

From Pastor's desk...

July 2023

Dear Fellow-Redeemed of Zion,

Here we are! Living in a free society, enjoying all the benefits of a Constitutional Republic, as we say in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

In such a republic, citizens are free to speak, free to earn and learn, free to worship as they see fit, and free to be the best version of themselves as possible.


July 4 marks a time of remembering. What happened in 1776 changed the course of history in this nation, if not for the entire world.

But there is another day which also changed the course of history. It was the day that Jesus of Nazareth, crucified on a cross and dead, arose and walked out of a borrowed tomb alive, still bearing all the marks of His crucifixion on his hands, feet, side, and brow.

This day changed the course of YOUR history! Paul reminds us, "that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for the ungodly." That's me. That's you. Our daily confession confirms it. Our thoughts, words, and deeds characterize it. Without the risen Christ, we would be lost forever.

But now we are found, celebrating the birth of our free nation, and better still, celebrating the fact that when we were lost, God found us in His son Jesus Christ. Let the faith fireworks begin!

May we always celebrate that above all other celebrations!

Blessings!
Pastor T 

Sunday, July 2

Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
Special Service 10:15 A.M.
at Clayville Historic Site
(no services at Zion!)



Congregational Potluck will follow service.

Fried Chicken, Desserts, Drinks
and Table Service will be provided.

A free will offering will be collected for the
Pleasant Plains Historical Society.



Zion's Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 23 – Wednesday, July 26

6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

All children ages 4 – 8th grade!!

**Join us as we explore how Jesus guides us
through the twists and turns of life.**

July Celebrations



Birthdays

Katrina Reiterman	7/1
Monica Boesdorfer	7/2
Abe Bruce	7/2
Carl Hermes	7/2
Fred Hagen	7/2
Lee Stremsterfer	7/2
Nathan VanZeLe	7/3
Darrell Pabst	7/4
Bridget Wieland	7/4
Shirley Patrick	7/5
Henry Mason Collins	7/5
Brad Mahler	7/6
Carolyn Greer	7/7
Joyce Fraase	7/9
Kevin Hecht	7/12
Shari Morgan	7/12
Luke Oschwald	7/12
Kristi White	7/17
Jordan Pearson	7/20
Bob TeRonde	7/20
Ted Mahler	7/22
Colton Stremsterfer	7/24
Joann DeCroix	7/26
Alison Hermes	7/26
Trenton Anderson	7/27
Karen Lockeby	7/29
Jeff DeGeal	7/30
Shirley Theilen	7/31

Baptism Birthday's

Mary Seipel	7/1
Billie Miner	7/12
Brad Mahler	7/13
Hope Debowey	7/13
Alexandria Riemer	7/16
Stacy Stremsterfer	7/18
Selina Pritchard	7/21

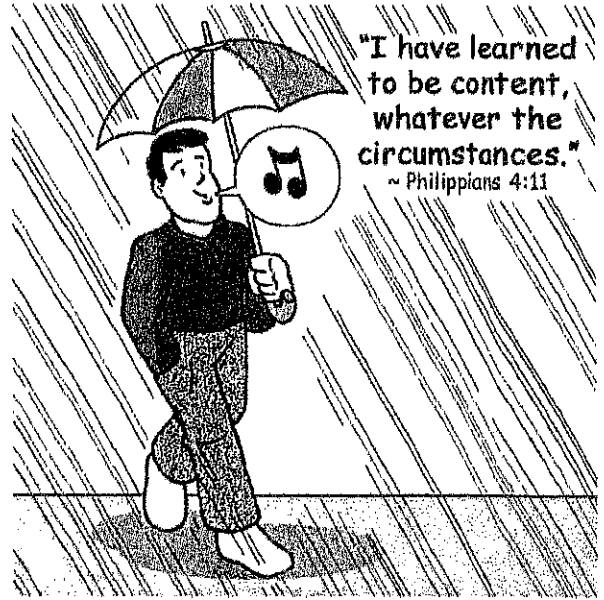


Wedding Anniversaries

Rich & Teresa Albsmeyer	7/8
Robert & Mary Bernoteit	7/16
Jon & Hope Debowey	7/20
Jeff & Debby DeGeal	7/24
Ben & Aimee Pritchard	7/25
Darrell & Deanna Pabst	7/27
Bob & Joyce TeRonde	7/29
John & Shari Morgan	7/31

Contented Living

The Apostle Paul's major pursuit was to develop a closer relationship with Christ. Success and contentment to him did not mean a big home, more livestock, or more gold and silver but a deep and intimate fellowship with the Lord. *"I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so somehow to attain to the resurrection from the dead"* (Philippians



3:10). Could any form of worldly success be more important than a loving relationship with Jesus? Intimacy with the Lord is a life-long relationship that leads us to contentment. God nurtures our relationship with Christ as we spend ample time in prayer, meditation, and reading God's word.

Pursuing intimacy with the Lord does not mean that we should stop improving ourselves or finding ways to make positive changes in ourselves or our circumstances. God does not want His people to be sluggards (Proverbs 21:25), but to be ambitious, resourceful people. *"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might..."* (Ecclesiastes 9:10). God promises to reward us for our efforts, regardless of any human rewards. *"Serve whole-heartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free"* (Ephesians 6:7-8).



CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

June 2023

News You Can Use

What more could the disciples of Jesus have wanted or needed? For three revolutions around the sun, these men had witnessed the mighty miracles of the Christ. Jesus had spoken to them the powerful words of his “upper room” discourse in John 13–17. Each of them could give firsthand accounts of the resurrected Savior. Jesus breathed out the Holy Spirit upon them, giving them the power to forgive and retain sins (John 20:22–23). And Luke tells us that Jesus even opened their minds to understand the Scriptures! (Luke 24:45).

Surely, these men were ready to get going. Yet, even all of this was not enough. “Stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high” (Luke 24:49). When that day came, fulfilling Joel 2:28–29 and Isaiah 32:15, those disciples were made ready, by God’s grace and power. The same Spirit has been given to you in Holy Baptism. Comfort and peace in the forgiveness of sins as won by Jesus on the cross is yours, as is the power to share that Gospel with family, friends, and neighbors. “Clothed with power from on high.” That defines you forever through Baptism into Christ. There is nothing more you could want or need.

Pastor Jeff Caithamer

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church’s Mission Dollars to the District. “Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored.”

Please remember in your prayers our District’s Lutheran Early Response Training (LERT) volunteers, who help churches and individuals affected by natural disasters. Pray for the hundreds of LERT workers in CID and throughout our Synod.

Items of Interest to Share

Dollar for Missions: A Dollar for Missions invites each of us to contribute one extra dollar per week for designated mission projects in our Central Illinois District. The current project is to help one of our campus ministries, University Lutheran Church in Champaign, to purchase a 12-passenger van. Project cost: \$35,000. [See the short video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTJMrrtQtV8>]

Dollar for Missions application deadline: Congregations should submit their applications for Dollar for Missions funds for the year 2024 by September 1, 2023. DFM funds will be used in this order: to support 1) new church starts; 2) mission-focused augmentations to existing ministries; and 3) present CID missions. If you have questions, contact Dr. Ken Schurb at kschurb@cidlcms.org

CID BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEW REPORT 05/23/23

Rev. Mark Eddy called the meeting to order. Rev. Mike Burdick finished our reading of 1 Peter. Minutes from the March 28th meeting were approved with corrections. Rev. Schuermann, the campus pastor at UniLu, highlighted recent years of especially young men being catechized and joining UniLu. He also gave an update on UniLu's partnership with the local pregnancy resource center to be ready for the 2023-2024 school year.

President Mohr reported that CID received 3 candidates, 2 vicars, and 1 deaconess from our seminaries. He joyfully anticipates the upcoming district installations and ordinations this summer. He asked for prayers for the upcoming Synodical Convention, floor committees, and delegates.

Mrs. Chris Andersen reported for CEF and their services to many in our district. CEF's 18-month 3% investment offer is still available. CEF awarded 4 Ministry Outreach Grants in April. CID CEF representatives were able to meet for the first time since Covid with the other independent CEFs and LCEF in St. Louis. Mr. Trip Rodgers gave his reports on Congregational Life and Education. The District Accreditation Commission names were approved for the accreditation of our district schools. Rev. Dr. Schurb happily stated that Concordia Historical Institute has published *Rediscovering The Issues*, a book on the 1974 walkout, to be available this year. Lutheran Legacy Foundation has committed to providing matching funds to our 4 endowment funds that support CID campus ministries for the next 10 years or until a total of \$500,000 has been raised. Dollars For Missions (DFM) continues to raise money for approved missions such as UniLu's 12-passenger van.

Financial Secretary, Mr. Jim Frazee voiced concern for the lack of congregational participation for DFM. Any congregation that is not participating or promoting DFM should speak with Rev. Schurb.

CID has paid Synod for the upcoming LC-MS convention expenses. All should submit their congregational portion for this year's LC-MS convention. Cristo Rey was approved to improve their parking lot in need of repair. The work week for CID staff was approved and defined as 5 days with two days off each week. Redeemer, Peru has closed and is in process of faithfully selling their property and assets. It was approved that the monies for the dissolution of Redeemer's property and assets be received into CID General Fund. St. John, Buckley's and Bethlehem, Petersburg's updated constitutions were approved.

The next CID Board of Directors meeting was set for September 26, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Stay Connected with Your District

Looking for additional information, visit <https://linktr.ee/cidlcms> or connect with the following items:

- + CID's GatePost (newsletter) Subscribe to the E-GatePost/*News You Can Use*. Stay connected with us on Facebook and Instagram --**Central Illinois District-LCMS**

GLENN OSCHWALD PAROCHIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **July 31, 2023**

(Only applications received in the Church office by this deadline will be considered)

Eligible Schools: "LCMS accredited Grade School, High School, Prep School, College or Seminary"

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Home Address (Street, City, State & Zip Code): _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail _____

*****Accredited School Information*****

Name of School: _____

School Address (Street, City, State & Zip Code): _____

Phone Number: _____ Web site _____

School Year: _____ Annual Tuition: _____

Glenn Oschwald Parochial Scholarship request: \$ _____

Please list all Scholarships and Grants received for this school year: _____

Student signature _____ Date: _____

Parent(s) signature (if minor) _____ Date: _____

*****Official Use only*****

Date Application Received: _____ Student meets guidelines? ___Y___ ___N___

Students first request? _____ If not, list other dates and amounts:

Year: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Year: _____ Amount: \$ _____

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Committee Recommendation:

Approved _____ Date _____

Amount: \$ _____ School Year _____




AgeLinc Presents:

KINSHIP FAMILIES

RESOURCE CONFERENCE

For Relative Caregivers & Foster Families of Children



This event is for relative caregivers and foster families of children under the age of 18. At this conference, you will be given information and resource materials on financial assistance, childcare assistance, respite care, legal assistance, healthcare/mental health, support groups, free community events and more.

All information is specific to the unique needs of guardians raising children in our 12-county area

Custodianship documents must be shown in order to participate

- **Free boxed lunches for participants**
- **Must be in attendance to receive free backpacks, school and hygiene supplies for students**
- **Childcare WILL NOT be provided**

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 5TH, 2023
9:30AM-2:00PM**

AgeLinc Conference Center
2731 S. MacArthur Blvd.
Springfield, IL 62704
(217) 787-9234

**CALL, VISIT OUR WEBSITE, OR
STOP BY OUR OFFICE TO REGISTER**

WWW.AGELINC.ORG

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Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

SUMMER PROGRAMS 2023

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. **\$350/*\$175**

- Full Week: **June 5-9**
- Half Week: **June 5-7* or 7-9***

BOLD SPIRITS

4th- thru 6th-grade campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. **\$350**

- Session: **June 18-23**

DAUNTLESS SOULS

6th- thru 8th-grade campers gather for a screen-free week of life-changing outdoor adventure. **\$350**

- Session I: **June 11-16**
- Session II: **June 25-30**

GENERATIONS

Campers age 4 thru 4th grade are introduced to camp with a 1-night stay with a parent or other adult. **\$65 per person**

- Session I: **June 16-17**
- Session II: **June 30-July 1**
- Session III: **July 28-29**

AQUA WEEK

4th- thru 6th-grade water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. **\$350**

- Session: **July 9-14**

NIGHT OWL

6th- thru 8th-graders experience camp while staying up all night and sleeping all day. Enough said! **\$350**

- Session: **June 25-30**

PATHFINDERS

1st- thru 4th-grade campers break out on their own with a 2- or 3-night stay. **\$150/*\$175**

- Session I: **May 31-June 2**
- Session II: **July 5-7**
- Session III: **July 31-August 3***

ART, DRAMA & ATHLETICS

5th- thru 8th-grade campers choose one track-**Art, Drama or Athletics**-for the week & are led by experienced instructors. **\$350**

- Session: **July 16-21**

INTREPID HEARTS

High-School students enjoy the rejuvenation of God's creation in a laid-back week before school starts. **\$350**

- Session: **July 23-28**

WE NEED YOU!

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

- Joyful Hearts Volunteer - **June 4-9**
- J.C. Training - **May 30**

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.



Camp CILCA exists to strengthen and foster faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.

Find out more at www.cilca.org



The Camp CILCA Lowdown

June - July, 2023

217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org

4124 Camp Cilca Rd.



Cantrall, IL 62625

SAVE THE DATE:

- **August 5: Homecoming!**
 - Food Truck, games, swimming, vendors, face painting, and more. This **free** event is a great way to close out the summer season.
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- **September 3: Chicken Fry and Auction**
 - Fresh fried chicken and all the sides.
 - Auction items up for bid
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- **Anytime: Register for Summer Camp!**
 - **Preschool-4th grade:** Generations
 - **1st-4th Grades:** Pathfinders
 - **4th-6th Grades:** Bold Spirits, Aqua Week
 - **6th-8th Grades:** Art, Drama & Athletics; Night Owl; Dauntless Souls
 - **High School:** Intrepid Hearts, Junior Counselor, Joyful Hearts Volunteer

Find out more at www.cilca.org



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
25	26	27	28	29	30	1	
At Clayville Historic Site Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Special Services 10:15 A.M. Congregational Potluck follows	3	4 	5	6	7	8	
9 Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M.	10	11 Mary Martha Guild 2:00 P.M. Choir Practice 7:00 P.M.	12	13	14	15	
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30 Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M. Quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting following Divine Service	31	Notes: Elder Brad Mahler Vacation Bible School - July 23 - July 26, 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.					

***Zion's Newsletter
July, 2023***

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***Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
Divine Service 10:15 A.M.***

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Website: www.zionpp.net***