



CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

August 2026

News You Can Use

Celebrate Deaf Ministry

Our Synod's Gospel outreach to deaf and hard of hearing people in Jacksonville began in 1901. Some 125 years later, Deaf Ministry in our midst continues via a District-wide deaf parish, Central Illinois Lutheran Deaf Outreach.

CID's 2025 convention encouraged our congregations to celebrate this Deaf Ministry anniversary on August 23. The one-year Gospel that day is the story of Jesus healing a deaf man with His Word "be opened" (*ephphatha*).

In a larger sense, sinners are born deaf to God's Good News. He opens our ears by His Word. The three-year series A Gospel for the same day recounts Jesus telling Peter that none less than the Father had revealed to him that Jesus is the Christ.

Lord, open now my heart to hear, and through Your Word to me draw near.

Let me your Word e'er pure retain; let me Your child and heir remain.

Ken Schurb, CID staff

Pray for Our Central Illinois District Missions, supported by your church's regular contributions to the District.

Please remember in your prayers our District's mission work in central Illinois prisons. Pastors David Dunlop, Pablo Dominguez, Paul Weber, Rodney Blomquist (District Prison Ministry Coordinator), and others eagerly tell the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who are incarcerated. And pray for more people to help in Prison Ministry!

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.

CID Youth Event – Save the Date:

Date: November 7th

Location: Camp CILCA

More information and registration will be released later this month

Dollar for Mission Program

Apply for Dollar for Mission (Due Date: September 1st each year)

DFM funds are to be used for well-conceived projects in the following order of priority:

- **New church starts** – A new church start is a) an intentionally organized gathering b) meeting on a regular basis for church services and/or Bible study c) that is prayerfully intended eventually to become a congregation of the LCMS;
- **Mission-focused augmentations to existing ministries** (e.g., adding a new ethnic ministry to a present congregation);
- **Established CID missions** (e.g., Ministry in Spanish, Campus Ministry, Deaf Ministry, Prison Ministry)

Forms to apply for DFM funds are available on the District website under the Ministry tab or <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-apply.html>

For additional information or questions, please reach out to Rev. Patrick Gumz at 217-793-1802 or pgumz@cidlcms.org

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church 50th anniversary

Sunday, November 1st, 2026

Come celebrate with us! Communion Service at 9:00 am at Our Redeemer - 405 Massey Lane, Jacksonville. Following the service, a feast at Hamilton's Fireside Room (110 N. East St., Jacksonville)

RSVP by October 1 at sec1975orlc@yahoo.com (Cost \$30 per adult and \$15 per kid (age 6-12); under 5 are free.

Payments by check to the church office by October 1st or pay online at <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/UMVURENVXJY94>

CAMP CILCA Fall Events

Work Day- Saturday, November 7, 2026

FALL Work Day at Camp CILCA will be on Saturday, November 7, 2026. On that day, we will turn the water off and prepare the camp for the winter by doing many chores, including raking leaves, cleaning buildings, moving picnic tables, and moving other items into storage, such as fire extinguishers. We will begin the day at 8:30 am. You are welcome to come anytime. Lunch is provided. Typically, we are finished working after lunch. We hope to see you there!
Email director@cilca.org to let us know you are coming.

Scrapbooking Retreat hosted by Camp Cilca- November 13-15, 2026.

Cost is \$100 for your shared room and meals. (Private rooms are available upon request for \$130.)

More information at <https://www.cilca.org/home>