



CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

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News You Can Use

Stir Up

[S]tir up your might
and come to save us!
Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
(Psalm 80:2b–3 ESV)

Our God is a God of action. He heard the cries of His people, and He sent a Savior.

A friend of mine at the Seminary would refer to this time of year as “Aunt Jemima” time. (This was before the recent rebranding of the popular ready-made pancake mix.) Three of the four collects for the Advent Season begin with the phrase, “Stir up, O Lord, ...” As our sight is turned forward in anticipation of our Lord’s return, as we remember the coming of our Lord in the flesh, rejoice that it is our Lord who has accomplished this work of salvation for you. Not *your* reason, not *your* strength, but God’s power and might, moved by His love. God has stirred, and you are saved.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Collect for Advent 4)

Rev .M. Mohr, Central Illinois District

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

We give thanks for the gift of our Savior’s birth, and we pray for the adherents of various world religions who do not believe that in Jesus Christ the Word became flesh for the salvation of all people. We ask the Lord to shine His saving Gospel light to everyone, and to do so through us. “Thy kingdom come”!

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Items of Interest to Share

CID BOARD OF DIRECTORS News You Can Use REVIEW REPORT 11/26/24

Rev. Mark Eddy called the meeting to order. The opening devotion led by Rev. Burdick on Psalm 67 gave thanksgiving to God that we are not self-reliant but completely dependent on God blessing us through Jesus Christ. Our Mission Presentation recounted the history of CID Deaf Ministry, giving thanks to Pastor Tom Phillips who served as our District pastor for Deaf Ministry until he was called to Michigan. In Nov. Rev. John Reinke from St. Louis led his first Deaf Ministry Service in CID at Good Shepherd, Sherman, a midway point between two points of District-wide deaf parish. During this transition phase, there is a potential of a growing number of people to serve in CID Deaf Ministry. President Mohr reviewed current pastoral vacancies and CID’s historic practice of sharing pastors between congregations. Reports were given updating CEF, Gift Planning, Congregational Life, Education, Evangelism, Stewardship, and Mission. The 2025 Dollars for Mission Projects were approved for:

1. \$25,000 Masonry/tuckpointing at University Lutheran Church, Champaign
 2. \$2,600 parking lot closure devices and camera installation, Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb
 3. \$1,000 water heater for Cristo Rey, East Moline (if not done in 2024)
 4. \$6,000 refurbish seating in library and game room and technology in game room, Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb
- Total: \$34,600

It was resolved to adopt the 2025 CID budget, with an income of \$1,957,130.12 and \$2,249,765.76 in expenses, yielding a difference of -\$292,635.64.

After reviewing the ten-year upgrade and repair schedule for District mission sites as well as needed upgrade at district properties, it was resolved to form a sub-committee to choose a fundraising company to oversee a feasibility study starting no later than February 1, so that, if at all possible, the funding campaign would hold a kick off District wide funding campaign at the July 2025 CID Convention for the purpose of caring for the ten-year projected needs of upgrades and repairs of all District properties and using money raised beyond this to be divided and placed into the endowments of each one of the missions under CID’s oversight.

The next CID Board of Directors meeting was set for Jan. 28th, 2025, 9am.

2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING Looking for information: Ways to Connect

- CID Lutheran Youth Facebook Group
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