



CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

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News You Can Use

Occasionally, I think about my great aunt, Eta McKeown. She was my childhood babysitter. She taught me many things about life. Among life's lessons was how to iron clothes. This is a skill I don't use much these days with permanent press and wrinkle free materials. When I do iron, however, I'm thankful for my great aunt. Besides ironing, here is some of the wisdom she passed along to me.

Thoughts on Christian Living

1. Consider your body as the temple of the Holy Spirit and treat it with reverence and care.
2. Keep your mind active. Stimulate it with thoughts of others which lead to doing something good.
3. Take time to be in the Word of the Lord daily. Pray daily.
4. Support the church of your faith.
5. Mingle with others.
6. Cultivate the presence of God. He wants to be part of your life daily.
7. Take God into the details of your life. You naturally call upon him in trouble and for the bigger things.
8. Pray for this troubled, war-threatened world and the leaders who hold the destinies of the various nations.
9. Have a thankful spirit for the blessings of God—country, home, friends, and numerous other blessings.
10. Work as if everything depended upon work, and pray as if everything depended upon prayer.
11. Think of death not as something to be dreaded but as a great and new experience where loved ones are met and ambitions realized.

Pastor Bruce Scarbeary - Trinity, Roanoke, IL

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District.

Please remember in your prayers all our CID campus ministries, especially Pastor Chris Hull and Immanuel Lutheran Church & Student Center in Macomb, serving students, faculty, and staff at Western Illinois University. And pray for the "Keeping Christ on Campus" campaign, building endowments to help CID support our campus ministries.

Items of Interest to Share

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE OF ILLINOIS PRESENTS: A Summer Life Gathering

FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

Trinity Lutheran Church, 1201 W. Jackson St., Auburn, Illinois 62615

August 23, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Speakers and topics include:

- David Curtin, Illinois Family Institute, on effective interactions with lawmakers
- Kim Marxhausen, author *Weary Joy: A Caregiver's Journey*
- John Tally, pro-life lawyer, on power of attorney for healthcare
- Elmi Patton, First Step Women's Center, Springfield
- Julia Heinz, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries Maternity Home
- Jen Hall, We are Called to Care foster care ministry
- Pastor Kevin Wendorf, St. John's Lutheran, Chatham, on end-of-life preparation
- Jerry Curry, Director of the Curry Funeral Home, on funeral planning

Download [Lutherans For Life of Illinois Life Gathering 2025 Registration Form](https://lutheransforlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Lutherans-For-Life-of-Illinois-Life-Gathering-2025-Registration-Form.pdf)
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Please register by August 10, 2025.

"TELL THE GOOD NEWS FEARLESSLY!" This is the theme for a multi-generational workshop put on by Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ (O AFC) at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hoffman, IL, on Saturday, August 9, 2025.

The theme is based on Isaiah 40:9, "Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'" We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by attending the 6:00 p.m. worship service at Trinity.

The purpose of the day is for youth and adults to gain confidence in sharing their faith *by doing it*. We will study the Bible (please bring yours) and do some singing, and also work on some or all of the following: how to present the Gospel in a simple way, how to lead a Bible study with your friends, how to prepare a personal testimony, how to put on a puppet show or a Christian drama. (Note: unlike other O AFC events, we will not be doing a door-to-door survey, but we do plan to visit a local nursing home to use what we have learned.) There is no cost; lunch and supper are provided. Led by Rev. Dr. Jeff Nehrt and Pastor Tim Mueller.

If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Tim Mueller (618-314-3972) so that we can plan. All ages are invited; children 5th grade and younger should be accompanied by an adult. (Note: Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ is a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)