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"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved" John 10:9

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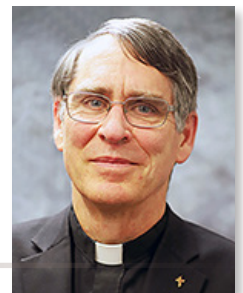
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Making Disciples for Life 

April 20, 2026

From the President's Desk

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Easter and Education

On the very day of Jesus' resurrection from death, He resumed His role as Teacher for His people. Since then, Christian education has never stopped. And the only graduation from Christian education is when God moves us from this world to paradise with Jesus.

I hope you all know this story from Luke 24:13-27:

On the same day two of them were traveling to a village which was seven and a half miles away from Jerusalem; its name is Emmaus. And they were talking with one another about all these things which had come about. And it happened when they were talking and debating, and after Jesus Himself came near, that He was traveling with them. But their eyes were held back from recognizing Him.

But He said to them, "What are these words which you are tossing back and forth at one another as you walk around?" And they stood still, sullen.

But in response one, whose name was Cleopas, said to Him, "Are You sojourning alone in Jerusalem, and You do not know

about the things which happened in it in these days?"

And He said to them, "Which things?"

But they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who became a Man, a Prophet, powerful in work and word in the presence of God and all the people, and how the ruling priests and our rulers gave Him over for a judgment of death, and they crucified Him. But we ourselves were hoping that it was He who was going

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to ransom Israel. However, in addition to all these things, this day is the third since these things happened. However, also some women from among us astonished us, since they were at the tomb at dawn, and after they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision

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CID Leadership



At the March, 2026, Central Illinois Direct Board of Directors' meeting, Rev. Mark Eddy (left), was installed by Regional Vice President Rev. Ben Ball (right) as the President of the Central Illinois District.



President Eddy (right) installed Rev. Karl Eckhoff as Second Vice President (left) and Rev. Jason Bratton (middle) as First Vice President.



CID Board of Directors 2026-2028 Triennium

SEATED: (center) Rev. Mark Eddy, President; (left) Rev. Jason Braaten, First Vice-President; and (right) Rev. Karl Eckhoff, Second Vice-President. **MIDDLE ROW:** Robinette Flach, Teacher Member; Steve Parry, Teacher Member; Rev. Kevin Wendorf, Pastoral Member; and Rev. Kent Tibben, Pastoral Member. **BACK ROW:** Rev. Timothy Fitzner, Pastoral Member; Aaron Schroeder, Lay Member; Dr. M. Scot Breitenfeld, Lay Member; Rev. Justin Cullen, Secretary; Joel Oschwald, Treasurer; Rev. Aaron Uphoff, Pastoral Member; Kevin Block, Lay Member; and Bill Blessman, Lay Member. **NOT PICTURED:** Robert Dalton, Financial Secretary; and Rev. Marcus Manley, Assistant Secretary.

Easter and Education

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of angels, who say that He is alive. And some of those who were with us went away up to the tomb and found it that way, just as the women also said; but they did not see Him."

And He said to them, "O you without understanding and slow in heart to believe based on everything which the prophets spoke! The Christ had to suffer these things and come into His glory, did He not?" And beginning from Moses and from all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things about Himself.

Jesus, the Great Teacher, started by finding out what those two disciples already knew. They knew a lot of "what?" happened, but not "why?" So Jesus filled in their gaps in knowledge. He taught from the text book of Israel, the text book of the Church, the Bible, from Moses through "all the Prophets." Every divinely-inspired Writing is beneficial for teaching (see 2 Tim. 3:16).

The "text" for all Christian teaching now includes also the writings of Jesus' inspired apostles (the New Testament). And that is usually where we start in our teaching, because it is easier to teach "the things about Him" (Jesus) from what was written after Jesus finished His teaching and work of atonement. We may make footnotes to other writings, evidence in creation, Church history, or current news. But with all of those, the purpose of Christian education is to teach God's word, and to show how each part connects to Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God bless our teaching of His Word to young and old, because "now we see in a mirror dimly" (1 Cor. 13:12). Christian education will end only when we see Jesus face to face. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



Summer 2026

Small Church Summit

FAMILY MINISTRY



Register for the
Summer Small
Church Summit by
June 6, 2026 at

[https://forms.gle/
xLBUJu6XPfbPfyodA](https://forms.gle/xLBUJu6XPfbPfyodA)

The Small Church Summit will have its summer meeting on **Saturday, June 13** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1201 W Jackson St, Auburn, IL 62615-9372. Sign-in will be at 9:00, with opening devotion following at 9:30. At the other end of the day, after closing prayer at 2:50 there will be an ice cream social for those who would like to linger and converse some more.

“Family Ministry in the Small Church” is the topic of the keynote address by Rev. Andy Becker from St. Louis. He is the Synod’s director for family ministry in the Office of National Mission.

Family-related topics have been suggested for the Small Church Summit in the past, so it is high time we had a presentation like Rev. Becker’s. He will be able to tell us about new initiatives the Synod has underway for families, and how small congregations can utilize them.

In the afternoon, a smorgasbord of sectionals will be available. Participants will be able to choose which they want to hear in three time slots. Possibilities will range from congregational hospitality to strategic planning to church assessment tools to life issues, with more in-between. There will be more offerings than any one person can take in — which makes for a good reason not to come to the Small Church Summit by yourself! Bring others with you who can help cover all these informative presentations and take learnings back to your church.

Remember, if you think your church is small,
YOU are invited.

And everyone is welcome!



Christ at the Center

A Concordia University Chicago Newsletter

Dr. Kendall, Associate Vice President for Church Relations and Mission at Concordia University Chicago, is starting a newsletter for the University through the Office of Church Relations that is called Quodlibet. Quodlibet is Latin, and it means, “A scholastic argumentation almost chosen at will but almost always theological.” The newsletter will have one article of substance and reflective thought that intersects academics, theology, and society. Please visit <http://bit.ly/4uJ4NZ9> to sign up.

STATE OF ILLINOIS REQUIRED TRAINING

As we move into the summer months with various activities within our congregations, there are Illinois State requirements that apply to our congregations. Here are two of the training requirements from the State of Illinois. (These requirements started 12/2020). Also included is information about membership in the MinistrySafe program, which provides discounted background checks and free training.

1. Mandated Reporter Training

For more information, visit: <https://wagenmakerlaw.com/blog/illinois-mandated-reporter-changes-clergy-child-care-workers-and-other-mandated-reporters>

- **WHO:** This requirement is for all individuals — Pastors, Teachers, and Volunteers
- **WHEN:** It must be redone within three years of the initial training. It must be done within three months of their start date.
- **HOW:** Training — State Website — All Mandated Reporters must complete a DCFS-approved training on child abuse prevention and reporting. The online class takes about 45-60 minutes. The website for the Mandated Reporter training: <https://mandatedreporter.dcf.illinois.gov/en/index-man>

2. Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

For more information, visit <https://dhr.illinois.gov/training/state-of-illinois-sexual-harassment-prevention-training-model.html>

- **WHO: Which employers are required to train their employees?** Employers who have 1 or more employees must provide sexual harassment prevention training to their staff.
- **WHEN: Must be completed yearly**
- **What is the deadline to train my employees?** As of January 1, 2020, employers are required to train every employee each calendar year.
- **HOW: Does the IDHR offer a model sexual harassment prevention training?** Yes, IDHR will develop a model sexual harassment prevention training. It is available for free download online. For more information, visit <https://dhr.illinois.gov/training/state-of-illinois-sexual-harassment-prevention-training-model.html>
- **Are employers required to train short-term employees, part-time employees, or interns?** Yes, all employees, regardless of their status (i.e., short-term, part-time, or intern), must be trained.
- **Are employers required to train independent contractors?** No, employers are not required to train independent contractors. However, it is strongly advised that independent contractors receive training if they work on-site at an employer's premises or interact with the employer's staff. Again, the employer is responsible for demonstrating that all employees completed the annual training.

ALERT on Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Law:

Please review the Frequently Asked Questions page on sexual harassment prevention training and associated subpages. Here you will also find informational handouts. Visit <https://dhr.illinois.gov/training/faq-for-sexual-harassment-prevention-training.html>



What is MinistrySafe?

from their website... MinistrySafe was founded by legal professionals and sexual abuse experts, Gregory Love and Kimberlee Norris. Through their litigation practice representing victims of child sexual abuse, they recognized a vital need to equip churches and ministry programs to better protect children from sexual abuse. "The risk is real, and it's preventable. Prevention starts with awareness."

The CID has a contract with MinistrySafe to provide training to help prevent Childhood Sexual Abuse. We have had this contract for the last few years. We encourage all organizations within the CID to take advantage of this opportunity. Contact the District office at cid@cidlms.org for a MinistrySafe handbook that explains how your organization can sign up. Our contract includes free training and policy templates for your organization. Please use the following code to receive the free membership — CIDLCMS. The contract also includes discounted background checks (20% off the normal fees). These background checks offer a range of levels to meet your needs, depending on the level of involvement.

The website for MinistrySafe is <https://ministrysafe.com>



2026 CID Youth Bible Bowl

On March 22, seven Bible Bowl teams competed in the 2026 District-wide Bible Bowl at Camp CILCA. We had teams from Immanuel, Macomb; St. Paul, Wheeler; Mt. Calvary, Galesburg (A/B); St. John, Effingham; Bethlehem, Altamont; and Faith, Sullivan. This year's theme was based on the book of Matthew. This year's winner was Faith, Sullivan (Will, Nathan, and Ben). 2nd place was Mt. Calvary, Galesburg (A) (David, Natalie, Olie, and Daniel). Thanks to President Eddy and Pastor Theilen for their assistance with the Bible Bowl.

Next year, our topic will be from the Old Testament. The topic and date of the spring Bible Bowl will be announced in the fall. If you are interested in receiving information about forming a Bible Bowl team, please reach out to the District office (cid@cidlms.org).



1st Place - Faith, Sullivan



WitnessingHELPS

Four Witnessing Helps sheets accompanied by two-minute introductory videos are available at <https://www.cidlms.org/outreach-witness-ministry.html>

A Dollar for Missions News

Current DFM Project

The second 2026 project for Dollars for Mission is a new lighted, cast aluminum sign for Wittenberg Lutheran Center at Illinois State University. The cast-aluminum sign will feature the Wittenberg logo and be placed on the building's steeple to proclaim the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit for all.

Amount to be funded: \$7,000



DFM Online

New this year, you can now support DFM through online giving. Many people no longer carry cash but still want to support the Central Illinois District's mission work. One-time and recurring donations are now available online at

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

or by using the QR code. *All new recurring gifts will be matched by a special one-time gift, up to \$20,000.*



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.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>



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Show Your Appreciation

This time of year, we celebrate those who serve our CID congregations and school in roles of Director of Christian Education, Children’s Ministry, Deaconess, Parish Music, and Director of Parish Music.

Here are ways to show appreciation for those who serve your church or school community.

- ▶ **Pray** regularly for your church worker and family. Let them know you are praying, ask for specific prayer requests, and follow up on those requests as appropriate.
- ▶ **Write a thank-you note, send a card, or draw a picture** to express appreciation for the specific ways your church worker impacts the congregation and you personally.
- ▶ **Take your church worker out for coffee or a meal.** Ask about their family and life.
- ▶ **Remember the birthdays** of your church worker and their spouse and children. Recognize them with a small gift on that day.
- ▶ **Offer free babysitting** for your church worker’s family and/or give a restaurant gift card for a nice night out.
- ▶ **Take up a collection** for Christmas gifts for your church worker and family (consider cash or gift cards).
- ▶ **Provide meals** for your church worker’s family once a month, during busy church seasons such as Advent and Lent, or at other times when life is particularly demanding (such as the birth of a new baby, the beginning of the school year, or during an illness).
- ▶ **Host a reception** for your church worker’s ordination, installation, or service anniversary, recognizing not only the worker but also their family for their support and sacrifice. Put together a slideshow or video collage of members and groups sharing what they love and appreciate about your church worker.
- ▶ **Offer a vacation property** (a member’s timeshare, cottage, or beach condo) for a week at no expense to your church worker.

Thank a CID Church Worker

Scott Rauch	Trinity Lutheran Church, Peoria	Director of Christian Education
Jeff Shoumaker	Redeemer Lutheran Church, Peoria	Director of Christian Education
Angela Wirsing	Trinity Lutheran Church, Bloomington	Director of Worship Arts
Kristin Harman	St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Decatur	Director of Christian Education
Christy Malinowski	Trinity Lutheran Church, Bloomington	Director of Youth Ministry
Greg Mueller	St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Milan	Director of Christian Education
Linda Strubbe	Salem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville	Deaconess
Jonathan Guse	Bethel Lutheran Church, Morton	Director of Christian Education
Mary Bloebaum	Trinity Lutheran Church, Bloomington	Director of Christian Education - Family Life Ministry
Noah Boudreau	Lutheran Church of St. John, Quincy	Director of Parish Music/Worship Arts
Patricia (Patty J) Kernstock	Unity Christian School (Lutheran School Association), Decatur	Faith/Religion High School Teacher
Erica Davies	St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Decatur	Director of Christian Education - Children Ministry
Bill Krueger	St. John Lutheran Church, Green Valley	Director of Christian Education
Jessica Feldmann	Salem Lutheran Church, Salem	Deaconess
Rachel Hart	Salem Lutheran Church, Salem	Deaconess
Bridgette Sharp	Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield	Deaconess

Thank you!!



Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday May 3, 2026

Each year our Central Illinois District designates the first Sunday in May to encourage financial gifts to assist CID students who are studying for full-time church work vocations. Gifts will be used to support our 19 CID students. This includes five seminarians and eleven undergraduates who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher or other called church worker. Last year we were able to send \$174,000 to offset \$375,185 worth of unmet needs.

Please plan to make a generous gift on or before May 3rd. Gifts may be designated “CID Scholarship Fund” to be used for

the 2026-2027 school year or be designated “CID Scholarship Endowment Fund” and the income from your gift will be used to help CID students for years to come. Checks may be given through your church or sent to: **Central Illinois District -LCMS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626**

Also, don't forget to pray for, thank, and encourage those called church workers who are presently serving you, as well as those who are studying to serve the Lord and you in ministry. If you are considering or know someone who would be a good candidate to study for a called vocation in the church, please speak to your pastor about them and send their name and contact information to our District President, Rev. Mark Eddy, at meddy@cidlcms.org.

If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy or IRA, please contact the CID office at cid@cidlcms.org for assistance.

Thank you for your support of the CID and all our mission projects.

Camp CILCA Annual Hog Roast



The Hog Roast is back at Camp CILCA for 2026.

Join us on May 24, 2026 for our Annual Hog Roast. For the first time, we are also having our auction during the Hog Roast. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, and free for kids under 4. Come join us for the weekend! CGC, cabins, and RV & tent sites are available. CGC rooms are \$70, cabins are \$45, RV hookups are \$15, and tent sites are \$10. Call or email to reserve your spots.

Camp CILCA is also collecting baskets and other items for our upcoming auction. If you or your organization want to donate something, please fill out this form — <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZloFk96j4I040Wj9lw2cXQbmzU3-xSLj8Kpg9ftqsLIKE3g/viewform?pli=1> Bring our item(s) to camp before May 18th unless you have made arrangements with our office. All donated items must have the organization who donated them along with a list of all items being donated and the fair market value of items being donated. If you have questions, contact the office (217) 487-7497 or email camp@cilca.org.

Schedule for the Weekend

Saturday

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Beach open
7:00 pm	Squishyball
8:00 pm	Chapel at the Outdoor Chapel

Sunday

10:30 am	Worship at the Outdoor Chapel
11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Hog Roast meal
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Silent Auction
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Trading Post
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Beach open
7:00 pm	Squishyball
8:00 pm	Chapel at the Outdoor Chapel



CAMP CILCA 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



S.E.L.F. RETREAT

Singles Engaged in Lutheran Fellowship (S.E.L.F.) Retreat's goal is fellowship and fun. We are planning to do lots of activities and have a ton of fun with other Lutherans who happen to be single.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."
Matthew 18:20

- February 27-28 ACT LIKE MEN Woodcutters' Retreat
- March 6-7 Women's Retreat with Katie Schuermann
- March 14 Spring Work Day & Pancake Dinner
- April 12 Annual Banquet
Held at Camp CILCA's Dining Hall. Contact the camp office to reserve your tickets.
- April 17-19 Spring Women's Scrapbooking Retreat
- May 17 J.C. Training 2 p.m.–6 p.m. (Option 1)
- May 22-25 CID Campout & Hog Roast with Auction
- May 26 J.C. Training 10 a.m.–2 p.m. (Option 2)
- May 27-July 31 **SUMMER PROGRAM**
- August 1 Homecoming
- August 28-30 S.E.L.F. Retreat (Singles' Retreat)
- Aug. 29-Sep. 1 CID Campout (No Chicken Dinner)
- September 18 Whippoorwill Golf Outing
- September 26 ACT LIKE MEN Shooting Retreat
Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- October 3 G.R.I.T. Run!
- November 7 Fall Work Day
- TBD Fall Women's Scrapbooking Retreat
- December 11-12 Joyful Hearts Christmas

Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF)

Executive Director Position Opening

Have you ever felt like your work could be more gratifying? That you're devoting all your time and effort to a business that doesn't match your values or that is constantly striving for new goals without meaning? That you could be devoting your skills to a better and higher cause?

If these questions give you pause, please give prayerful consideration to applying for the position of Executive Director of the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF), a stand-alone not-for-profit corporation located in Springfield, Illinois. This position will give new meaning to your work life as you devote your time and effort to the Mission of growing God's Kingdom by extending loans and grants to the churches, schools, and agencies that reside within the Central Illinois District.

You will have responsibility for the administration, management, and operations of the CID-CEF under the direction of their Board of Trustees, which are comprised of pastors, bankers, and lay people from the LCMS within the District. Your responsibilities will include all loaning functions, internal investment operations, external investment of funds, financial reporting, marketing, policy, legal, and insurance requirements, in accordance with sound business practices but with primary responsibility to the service and support of our churches and schools.

Qualifications for this position include a Bachelor's degree in Business, Accounting, or Finance, with six to ten years of progressive management experience in a related financial environment.

If you would like a new perspective on work and a more satisfying and fulfilling career where your efforts will benefit a higher cause, please contact Darin Gehrke at (217) 883-1247 or Kevin Schultz at (217) 341-8622 for a full job description and qualifications.

Lord Jesus, to whom nothing is new or strange, for You know all things, we ask for Your gracious guidance as we seek a new executive director for the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund. Rise up a humble servant who knows their numbers and financial parameters and can work well with others. Grant an honest and loyal employee who has the best interest of the Lord's Church in their heart. Give them a sense of their Christian vocation so that in all things Christ might be glorified.

We praise You Lord for the work of Christine Anderson who will be retiring. She was faithful and diligent in her duties. Grant your guidance to Christine and Scott as they begin this new chapter in their life together. Well done, good and faithful servant. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



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.

Again this year, the CID-CEF Board of Trustees approved returning \$150,000 to our borrowers under this Mortgage Interest Rebate Program. All borrowers who are 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 2025, thereby cutting their effective interest rate to 4.58% on their loans.



CID-CEF Investment Special Offering

Even though the Federal Reserve just dropped their interest rate, the CID-CEF is still offering their 11-month investment at 3.75%. This is a limited time offer, so please take advantage of this opportunity to assist our churches and schools in financing the expansion of their ministries while you receive the added blessing of a great interest rate!



Invest at
3.75%
 for 11 months!

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!

SET APART TO SERVE

LCMS CHURCH WORK RECRUITMENT



DID YOU EVER CONSIDER SERVING IN THE CHURCH OR AT AN LCMS SCHOOL?

Are you thinking about a second career in full-time church work?

Many LCMS pastors, teachers, deaconesses and commissioned church workers held other successful careers before pursuing a second career in service to Christ's church. You could do the same!

Have you been praying about a full-time vocation in the church? You can use your experience and skills from your current work as a second-career church worker.

Ready to learn more about opportunities to pursue a second career in full-time church work? Our seminaries and Concordia universities are happy to answer your questions. Visit [lcms.org/sas](https://www.lcms.org/sas) for more information.

Our Lutheran schools, located all around the country, are seeking educators who are interested in a Lutheran school setting. If you are interested, speak with a local LCMS school administrator about open positions in your area.

FIND SCHOOLS IN YOUR AREA.

Interested in
**SEMINARY
EDUCATION?**



[weareyourseminaries.org](https://www.weareyourseminaries.org)



Interested in
TEACHING?

[locator.lcms.org/school](https://www.locator.lcms.org/school)



Lutheran Women in Mission

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

81st Annual District Convention *For the Lord will be your Everlasting Light*

The 81st Annual Convention of the Central Illinois District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) will be held **Saturday, April 25th** at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 1 Bachrach Dr., Decatur. The theme, ‘For the Lord will be your Everlasting Light’, is based on Isaiah 60:20.

Martha Dahlke, LCMS Mission Advancement, will be our speaker. Linda Guterres, VP Communication, will be the LWML representative. Servant events and an evening worship service will begin on Friday afternoon at 1 pm on April 24th. These will be held at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 2727 N Union St., Decatur. On Saturday, our convention will include the above-named speakers, breakout sessions, important business items, and wonderful fellowship with each other.

Additional invitation information may be found at www.lwml.org or from your local group.

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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 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 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.*

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The CID-CEF reserves the right to call this investment for redemption upon 60 days’ written notice and reserves the right to request 30 days’ notice of redemption prior to maturity on certificates and 15 days’ notice on flexible savings accounts. Certificates renew automatically unless the CID-CEF is notified otherwise within 10 days after maturity. Certificate is non-negotiable, redeemable with the CID-CEF upon proper endorsement, and subject to an early redemption penalty.

The Mission of the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund, Inc. (CID-CEF) is to aid member congregations and agencies in the Central Illinois District of the LCMS in building and expanding their facilities and their ministry for the growth of God’s Kingdom.