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News You Can Use

“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease” (Genesis 8:22). This is life in the world after the Flood. When it is too hot in the summer, we long for the cool of fall. When it is too cold in the winter, we crave the warm days of spring. Such a back-and-forth seems to be quite natural, but, ultimately, life thrives all the more in warmth.

In these warm, summer months, the newly planted crops are bursting with life and rushing with growth. In this teaching half of the Church year, you and I are blessed to do the same. Having heard again the words of Christ’s birth and life, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we are blessed to receive the teachings of our Lord in the light and warmth of his work for our salvation. God bless you in these summer months as you grow in faith in the Word of Christ! As Jesus said, “Blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear...As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty” (Matthew 13:16, 23).

Pastor Jeff Caithamer-- St. John, Champaign

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Items of Interest to Share

Something New Coming to the CID-CEF!

We’re excited to tell you about some changes coming to the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF)! We’re converting to a new software system! While that hardly seems exciting (especially for us since a lot of work will be required), the new software is specifically designed for church extension funds. It is already used by our other district-based LCMS church extension funds.

With this new software, we can provide you with a better experience and more efficient service. What is exciting for you is that you will soon be able to view your account and transactions from your computer and your phone!!! While we are not allowing transactions to be processed online to protect your investments from cybersecurity concerns, better, you will be able to view and print information on your account at any time from your computer or phone!

We’ve already begun converting to the new software, so please be patient with us as we become more familiar with it. In the next month or two, we should be rolling out online computer and phone access. STAY TUNED.

Apply for Dollar for Mission funds in 2025: All CID congregations are invited to submit proposals for projects to be funded with 2025 Dollar for Mission funds. Well-conceived projects will be considered in the following order of priority: first, brand-new church plants; second, mission-focused augmentations to existing ministries (e.g., adding a new ethnic ministry to a present congregation); third, established CID missions (e.g., Ministry in Spanish, Campus Ministry, Deaf Ministry, Prison Ministry). The application deadline is Sept. 1, 2024. For more information, see <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-apply.html>

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Rev. Burdick provided an evangelism-themed devotion from Mark 5

- Rev. David Dunlop gave his Mission Presentation on prison ministry at Logan Correctional Center in Lincoln, IL. He spoke personally of the despair and loneliness that inmates face. Rev. Dunlop wants to be a “broken record” of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, repeating the Gospel all the time. Rev. Dunlop is thankful for CID’s support of the prison ministry, saying, “When I go to the prison, everyone in CID is going with me.”
- Rev. Mohr gave his president’s report with gratitude for congregations having received candidates from both seminaries to fill a portion of the vacancies in CID.
- The 2025 CID Convention is scheduled for July 13-15 at Crown Plaza, Springfield. Planning is underway.
- President Mohr is also planning a joint meeting with the Board of Directors and Circuit Visitors when Synod officials visit CID in September.
- Church Extension Fund actively supports our congregations and CID members with loans, investments, and grants. In April, CEF approved two Ministry Outreach Grant requests to help with Evangelism efforts.
- Dr. Schurb displayed statistical maps showing CID potential by county for New Church Starts.
- It was noted that only 1/6th of CID congregations have participated in Dollars for Missions. Consider discussing this and your congregation’s Mission Offerings to CID, to continue to support all the ongoing work of the LCMS in our district.

The next CID Board of Directors meeting was set for Sept. 24th, 2024.

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