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"The MISSION of Immanuel is to glorify God, build the Christian Church, foster Christian fellowship and concern, and join in the worldwide work of winning souls for Christ."



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – SEPTEMBER 2022



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Not long after this newsletter finds its way into your mailbox, the Church will celebrate Holy Cross Day. The Fourteenth Day of September marks this day (which, in the category of obscure pastoral trivia, is also the birthdate of my firstborn). Granted, this is not one of the major feast days like the Nativity, the Epiphany, or the Resurrection. Yet, it remains such a significant celebration that our hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, contains it in the list of Feasts and Festivals.¹

Why?

Now, before I get to that answer, let's take a *slight* detour. Over the years I've had numerous—often contentious—conversations about the place of the Cross in our churches. Okay, not just a simple cross, but more specifically, a *crucifix*.² In case it's not clear to you, the difference between the cross and a crucifix is the absence of the *corpus* from the simple cross. (I can almost see you rolling your eyes and thinking "speak clearly, Pastor.") Simply, a crucifix has the body of Christ (the *corpus*) hung on it. Those who question or object to a crucifix in our church (or homes) argue thus: "He's not there. He rose from the dead." This, of course, is true. Here's a thought: He's not in the manger either. He's decidedly moved on from there. Yet I suspect I would be hard pressed to find someone who does *not* place the figure of a baby in the manger in their home nativity scene. And then there are the particularly pious folks who wait until midnight on Christmas Eve to place said figure in said manger. And,

¹ A list of Feasts and Festivals typically observed by Lutherans can be found in our hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, pages xxii and xxiii. These pages are found at the front of the hymnal. The hymnal is a wonderful resource for all church members to have in their homes. All people, both youth and adults, receive a hymnal upon their Confirmation. If you don't yet have one and would like one, contact me or the church office to assist you in obtaining one.

² One thing I find particularly interesting is that some of those who see no place for a crucifix in the church will sometimes accuse a crucifix or me of being too Catholic. What's particularly interesting is that if you look at old photographs of our churches, including Immanuel, you will often discover a crucifix in a place of prominence. At Immanuel, the crucifix which now adorns our credence table was displayed on the reredos directly above the altar. So, what changed that the crucifixes of our childhood churches became objects to be avoided?

just spitballing here, maybe one of those extra-pious folks should suggest having a crucifix and removing the *corpus* mid-afternoon on Good Friday. Just sayin'...

But there's the nugget that gets us back to that question: Why celebrate Holy Cross Day? It is interesting and worth thinking about the difference in our reaction to the manger and to the crucifix. And I'll add another observation here. Granted, this is unscientific, but think about this: observing the popular culture, I note many celebrities sporting crosses for any number of reasons, but very few wear a crucifix. What makes the crucifix, as opposed to a simple cross, a bridge too far? Again, that's the nugget that gets us back to that question: Why?

Why should Holy Cross Day be listed as a church holiday?

To begin to answer that, let's look at a portion of the Epistle reading for Holy Cross Day. Taken from St. Paul's first letter to the troubled church in Corinth, we read the following: "*For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God*" (1 Corinthians 1:22-24). Churchly people—in this case the Jews, but often us too—are looking for signs. They want miracles to prove to themselves God is on their side. In that sense, these people (and again, often us too) want a God who does their bidding and not a God who shows them the truth. And that truth is that we are all in the same boat. We are sick and need a physician. We are condemned with the pronouncement that no one is righteous, not even one. Not a one is righteous. Not a one rises above sin. That is a truth that, apart from the work of the Spirit, none of us want to face.

And the Greeks? They represent those outside the church. They place their offerings before the altar of reason. Reason will, so they think, guide us to a better place, bestow upon us utopia—heaven on earth. In our day we call that Science (not the scientific method, which has been a great gift to humanity, but Science). Science is seen as the god-like ethereal entity that will cure our woes. It has all the answers. The problem is that the answers are very slow in coming, and when they arrive, they tend to drag along those pesky unintended consequences. So, reason demands we hand the reigns to those who claim to know better. This has, in our time, given rise to progressivism and the intellectual elite. It has, in fact, set before us a whole train of "isms" that seem to only make things worse. Sadly, these "isms" often leave a trail of corpses in their wake.

That's the problem with both searching for signs and seeking worldly wisdom. When things don't work out, we wonder what or who is to blame. And the cure? Eliminate what we see as the cause of our woes. Those we think are causing God to stay His blessing hand are to be expunged. Those who balk at an unquestioning allegiance to Science and Reason must also be removed, for all they do is throw a wrench into the machine that would otherwise work. You see, we don't want anyone exposing as fraud the gods we erect. No looking behind the curtain, please. That is to say, we want to be God.

The rather modern aversion to a crucifix is a product of this thinking—of what we think about ourselves and what we think about God. Some of that aversion is a result of the things noted above. Another factor is a result of drinking the Kool-Aid of works-righteousness. We want everyone to go to heaven—and would that were true. But instead of directing our neighbors to the Christ and Him crucified, we think being good once in a while gets you into the club. Hence, our culture's obsession with eulogies. You see, the Word of our Lord, "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life,*" directs us to the Cross. You want to live forever? Good. You want to be in the presence of God? Good. But the only way this happens is through the Cross. And that's exactly what our culture does not want to hear. We measure goodness on a sliding scale, don't we? We rightfully remember the good things our neighbor does and the good things we do. But we are so quick to forget the arguments, the cheating, the coveting that we and our neighbors engage in. So the eulogy acts as a bit of magic. "Look over here, not over there." It's a verbal slight-of-hand that we use to direct our attention away from the truth: Why is this person dead? Simply, because of sin. In the end, a eulogy is just a trick we use to try to soothe our otherwise troubled minds.

St. Paul notes in the above verses that the Christian Church preaches *Christ crucified*. He also notes that this is a stumbling block to those on the outside. The word we translate as "stumbling block" is the Greek word "scandal" (the English is a transliteration of the Greek word). A scandal is something that causes someone to stumble. And there are, in Scripture, both negative and positive uses of this word. When we use our Christian freedom without the neighbor in mind and cause them to

sin, we are a negative stumbling block. If our actions cause another to stumble, we scandalize them. Positively, as used by St. Paul above, a stumbling block—scandal—may cause our neighbor to open their eyes and understand the actual Truth in which they live but had previously refused to see. They now see their need for the Cross and a Savior. This is why the preaching of Christ crucified³ is central to the life of the Church and why we celebrate Holy Cross Day.

Also, the Gospel reading for that day includes the following words of our Lord: *“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified”* (John 12:23). In case we’re not clear about what hour that is, He goes on to say *“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? But for this purpose I have come to this hour”* (John 12:27). The hour of His glorification is His crucifixion. There, on the Cross, our sin is put to death; and death, in His death, is destroyed. The result of this is the Resurrection.

St. Paul explains this truth to the church at Colossae. He writes: *“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross”* (Colossians 2:13-14). It is on the Cross of our Lord that your sin was destroyed. It was nailed to the Cross and put to death in Christ’s death.

You see, the Cross is a stumbling block to all of us since its necessity shows us who we are and what the love of God is. If we are to be saved—that is, to be forgiven of our many sins and be heirs to life-everlasting—the Cross is necessary. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, speaking of His passion either directly or indirectly uses the word “necessary” or “must”⁴ at least eleven times! The necessity of the Cross shows us who we are and illumines our utterly lost condition apart from God’s intervention. It also shows us God’s love in that He so desires us to be with Him (*God SO loved the world...*). And in this act of love, we begin to understand what love actually is and how lives of love are to be lived out among us.

So, we celebrate Holy Cross Day. And frankly, we do this every Lord’s Day.

A blessed Holy Cross Day to each of you.

Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski Jr., Pastor

³ Regarding the quote from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, the word we translate as “crucified” is, in the New Testament Greek, a perfect passive participle governed by the verb “preach.” The use of this form of the participle, as a perfect passive, is literally understood as “the One who was and remains crucified.” Recall that the post-resurrection appearances of our Lord teach us that he bears the marks of the crucifixion forever. See both John and Revelation, with the latter giving Him the title of “Slaughtered Lamb.” While “crucified” is a correct translation, it doesn’t quite communicate the full freight of the perfect passive.

⁴ The Greek word translated as necessary or must is in all cases the same little Greek word δεῖ (pronounced “day”).

****Please note – Monday, September 5, 2022 is Labor Day and the office will be closed.**



Asleep in Jesus ... William “Willy” Mau was called to his eternal rest on August 3, 2022 at the age of 68. Funeral Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 11th with visitation beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island. May God comfort the survivors with the sure hope that those who die in the Lord are with Him in Heaven.

Asleep in Jesus ... Lucille J. (Johnson) Marquardt was called to her eternal rest on August 5, 2022 at the age of 88. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10th with visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island. May God comfort the survivors with the sure hope that those who die in the Lord are with Him in Heaven.



Asleep in Jesus ... Jacqueline Rose (Boetje) Nesseler was called to her eternal rest on August 11, 2022 at the age of 90. Visitation was held on Sunday, August 14th at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home in Rock Island, IL followed by a memorial service. May God comfort the survivors with the sure hope that those who die in the Lord are with Him in Heaven.

Membership Changes:

Deletions:

William “Willy” Mau, Jr. – by death 8/3/2022
Lucille J. (Johnson) Marquardt – by death
8/5/2022
Jacqueline Rose (Boetje) Nesseler – by death
8/11/2022

Changes/Additions to current directory:

Address Changes:

Pat Mueller
C/O Avonlea Cottage
2021 East 1st Street - #5 Bldg 2
Milan, IL 61264-3402

Deletions:

Willy Mau; Lucille Marquardt; Jackie Nesseler



Church Council

There will be a church council meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Items on the agenda include, but not limited to, are the 2023 Budget and Property Committee reports.

On Sunday, October 16, 2022 after church services, there will be a Voter's Meeting. The 2023 Annual Budget will be one item on the agenda. All communicant members over the age of 18 are encouraged to attend. An agenda will be mailed out the beginning of October and will also be printed in the announcements in October.





We ask God for His blessing upon all our members, especially those who celebrate birthdays this month including:

September 2 – Mike Kramer; Larry Wiebel
September 4 – Margaret Thompson
September 6 – Dianne Allison; Emily Busha-Ruiz
September 7 – Sonia England
September 8 – Hannah Rusk (18)
September 11 – Braydyn Draper
September 12 – Layne Cozadd (6)

September 19 – Lillian Cobert (18); Sarah Leeson
September 20 – Margi Esparza
September 22 – Janet Mau
September 24 – Alexander Spragg
September 25 – Tyler Werke
September 27 – Claire Mills (12)



We ask God for His blessing upon all our members, especially those who celebrate anniversaries including:

September 2, 1989 – Pastor & Laurie Astrowski
September 4, 2010 – Nick & Alison Boisvert
September 9, 1989 – Greg & Heidi Masias
September 16, 1978 – Brent & Wanda Titus

September 20, 2014 – Myron & Carla Hazen
September 24, 1994 – Doug & Dianne Allison
September 27, 1959 – Neil & Karen Burger
September 30, 2000 – Rod & Carolyn Fowler

****NOTE – Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed to the best of our records. If you find a mistake or any missing information, please notify the office. Thank You!***

Pregnancy Resources Walk for Life 2022!

The Annual Walk for Life, supporting Pregnancy Resources is coming up quickly!



Join us on **Saturday, September 10, 2022** at Ben Butterworth Park - East Shelter! Come anytime between 8:30 and 11:00 to check-in and walk anytime between 9:00 and 11:30!

Make sure to add yourself to the Immanuel Lutheran team when registering here:

<https://buff.ly/3SgmcW9>

This is a fundraising event, but it's also a way for Immanuel to show our presence in the community. The first 500 registered walkers will automatically receive a free T-shirt.

Contact Alaina Carter with any questions.



Rock Island Zone Rally

Join us for the Rock Island Zone Fall Rally **September 20th at Faith Lutheran Church in Kewanee!** Gather together with women in our Zone as we focus on Psalm 119:105 with the theme "Light Up the World with Christ".

Check in and coffee starts at 8:30 and lunch will be included. Registration is \$12 per person and we need to have returned our congregation's registration by September 8th. **If you are interested in attending please see or contact Carrie Werke.**

Can't attend and still want to be involved? You can bring items for the ingathering going to Abilities Plus of Kewanee, a collection box will be by the LWML table till Sunday, September 18th. Some suggested items they are looking for include:
Large Duplo Blocks, Soft paged baby books, word search books, adult and simple puzzles, receiving blankets, adult coloring books.

2022/2023 Calendar of Events

September 20, Tuesday	Zone Rally in Kewanee at 8AM– See Carrie Werke to sign up by Sept 8 th
September 22, Thursday	LWML Meeting 6pm in the Luther Room
October 2, Sunday	LWML Sunday
October 7 & 8, Fri/Sat	Fall Retreat Camp CILCA, Springfield IL
October 6, Thursday	Provide food and serve at Christian Care Men's Center
October 22, Saturday	Ladies Tea Geneseo, watch the October newsletter or the bulletin
November 17, Thursday	Meetings moved due to Thanksgiving, 6pm in the Luther Room
December 6, Wednesday	Provide food and serve prior to the Advent Service
December 14 th , Thursday	Christmas Potluck Dinner in the Luther Room at 6pm
January 26 th , Thursday	Possible event
February 2 th , Thursday	Provide food for 50 people and serve at Christian Care Men's Center
February 26, Thursday	LWML Meeting 6pm in the Luther Room
March 1, Wednesday	Provide food and serve Lenten Meal prior to the Lenten Service
March 5 th , Sunday	Mighty Mite Sunday
April 27, Thursday	LWML Meeting 6pm in the Luther Room
May 25, Thursday	Election of Officers - President/Treasurer
June 22-June 25	Biennial Convention in Milwaukee WI



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Celebrating 80 Years 1942-2022

Since 1942 The LWML has been encouraging women to use their God given talents to serve the Lord with Gladness and to support global missions.

LWML History Written by Marlys Taege Moberg

Beginning in the 1850s, women of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) www.lcms.org started local auxiliaries to meet the needs of people—mending clothes for seminarians, equipping hospitals, establishing schools, developing convalescent and retirement homes, assisting orphanages and residences for people with disabilities, gathering clothing, furniture and food for indigents, and funding mission endeavors at home and abroad.

Not until the 1920s, however, did members of congregational societies begin to coordinate their efforts by uniting in state and regional leagues. Oklahoma was first in 1928, but it took more than a decade before official approval was granted for a national LCMS women's organization.

In response to resolutions from two district groups, the 1938 LCMS convention established a committee to study “the problem” (of establishing a synod wide women’s organization). The committee’s 1941 report was favorable, and the Synod not only approved, but encouraged the creation of a general organization of women. Five pastors were appointed to arrange a meeting of representatives from interested districts.

At that meeting, held July 7–8, 1942, at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois, the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League was founded by delegates from 15 districts. Today it is active in every district of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. LWML has set a pattern for similar organizations in other countries where there are LCMS partner churches.

Who We Are

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For 80 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman’s relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

What Are Mission Grants?

The LWML Mission Goal funds our mission grants. New LWML Mission Grants are selected every two years and freely given offerings are dedicated to these mission grants for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Mission Grants are funded with our mites.

A Mission Grant Prayer

Dear Lord, we are blessed to be called Your children. Thank You for supplying our every need. Thank You for sending Your Son to be our Savior. Help us to share Your truth and Your love with our friends and neighbors. Help us to be blessings to others. May our mite offerings be used to bring Christ to the nations and to help those in need, especially those in need of Your saving grace. To You be the glory! In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.



Immanuel Youth Group News – Rock Island Circuit Youth Group

September 2022

★ *News* ★ **Mark your calendars** - regular meetings resume on Sunday, [September 11th](#). All youth (7th grade thru High School) from all churches in the Rock Island Circuit are welcome to attend.

Meetings are every [Sunday](#) from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3300 24th Street, Rock Island.

First hour - youth meet with Pastor Astrowski for a devotion followed by a discussion on Apologetics (learning to defend the faith). Second hour - youth gather in the fellowship hall and gymnasium with our Youth Leaders for activities, games and snacks. Make sure to bring your friends. Remember to wear comfortable clothes and shoes and for the activity hour.

Please park and enter the church building on the west side. Continue to watch the newsletter and bulletin for upcoming fall events. For any questions, please contact Kathy Welch at [309-714-5491](tel:309-714-5491).

We also have tentatively scheduled a fall outing to Maquoketa Caves on Saturday, September 24th. Time is still being determined.



Sunday School will resume September 11th at 10:15 a.m.. We welcome all children 3 and above.



Blessed For Life

"... the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies." Psalm 41:2

SAVE THE DATE!

2022 Lutherans For Life National Conference
October 21-22 | All day Friday until Saturday at noon.
Rock Island, Illinois (Quad Cities)

Conference Registration

LFL Members: \$125 | Non-Members: \$150

Students: \$25 | Children 12 and under: FREE

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=e6jfwdwab&oeidk=a07ej6hxb8iaabcb3c>



All adults and youth are invited to participate in any or all Bible studies offered at Immanuel. We are thankful we can gather together around God's Word. You are welcome to attend anytime.

- **Sunday morning Adult Bible class** – 8:00 am and 10:15 am in the Library or on Zoom.
- **Adult Bible study** – Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Library or on Zoom.
- **Intergenerational Studies:** 6 pm each Tuesday evening.
 - **Note:** *The Sunday morning 8 am Bible Study and the Tuesday evening Bible Studies will resume in September.*
- **For the older youth**, there is a Youth Group meeting on Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Meetings are held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Island. The first hour includes an opening, devotion and education time with Pastor Astrowski. (***Youth Group Meetings will resume on September 11th***). And of course for the younger ones, there is Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION



ChurchOffice

- Please call the office when someone is ill, hospitalized, or homebound (309-786-3391).
- Please use this email to contact the office: ilchurch@mchsi.com • Website address – www.immanuelri.org
- Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/Immanuel-Lutheran-Church- Rock-Island-IL-LCMS-179175395513226/](https://www.facebook.com/Immanuel-Lutheran-Church-Rock-Island-IL-LCMS-179175395513226/) All Sunday services are 'Live' streamed at 9 am and posted to our church's YouTube channel (the link is available on the church's website).

Reminder... each time you enter the hospital, be sure to say you are a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island. According to the laws, the hospital needs to ask each time you come for a procedure. If you would like the pastor to know immediately, please have a family member or friend call the office and/or Pastor—otherwise we may not be aware of your hospitalization. Also, unless requested otherwise, members of the church will be prayed for using their first and last names.



What is Stewardship?

What is a steward? Most people, when asked this question, will reply: “A manager.” That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner’s property on the owner’s behalf.

We are God’s stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him. For we have brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it (1 Tim. 6:7). Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God’s fatherly Divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner. Not only because, as the Creator, He created all things. But also, as the Redeemer, He has redeemed, that is, purchased and won all things. It all, therefore, belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege. Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage His possessions on His behalf here on earth. And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

What a responsibility. For to whom much is given, much shall be required (Luke 12:48). We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what His desire and will for His property is.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God? We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will for all His gifts are to be used. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing that we have that doesn’t belong to Him. “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20). He informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – His managers and custodians – of His property are to do the managing.

And that is what stewardship is. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us. As St. Paul said: “Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness” (Rom. 6:13). So, let’s dive into the God’s Word and listen to what the owner desires from His stewards.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

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From Condemnation to Salvation.

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse! (Gal. 1:6-9)

I had the opportunity to visit a friend that I hadn't seen for a while. He told me that a pair of Christian women invited him to their church. Several times they conducted a Bible study with him so, finally, he went to church. They encouraged him to be baptized. Every Sunday a church member took him to church. He was enthusiastic to join this church and eager to learn more...until I visited him. I asked him if he knew what the name of this Christian denomination was. He said "they are Mormons". I explained to him that they are pseudo-Christians with false teachings. I told him very seriously and categorically: "your soul is in danger of condemnation".

Some days later, these ladies knocked on the door of my friend's house again. I was there so I was able to talk with them for a half hour. When I mentioned the Bible verses written above, they didn't know them. Again, I said to my friend and to them: "your soul is in danger of condemnation". This was the last time they visited my friend. Meanwhile, my friend has become more confident and now has peace and comfort in his soul because he is reading and listening to the true Word of God and clinging to the Good News in Jesus Christ. Now his faith trusts in Jesus Christ as his Savior alone. Praise God for opening his eyes and ears to the truth of His Word!

I recall a seminary professor who once compared false teachings in the world with a street market with varied and wide merchandise. My friends, this is such a good comparison, but thanks to the Holy Spirit, the eyes of our soul were opened by God's grace to believe in Him and in His Son alone. In the Spanish Lutheran Hymnal, the "*Cantar al Señor*" part of the liturgy says, "In Him, you have removed us from error to truth, from sin to righteousness, and from death to life".

Please study and learn the Bible so you can be alert and on guard against false teachings.

Our ministry would not be possible without your support and prayers.

We thank God every day for you!

Cristo Rey notes:

Jul 17-19 CID Convention, Springfield, IL. CR had a table showing Christian Spanish material. CR brochures were handed out. I had pleasant conversations with pastors, delegates and visitors about the Hispanic ministry in the QC.

At the convention, Lutheran Heritage Foundation also had a table, and I talked with the man in charge. He was waiting for me. He told me about the new Spanish Hymnal. We had the opportunity to talk a lot about it. He encouraged me to send a request for them. The price is \$10.00 each plus shipping. After the convention I requested one of them. I would like to review it and possibly use them here at CR.

Also, at the convention attendees had the opportunity to view the new CID mission's videos. Our Spanish ministry was featured on the video. I want to say MUCHAS GRACIAS (thanks a lot) to everyone who made the videos possible so that pastors, delegates, and eventually CID congregations will know about these ministries.

Please check our video:

<http://www.cidlcms.org/resources/videos/2022CIDSpanishMinistry.mp4>



On Jul 30 a Quinceañera (a celebration for a young woman turning 15) was held at CR. Miss Crystal Aguilar was received into society with a special worship service.

Church Van: Old, unsafe running boards were replaced with new ones.

Photocopier machine: This old photocopier, donated by Immanuel, RI, finally stopped working. I use our new printer to make bulletins, copies, and other documents.

New sinks in the restrooms were installed

A pending project is to use a sealer on the asphalt of the parking lot. We started to remove debris in one area, but railroad workers are installing a new gate, new sidewalk and so on. They have closed a street and use part of the CR parking lot, preventing the sealing work from being done.

Later our brothers from Concordia, Geneseo, will paint the yellow stripes.

On Sunday, August 14 after worship, CR is planning to give out school supplies in the neighborhood. All church members will participate from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

A tent and tables with school supplies will be set up on the front yard on 19th Street.

FB Live continues on Mondays and Fridays at 4:00 pm.

Your amigo in Christ,

Pastor Pablo Dominguez <>



ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER & AUCTION SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

Join us for Camp CILCA's **24th Annual Chicken Dinner on September 4, 2022**. The meal is served 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Meals are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 4-12. The menu includes fresh fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, a roll, homemade desserts, and drinks.

Campsites, cabins & hotel-style rooms still available. Call or email Camp CILCA to make your reservation. Come for the great food and fellowship time with other Camp CILCA friends, and to show support for your Lutheran camp!

The Day's Schedule:

Sunday

10:30am Worship service at the Outdoor Chapel

11:30am - 2:30pm - Chicken Dinner Served from the Dining Hall. You can find a spot to eat on camp (inside the dining hall or outside at a picnic table) or take your meal to-go!

LIVE AUCTION Begins at 12:30 pm!

1-4 p.m. Swimming & Boating (Weather permitting; No swimming without Camp CILCA lifeguard on duty)



ACT LIKE MEN: Shooting Retreat For men and men-in-training Saturday, September 17, 2022

Men, bring your sons, grandsons, nephews, or friends along with your firearms and some ammo to take aim at Camp CILCA. Shooting provides a perfect opportunity for talk to men, young and old, about responsibility, strength, and discipline. Bible study will also focus on what it means to be

a man in an increasingly confused society.

A range officer will be on hand for safety. Lunch will be served between morning and afternoon sessions. Total cost is \$15 per person. Camp CILCA will have some safety glasses and ear protection, but feel free to bring your own. Contact the camp office for more information or to register. **217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org**

Typical Schedule:

9am Welcome and Devotion

9:30 Safety and Rules

10:00 Shooting #1 (Rifles & Handguns)

12:00pm Lunch

12:30 Bible Study

1:30 Shooting #2 (Handguns & Shotguns w/ clay pigeons)

3:30 Closing Prayer

4pm Head Home



LERT Volunteers



LERT BASIC CHAINSAW TRAINING - TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, AUBURN IL, 9/17/2022

Description

The CID Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) is hosting LERT basic Chainsaw training on Saturday, September 17, 2022. **The training will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1201 West Jackson, Auburn, IL 62615.**

The training will consist of 4 hours of instructional-based (Classroom Portion) and 4 hours of operational-based (Hands-On Portion).

TRAINING COSTS

The cost of the training is \$35.00.

Lunch will be provided.

You must have previously completed the LERT basic training class to participate in this class.

All participants will need to bring the following items: Helmet, ear protection, eye protection, chaps, gloves, steel toed boots, chainsaw, chain-bar oil, and fuel. If members do not have these items, they will be provided to you at the time of training.

During the training, you will learn the following:

- safe operation of a chainsaw
- personal protective equipment (PPE)
- injury prevention
- physics of cutting trees
- how to buck and limb fallen trees
- how to clear debris in a safe and beneficial manner

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Stephen Born at 217.220.0162 or email bornstephen@yahoo.com.







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Sunday Schedule

Bible Study at 8:00 AM
Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM
Bible Study at 10:15 AM
Sunday School at 10:15 AM

We invite you to join us for worship and Bible Study and the fellowship of Christians who share in the joy of salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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