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**Making  
Disciples  
for Life** 

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## ...but it doesn't stay at home Seeing to the **Future** of CID Missions

Your Christian stewardship forms part of your life of vocation as a follower of Christ. In fact, it is a piece of an even larger story.

In 2019, the Central Illinois District's Stewardship and Mission education initiative was called "Bring Giving Home." Yet giving, once brought home, does not remain "at home" — right in one's own congregation. Part of it goes to support the Lord's work elsewhere.

We give through the Synod and District. For example, here in central Illinois there are long-standing special missions, among them outreach in Spanish, deaf ministry, and campus ministry.

- **Ministry in Spanish** reaches Spanish speakers with the Gospel in their own language. They need not become fluent in English to hear the Good News about Jesus.
- **Deaf ministry** is similar. By far, most deaf people are non-churched. Proclaiming the Gospel in sign language is key to reaching them for Christ and keeping them in the faith by the power of God's Word.
- **Campus ministry** brings the guidance and blessing of God's Word to young people at a vital stage of life that is fraught with temptations. If we are concerned about our kids and others possibly losing their faith at college, let's be concerned about campus ministry.

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In large part to see to the continuance of these ministries, CID's Board of Directors has authorized a study to look into the feasibility of a major District-wide funding campaign. Such a campaign will likely be proposed to this summer's CID convention. Through the campaign, giving brought home will not all be staying at home.

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Plan to attend the **ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH** on March 25<sup>th</sup> in Springfield.

*See details on Page 7.*



## From the *President's Desk*

Rev. Michael W. Mohr, CID President  
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### Entrusted

“a steward is one  
who manages the  
belongings of others  
in accordance with the  
will of the owner.”

In his 2017 Bible Study *Stewardship Basics*<sup>1</sup>, Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador drives home the constant refrain — “a steward is one who manages the belongings of others in accordance with the will of the owner.” In other word, a steward is one who is entrusted with the care of things. We often think of these things in terms of financial considerations — banks, financial advisors, treasurers... even individual members as contributors to their local congregations.

But stewardship is much broader than mere financial considerations. God has entrusted us with our very lives, and we steward that gift as we eat, exercise, visit doctors, and otherwise care for our bodies. This gift also extends to our care for neighbors as we “help and support him in every physical need” (*Small Catechism*, Explanation of the 5th Commandment) through various acts of kindness, as well as speaking out in the public square on behalf of the welfare of our neighbors. (See Dave Ward’s fine essay, *What’s a Lay Person to Do?* on page 4 of this issue.) This stewardship includes even the very Good News of God’s grace that is ours in Christ Jesus so that we have eternal life. The theme of our 2025 District Convention — “Witnessing Christ to the People” — drives home that we have been entrusted with this precious gift for the sake of sharing it with others.

As you take stock of your own place in life, the vocations to which God has called you and the tasks He has set before you, how has He entrusted you with the many and varied gifts — 1st Article gifts of creation, 2nd Article gifts of grace and salvation, 3rd Article gifts of holiness of life — how has He entrusted you with these gifts and how are you stewarding them according to His will?

<sup>1</sup> This study is still available on the Synod’s website: [www.lcms.org/stewardship](http://www.lcms.org/stewardship).

## *Save the Dates*

### CID-LLL District Convention

March 1, 2025  
Camp CILCA

### CID LWML District Convention

April 25-26, 2025  
Lincoln zone

### CID 61st Regular Convention

July 13-15, 2025  
Springfield, IL

## Seeing to the Future of CID Missions

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The 2019 Bring Giving Home workshops likened the world's story to a play written in several acts. Act I begins with Creation, yet it also includes the Fall... and the first promise of the Deliverer. The rest of the Old Testament, with its many accounts of God's faithfulness despite human sin, fills out Act II. Act III is the New Testament era of the first century. The Messiah appears, the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world. He lives, dies, and rises, then the Good News of His victory goes out into all the world through the church. The concluding Act V will take place when our Lord comes again to judge the living and the dead and take His people to Himself.

For almost 2000 years, the world has been in Act IV, the act that includes our lives. Suppose someone discovered a hitherto-unknown play by Shakespeare in a copy almost complete, except that Act IV is missing. Could an Act IV be written so the play could be performed? Yes, Act IV could be filled in since from Acts I, II, and III the characters and setting would be established, as well as the major conflict and the turning point of the action. In addition, Act V would be there to show how everything is to end up. With all this, an Act IV could be worked out on the spot, as it were.

We are in effect still working out Act IV in the great — and real! — daily drama of God's creation today. All people are involved, but we Christians know Whose we are, where we came from, why we are here, Who died and rose to save us, and that He will come again at the end for our final deliverance. We can therefore "improvise." With God's commandments and promises, we can live lives of service to Him and our neighbors. His Word does not provide us detailed instructions for every circumstance in life. We have the overall gist, though, so we can act in faith toward Him and love toward Him and our neighbors.

### READINESS STUDY

CID has contracted with Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) to give guidance as a funding campaign is designed and prepared. LCEF's Ministry Readiness Study includes...

- **Forum meetings:** sharing vision, group discussion, and opportunities for input. An in-person meeting and a virtual meeting are being planned for early March.
- **Survey:** 10-15 minutes online, to gather valuable feedback on the vision, to be sent out in March.

Your participation in this process would be appreciated! Please watch for more details and invitations soon.

If you would like to participate, or simply for more information, contact Dr. Ken Schurb at CID office, [kschurb@cidlcms.org](mailto:kschurb@cidlcms.org). The telephone number is (217) 793-1802.



Our living out of "Act IV" embraces our vocations and our stewardship. Recognizing this helps bring giving home. The Lord brings giving home to individual church members, as churches teach people biblical giving, ask them to respond, and plan to live with the gifts the Lord gives through them.

He also brings giving home to entire congregations. Churches receiving gifts, including monetary gifts, in turn become givers. They allocate gifts for ministry, also beyond the work in their own midst.

The Lord has not made detailed stipulations for His church in this regard. He provides us the freedom to live out "Act IV" as together we seek to do what He said: proclaim the Good News to all.

Information on a campaign proposal will be released in growing detail as this summer's District convention draws closer. Right now, however, YOU can begin learning about various CID missions via materials currently on the District website:

- **Ministry in Spanish**  
<https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-spanish.html>
- **Campus ministries**
  - Eastern Illinois University, Charleston
  - Illinois State University, Normal
  - University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
  - Western Illinois University, Macomb

For videos on each of these, scroll down the campus ministry page on the CID website at <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-campus.html>

- **Deaf ministry**  
Veteran missionary to the deaf Pastor Tom Phillips accepted a call to Michigan in late 2024. CID's District-wide deaf parish will meet throughout 2025 for its accustomed monthly workshops at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sherman as well as conducting supplemental sessions via Zoom once a month with deaf missionary Rev. John Reinke from St. Louis. See the article at <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-deaf.html>
- **Prison Ministry:**  
CID has transitioned to a new model for ministry here, encouraging congregations to "lend" their pastors for weekly ministry visits at nearby prisons. Dollars for Mission funds are available so CID can give congregations \$5,000 a year in recognition and gratitude. See a video at <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-prison.html> Scroll down to find it.

# What's a lay person to do?

By David Ward, CID Life Coordinator

Once in a conversation with District President Mohr, I commented that serving as District Life Coordinator was akin to playing a twisted game of Whack-A-Mole. Of course, the preeminent issue is always Abortion. But when you try to focus on that matter, another issue pops up in the news or in pending legislation — like Physician Assisted Suicide or Transgenderism. Or perhaps it is concern about Drug Abuse or Pornography or Homosexuality or Gambling or Homelessness or one of many other various Life Issues that deserve our attention. All of these matters have the potential to damage or destroy human bodies or eternal souls. So what is a Christian to do?

To make the situation even worse, our culture is heavily influenced by evil. The Devil is relentless in trying to frustrate Christians, coaxing them to give up their testimony for Christ in the face of fear and darkness. Frequently he whispers in our ear (and sometimes he shouts directly into our face), “Mind your own business! Who do you think you are to judge the sins of others? The situation is hopeless — what can you do anyway? Let the clergy handle it — it’s their job after all.” So what should an ordinary believer do against such overwhelming forces of evil?

Thankfully Jesus gives us the answer. And the answer is so beautiful and eloquent in its simplicity. He instructs us to humbly love our God, and then to love our neighbor in genuine compassion. That’s it! We please our heavenly Father through the expression of our love.

Martin Luther understood the anxiety that lay people carry when it comes to our own individual duty to God. He framed the solution in the context of Vocation. Whatever station we have in life, it is given to us by God himself. We are to accept our position in this world

as a gift. And then we are to honor Him in everything we do and say. You may never know how the power of the Holy Spirit is manifest through the tiniest act of kindness or the gentlest word of encouragement. God has intentionally placed us in our assigned vocations to touch specified people, be that family members and friends, casual acquaintances or even a passing stranger.

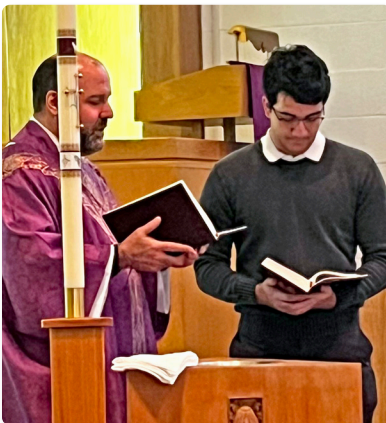
The Lord wants us to stand up for the convictions of our faith. Let the hope in your heart be evident to all. Be aware of the spiritual realm and know that human actions on earth can have eternal implications. Avoid sin, because that grieves the Holy Spirit and hinders our testimony of Christ.

It is important to pray. Our gracious heavenly Father cares for us and is concerned about our anxieties and desires. Even though He already knows our wants and needs before we speak them, He still wants us to look to Him in complete confidence and trust. He especially delights in our prayers for others.

*Remember to give thanks. Praise God for His infinite mercy, for His wondrous majesty and for His tender and loving nature. Thank Him for sending His Son and the perfect yet enormous sacrifice He made for us all. Be grateful for the glorious eternal home awaiting us. Rejoice in His glory!*



## Keeping Christ on Campus



(pictured far left) On December 8th, 2024, Rev. Chris Hull confirmed three students at Western Illinois University in Macomb. A fourth is to be confirmed on Palm Sunday.

(pictured left) On December 15, 2024, Rev. Michael Schuermann baptized Rafael, an international student from Brazil, at University Lutheran Church in Champaign. He is currently continuing with confirmation instruction.

# A Dollar for Missions News

## First Project of 2025

Rev. Erich Heintzen, Jr. was CID's first full-time campus pastor. When he began serving students at the University of Illinois in the fall of 1941, he soon came face-to-face with a major obstacle: location, location, location. Trying to serve university students from St. John Lutheran Church in Champaign set the work at a decided disadvantage. The church proved "too distant from the center of our student population to serve the needs of our work adequately," he reported. "What we need, and need badly," he concluded after his first semester, "is preaching on the campus. As long as we are bound by the prevailing restrictions, we are merely playing at student work."

Campus ministry was too important to play at, though. Students entered the University of Illinois in increasing numbers during World War II, mushrooming thereafter. The campus population continues to grow today. CID eventually built the present University Lutheran Church, which was dedicated on May 17, 1953.



That was more than 70 years ago.

The first Dollar for Missions project of 2025 is to help maintain this campus church for the proclamation of the Gospel into the future, for your children and grandchildren as well as their friends and neighbors in a diverse student body. It is a \$25,000 project for masonry repair and repointing at University Lutheran Church and Student Center in Champaign.

The building's entire facade is brick and concrete masonry, which requires periodic care to maintain the structure's integrity and waterproofing. Portions of the masonry need attention. Small sections of the brick are crumbling due to freeze/thaw cycles and sustained water exposure. There is some water infiltration between the masonry window frame and the sanctuary casement windows. In some spots, the mortar between bricks is cracking or crumbling away. DFM funds will be used for targeted masonry repairs and repointing, focused on the areas where most needed, as identified by a masonry contractor.

College is tough. Students need Jesus. We do not want to play around with the work of bringing Him to them in Word and Sacrament. Your extra dollar for missions each week will help to maintain University Lutheran Church as a place for God's grace.

### PRAYER

*O Lord, open the hearts of your people to support the proclamation of the Good News about Jesus in ways large and small. Bless the Dollars for Mission that support mission work in unusual ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



You can always find out more about DFM, including the present project at any time, at <https://www.cidlms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>

# 2025 LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

## ENDURE

JULY 19-23, 2025; NEW ORLEANS, LA



### CID DISTRICT COORDINATORS

**DCE Jonathan Guse**  
Bethel, Morton

**DCE Christy Malinowski**  
Trinity, Bloomington

### WAYS TO CONNECT

**CID Lutheran Youth Facebook Group** – Latest District updates and information  
[www.facebook.com/groups/249327678480252](https://www.facebook.com/groups/249327678480252)

**LCMS Youth Ministry Facebook Group** – Gathering related content and collaboration, but all thing youth ministry, too!  
[www.facebook.com/groups/LCMSYouthMinistry](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LCMSYouthMinistry)

**End Goals: LCMS Youth Ministry Podcast** – All things youth ministry and some great episodes on the Gathering! [www.kfu.org/category/lcms-youth-ministry-end-goals](https://www.kfu.org/category/lcms-youth-ministry-end-goals)

**National Youth Gathering Website** – Tons of information, worksheets, budgeting sheets, etc. [www.lcmsgathering.com](https://www.lcmsgathering.com)

## 2025 ALL ILLINOIS DISTRICT EVENT

**SUNDAY, JULY 20 5:30 PM – 8 PM**

CHAMPIONS CLUB AT THE CAESARS SUPER DOME.

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QR code to  
register!



\$55/PP INCLUDES ACCESS TO THE EVENT,  
DINNER, AND A DISTRICT T-SHIRT.

\$15/PP FOR JUST THE DISTRICT T-SHIRT.

The three Illinois Districts of the LCMS are thrilled to once again come together for a special all-Illinois District Event in New Orleans on July 20, 2025, sponsored by Concordia University Chicago. We invite you to join us for an exclusive early access event at the Superdome, ahead of the Mass Event on Sunday evening.

Your ticket includes an all-Illinois District t-shirt, meal, entertainment, giveaways, and floor seating for the Mass Event later that evening. If you prefer, t-shirts can also be purchased separately from the event ticket.

Meal menu: hot dog (gluten free available) chicken tenders, mac n cheese, pulled pork nachos (gluten free), chocolate cookies (gluten free available), and fountain soda.

Please take a moment to complete the registration form to sign up your congregation for the event or to order your t-shirts. Use the QR code or visit <https://www.vancoevents.com/us/events/landing/48531>

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

# 2025 Illinois Pro-Life March

## March 25th in Springfield

On March 25, 2025, concerned citizens from all over Illinois will gather in Springfield for the annual state Pro-Life March. Appropriately, March 25 is the festival of the Annunciation.

The Annunciation was when the angel Gabriel went to a young virgin named Mary and told her that she would be the mother of the Christ. Quite likely, Jesus was “conceived by the Holy Spirit” right at that time.

This event in Nazareth, not His subsequent birth at Bethlehem, was when the Word became flesh. The church has historically observed the event exactly nine months before Christmas, which of course we celebrate on December 25.

In biological terms familiar today, for us men and for our salvation God the Son became a Zygote, a Blastocyst, an Embryo, then a Fetus before He was born. Whatever technical word may be used at any stage of Mary’s pregnancy, our Savior was throughout fully human even as He was fully divine. Even before His birth, He was Lord. Elizabeth affirmed this in Luke 1:43: “But how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord comes to me?”

The festival of the Annunciation marks the beginning of Christ’s Incarnation. It also provides a good reminder about the true beginnings of human life.

Annunciation Day will make a great occasion for the Pro-Life March.

Trinity Lutheran Church (220 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL, 62701), across the street from the state capitol building, will again conduct a Matins service on the day of the march at 11:00 a.m. Northern Illinois District President Allan Buss will preach.

Immediately thereafter, worshipers may walk to the ballroom of the State House Inn, one block north of the capitol building, to pick up a light lunch consisting of a four-inch ham or turkey sandwich, bag of chips, cookie, and bottle of water. Suggested donation is \$6.

The Pro-Life rally outside the capitol is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. Actual marching should step off at about 2:00 p.m.

Worshipers may park in the State House Inn’s west parking lot at the corner of Adams and First Streets, across First Street from the hotel building. Watch for attendants in this lot wearing green LCMS Life Ministry vests. They will give you a parking pass to place in your vehicle.

By all means, please carpool. We want to minimize the number of vehicles needing parking downtown.

For additional information, contact Dr. Ken Schurb at CID office, [kschurb@cidlcms.org](mailto:kschurb@cidlcms.org) Telephone (217) 793-1802.



# Official Notices

(January 21, 2025)

## Ordained

### Installations

- **Rev. Winston Grieser** at St. Paul, Kewanee
- **Rev. Aaron Mueller** at Trinity, Springfield
- **Rev. Emmet Bartens** at St. John, Louisville

### Called to Glory

- **Rev. Alan Holtz**, November 25, 2024
- **Mrs. Carolyn Eden** (wife of Rev. Roger Eden), December 9, 2024
- **Rev. Frederick Riemer**, January 8, 2025

## Deaf Ministry Update

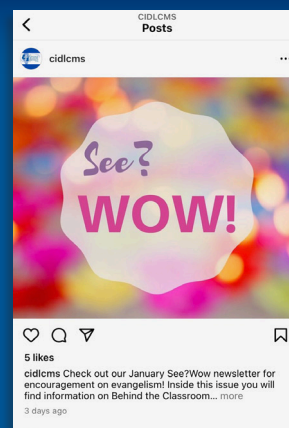
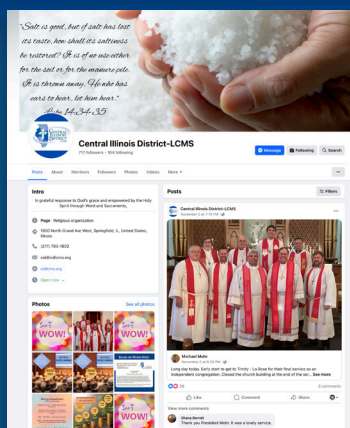
CID's District-wide Deaf Ministry parish (now called Central Illinois Lutheran Deaf Outreach) had the last two of its monthly workshops in a new location, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sherman. Since the November departure of veteran missionary to the deaf Pastor Tom Phillips, it has proven helpful to consolidate operations of the parish in one location instead of the two (Jacksonville and Normal) at which Pastor Phillips had been serving. Good Shepherd, Sherman, has welcomed the parish to continue these workshops on the third Saturday of each month (at no cost to the parish or the District, by the way!) throughout 2025.



As vacancy pastor, Rev. John Reinke from St. Louis (pictured left) leads the monthly workshops, makes pastoral visitations to the ill and dying, and conducts multiple Zoom meetings each month. He is in the early stages of preparing two women from the parish for entry into a deaf ministry track for deaconess study at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Long-range plans for CID Deaf Ministry are in the process of being developed. Please pray for these deliberations!

Meanwhile, as mentioned in the previous *GatePost* issue, if you have an old *Concordia Self-Study Bible* that you would be willing to donate for deaf ministry, please send it to the Central Illinois District office, 1850 North Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702. It will be gratefully received, whether or not you have made any markings in it. (Please note: This is not the *Lutheran Study Bible* from 2009, but instead its predecessor published in 1986.) Thank you!



## CID is on Facebook, Instagram AND YouTube

Come find us @cidlcms! Our pages are filled with prayer and encouragement for you to share with those around you. Join us to keep up to date on District happenings and learn about new and exciting things coming soon!

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# Installations



**Rev. Winston Grieser was installed as Pastor at St. Paul, Kewanee, on December 22, 2024.**

**Front Row (l to r)** - Rev. Dr. Burnell Eckardt (Emeritus, Kewanee), Rev. Michael Mohr (Holy Cross, Vandalia & CID President), Rev. Winston Grieser (St. Paul, Kewanee), Rev. Dr. John Sias (LCMS Secretary), and Rev. Kevin Koester (Holy Trinity, Walnut).

**Back Row (l to r)** - Mr. Larry Campbell (Deacon at St. Paul, Kewanee), Rev. Karl Eckoff (Christ, Peoria & Peoria Circuit Visitor), Rev. Daniel Bishop (St. John, Pekin), Rev. Phillip Fischhaber (Holy Trinity, Walnut), Rev. Michael Wagnitz (St. Paul, Brimfield), and Mr. Aaron Koester (Crucifer, Holy Trinity, Walnut).

**Rev. Aaron Mueller was installed as Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, on January 12, 2025.**

**Front Row (l to r)** - Rev. Michael Walther (Emeritus, Good Shepherd, Collinsville), Rev. Michael Mohr (Holy Cross, Vandalia & CID President), Rev. Aaron Mueller (Sr. Pastor at Trinity, Springfield), Rev. Jonathan Sharp (Associate Pastor at Trinity, Springfield), Dcs. Bridgette Sharp (Trinity, Springfield), and SMP Vicar Tim Good (Trinity, Springfield).

**Back Row (l to r)** - Jeramy Daniel (Crucifer), Rev. Jacob Moore (St. John, New Berlin), Rev. Thomas Radtke (Emeritus, Trinity, Springfield), Rev. Scott Schilbe (Assistant Pastor at Our Redeemer, Overland, MO, & Theology Teacher at Metro-East Lutheran HS, Edwardsville), Rev. Matthew Schneider (Good Shepherd, Sherman & Springfield East Circuit Visitor), Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb (Executive Asst. to CIDP, Springfield), Rev. Dr. Micheal Strong (Zion, Farmersville), and Landen Woody (Acolyte/Bibliofer).



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# Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF)

## Grants Awarded in 2024

Thanks to God's blessings, the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF) returned over \$85,000 in the form of grants for His work within the Central Illinois District and the LCMS at large. The grants will be used for a variety of needs throughout the District and beyond, as follows:



### LCMS Elementary and High Schools in the CID

#### *School Security Upgrades – \$24,000*

Offering a matching grant of \$1,000 to each elementary and high school in the District for enhanced school security.

#### Springfield Lutheran High School (LuHi)

##### *Financial Support – \$13,232*

Providing financial support for funding of LuHi's December mortgage payment.

### Seminarians in the CID

#### *Seminarian Grants – \$8,000*

Assisting with seminarians' material needs as they prepare to support us with our spiritual needs.

### LCMS Disaster Relief

#### *Hurricane Relief – \$5,000*

Aiding those communities hard-hit by hurricanes.

### Tuscola Immanuel

#### *Not Ashamed Program Year 2 – \$2,000*

Offering the church and unchurched in the Tuscola area training on God's good order and design, with application in daily life.

### Campus Ministries:

#### *– University Lutheran Champaign – \$1,000*

Funding religious materials to be made available to students on Quad Day and throughout the year at the University of Illinois campus.

### Central Illinois District:

#### *– Capital Campaign Feasibility Study – \$22,800*

Supporting a feasibility study to launch a capital campaign for needed maintenance at the CID's three campus ministries, the deaf ministry, the Hispanic ministry, and the CID office campus.

#### *– Witnessing Helps – \$3,300*

Providing funding for the production and distribution of posters to raise awareness in our congregations of the CID's Witnessing Helps program to develop witnessing skills.

#### *– National Youth Gathering – \$2,500*

Jointly sponsoring a social event with the other Illinois districts at the National Youth Gathering, defraying the cost to our youth for attending the event.

#### *– Phone System – \$2,250*

Contributing to the cost of an upgraded phone system at the CID office.

#### *– Archivist – \$1,000*

Subsidizing the collection of historical information by the CID archivist.

*Please add your prayers for these ministries supporting our pastors, teachers, youth, and members of the Central Illinois District.*

# Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF)

## Mortgage Interest Rebates

As God blesses the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF), so we return His blessings to those churches, organizations, and schools in the Central Illinois District that have borrowed funds in answer to God's calling to make disciples of all nations. Under the Mortgage Interest Rebate Program, the CID-CEF returns part of the interest paid during the year by our borrowers under our standard interest rate program, thereby reducing the cost of their loans and returning financial resources to them to meet other needs in their ministries.

This year, the CID-CEF Board of Trustees approved returning \$150,000 to our borrowers under this Mortgage Interest Rebate Program. All borrowers qualified to receive a rebate under our standard interest rate program met the qualifications to earn this rebate, which will return to them an estimated 24% of the interest they paid on their loans in 2024, effectively reducing their interest rate by 24%.

*Only through God's grace are these financial resources available to be returned to His ministry in the Central Illinois District — praise be to Him!*



## CID-CEF Investment Special Offering!

More information on this and other investments as well as an Investment Application are available on our website at [www.cid-cef.org](http://www.cid-cef.org). You can also email us at [cef@cidlcms.org](mailto:cef@cidlcms.org) or call us at (217) 793-1802.

Your investments are used only within the Central Illinois District to support the construction, expansion, refurbishment, and ministries of our LCMS churches, schools, and organizations in the District.

Please consider investing with us, and by doing so, also investing in the ministries of the LCMS Central Illinois District — in addition to your financial return, you will have the blessing of knowing that your investment is serving His ministry and expanding His Kingdom!



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 LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

# CENTRAL ILLINOIS LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,  
as good stewards of God's varied grace ...*

1 PETER 4:10

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1**

**Camp CILCA**

4124 Camp Cilca Rd • Cantrall, IL 62625

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| 9:00 a.m. | Registration opens   |
| 9:30 a.m. | Convention begins    |
| 3:00 p.m. | Convention concludes |

**Mail completed form and payment to:**

Deloris Blessman  
24204 C 1850N • Topeka, IL 61567

**For more information, please contact:**

Deloris Blessman, CID LLL Treasurer  
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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer  
President Emeritus,  
Concordia Seminary—St. Louis

## HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

*Servant Event for CID LLL District State Fair Booth*

Learn how you can **CONNECT** to people ...



### GLOBALLY

More than 3 BILLION people have yet to hear the saving message of Jesus Christ!



### DIGITALLY

Every month, the question of "Who is Jesus?" is Googled 2.7 MILLION times!



### LOCALLY

Imagine the impact of MILLIONS of Christians around the world loving their neighbors!

## REGISTRATION FORM 2025 CID LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION

Registration deadline **Feb. 23**  
Make check payable to  
**CID LLL District**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$25 per person (includes lunch) Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# CID WELCOMES SID TO THE 2025 Youth Bible Bowl

**TOPIC:** **The Life of David** (1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2:12)

**DATE:** Sunday, April 6th

**PLACE:** to be determined — a centrally-located venue (usually a church, school, or Camp CILCA, near Springfield) large enough for all the teams who register.

**AGES:** youth involved in their church's junior or senior youth group, from grades 6-12, up to age 19.

The Bible Bowl provides an opportunity for our youth to be involved in Scripture study and thus to grow in their knowledge of God's Word and to grow in their faith. It allows youth to get together at the circuit and district levels for friendly competition concerning our common confession of the Christian faith. Up to two teams from each circuit (or other local Bible Bowl) are invited to participate at the District Bible Bowl. In order to get more youth participation, circuits are encouraged to hold Bible Bowls at least a week before the District Bible Bowl to determine which two teams advance to the more difficult questions at the District Bible Bowl.

The Bible Bowl encourages all our young people to study a different portion God's word together every year, and come together as a review for them (and the adults who teach them and encourage them at the Bible Bowl). Pastors and youth leaders teach, explain, review, and provide practice questions for their own youth about this year's portion of the Bible in whatever ways they see fit (except that questions from previous years or other districts should not be used). Questions can all be answered from the assigned biblical text, and will not delve into theological implications of the text, or expect knowledge of later biblical references to David (but we hope you will discuss some of this in your own groups, e.g. who is "the Son of David" in the N.T.).



## STUDYING THE Life of David SHOULD LEAD TO:

1

increased trust in our God, seeing how He chose, guided, and protected David,

2

increased understanding of God's law, seeing examples of the results of keeping or breaking God's law,

3

increased appreciation for the Gospel of Christ, seeing God's promise of David's greater Son, and His merciful forgiveness for repentant sinners.

**If you have any questions or wish more information on how you can hold a Bible Bowl in your circuit, contact Pastor Mark Eddy at Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, IL ([zionlcms@juno.com](mailto:zionlcms@juno.com)).**

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# CAMP CILCA SCHEDULE 2025

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|---------------------|---|
| February 28–March 1 | <a href="#"><u>ACT LIKE MEN</u></a> Woodcutters' Retreat  |
| March 15            | <a href="#"><u>Free Pancake Dinner</u></a>  |
| March 28–29         | <a href="#"><u>Women's Retreat</u></a>  |
| March 30            | <a href="#"><u>Annual Banquet</u></a>   |
| April 5             | Spring Work Day   |
| April 25–26         | <a href="#"><u>Spring Women's Scrapbooking Retreat</u></a>  |
| May 23–26           | CID Campout (No Hog Roast)  |
| May 27              | J.C. Training (10 a.m.–2 p.m.)  |
| May 28–July 31      | <b>SUMMER PROGRAM</b>   |
| August 2            | <a href="#"><u>Homecoming 75th Anniversary Celebration</u></a>                                    |
| Aug. 29–Sep. 1      | CID Camp Out (No Chicken Dinner)  |
| September 12        | <a href="#"><u>Whippoorwill Golf Outing</u></a>   |
| September 20        | <a href="#"><u>ACT LIKE MEN Shooting Retreat</u></a><br>Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. |
| October 4           | <a href="#"><u>GRIT Run!</u></a>  |
| November 1          | <a href="#"><u>ACT LIKE MEN Work Day</u></a>  |
| TBD                 | <a href="#"><u>Fall Women's Scrapbooking Retreat</u></a>  |
| December 12–13      | <a href="#"><u>Joyful Hearts Christmas</u></a>  |



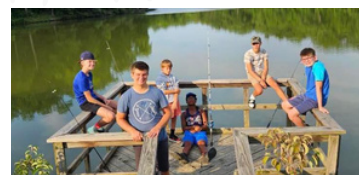
## ACT LIKE MEN EVENTS

For men of all ages to make connections across generations, learn and sharpen new skills, and grow strong in the Lord.

**"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."**  
– 1 Corinthians 16:13

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrate the 75th anniversary of outdoor ministry at Camp CILCA all year long! For three quarters of a century God has blessed Central Illinois with an outdoor space where campers of all ages can enjoy the good creation that God has made and hear His life giving Word. To commemorate this milestone, CILCA's summer program will cost only **\$75 per camper per week**. We are also condensing our annual fundraisers into one. The Hog Roast and Chicken Fry will be rolled into one anniversary celebration at the **Homecoming on August 2, 2025**. Click the hyperlinks above for more information on this and other events held throughout the 2025!



# SUMMER PROGRAMS 2025

The **Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association (CILCA)** exists to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and fellowship with others in a unique outdoor setting. CILCA strives to reconnect Christians to Christ and Creation.

## **\*\*75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PRICING\*\***

In celebration of CILCA's 75th anniversary, all program sessions for summer 2025 will be available for \$75 if you register before April 1st. All registrations made after April 1st will cost \$100.

For additional information, click on the underlined title.

### JOYFUL HEARTS

Campers of all ages with **developmental disabilities** experience the joys of the outdoors during a 4- or 2-night stay.

~~\$360~~/\*~~\$180~~ **\$75\***

- Full Week: **June 8-12**
- Half Week: **June 8-10\* or 10-12\***

### BOLD SPIRITS

**4th- thru 6th-grade** campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. ~~\$375~~ **\$75\***

- Session I: **June 1-6**
- Session II: **July 13-18**

### DAUNTLESS SOULS

**6th- thru 8th-grade** campers gather for a screen-free week of life-changing outdoor adventure. ~~\$375~~ **\$75\***

- Session I: **June 15-20**
- Session II: **July 6-11**

### DAY CAMP

**Grades 1st-8th** come for the day Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. A daily lunch is provided. ~~\$150~~/week. **\$75\*/week**

- Session: **Every week May 28-August 1**

## **WE NEED YOU!**

9th-graders and up, serve as a Junior Counselor or Joyful Hearts volunteer and enjoy camp absolutely free!

Joyful Hearts Volunteer- June 8-12  
J.C. Training - May 27

### GENERATIONS

Campers age **4 thru 4th grade** are introduced to camp with a 1-night stay with a parent or other adult. **\$75 per person**

- Session I: **June 20-21**
- Session II: **July 18-19**

### AQUA WEEK

**4th- thru 6th-grade** water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. ~~\$375~~ **\$75\***

- Session: **July 13-18**

### SURVIVAL WEEK

**Grades 6-8** learn fire starting, outdoor cooking, shelter building, sleeping under the stars, and more. Each day will teach and develop a new skill useful to surviving outdoors. ~~\$375~~ **\$75\***

- Session: **June 22-27**

### INTREPID HEARTS

**High school students** enjoy the rejuvenation of God's creation through a week or half week of camp. ~~\$375~~/\*~~\$180~~ (half) **\$75\***

- Full Week: **June 29-July 4**
- Half Week: **June 29-July 1 or 2-4\***

### PATHFINDERS

**1st- thru 4th-grade** campers break out on their own with a 2- or 3-night stay. ~~\$155~~/\*~~\$180~~ **\$75\***

- Session I: **May 28-30**
- Session II: **July 23-25**
- Session III: **July 27-30\***

### NIGHT OWL

**6th- thru 8th-graders** experience camp while staying up all night and sleeping all day. Enough said! ~~\$375~~ **\$75\***

- Session: **July 6-11**

### ART, DRAMA, & ATHLETICS

**5th- thru 8th-grade** campers choose one track—**Art, Drama, or Athletics**—for the week & are led by experienced instructors. ~~\$375~~ **\$75\***

- Session: **June 15-20**

### FAMILY CAMP

**Parents and children of any age** are able to enjoy 3 days and 2 nights at camp with their family. ~~\$400~~ for up to 5 family members + ~~\$80~~ for each additional person. **\$375 + \$75**

- Session: **July 20-22**

## **REGISTER TODAY!**

Find in-depth details on each camp & register on our website!

Ages based on grade **completed**.

**WWW.CILCA.ORG**



# INVESTMENT APPLICATION



## CHURCH EXTENSION FUND, INC. (CEF) Central Illinois District - LCMS (CID)

1850 North Grand Avenue West  
Springfield, IL 62702-1626  
TELEPHONE: (217) 793-1802 FAX: (217) 793-9454  
EMAIL: [cef@cidlcms.org](mailto:cef@cidlcms.org) [www.cid-cef.org](http://www.cid-cef.org)

New Investment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Make check payable to:  
CID Church Extension Fund

-OR-

Existing CID-CEF Investment Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed Investment Certificate or Lost Certificate Affidavit and Indemnity  
Agreement must be returned with Application)  
Reinvest \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Redeem \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES - Minimum Investment: \$500 - Interest paid/applied and statement sent semi-annually

- ☐ 2.50% 5-year term ☐ 2.25% 3-year term  
☐ 2.00% 1-year term ☐ 0.75% 6-month term  
**Special Term and Rate – Limited Time!!!**  
☐ 3.75% - 11-month term

#### INTEREST PAYMENT METHOD (Choose one)

- ☐ Accumulate interest and add to investment  
☐ Investment check semi-annually (if over \$25)  
☐ Direct Deposit – requires completed enrollment form  
(Go to [www.cidlcms.org](http://www.cidlcms.org) or contact CEF to request the form)

INTEREST RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – CALL TO CONFIRM CURRENT RATES

### FLEXIBLE SAVINGS – Interest added to account monthly, statement sent quarterly

- ☐ Regular Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 0.40% Minimum: \$25 – available to all customers  
☐ Capital Campaign Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 1.00% Minimum: \$500 – available only to religious organizations

## Account Ownership (Complete A, B, or C. Please print)

### A. Sole or Joint Owners (One or more owners as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not tenants in common. Beneficiaries may be designated on "Beneficiary Designation" form. Interest is reported to the IRS using the Social Security number of the first owner listed.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last or Religious Organization Name First MI Social Security # or TIN Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

☐ Check if "Beneficiary Designation" form is attached ☐ Check that all joint owners have signed application

### B. Trust ("Certificate of Existence of Trust and Authority to Act" must be completed and sent with application)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Trust Social Security #/TIN

### C. Custodian Investment for Minor (Under the Illinois Uniform Transfers to Minors Act)

\_\_\_\_\_  
MINOR Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
CUSTODIAN Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Contact Information for Account

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

Supporting Investments

(Please provide the organization to be recognized for current or future investment requirements)

Your Home Congregation or Other LCMS Organization

City

Investment Certification and Signature – Signatures of all account owners are required.

By signing this application ("I" refers to all applicants, whether one or more), I certify that:

- All information provided is true and correct.
- I am of legal age and not a minor.
- I authorize the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund to initiate any correcting debit or credit that may be necessary.
- I have received a current Offering Circular of the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund.
- I am a member of, contributor to, or participant in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or any district or other program, activity, or organization which constitutes a part of the Synod or any of its districts, or I am an ancestor, descendant, or successor in interest to such person.
- I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).
- The Social Security or Tax ID number shown for me on this application is correct.
- I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) the IRS has not notified me that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding. Please draw an "X" through the preceding sentence if you ARE currently subject to backup withholding. Due to IRS regulations, the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund cannot record your investment until your Taxpayer Identification Number is provided and the above certification signed. The IRS does not require your consent to any provisions of this application other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

Signature of Account Owner/Trustee/Custodian/Authorized Signer

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