



CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

February 2026 – Mid-month

News You Can Use

District Leadership Update

Central Illinois District Board of Directors – Special Meeting (Feb. 2, 2026)

At a special meeting on February 2, the Board of Directors appointed **Pastor Mark Eddy** to serve as Acting District President of the Central Illinois District.

While this is not “business as usual,” the work of the District continues. God remains faithful, and through His Word and Spirit, and through the people of our District and Synod, He continues to carry out His work among us.

What Has Not Changed

God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

No change. God continues to provide for our needs of body and soul and freely gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through Christ.

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

No change. Christ crucified and risen continues to be proclaimed in our congregations, supported by the shared work of the District, circuits, and Synod.

District Leadership & Support

Acting District President: Mark Eddy

Pastor Eddy serves under Christ to be His ears, eyes, and mouth to hear your concerns and questions, to see others in the light of God’s mercy and grace, and to speak clearly and faithfully the unchanging Gospel to the hurting and distressed.

First Vice President: Jason Braaten

With experience as a parish pastor and service to the wider district and Synod, Pastor Braaten continues to assist with the responsibilities assigned as a board leader.

Education & Congregational Life – Trip Rodgers

Continues to support congregations and schools through education leadership, congregational life resources, and district communication.

Evangelism – Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb

Continues to provide evangelism resources, consultation, and support for congregations and circuits.

Missions & Business Management – Rev. Patrick Gumz

Oversees district mission work, campus and specialized ministries, financial and business operations, and administrative systems supporting congregations and leaders.

Pray For Our Central Illinois District

Please remember in your prayers all of our CID leaders & ministries, as well as all 148 congregations and the pastors who serve them with God’s gracious gifts.

2026 Youth Bible Bowl

Date: Sunday, March 22, 2026

Location: Camp CILCA

Topic: “The Gospel According to St. Matthew”

Those holding either a circuit Bible bowl, or with team(s) planning for the District Bible Bowl, please contact Trip Rodgers (trodgers@cidlcms.org) a.s.a.p. so we know how many to plan for. Thanks.

The Small Church Summit

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1076 E Chatham Street Lexington, IL

Feb. 21 or (Snow Date) Feb. 28

Register by February 13th, 2026 at <https://forms.gle/eujwE5hmRC48wF7MA>

Dollars for Mission Online

Our first project for 2026 is support for *Hispanic Ministry in Beardstown, IL*.

\$1800 will be collected to support travel costs for Rev. Pablo Dominguez.

Reminder that online one-time and recurring donations can now be made at

<https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/LCMSCentralIllinoisDistrict/D4M>

or by using the QR code.



CAMP CILCA NEWS:

Camp CILCA -WOMEN RETREAT,

- March 6-7, 2026
- Calling all ladies! Our retreat theme is Pew Sisters: gather and celebrate our true sisterhood—our pew sisterhood!
- Guest Speaker: Mrs. Katie Schuermann

Two choices for our retreat...

- You can join us overnight for \$100 and stay in the Christian Growth Center.
- Want to stay at home, but still want to come to the conference? There is a commuter option for \$75.

Registration <https://www.cilca.org/womens-retreat.html>

CAMP CILCA SPRING WORK DAY & PANCAKE DINNER:

- March 14
- 8 am – 11 am: Help get the campground ready for spring and summer fun!
- 11 am – 1 pm Free pancakes for all!

Early Bird Registration Deadline for Summer Program at Camp CILCA is March 31