



CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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News You Can Use

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13 (ESV)

It is very easy for us to worry about things. We worry about our health and the health of our family. We worry about paying the bills. We worry if we have saved enough for retirement. We worry about the direction our country is headed. We worry about the future. We do indeed spend a lot of our time and energy worrying about things. Worrying can cause us to get discouraged and it certainly can take the joy out of living.

Paul reminds us to look to the Lord and trust in Him. Christ has already conquered sin, death and the devil and He has given us life and salvation through His death and resurrection. If the Lord has accomplished this for us, He will certainly give us all that we need in this life. He is our Good Shepherd who guides us and looks after us. He comforts us in His Word. It is the Lord who turns our worry into peace, hope and joy. In times of worry let us turn to the Lord and trust in Him. Remember the Lord has promised that He will never leave us or forsake us.

In Christ,

Pastor Kevin Wendorf (St. John's -- Chatham, IL)

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District. *Our Lord Jesus said, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest." This month, please remember in your prayers all the students, particularly those from CID, who are studying at our Synod's colleges and seminaries to be pastors, teachers, and other kinds of church workers – many with the help of scholarship money from CID.*

Items of Interest to Share

Youth Worker Event at Camp CILCA has been Postponed.

We thank those who registered and planned on attending the Youth Workers Event at Camp CILCA in September. After prayer and discussion, we postponed the retreat until a more opportune time—hopefully this Spring.

Those of you who registered and paid your fees will receive a refund of those dollars from the Northern Illinois District. Please watch for future communications about a rescheduled date.

CAMP CILCA EVENTS. 4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625

Visit their website at www.cilca.org or the office at 217-487-7497 for more information or to register.

Camp CILCA's Shooting Retreat -- Saturday, September 21, 2024

Men, bring your sons, grandsons, nephews, or friends, firearms, and some ammo to take aim at Camp CILCA. A range officer will be on hand for safety, and lunch between morning and afternoon sessions will be served. Total cost is \$15 per person. Camp CILCA will have some safety glasses and ear protection, but feel free to bring your own.

Camp CILCA's G.R.I.T. Run -- Saturday, October 5, 2024

The 5-kilometer course includes narrow trails, steep hills, creek bed crossings, scenic views, and stairs. Open Run participants will be able to take an alternative route for anyone nervous about navigating the creek bed. Open run participants ages 6-18 run for \$10, and participants 19+ run for \$30.

MUSIC FOR MISSIONS EVENT to Support Christo Rey

This event is a sacred music concert and hymn sing in support of Christo Rey (Christ the King) Lutheran Church, East Moline.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, October 13, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 711 Court St., Pekin. Music for Missions will feature guest organist Samuel Bishop, vocalists Allison Harley and Jennifer Rosa, the Bells of St. John's, St. John's Sanctuary Choir, and ample congregational singing.

A free-will offering will be collected to support Christo Rey Lutheran Church, a mission congregation of the Central Illinois District, LC-MS. Refreshments will be served following the program. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact the St. John's, Pekin church office at 309-347-2136.

Current DFM Project

Amount to be funded: \$25,000 (is currently half-funded)

Project: Replace furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb

It is a great blessing that all four of CID's campus ministries are headquartered in facilities near their campuses. Three of the four are owned by the District. One is the Immanuel Lutheran Student Center in Macomb, one block from Western Illinois University.

Church services are held at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday in the student center's Chapel of St. Timothy the Learner. Students and members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, CID's partner in campus ministry in Macomb, attend. On Wednesday evenings, students are invited to meals prepared by church member families in the student center kitchen prior to a weekly Bible study session also in the student center. The pastor's office and church office for Immanuel Macomb are located in the center and highly accessible to students.

The student center celebrated its 50th anniversary some five years ago. Now, the furnaces need to be replaced. The current Dollar for Missions project will provide \$25,000 for furnace replacement to keep the student center operational for years.