their bells just when the March for Life will be stepping off in Springfield. The time is **1:00 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, April 17**. Consider tolling the bell either for 56 minutes or a total of 56 times. Either would mourn the loss of 56,000 lives to abortion in Illinois. Each toll could be a plea to God that next year these bells may stand silent.

Let it be known why your church’s bell is tolling. This will serve to put people all over the state in mind of the Illinois March for Life in Springfield, and remind them of the scourge of legalized abortion throughout our country. It may remind Christians and others of their responsibility to support life.

Suggest to churches of other confessions near you the same bell tolling, and for the same reason.

It may be interesting to hear how many bells toll statewide on April 17!



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Keeping Christ on *Campus*

2024 CID Campus Ministry Retreat

This was different – a *working* retreat!

At the annual CID campus ministry retreat in 2023, students heard a presentation from Dr. Ken Schurb of the District office on Evangelism in the Book of Acts. But on March 9, 2024, this year's retreat participants got involved in evangelism.

They conducted a neighborhood canvass for the only new church start in the District. Immanuel Lutheran Chapel in Springfield conducts services in the “red building” on the District office property. So canvassers were visiting people who live around the District office.



A total of 11 from Eastern Illinois and Illinois State participated, including those accompanying the students. Leading the retreat was Rev. Martin Herzberg, Executive Director of Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ, an organization which has helped many LCMS congregations with such canvassing since 1970. Four other experienced adults from OAFB (two from Illinois, one from Missouri, and one from Ohio) also traveled to Springfield to assist.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Springfield began conducting services in CID's red building just as COVID restrictions were lifting in May of 2021. At the time, it was not feasible to go from door to door and speak

with people. Volunteers from Our Savior and Trinity, Springfield, including several Lutheran High School, Springfield students, simply hung information packets on doorknobs. Still, one new lady came to church after just that contact!

The personal touch stands out as better, of course. So on March 9, the idea was to speak with people, identify prospects, and if possible give a brief witness to Christ as Savior before leaving their doorstep.

Canvassers actually spoke with 50 people on that Saturday afternoon, yielding three prospects for follow-up by Immanuel and its pastor, Rev. James Stuenkel. Additionally, canvassers left materials for 76 others who did not come to the door. These materials included announcements of Immanuel's Holy Week and Easter services.

By the end of canvassing, everyone was warming to the task at hand. Even students who may have seemed reluctant at first were participating, and excitedly reporting back about the visits they had made.

Thanks to central Illinois Church Extension Fund for supporting not only the retreat but also subsequent evangelism consultations that Rev. Herzberg and Dr. Schurb had first with CID Evangelism Commission, then with Springfield area pastors at their monthly conference. CEF's board chairman, Mr. Darin Gehrke, also took the canvassers out for an appreciative CEF-funded meal at a Springfield restaurant on Saturday evening.

“This was a great event,” Dr. Schurb observed. “It showed that, despite rumors to the contrary, door-to-door evangelistic canvassing is not dead.”

He added: “It also provided a wonderful opportunity for the college students. If they can speak about Christ with people they have never met, as they did, they can certainly do so with a roommate or classmate back on campus.”

This is an item from the latest issue of CID's *Keeping Christ on Campus* newsletter, which is sent twice a year to donors to Lutheran Legacy's endowment funds that support CID campus ministry. You can see all of the newsletter's back issues at <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-campus.html>

For more information: See the CID Website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-campus.html>
Contact Ken Schurb at the District office: (217) 793-1802 or e-mail kschurb@cidlcms.org

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



Members of the CID Archive Committee look on as CID President Michael Mohr seals the new time capsule. Pictured are: (l to r) CID President Michael Mohr, Former CID President David Bueltmann, Archive Committee Secretary Cindy Woehrmann, and CID Archivist, Ralph Woehrmann.

CID Seals New TIME CAPSULE 2023-2073

In a brief ceremony at the CID office on February 27, 2024, several items of interest were sealed in a new time capsule, including a *Lutheran Service Book*, a *Lutheran Study Bible*, and the most recent *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*. This dedication follows last spring's opening of the time capsule that was placed in the cornerstone of the original CID office building at 707 N Fifteenth Street some fifty years ago. Additional items in the time capsule include the blueprints of the original office building (from the 1973 capsule), as well as a copy of the newly completed translation (commissioned by the CID Archives) of lectures delivered by Rev. Dr. D.F. Pieper at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 1905-1906. This current time capsule will be kept in the District archives and is dated to be opened in another fifty years.

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Camp CILCA Schedule

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- April 14** Annual Banquet
Held at Camp CILCA's Dining Hall. Contact the camp office to reserve your tickets.
- TBD** Spring Women's Scrapbooking Retreat
- May 26** Annual Hog Roast
- May 28** Junior Counselor Training (10am–2pm)
- May 29–July 27** **SUMMER PROGRAM**
- July 27** Homecoming - *Food, music, games, more!*
- September 1** Grilled Chicken Dinner & Auction
- September 13** Whippoowill Golf Outing
- September 21** **ACT LIKE MEN** Shooting Retreat
(Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)
- October 5** GRIT Run!
- November 2** **ACT LIKE MEN** Work Day



Summer Programs 2024

The **Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association (CILCA)** exists to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and fellowship with others in a unique outdoor setting. CILCA strives to reconnect Christians to Christ and Creation.

JOYFUL HEARTS

Campers of all ages with developmental disabilities experience the joys of the outdoors during a 4- or 2-night stay. **\$360/*\$180**

- Full Week: **June 2-6**
- Half Week: **June 2-4* or 4-6***

BOLD SPIRITS

4th- thru 6th-grade campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. **\$360**

- Session I: **June 9-14**
- Session II: **July 7-12**

DAUNTLESS SOULS

6th- thru 8th-grade campers gather for a screen-free week of life-changing outdoor adventure. **\$360**

- Session I: **June 16-21**
- Session II: **July 14-19**

FAMILY CAMP *New!*

Parents and children of any age are able to enjoy 4 days and 3 nights at camp with their family. **\$500** for up to 5 family members + **\$80** for each additional person.

- Session: **July 24-27**

We need you!

9th-graders and up, serve as a Junior Counselor or Joyful Hearts volunteer and enjoy camp absolutely free!

- Joyful Hearts Volunteer - **June 2-6**
- J.C. Training - **May 28**

GENERATIONS

Campers age 4 thru 4th grade are introduced to camp with a 1-night stay with a parent or other adult. **\$70 per person**

- Session I: **June 14-15**
- Session II: **July 5-6**

AQUA WEEK

4th- thru 6th-grade water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. **\$360**

- Session: **July 7-12**

ART, DRAMA, ATHLETICS & SURVIVAL

5th- thru 8th-grade campers choose one track—**Art, Drama, Athletics, or Survival***—for the week & are led by experienced instructors. **\$375**

- Session: **June 16-21**

*SURVIVAL WEEK *New!*

Grades 6-8 learn fire starting, outdoor cooking, shelter building, sleeping under the stars, and more. Each day will teach and develop a new skill useful to surviving outdoors. **Limited to 10 campers. \$375**

- Session: **June 16-21**

PATHFINDERS

1st- thru 4th-grade campers break out on their own with a 2- or 3-night stay. **\$155/*\$180**

- Session I: **May 29-31**
- Session II: **June 30-July 3***
- Session III: **July 21-23**

NIGHT OWL

6th- thru 8th-graders experience camp while staying up all night and sleeping all day. Enough said! **\$360**

- Session: **July 14-19**

INTREPID HEARTS

High school students enjoy the rejuvenation of God's creation through a week or half week of camp. **\$360/\$180* (half)**

- Full Week: **June 23-28**
- Half Week: **June 26-28***

DAY CAMP *New!*

Grades 1-8 come for the day Monday – Friday. A daily lunch is provided. **\$150/week.**

- Session: **Every week June 10-July 26**

Register Today!

Find in-depth details on each camp & register* at:

WWW.CILCA.ORG

*\$75 deposit due at time of registration
Registration is according to the grade most recently **completed**.



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



SONGS OF DELIVERANCE
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2024 INSTITUTE ON LITURGY, PREACHING & CHURCH MUSIC
July 9-12, 2024

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, NEBRASKA (CUNE), SEWARD, NEB.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

For more information or to register, visit <https://lcms.org/worshipinstitute>

The Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music is a multiday worship conference designed for pastors, musicians, teachers, artists and Christians of all vocations engaged in the unique sphere of Lutheran worship. Thoughtful speakers will draw you into the Scriptures and their proclamation. A barrage of presentations and workshops on wide-ranging topics, some fresh, some perennial, will help you grow in knowledge and hone your craft. Above all, you will experience the inestimable value of gathering with fellow Christians for inspiring, Christ-centered worship, proclaiming the Gospel in word and song.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund, **35 full (early bird registration fee) scholarships are available** for church musicians.

20% of these scholarships are reserved for students (high school or college age) considering becoming a full time, part time, or volunteer church musician. (Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Accompanying adults also qualify for a scholarship to cover registration fee.)

20% of these scholarships are reserved for musicians in small to medium sized congregations (500 baptized members or less).

While multiple musicians from the same congregation may register, we are limiting scholarships to one per congregation (with the exception of adults accompanying student musicians).

To apply for the scholarship, complete your registration online, print your full receipt, and mail to the District Office (1850 N Grand Ave W, Springfield, IL 62702) along with the completed information below.

Application must be post-marked by May 17.



CID-CEF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 2024 Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music

Name: _____

Congregation: _____

Town: _____

My congregation has fewer than 500 baptized members.

I am a student-musician.

I'm under 18. My accompanying adult is: _____

INVESTMENT APPLICATION



CHURCH EXTENSION FUND, INC. (CEF) Central Illinois District - LCMS (CID)

1850 North Grand Avenue West
Springfield, IL 62702-1626
TELEPHONE: (217) 793-1802 FAX: (217) 793-9454
EMAIL: cef@cidlcms.org www.cid-cef.org

New Investment: \$ _____
Make check payable to:
CID Church Extension Fund

-OR-

Existing CID-CEF Investment Certificate # _____
(Signed Investment Certificate or Lost Certificate Affidavit and Indemnity Agreement must be returned with Application)

Reinvest \$ _____ Redeem \$ _____

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

- 2.75% 5-year term 2.50% 3-year term
 2.25% 1-year term 0.75% 6-month term

Special Term and Rate – Limited Time!!!

- 4.00% - 18-month 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 or contact CEF to request the form)

INTEREST RATES 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: 0.40% Minimum: \$25 – available to all customers
 Capital Campaign Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 1.00% 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

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

Supporting Investments

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

Your Home Congregation or Other LCMS Organization

City

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.*

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 SIPC- or FDIC-Insured deposit accounts.

The CID-CEF reserves the right to call this investment for redemption upon 60 days’ written notice and reserves the right to request 30 days’ notice of redemption prior to maturity on certificates and 15 days’ notice on flexible savings accounts. Certificates renew automatically unless the CID-CEF is notified otherwise within 10 days after maturity. Certificate is non-negotiable, redeemable with the CID-CEF upon proper endorsement, and subject to an early redemption penalty.

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.