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

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for Life** 



## From the President's Desk

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### Giving the First Fruits?

"Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord." We readily associate this prayer, given as an example in the *Small Catechism*, with meals we eat. Its words apply to all our Father's gifts, though.

Daily we are reminded, through such prayer and the study of God's Word, that we own nothing. God, the Creator and Sustainer of all, is the true Owner. We are stewards, His servants administering His gifts according to His good and gracious will.

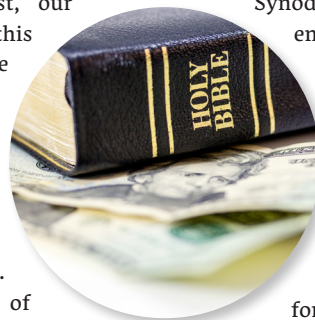
Basic to this stewardship is "proportional giving" or "first fruits giving" — upon receiving from the Lord, we first return a portion for His work. The more we receive, the more we return. (Should we receive less, we return less.) What remains is for our various needs: clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, land, animals, etc.

Church members seem to have taken this to heart. Over the past 20+ years, members who regularly attend worship in CID churches have consistently placed 4.5-5.2% of their income into offering plates. As incomes have increased, so have overall congregational offerings — from \$32 million in 2000 to \$39 million in 2022.

When we look at congregations' contributions to the church's broader work through the Synod and District, the opposite picture emerges. Over the past 22 years, economic ups and downs have evenly split what congregations have received: 11 years of increase, 11 of reduction. The same years have seen 19 years of reduction in contributions to the District, only 3 years of increase (adjusting for inflation). In 2000, for every \$100 our congregations received from members, they would forward \$7.36 for Synod/District work. In 2022, that \$100 had grown to \$153.79, but the Synod/District portion decreased to \$6.46.

CID has tried to reduce expenses without interrupting the District's mission work and congregational services. In this *GatePost*, you will see how we are stewarding gifts from congregations, how we continue attempting to do more and more with less and less.

Can this tide be stemmed — the tide of inverse proportional giving that has marked the last two decades? If so, CID can not only contribute more to the broader Synod, but also perhaps reach out further with Christ's saving Gospel here in central Illinois while expanding the help we provide congregations. To this end, may our Lord grant us wisdom and strength.





## Congregational Giving to Synod and District



# Working Together for Christ

Discussions of Stewardship often center upon financial giving by church members to their congregations. However, Stewardship also applies to congregations corporately. As with individual Christians, for congregations, Stewardship is first a matter of receiving, then of giving.

### Congregations are both Receivers and Givers

God's people in local churches receive forgiveness and life that the crucified and risen Christ gives through His Gospel and Sacraments. Congregations also receive various other gifts given by the Lord through His people, among which are monetary offerings.

After receiving, congregations find themselves in a position to turn around and give. The present focus is on congregations in this latter role, as givers.

### Congregations as Receivers

Let's start at the beginning, though, with congregations as receivers. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. Reconciliation with God is His most precious gift of all, and sinners cannot give it to themselves. God saves people by bringing them forgiveness through His Word.

“... in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. . . . For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:19-21).

Through His Word He also grants them faith that believes His Good News. When they trust that He *has* reconciled them to Himself, they receive peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. With this God-given faith, people are Christians — members of the Lord's body.

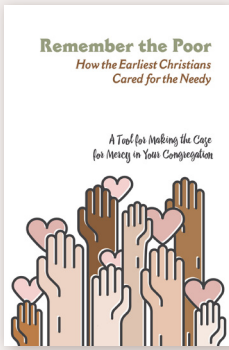
Also the monetary offerings given to congregations come ultimately from the Lord. The church members who give them are new creations in Christ. Their offerings are truly *thank-offerings*, given in gratitude to the Lord by Christians who present them as tokens of the larger offering of their entire lives to the One Who gave Himself for them.

As thank-offerings, these gifts from church members are given regardless of any needs of the moment. God's redeemed people give as the Lord has prospered them. They want to support the proclamation of His saving Word through the church no less when the church building's roof is watertight than when it springs a leak. Of course, emergencies arise sometimes. And members may discover certain causes within the church's work that especially catch their eye to support. Yet basically and overall, the offerings of the faithful are not given as a result of circumstances. Instead, we give out of love for the One Who first loved us. We give *from* the abundance we have from the Lord more than to anything we have in mind.

### Congregations as Givers

Having received, a congregation gives. This too forms an aspect of its Stewardship, which is to be carried out responsibly and with wisdom. So a particular church takes prayerful stock of the respective resources the Lord has granted it, and carefully allocates these resources. Such resources include the time and talents that church members contribute and the money they give.

In the area of finances, congregations arrive at many decisions and follow through on them. They pay their



See Matthew C. Harrison, *Remember the Poor: How the Earliest Christians Cared for the Needy* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2018).

pastors. They set aside funds for books and other materials so they can teach the faith to the young. Too, they maintain their buildings. This list goes on and on.

An item for inclusion on the list is to give money for church work elsewhere. The mission of the church is being carried out beyond our congregations' own localities, and they have the duty and delight to support it. Local churches agreed in the teaching of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments — that is to say,

congregations in church fellowship — have been assisting one another financially ever since the first century, as seen in part already on the pages of the New Testament.

## The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

In our setting, local churches in fellowship with one another have taken the additional step of joining in a “synod.” (Loosely translated, this word means “walking together.”) The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod exists for the conservation and promotion of the unity of the true faith. Through the Synod, member congregations do things that none of them could do so well separately.

In our seminaries and colleges, we train men to be pastors and both men and women to be church workers assisting pastors. Together we provide supervision and advice for such workers, and processes for providing these workers to churches. We carry out far-flung mission programs in other countries, sending not only missionaries but these days also short-term and long-range “theological educators” to provide instruction in Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions for our sister Lutheran church bodies throughout the world. These, and more, are services that the Synod provides on behalf of its member congregations. No single congregation could accomplish all these things.

**“The Synod functions in support of its member congregations by providing assistance as congregations conduct their ministries locally, as well as their ministries at large. . . . The Synod on behalf of its member congregations administers those ministries that can be accomplished more effectively in association with other members congregations through the Synod” (LCMS Bylaw 1.1).**

The Synod also provides services to its congregations. In its earliest days, this mainly took the form of praying

for one another and offering advice, but other ways have since emerged for the Synod to help congregations, their pastors, and other church workers. It provides support for congregations with Lutheran schools. At the national level, the Synod makes available resources and personnel to help in a variety of other areas, too, including Evangelism, Stewardship, Human Care, Youth, Church Revitalization, and more.

## The Central Illinois District

Over the years the Synod has divided itself into Districts, now 35 in number. Each of them is “the Synod in that place.” Our Central Illinois District (CID) consists of 148 congregations, their pastors, and other rostered church workers spread out over a territory consisting of half the counties in the state.



See *Partnership in the Gospel: The Work of the Lord in the Central Illinois District, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod* at [https://www.cidlcms.org/resources/PartnershipInTheGospel\\_Dec2023.pdf](https://www.cidlcms.org/resources/PartnershipInTheGospel_Dec2023.pdf)

Also at the District level there are services on behalf of congregations. Here are some of them. Like the Synod's other District Presidents, ours is responsible for doctrinal supervision within the District he serves. In this work he is assisted by 17 Circuit Visitors. Also in behalf of congregations, CID operates a mission program that includes new church starts, ministry in Spanish in two locations, campus ministry on four state university campuses, a multi-point deaf ministry, and prison ministries. More than a third of the District's annual expenditures go to directly support these missions in Illinois. In recent years, CID has also provided summer Evangelism internships for church workers in training. Your congregation probably could not maintain all this activity, but CID does it on your behalf.

There are services in support of congregations at the District level too. The District President provides call lists to churches in need of pastors. CID has commissions and committees to help its congregations with Evangelism, Stewardship, and Human Care and Church Worker Wellness. They do so with the assistance of a District executive staff member. Our other District executive, working in Christian Education and Congregational Life (including Youth), provides counsel and support for 23 Lutheran elementary schools,

## Resources Available on the CID Website

### Mission Videos

Ministry in Spanish	<a href="https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-spanish.html">https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-spanish.html</a>
Deaf Ministry	<a href="https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-deaf.html">https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-deaf.html</a>
Prison Ministry	<a href="https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-prison.html">https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-prison.html</a>
Campus Ministry	<a href="https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-campus.html">https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-campus.html</a>

**CID Schools** <https://www.cidlcms.org/education-schools.html>

**A Dollar for Missions** <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>

**Stewardship** <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-stewardship.html>



4 Lutheran high schools, and 26 Lutheran preschools and daycare centers. This, again, amounts to only a partial list.

CID also plays an important role in funding the Synod at the national level. It sends on to the Synod almost a third of all the money it receives from congregational offerings.

### Congregations as Givers to Synod and District

The great bulk of CID's financial resources come in the form of these monetary remissions from its member congregations. Simply put, the District cannot do all it does without this support.

This support has been dwindling. Giving by congregations to the Synod and District has fallen quite a bit every year since the turn of the century. In the year 2000, congregations sent on to the District some \$2,322,909. By 2019, the annual sum remitted by congregations had fallen to roughly \$1.65 million. It more or less plateaued there through COVID years, as far as 2022.

In 2023, this number fell again, to \$1.55 million. Due to inflation, these dollars no longer have nearly the purchasing power they had so very long ago.

To offset a shortfall in anticipated income compared with expected expenses during 2024 the CID budget envisions drawing upon savings for as much as \$224,000. The District does not have deep enough pockets to keep doing likewise year after year.



**“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.”**

(2 Corinthians 8:9)

### What to Do?

Over the years, CID has tried to maintain strong support for the national Synod and for its various missions in central Illinois. Instead of inordinate cuts in these areas, we have increased the workload on each individual District staff member by making personnel reductions. We have gone from a staff consisting of a District President, three executive assistants, a business manager, and three clerical staff members (8 Full Time Equivalents) to a President, two executive assistants, a bookkeeper, and a part-time deployed clerical assistant (4.5 FTEs). Still, expenses keep outpacing income.

**Christian Stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing life and all of life's resources for God's purposes. (LCMS definition)**

In 2019 CID's Board of Directors determined to continue to “Make sacrifices in District administration instead of missions.” Accordingly, starting late in 2023 a beginning was made on conversations that contemplate cutbacks in District administrative personnel. Yet even if the salary, benefits, supplies, mileage, and incidental expenses for one of the District's two executives (called “Administrative Assistants to the President”) were to be completely eliminated, this step would not save \$224,000.

Unless District income rises, the Board of Directors may not find itself in a position to sacrifice only administration instead of missions. At least to some extent, it will have to sacrifice both. The likely question will be: Which mission(s) either to cut back significantly or to drop entirely from the District budget?

Imagine yourself as a Board of Directors member. Which would you decide to cut or drop? This question is not far off for the entire District. Congregations may soon be asked to

give direction on how CID should steward the gifts we have received from the Lord.

Furthermore, as Mission Commission reported to the 2022 District convention, maintenance and upgrades at CID mission sites are expected to cost more than two-thirds of a million dollars over the next decade or so. Of course, with inflation these costs will rise still more. Obviously, it would be better to lay out about a tenth of the total each year instead of facing a huge amount all at once. Yet in 2024 money is tight enough that the District Board of Directors is encouraging CID missions to try not to spend all of the relatively small allotments that have been made for maintenance in the present budget.

One of the ways possibly to pay for such major expenses, and others, is a *Dollar for Missions* (DFM), as adopted by the District at its 2022 convention. In DFM, individual church members contribute one extra dollar each week for mission efforts, over and above their regular offerings. DFM funding is for (in priority order:) new church starts, mission-focused augmentations to existing CID ministries (e.g., adding an ethnic outreach within a congregation), and present CID

missions. During 2023, only about one out of every six CID congregations sent in DFM contributions. There is plenty of room to increase participation in this effort!



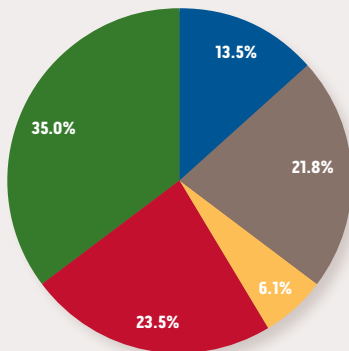
### Your Congregation as Giver to Synod and District

Each CID congregation will be faced with a major decision as it wears its “giver” hat and formulates its budget — that is, allocates its resources — for 2025 and beyond: How much financial support will it provide to the Synod and District? This decision has always been important, but it has particularly weighty consequences now.

What if the District’s member congregations remitted to CID 10% of the offerings they receive? This practice would resemble individual church members giving 10% of their income to the work of the Lord’s church.

Why should your congregation not contribute 10% to the Synod and District? How might it start making real movement toward this as a goal?

## CID 2024 Budgeted Expenditures vs. Typical Average Income

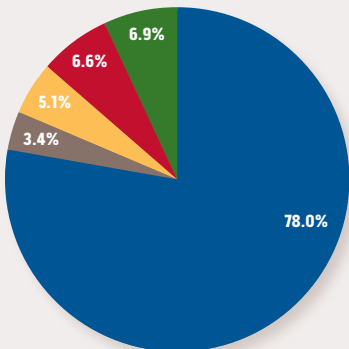


### EXPENDITURES - 2024 BUDGET

TOTAL \$2,102,276.09

- Administration – \$284,111.41 13.5%
- Congregational Services – \$459,182.21 21.8%
- Scholarships (2023) – \$128,475.00 6.1%
- Synod Contribution – \$495,000.00 23.5%
- Mission – \$735,507.47 35.0%
  - Campus Ministry – \$393,874.86
  - Deaf Ministry – \$152,313.38
  - Hispanic Ministry – \$138,379.23
  - Prison Ministry – \$10,500.00
  - New Missions – \$16,440.00
  - Camp CILCA – \$24,000.00

The expenditures graph (top) summarizes the 2024 CID budget. The contribution to the national Synod shown amounts to 30% of anticipated remissions from congregations in 2024.



### TYPICAL AVERAGE INCOME (2020-2023)

TOTAL \$2,102,276.09

- Congregational Contributions – \$1,640,321.56 78.0%
- Rent, Fees, Interest – \$71,465.17 3.4%
- Other Unrestricted Gifts/Grants – \$107,064.51 5.1%
- Restricted Gifts/Grants – \$139,024.96 6.6%
- Reserves (shortfall) – \$144,399.89 6.9%

The income graph (bottom) shows an average for one year, taking into account data from the last four years. On average, to meet expenses CID has drawn upon its reserves for “income” almost 7% per year.

# A Dollar for Missions News

## 2023 Report: Projects Completed

In January, 2023 the Central Illinois District Board of Directors designated several projects for our first year of Dollar for Missions funding. Here is how matters worked out:

The first couple of projects were to provide salaries and other expenses for vicars sought by two CID churches to work in mission areas. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Springfield was requesting a vicar to work especially with its preaching station, Immanuel Lutheran Chapel near the District office. St. John Lutheran Church, Beardstown requested a vicar to continue outreach in Spanish. Vicars were placed at neither of these churches, though, so these projects became moot.

The next project on the list was \$35,000 for University Lutheran Church, Champaign to acquire a used 12-passenger van. At this point, we all became aware of an unexpected benefit of having the Dollar for Missions effort. Our Savior Lutheran Church, Milford was



intending to sell its van, and ended up making this vehicle available for University Lutheran at the much smaller price of \$15,000. DFM funds enabled CID provide this sum for the purchase, plus another \$2,000 for licensing and signage for the van.

The next project was to provide augmentation for pay for CID's long-serving prison chaplains, Pastors Charles Olander and Steve Southward. As the District has been transitioning to a new model for paying prison ministry workers, the amount designated for

their pay in the 2023 CID budget ended up on the low side. DFM funds enabled the District to provide some extra pay. An award of \$3,750 went to Pastor Olander, who had responsibility for the two state prisons in Lincoln for three-quarters of the year. Also, the Board of Directors designated \$1,250 as a bonus to Mrs. Debbie Southward, widow of Pastor Southward, who continued to make his visits at the Pittsfield Work Camp until his death on July 4, 2023.



The next project was \$20,000 to set aside four "chunks" of \$5,000 each to fund ministry in four new prisons within CID on the new model. The new model, under which Pastor David Dunlop is continuing Pastor Olander's work in Lincoln (see related story elsewhere in this issue), is for the District to offer \$5,000 a year to congregations whose pastors visit a nearby prison or county jail on one day a week throughout the year. Contributions came within \$12 of the \$20,000 mark, so this project is also considered fully funded. Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, East Moline is the first congregation to start receiving funding from this project, in view of Pastor Pablo Dominguez's work in Spanish among prisoners in East Moline.

Another discovery that came to the fore: when some individuals or congregations hear about a project because it is being supported by DFM, they send the District a gift dedicated to that particular project. CID uses the gift accordingly. With such dedicated gifts and regular DFM money, CID funded about \$42,000 worth of projects in 2023.

**There is room for more in 2024! If your congregation has not yet participated in Dollar for Missions, welcome aboard!**



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>

# Surprise commendation!

*When the Son of Man comes in his glory . . . He will say to those on His right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For . . . I was in prison and you came to me" (Matthew 25:31, 34, 36).*

## Jesus commends the faithful for, among other things, visiting prisoners.

His words made me think. From time to time, I have shown compassion to a homeless person by giving a dollar or two. My family donates our clothing to Goodwill for the sake of others. Of course, as a pastor I visit the sick. Yet visiting those in prison had never even crossed my mind.

The words of our Lord Jesus convicted me. So now I am doing prison ministry in CID.

In Matthew 25, those who receive Jesus' blessing don't even recognize all that they have done. Isn't that remarkable, and beautiful? These people are delightfully surprised when the Lord commends them.

As I walk into the prison every week, I know my two congregations are with me. Most of their members have never set foot inside any prison, yet they are with me according to their prayers. They are with me as they support the proclamation of God's Word by providing for the earthly needs of their pastor. And the Gospel proclaiming that I do in the prison is yet another aspect of the ministry of these congregations which I carry out publicly as the man they have called to the divinely instituted office of pastor.

I have personally been entering the prison to proclaim God's Word only since taking over for Pastor Chuck Olander last year. Truth be told, though, I had in effect been there all along. You have too, as for years Pastor Olander made his visits on behalf of all the congregations in our District.

Let me take a moment now to thank you for continuing your prayers and gifts in support of the Lord's work through CID. As the body of Christ, we are working together for the glory of the Gospel.

Don't just take it from me, though. The Lord Himself commending *you* at the Last Day for, among other things, prison ministry carried out in His name — now, there's a surprise!

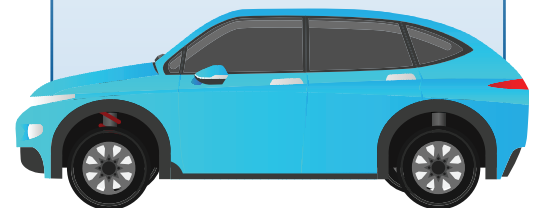
### Pastor David Dunlop

Christ Lutheran Church, Clinton and Zion Lutheran Church, Chestnut

## CID Supports Prison Ministry

CID partners with the congregations served by Pastor Dunlop, providing them \$5,000 a year in recognition of and gratitude for his prison ministry work. The District now has Dollar for Mission money to begin similarly compensating other congregations whose pastors do such work in nearby prisons or county jails. And since Pastor Dunlop does not live very near the prisons he visits in Lincoln, CID's first DFM project for 2024 is to provide mileage money for his weekly trips there.

See <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>



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 **ILLINOIS**  
**MARCH FOR LIFE**

**APRIL 17, 2024**  
Springfield, Illinois  
Capitol Building

**RALLY:** 12:00 PM  
**MARCH:** 1:00 PM

WITH EVERY WOMAN, FOR EVERY CHILD



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## TOLLING THE BELLS

We recommend that our churches across the District toll their bells just when the March for Life will be stepping off in Springfield.

The time is **1:00 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, April 17**. Consider tolling the bell either for 56 minutes or a total of 56 times. Either would mourn the loss of 56,000 lives to abortion in Illinois. Each toll could be a plea to God that next year these bells may stand silent.

Let it be known why your church's bell is tolling. This will serve to put people all over the state in mind of the Illinois March for Life in Springfield, and remind them of the scourge of legalized abortion throughout our country. It may remind Christians and others of their responsibility to support life.

Suggest to churches of other confessions near you the same bell tolling, and for the same reason.

It may be interesting to hear how many bells toll statewide on April 17!

## 2024 Illinois March for Life

For the second year, our state's March for Life will take place in the capital city. A rally in front of the Lincoln statue on the front lawn of the capitol building will be held at noon on April 17, speakers to be announced. The actual march, covering several blocks around the capitol complex, will step off at about 1:00. Thereafter, march participants are encouraged to look up their state legislators' offices and pay a visit to express support for life.

Prior to these events, at 10:00 a.m., a Matins service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, across the street from the capitol (220 South Second Street, at the corner of Monroe). Southern Illinois District President Timothy Scharr will preach.

After the service, at about 11:00 a light lunch will be available to churchgoers in the ballroom of the nearby State House Inn. A \$5.00 donation is recommended.

Those attending the service and the march activities later that day may park at one of the State House Inn's parking lots. The hotel is at 101 East Adams Street. The lot to use is in the city block just west of the inn, across First Street from the hotel building.

Please note, though, that carpooling is **STRONGLY** encouraged. Let's bring as few vehicles as possible downtown on April 17.

The State House Inn ballroom will also be available for overflow seating, in case the number of churchgoers exceeds Trinity's seating capacity. The service video and audio will be live-streamed there. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has generously provided a grant to enable CID to pay for this and other March for Life-related expenses.

Questions? Contact Ken Schurb at CID office, (217) 793-1802 or [kschurb@cidlcms.org](mailto:kschurb@cidlcms.org)

**For more information, visit [il.marchforlife.org](http://il.marchforlife.org)**





# CID School Statistical Report

## 2023-2024

Almost all the elementary and high schools completed their annual statistical report. The completion rate of all freestanding preschools was around 65%. This report shows over 3,721 children attending our Lutheran schools across our District. The following data is only from the schools that submitted their annual report; it does provide us with a picture of our Lutheran schools.

### CID Student Demographics

Church Membership Type	Freestanding Preschools/ Early Childhood Center *	Elementary Schools	High Schools
Member of supporting LCMS Congregation(s)	9%	33%	44%
Member of other LCMS Congregations	4%	6%	1%
Member of other Lutheran Congregations	2%	3%	0%
Member of non-LCMS Congregations	56%	38%	31%
No Church memberships	30%	20%	24%

### Synodical Demographics Compared to CID Demographics

Church Membership Type	<u>Synodical Demographics</u>	<u>CID Demographics</u>
	Church Membership (July 2022) Total School Enrollment	Church Membership (January 2024) Total School Enrollment
Member of supporting LCMS Congregation(s)	27%	30%
Member of other LCMS Congregations	4%	6%
Member of other Lutheran Congregations	3%	2%
Member of non-LCMS Congregations	39%	40%
No Church memberships	27%	21%

### Enrollment by Ethnicity

	<u>Synodical Compared to CID</u>		<u>CID Enrollment by Levels</u>		
	Synodical Enrollment (July 2022)	CID Total Enrollment	CID Preschools *	CID Elementary Schools	CID High Schools
African American	7.0%	4.7%	2.9%	4.0%	27.0%
American Indian	< 1.0%	< 1.0%	0.0%	< 1.0%	0.0%
Asian	4.0%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%
Caucasian	75.0%	83.5%	88.0%	83.2%	70.6%
Hawaii-Pacific	< 1.0%	< 1.0%	0.0%	< 1.0%	0.0%
Hispanic	6.0%	1.7%	2.0%	1.6%	2.0%
Multi-race	6.0%	3.9%	3.5%	4.0%	0.0%
Other Race	2.0%	4.9%	2.0%	5.5%	0.0%

\* Reminder that only 65% of the Central Illinois preschools reported

# Keeping Christ on *Campus*

## At Western Illinois University

On December 10, 2023 Pastor Christopher Hull was installed at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, one block from the campus of Western Illinois University in Macomb. This was a day of rejoicing, as Pastor Hull stepped into a position vacant for more than four years. While serving as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Macomb, he will be doing campus ministry for students, faculty, and staff members at WIU.

Continuing a long-standing arrangement, the District provides Immanuel, Macomb \$56,250 a year in “partnership funding.” The term means that CID is enabling a congregation to undertake a specialized ministry together with the District, in this case campus ministry. Pastor Hull in effect serves half and half as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church and campus pastor for WIU. The partnership funding amount had been significantly reduced during the recent vacancy when there was no full-time pastor, but now CID is again contributing its accustomed amount to the congregation. This money helps Immanuel to pay for Pastor Hull’s salary and benefits, and it funds other

expenses associated with the campus ministry. The District also owns the student center near campus.

All of the above is part and parcel of CID’s continuing efforts at Keeping Christ on Campus. No one is more aware of the importance of this than the students who attend the Chapel of St. Timothy the Learner in the student center. On December 10, they were delighted to be present for Pastor Hull’s installation. They were only sorry that they would not see him again for several weeks – their Christmas break was about to begin! They were thrilled to have a shepherd, regularly devoting a great deal of his time to proclaiming the Gospel and administering the sacraments, to counseling with them and leading them in evangelistic outreach, to stimulating them with God’s Word and walking beside them in His way. They were glad to welcome their new pastor.

Through your congregation’s contributions to the Central Illinois District, you are helping to keep him there. Providing campus pastors is Keeping Christ on Campus.



After 4+ years of waiting, the saints of God at Immanuel Lutheran Macomb and the Western Illinois University students gathering at the Immanuel Student Center have a called pastor! Deo gratias! Front Row (l to r): Acolyte Jamie Hull, Rev. James Lee II (Concordia University Chicago), Rev. Burnell Eckardt (St. Paul-Kewanee), Rev. Michael Mohr (Central Illinois District-LCMS President), Rev. Chris Hull (Immanuel-Macomb), Rev. Ralph Tausz (Apostles-Melrose Park), Rev. Matt Riley (St. James-Quincy), Rev. Ken Schurb (Central Illinois District Mission Exec.), Acolyte Ty Hull. Back Row: Book Bearer Lonny Hull, Rev. Bill Jensen (Wittenberg Lutheran Center-Normal), Rev. Martin Eden (Our Redeemer-Quincy), Rev. Marcus Jauss (Concordia-Warsaw/St. Paul’s-Bowen), Rev. Marlin Rempfer (St. James-Quincy), Rev. Michael Schuermann (University Lutheran Church UIUC), Rev. Aaron Uphoff (Calvary-Watseka), Crucifer Manny Hull.

**For more information:** See the CID Website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-campus.html>  
Contact Ken Schurb at the District office: (217) 793-1802 or e-mail [kschurb@cidlcms.org](mailto:kschurb@cidlcms.org)

**To donate:** <https://www.lutheranlegacyfoundation.org/fund/central-illinois-district-campus-ministry>



## Rev. Peter Glock Retires

Pastor Glock's Retirement Service was held on December 3, 2023 at St. Paul, Varna. Pastor Glock served the dual parish of St. Paul, Varna, and Zion, Wenona, and retired at the end of 2023. Attending Pastors included: (front row, left to right) Rev. Bill Jensen (Wittenberg Student Center, Normal), Rev. Timothy Fitzner (Christ, Normal), Rev. Michael Mohr (CID District President), Rev. Peter Glock (St. Paul, Varna / Zion, Wenona), Rev. Gunnar Campbell (Christ, Jacob), Rev. Kyle Ronchetto (St. Paul, Lexington), and Rev. Michael Peters (St. John, Secor). Back row (left to right) Rev. Jonathan Boehne (Trinity, El Paso), Rev. Charles Bahn (Trinity, Bloomington), Rev. Jonathan Huehn (Christ, Normal), Rev. Bruce Scarbeary (Trinity, Roanoke), and Rev. John Gutz (Holy Trinity, Streator).

## 2024 Faith of our Fathers Conference

*A conference for Confessional Lutherans (ages 12 and up)*

The theme of the 2024 Faith of Our Fathers Conference is "**The Law of God Is Good and Wise.**" Over two days, April 12th and 13th, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Collinsville, IL we will learn about and discuss the Law of God. This conference is for both laity and pastors. It'll be an opportunity for good theology, fellowship, and some fun with fellow Lutherans!

**Speakers and preachers** include: Pr. Benjamin Ball; Rev. John Hill; Rev. Dr. Scott Murray; Rev. Dr. David Petersen; Rev. David Ramirez; Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer; Rev. Joshua Scheer; Rev. Mark Surburg; Pr. Michael Walther; Pr. William Weedon; and, Rev. Todd Wilken. Learn more and register for the conference at: <https://yourgrandfatherschurch.org>.



**THE FAITH  
OF OUR FATHERS**

**April 12-13, 2024**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Collinsville, IL**



# SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



**2024 INSTITUTE ON LITURGY,  
PREACHING & CHURCH MUSIC**

**July 9-12, 2024**

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, NEBRASKA (CUNE), SEWARD, NEB.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

For more information or to register, visit <https://lcms.org/worshipinstitute>

The Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music is a multiday worship conference designed for pastors, musicians, teachers, artists and Christians of all vocations engaged in the unique sphere of Lutheran worship. **Thoughtful speakers** will draw you into the Scriptures and their proclamation. A barrage of presentations and workshops on **wide-ranging topics**, some fresh, some perennial, will help you grow in knowledge and hone your craft. Above all, you will experience the inestimable value of gathering with fellow Christians for **inspiring, Christ-centered worship**, proclaiming the Gospel in word and song.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund, **35 full (early bird registration fee) scholarships are available** for church musicians.

**20% of these scholarships are reserved for students** (high school or college age) considering becoming a full time, part time, or volunteer church musician. (Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Accompanying adults also qualify for a scholarship to cover registration fee.)

**20% of these scholarships are reserved for musicians in small to medium sized congregations** (500 baptized members or less).

While multiple musicians from the same congregation may register, we are limiting scholarships to one per congregation (with the exception of adults accompanying student musicians).

To apply for the scholarship, complete your registration online, print your full receipt, and mail to the District Office (1850 N Grand Ave W, Springfield, IL 62702) along with the completed information below.

**Application must be post-marked by May 17.**

## CID-CEF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 2024 Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

My congregation has fewer than 500 baptized members.

I am a student-musician.

I'm under 18. My accompanying adult is: \_\_\_\_\_



# Small Church Summit IN TWO LOCATIONS



If two heads are better than one, Small Church Summit (SCS) wanted to find out whether two meetings were better than one. For the first time, the winter 2024 SCS conducted essentially the same program in two locations.

The SCS in southern Illinois, at Messiah Lutheran Church, Carlyle, was held on Epiphany, January 6. About 30 people from both Southern and Central Illinois Districts attended.



There was a great deal of sharing. President Tim Scharr of SID made a presentation on inactive members. Participants were able to attend several roundtable discussions in the afternoon, choosing from a variety of topics.

As of this writing, the SCS in central Illinois, at Faith Lutheran Church in Lincoln, has not yet been held. More than 35 participants are expected there.

The next SCS will be a combined meeting, inviting people from both CID and SID, in June, 2024. Watch for forthcoming details about precise date, place, and program.

The Small Church Summit provides an opportunity for pastors and lay members of small churches to gather, discuss common challenges, and provide mutual support.

**Remember — if you think your church is small, you're invited!**



**WE PREACH!**  
**CHRIST CRUCIFIED**  
1 COR. 1:18-25

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

## Grants Awarded in 2023

Thanks to God's blessings, the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF) returned \$65,677 to the District in the form of grants. The grants will be used for a variety of needs throughout the District, as follows:



### Springfield Lutheran High School (LuHi)

#### *Financial Support – \$13,232*

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

### Seminarians and Deaconess Students in the CID

#### *Seminarian and Deaconess Student Grants – \$9,000*

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

### Cristo Rey

#### *Spanish Radio Broadcast – \$4,000*

Spreading the gospel via Spanish broadcasts to Hispanics living in the Quad-City region.

### Tuscola Immanuel

#### *Not Ashamed Program – \$4,000*

Offering the church and unchurched in the Tuscola area training on engaging with the culture and living our lives as witnesses to Christ.

### Lutherans in the CID

#### *Creation Science Series – \$3,500*

Expanding this grant to elementary schools, teachers, and adults for arming our youth in facing the challenge of evolution vs. God's creation.

### Campus Ministries:

#### *– Western Illinois University – \$5,000*

Funding to enable the new campus pastor to re-energize the campus ministry via new programs.

#### *– Western Illinois University – \$600*

Purchasing branded water bottles for advertising the ministry.

### Central Illinois District:

#### *– ILPCM – \$12,250*

Funding registration fees for up to 35 participants in the 2024 LCMS Institute on Liturgy, Preaching, and Church Music.

#### *– Summer Evangelism Interns – \$5,850*

Offering internships to Concordia University students that provide evangelism experience in our CID churches.

#### *– Circuit Visitor Training – Reconciliation – \$3,650*

Equipping our circuit visitors to address conflict and build relationships.

#### *– Campus Ministry Retreat and Event – \$2,670 and \$1,000*

Training students from our campus ministries on canvassing skills and placing them to practical use by canvassing the neighborhood surrounding our Immanuel Lutheran Chapel mission.

#### *– Small Church Summit – \$925*

Hosting a speaker to lead a forum for pastors and laypeople from small congregations.

*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.



Even though the CID-CEF did not increase our standard loan interest rate throughout the year during a time of otherwise rising interest rates, we are blessed to again be able to award these Mortgage Interest Rebates. All borrowers qualified to receive a rebate under our standard interest rate program are eligible to earn this rebate, which for 2023 totals \$125,000. This means that around 23% of the interest paid by our borrowers will be returned to them, effectively reducing their interest rate by 23%. To receive the rebate, the borrower must be up to date with all loan payments at the end of the calendar year. This year, all churches, organizations, and schools have met this requirement and will be receiving their proportionate rebate.

*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!*

## NEW FREE RESOURCE

## Daily Lutheran devotions for Spanish-speakers!



*La Palabra del Señor Permanece Para Siempre* (“The Word of the Lord Endures Forever”) is now available from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation at <https://pubsearch.lhfmissions.org>. From the link, search by language or title to download the most recent edition. These quarterly collections of devotions are written by LCMS Latin American missionaries and by pastors of LCMS Latin American partner churches. Special thanks to the LWML California-Nevada-Hawaii District for their generous support of this project!

# BRIEFLY NOTED

Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield (across the street from the state capitol building) will conduct brief **noontday services every weekday during Lent**, starting on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) and ending on Good Friday. Short sermons will unfold the Passion story under the theme, “The Life of All the Living – Jesus.” If you work downtown, or even have business there on just one or two days during Lent, please come. By all means, bring nonchurched friends along with you! And if you know someone who works in downtown Springfield, pass this word along.

For a limited time, CID will reimburse a congregation or even an individual member of one of our churches up to \$200 for providing **Prison Ministry materials** to a nearby state or federal prison or county jail. For more information see <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-prison.html>

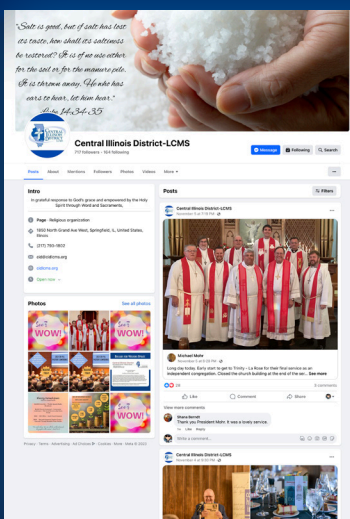
**CID’s annual Campus Ministry Retreat**, March 8-10, will be a “working” retreat in 2024. After instruction in canvassing and witnessing from Rev. Martin Herzberg, Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ’s Executive Director, students along with campus pastors and others will canvass the neighborhood around Immanuel Lutheran Chapel in Springfield, a preaching station of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Springfield. Church Extension Fund has provided a generous grant to underwrite most of the retreat costs, and is going the extra mile by treating the canvassers to a meal on Saturday evening at a Springfield area restaurant.

Dr. Ken Schurb of CID office will teach a **four-session study on Assimilation (better: Incorporation) of New Church Members** at Trinity Lutheran School, 515 S. MacArthur, Springfield, IL 62704. The study will be held on Wednesday evenings, April 10, 17, 24, and May 1 from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. All are invited!



## 2024 Legislative Update

Keep your eye on the Christian Citizenship page of the CID website. An update will be posted soon, now that the 2024 session of the state legislature is underway. See <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-human-care-christian-citizenship.html>



# 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!







# CID LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION

## Energizing Mission

Psalm 89:10-2



SATURDAY  
**March 9, 2024**

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
203 E Division St • Altamont, IL 62411

Registration opens at 8:00 a.m.  
Convention begins at 9:00 a.m.

Registration: \$25 per person  
*Includes lunch*

In Partnership with SID LLL District  
**HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**



Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
**SPEAKER OF THE LUTHERAN HOUR®**

### BREAK OUT SESSIONS:

*"Life Issues"*

David Ward  
CID Life  
Coordinator

*"The Mission  
Of Our Prayer"*

Rev. Jim Wright  
Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran  
Church, Altamont

*"What Will My Body Be Like  
In The Resurrection"*

Rev. Marcus Manley  
Pastor, Bethlehem Lutheran  
Church, Altamont

For more information or questions, please contact:  
Deloris Blessman, CID LLL Treasurer  
**309.361.1461 • delorisblessman@yahoo.com**

Make check payable to **CID LLL District** and mail to: Deloris Blessman, 24204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567

## REGISTRATION FORM 2024 CID LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION

Registration deadline **March 5**

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

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

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

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

# Lutherans For Life

## 2024 Illinois Essay Contest

*Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents*

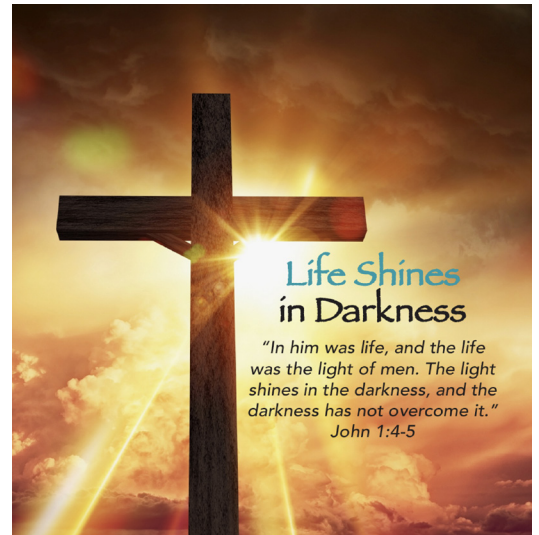
### For Students in Grades 6-8 and 9-12

*Any student in a Lutheran school or Lutheran congregation, e.g., confirmation class or youth group, when validated by a teacher or pastor, is eligible. Students may also enter through a Lutheran home school when validated by their Lutheran pastor.*

### Contest Guidelines

Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme: **Life Shines in Darkness** with the Bible verse: "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4-5.

1. Not incorporating the **theme and verse** in the essay will disqualify the entry.
2. All essays must include a title. Using the theme as the title is acceptable, although it does not count as using the theme within the essay, which is required.
3. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are, **but are not limited to**, abortion, living with disabilities, adoption or foster care, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician assisted suicide, euthanasia, etc.
4. Essays should include student's name, grade, school or church, email address, and phone number. All entries submitted by a teacher or pastor should include their name and email address. This information must be submitted on the rubric page used in grading the essay. Please consult the rubric to submit qualified entries.
5. All sources for references, statistics and quotes should be incorporated within the essay and then included in a bibliography at the end.  
Grades 6 - 8 should submit essays up to 400 words (body copy only).  
Grades 9 - 12 should submit essays up to 750 words (body copy only).
6. Entries should be submitted digitally using **Microsoft WORD or Google Docs** to [cathy.benning.os@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.benning.os@gmail.com) by April 1, 2024. **Any pdf or other format submissions will not be accepted.**
7. There will be a \$100 first place award and \$50 second place award for each of the two categories. The two first place category winners will advance to the national contest. Email [cathy.benning.os@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.benning.os@gmail.com) with any questions.
8. Grand prize for the national winning entries in each category if: \$250 for first place plus free conference registration to the 2024 Lutherans For Life conference and one night stay at the conference hotel. \$125 for the second-place winner.
9. All entries, including exclusive copyright, become the property of Lutherans For Life.
10. For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)





EMCC Bible Study Facilitators, January 5, 2024, (left to right):  
Mike Botz, Chaplain Paul Weber, Jack Spinello, Greg Krug, and Gary Loss.

## The EMCC Bible Study Facilitators Receives Prison/Jail Ministry Grant

The East Moline Correctional Center Bible Study Facilitators have received a grant from the CID Prison/Jail Ministry. These funds received from the LWML were used to purchase DVD's, Bibles & Bible Study Guides entitled, "Believe", and pamphlets from the Lutheran Hour Ministries "Connect" series both in Spanish and English. They have weekly Bible studies with 17-20 men participating. They have also held special devotional services for Christmas and Easter, with members of our congregations also attending.

Funds are still available for placing Bibles, Catechisms, Hymnals and devotional materials such as "Portals of Prayer" in local prisons or city/county jails. Contact Rev. Em. Rodney Blomquist at [prisonministry@cidlcms.org](mailto:prisonministry@cidlcms.org) or by calling him at (217) 825-6160.



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Springfield, IL 62702-1626

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## Camp CILCA's Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 2, 2024



pancakes, sausage, & fruit



10am-1pm



free (thank you for the support)



Dining Hall  
4124 Camp CILCA Road  
Cantrall, IL 62625



Come enjoy a free breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and fruit at Camp CILCA. We want to thank you for all of your support! Breakfast will be served from 10 am-1 pm in the Dining Hall.



## Camp CILCA Schedule

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- November 4, 2023 Fall Work Day
- December 8-9, 2023 Joyful Hearts Christmas
- February 23-24 **ACT LIKE MEN** WOODCUTTERS' RETREAT
- March 2 Free Pancake Dinner
- March 30 Spring Work Day
- April 14 Annual Banquet  
*Held at Camp CILCA's Dining Hall. Contact the camp office to reserve your tickets.*
- TBD Spring Women's Scrapbooking Retreat
- May 26 Annual Hog Roast
- May 28 Junior Counselor Training (10am-2pm)
- May 29-July 27 **SUMMER PROGRAM**
  - July 27 Homecoming - *Food, music, games, more!*
- September 1 Grilled Chicken Dinner & Auction
- September 13 Whippoorwill Golf Outing
- September 21 **ACT LIKE MEN** Shooting Retreat  
*(Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)*
- October 5 GRIT Run!
- November 2 **ACT LIKE MEN** Work Day

### 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."  
- I Corinthians 16:13**



# Summer Programs 2024

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.

## JOYFUL HEARTS

**Campers of all ages with developmental disabilities** experience the joys of the outdoors during a 4- or 2-night stay. **\$360/\*\$180**

- Full Week: **June 2-6**
- Half Week: **June 2-4\* or 4-6\***

## BOLD SPIRITS

**4th- thru 6th-grade** campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. **\$360**

- Session I: **June 9-14**
- Session II: **July 7-12**

## DAUNTLESS SOULS

**6th- thru 8th-grade** campers gather for a screen-free week of life-changing outdoor adventure. **\$360**

- Session I: **June 16-21**
- Session II: **July 14-19**

## FAMILY CAMP *New!*

**Parents and children of any age** are able to enjoy 4 days and 3 nights at camp with their family. **\$500** for up to 5 family members + **\$80** for each additional person.

- Session: **July 24-27**

## GENERATIONS

**Campers age 4 thru 4th grade** are introduced to camp with a 1-night stay with a parent or other adult. **\$70 per person**

- Session I: **June 14-15**
- Session II: **July 5-6**

## AQUA WEEK

**4th- thru 6th-grade** water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. **\$360**

- Session: **July 7-12**

## ART, DRAMA, ATHLETICS & SURVIVAL

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

- Session: **June 16-21**

## \*SURVIVAL WEEK *New!*

**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. **Limited to 10 campers. \$375**

- Session: **June 16-21**

## PATHFINDERS

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

- Session I: **May 29-31**
- Session II: **June 30-July 3\***
- Session III: **July 21-23**

## NIGHT OWL

**6th- thru 8th-graders** experience camp while staying up all night and sleeping all day. Enough said! **\$360**

- Session: **July 14-19**

## INTREPID HEARTS

**High school students** enjoy the rejuvenation of God's creation through a week or half week of camp. **\$360/\$180\* (half)**

- Full Week: **June 23-28**
- Half Week: **June 26-28\***

## DAY CAMP *New!*

**Grades 1-8** come for the day Monday – Friday. A daily lunch is provided. **\$150/week.**

- Session: **Every week June 10-July 26**

## 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 2-6**
- J.C. Training - **May 28**

## Register Today!

Find in-depth details on each camp & register\* at:

**WWW.CILCA.ORG**

\*\$75 deposit due at time of registration  
Registration is according to the grade most recently **completed**.



# 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

- 2.75% 5-year term       2.50% 3-year term  
 2.25% 1-year term       0.75% 6-month term

#### Special Term and Rate – Limited Time!!!

- 4.00% - 18-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)

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

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# Contact Information for Account

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Address

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City

State

Zip

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Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

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## Supporting Investments

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

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Your Home Congregation or Other LCMS Organization

City

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## 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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Signature of Account Owner/Trustee/Custodian/Authorized Signer

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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.*

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