

# The Image

"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 – July 2023*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It's that time of year. You know. We bounce from graduation to graduation and from one celebration of the same to another. For us, it's become one of the signs of spring—like the arrival of Leo and Virgo as we look to the heavens. Or like the now fading blooms of our rhododendrons and azaleas. (I confess I still don't know the difference. Does anyone?) As the heat of summer sets in, all those glorious spring blooms will indeed fade. And winter is coming. Much like life.

It's rather difficult, as we attend those wonderful celebrations of a significant milestone in a young man's or woman's life, to avoid wallowing in a bit in nostalgia. We see the beauty and wonder and confidence of youth. We look at faces absent of those lines the years etch. We hear their voices tell of plans for learning and exploration. For them, for those brief moments of life, the opportunities are indeed endless, bounded only by imagination and will. We see on their faces a confidence allowed only by the abundance of time.

Sure, we hear them as we converse. And we, for those moments that only an occasion like a graduation would permit, feel the excitement of time and possibility that we too once felt. Maybe we even, returning to our hearths and havens, pull out those old picture books. Yellowing pages, sepia toned photos, and that smell of old paper: nostalgia blossoms as we see our own unlined faces.

And in another room, the mirror awaits.

Sometime, in the Year of Our Lord 1889, Oscar Wilde and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle sat in a London restaurant with the editor of a prominent American magazine. As the editor was looking for material to publish, Wilde pitched the idea of *The Picture of Dorian Gray*.<sup>1</sup> Of course, the pitch was accepted. So successful was Wilde's subsequent work, that even if you've not read this fascinating piece of late nineteenth-century writing, you certainly are familiar with the work's theme. (Would that all our children

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<sup>1</sup> There is a fine cinematic adaptation of this book, produced in 1945, starring Hurd Hatfield and a stunning Angela Lansbury. The painting of Dorian Gray used in the film was painted by Ivan Albright and is on display at The Art Institute of Chicago. It is a grotesque yet fascinating work. An article about and images of the painting can be found here: <https://www.artic.edu/artworks/93798/picture-of-dorian-gray>.

were still required to engage with these great works of Western literature.) You know how the portrait, which grows ever more grotesque with the passage of time, reflects the soul of Dorian Gray.

For you, and most certainly me, the mirror serves a similar purpose.

Now, that is not to say that you are engaged in the hedonism embraced by Dorian Gray (although our culture most certainly is). Of course you're not. And I make no such accusation here. But the mirror...

We look to those beautiful faces of youth. (And don't you wish that our youth could see it as we do? Are not *all* those youthful lives that surround us simply beautiful?) Yes, we look and see our walls and hearths bedecked with pictures of our own youth. We see our countenance recorded years, even decades, ago. Dark hair (or any hair!), bright eyes. And then we stroll into that darkened room where the truth awaits. The switch is flipped and the truth is there. Illumined. Staring back at us. There, in the bright light of reality, looking us squarely in our eyes, is the curse. The wages of sin is death, so our Lord's Word tells us.<sup>2</sup> And if we doubt, there is the mirror—the portrait of our curse.

We know all too well there's no stopping that clock. There's no stopping the slow chiseling of lines on our faces. We feel the chill seep into our bones—sweatshirts and sweaters always nearby. And our youthful hopes and dreams and possibilities are replaced by the consequences of the decisions we've made—some good and some not so much. Joys and regrets fill our thoughts. And time runs short. And even if we have the will to tilt at a windmill, we find our bodies in open revolt. And always the mirror reminding us of the truth. Dust we are. And to dust we soon will return.

Oddly, almost ridiculously, every now and then, when we look into that bold truth the mirror displays to us, we smile. And even laugh. Why? We know of a better truth. In the midst of a dark and dying world, we have been told. Long before our Lord walked among us, the great King David told us what was to come. Here are the words of this remarkable prophecy:

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!*  
*Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.<sup>3</sup>*

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<sup>2</sup> Romans 6:23.

<sup>3</sup> Psalm 103:1-5.

We, baptized children of the Living God, will rise. Death is not the final word. St. Paul asks us as we peer into those all-too-truthful mirrors: *Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?* Paul asks and then answers his own question: *We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*<sup>4</sup> It is the same question that we recite at each and every funeral, and, as the beautiful white pall is placed on the casket, we answer. We will rise. Our life will be redeemed from the pit. It has been redeemed by the Redeemer—our Redeemer. And our youth will be renewed.

We, indeed, are people of the Resurrection. Yes, we confess our Lord's resurrection, but we also confess *our* resurrection. The day will soon come when we will rise. The dust that once was our flesh will stand over our open graves. Renewed. Made whole by the Word of Life. We will be filled with joy, thanks, and life. Hope and faith will be things of the past—like those old photos. And we will, if we have them, look into a mirror and see a youthful face looking back at us. And, almost certainly, we will laugh.

But for now, knowing His word of promise, we wait. But we wait as people who know the whole truth.

*But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.*<sup>5</sup>

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Len Astrowski, Pastor

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<sup>4</sup> Romans 6:3-5.

<sup>5</sup> Philippians 3:20-4:1.

**Below are the total offering and expenses for the last three months.**

We thank you for your continued generosity through this difficult time.

March Offerings - \$23,927.00	March Expenses - \$38,128.55
April Offerings - \$16,588.00	April Expenses - \$15,852.00
May Offerings - \$18,036.00	May Expenses - \$16,879.97

### **OFFICERS NEEDED**



If you are interested in becoming an officer or member of a committee at Immanuel, there are several positions that will be open including but not limited to:

Corporate Secretary (1); Treasurer/Board of Finance Chairman (1); Property Committee Chairman(1); Foundation (1); Call Committee (3); Board of Elders (4).

This requires attending the council meetings which are *generally* held on the 3rd Thursday of every other month. ***The date of the next council meeting will be JULY 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. The Voter's Meeting to elect new officers will be on JULY 30<sup>th</sup> after church services.*** If you are interested, please contact Mel Vogel, Ron Mau or call the church office at 309-786-3391.

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***THE VOTERS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> AFTER CHURCH SERVICES. AMONG THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL BE THE ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS.***

According to the Immanuel Constitution, to be eligible to cast a vote at the meeting you must be a communicant member of the congregation (18 years of age or older) who has attended at least one voter's assembly in the past 12 months. If you are a new member, you may attend the meeting and sign the constitution, thereby becoming eligible to vote at the subsequent Voter's Assembly. If you have any questions, please contact the office.





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** – 10:15 am in the Luther Room 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.
- **For the older youth**, there is a Rock Island Circuit Youth Group – see the schedule below.
- **And of course for the younger ones, there is Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings.**



## Immanuel Youth Group News – Rock Island Circuit Youth Group

Summer 2023

Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

Starved Rock State Park

Meet at Concordia, Geneseo at 1:30 (65 min. to Starved Rock). Returning to Geneseo at 7 pm.

July 16<sup>th</sup>

Miller's Pool Party

August 6<sup>th</sup>

Zion Taylor Ridge

- Softball, kickball, sand volleyball 4 pm
- Wiener Roast – 6 pm



**Reminder... each time you enter the hospital**, be sure to say you are a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island so that the hospital can call the office. ***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.*** The hospitals do not regularly call the churches as they once did.

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\*\*](mailto:ilchurch@mchsi.com)



### ***VBS at Immanuel***

**July 10 -14 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.**

**For Children 4 years old through 5th grade.**

Monday thru Thursday we will start with a light meal followed by music, Bible Lessons, crafts, Bible challenges and games. We will wrap up the week on Friday with a closing program, cookout and a Fun Night filled with activities.

***We will need help with the kitchen, crafts, registration table, music and overall helpers.***

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## **VBS Registration Available Now!**

We have created an online registration site for VBS which can be accessed at <http://vbsmate.com/ImmanuelLutheranRockIslandIL>.

Parents - please use this site to register your children.

Volunteers - please use the site to complete your volunteer form.

**If you have any questions or problems with the online registration process, please contact Kathy Welch [309-714-5491](tel:309-714-5491).**



### **BIRDIES FOR CHARITY**

“Chip in for your chance to win” – When you chip in to help area charities, you can win some great prizes.

But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That’s because participating charities receive **100% of the donations** pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is a **guaranteed 5% match**.

**Here’s how it works – simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at 15623 Coaltown Rd., East Moline, IL 61244. Pledges must be returned to the Birdies office by July 7<sup>th</sup>. Any pledges received after July 7<sup>th</sup> will be returned and donors should direct their donation to the charity of choice.**

***PICK UP A BROCHURE CONTAINING THE PLEDGE SHEET IN THE NARTHEX. This year all donations collected will be directed to the Youth Group.***



## Election of officers were held on May 25 and the Immanuel LWML Officers for next year will be:

- Janet Mau President
- Leigh Ann Nixon Vice President
- Helen Vogel Secretary
- Karlene Campbell Treasurer

This board will be meeting over the summer for planning for the coming year. We appreciate any feedback or suggestions you would like to see happen. Please drop any of us an email or give us a call.

## News from the National Convention – will be coming in the August *Image*.



**Stamps For Missions** is a project of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at Immanuel. All can participate! Simply save your used postage stamps. The process is simple. Cut, snip, or tear off the corner of the envelope with the postage on it. Be careful to leave enough edge so the postage stamp will have a small edge to be trimmed.

Turn the saved stamps into the church office, bring to church and give to an usher, or give to Sandy Kramer.

We trim the stamps and send them, along with other societies, to be sold. The money received is added to "mites" and used to support mission projects.



### IMMEDIATE NEEDS

#### FOR THE MEN'S MISSION:

Men's shorts (all sizes)  
Gym shorts & sweatpants  
XL-XXXL t-shirts & polos  
Foot powder, flip flops  
Cleaning supplies  
33&39-gallon garbage bags and kitchen garbage bags

#### FOR THE MEAL SITE:

Canned fruit & vegetables  
Coffee  
Bottled water

#### FOR THE WOMEN'S MISSION:

Full size body wash, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razors, hair ties.  
Leggings-sweat pants  
Shorts & capris  
Diapers & pull ups  
Baby monitor

***Items can be dropped off in the Narthex and someone from Immanuel will take to Christian Care.***

## NEWS FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE:



**Thank you to those who have signed up to help mow!** We can always use more, even if you're only available to mow a couple of times. Please contact Clayton or call the office if you can help or if you have any questions.

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**We are looking to collect 10 EMPTY liquid laundry soap jugs (any brand) to use for spreading salt/ice melt this winter.** Bring them in if you have them!! Please, nothing larger than 100 oz. size. Just leave them in the narthex underneath one of the tables and we'll make sure to collect them!

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**The tile work in the cafeteria is completed!** Workers were here in June replacing the bad tiles that were initially laid earlier this year and the wax and sealer have been applied.

**The cafeteria IS NOW ready for use!!**



## Cemetery Clean-Up



The Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery incurred extensive damage from an April 4, 2023 tornado. Our insurance does not cover this damage. We have hired a tree service company to take out the trees and grind the stumps for a cost exceeding \$25,000. This cost does **NOT** include resetting the toppled stones which will be done at a later date. We are asking your help by contributing funds and/or volunteering to assist with a final clean-up of small debris. With God's help we will have this completed by Memorial Day. **(As of printing, this large scope of work has been nearly completed).**

If you wish to donate towards this fund, please make checks out to Immanuel Lutheran Church and note in the "memo" line of your check that it is for the cemetery clean-up.

If you have any questions or would be interested in assisting with clean-up, please contact Ron Mau – or you contact the office at 309-786-3391 or email [ilchurch@mchsi.com](mailto:ilchurch@mchsi.com).



**Membership Changes:**                      **None this month.**

**Additions:**

**Deletions:**

**Changes/Additions to current directory:**                      **None this month.**

**Address Changes:**

**Additions:**

**Deletions:**

**Memorials Received in June:**                      **None**

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

July 1    Keith Hentrich

July 2    Carla Hazen

July 3    Joyce Heald

July 4    Barb Soyke, Ashley Wilson

July 5    Carolyn Holmgrain, Rick Moeller

July 6    Tamme Schaefer-Hoss

July 7    Dennis Rusk, Kathy Woolfolk

July 8    Samuel Tiece (7)

July 12   Carter Fiedler (5)



July 13   Alan Bamsey

July 18   Donna Dettmann

July 19   Mona Griffin

July 20   Erin Mau

July 22   Wayne Scherer

July 23   Vicki Bull

July 27   Christine Roth

July 31   Sandy Kramer



July 1, 1995 – Andy & Leigh Ann Nixon

July 7, 1968 – Robert & Jennie Berry

July 11, 2003 – Bryan & Katherine Cobert

July 31, 2010 – Burnie & Amanda Eckardt

***\*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!***



## The Camp CILCA Lowdown

June - July, 2023

217-487-7497 / [camp@cilca.org](mailto: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.
- **September 3: Chicken Fry and Auction**
  - Fresh fried chicken and all the sides.
  - Auction items up for bid
- **Anytime: Register for Summer Camp!**
  - **Preschool-4<sup>th</sup> grade:** Generations
  - **1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Pathfinders
  - **4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Bold Spirits, Aqua Week
  - **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Art, Drama & Athletics; Night Owl; Dauntless Souls
  - **High School:** Intrepid Hearts, Junior Counselor, Joyful Hearts Volunteer

Find out more at [www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org)

### 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

Camper 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

4<sup>th</sup>- thru 8<sup>th</sup>-grade campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. \$350

• Session: June 18-23

#### DAUNTLESS SOULS

6<sup>th</sup>- thru 8<sup>th</sup>-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

Camper age 4 thru 4<sup>th</sup> 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

4<sup>th</sup>- thru 8<sup>th</sup>-grade water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. \$350

• Session: July 9-14

#### PATHFINDERS

1<sup>st</sup>- thru 4<sup>th</sup>-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

5<sup>th</sup>- thru 8<sup>th</sup>-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!

9<sup>th</sup>-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](http://WWW.CILCA.ORG)

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





**Go ... Sell All You Have?**

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And he replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me” (Luke 18:18–22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, “No!” But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, every-thing we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What’s more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don’t let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)



# CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

*of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

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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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> 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**

# Christ the King (Cristo Rey) Lutheran Church



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Rev. Pablo G. Domínguez



## Newsletter July 2023

Here in the United States, July 4th is a big national holiday. Many families gather together for cookouts. The beaches are full of visitors. Towns all across America have parades and fireworks. It is a time for family reunions and patriotic activities. Right?

We all love independence: political, social and personal, but spiritual independence can cause troubles. We have to recognize and accept our deep spiritual dependence on God. Jesus says in John 15:5: *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

As believers in Christ, we aren't independent but rather totally dependent on Jesus who died on the cross to offer us authentic freedom while at the same time deepening our dependence on Him, our Savior from sin. We can do nothing save ourselves. Jesus did it for us, once and for all on the cross of Calvary. We are free to follow and serve Him! Jesus says, "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

### Comments:

**Magnets:** We also have the design of the new bilingual advertising magnets to be distributed to contacts and the public. They are being made at this time. They contain name, address, email, telephone, service hours and the biblical text of Psalm 122:1

**CID CEF Grant:** Thanks to the collaboration of Mrs. Dodge, an application was made for a grant to CID CEF, which has already been approved. With this grant, radio time will be paid for on KALA, as well as advertisement about the radio program in *Hola America*, a bilingual newspaper that is distributed in the QC, and various Christian materials that will be given away to radio listeners. Thank you, CID CEF, for making this possible!

**Prison Ministry:** Last year there was an attendance at the Bible studies at East Moline Correctional Center of 2-5 people: but after the musical events that were held at Christmas and Easter, the attendance at the studies is now 15-17 people. Thank you, Lord! This includes three of the musicians who participate in the Christian band. By the way, one of the musicians was part of a widely recognized musical group in Mexico and in the Hispanic community in the US. We are getting new NVI Bibles, with a contemporary Spanish language since the 1960 Reina Valera Version contains a Spanish that is no longer used. In addition, many of the attendees speak English, but few know how to write it, and they like to speak and read Spanish.

**Parking Lot:** We are going to wait until the Hispanic Council meeting in July to decide what exactly CR will do with the back parking lot area. Meanwhile, CR members have organized and weeded the entire area and now it looks much better. At least the place no longer looks neglected.

**CR Repairs:** CR members were made aware that repairs need to be made to a wall in the Bible study room. In addition, the kitchen walls will be painted, and a new sink installed.

**Evangelism Course:** During the month of July, I will be doing an Evangelism course at CR in order to motivate members to share the Good News with people they know.

**FB:** FB Live continues Mondays and Fridays at 4:00 pm and visits continue to Beardstown Latino Ministry.

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







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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> <b>7:15 – Bd. of Elders Mtg</b> 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day –</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>7pm – Youth Group</b> <b>Programming Bd. Mtg.</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> <b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS	<b>10</b> <b>5:30 pm – Vacation</b> <b>Bible School</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Bible Study <b>5:30 pm – VBS</b>	<b>12</b> <b>5:30 pm – VBS</b>	<b>13</b> <b>5:30 pm – VBS</b>	<b>14</b> <b>5:30 pm – VBS</b>	<b>15</b> 
<b>16</b> 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Bible Study <b>6:00 pm – Council Mtg</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30 am Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00am Worship w/HC <b>10:15 am Voter's Meeting</b>	<b>31</b>	 <p><b>A Prayer for Independence Day</b></p> <p>Guide us as we work together to build a society in which everyone has the opportunity to live with dignity and hope. Help us to be witnesses of Christ's love by practicing charity and promoting justice and peace throughout the world. Strengthen us with fortitude to choose the values of our faith as we exercise Our responsibility as citizens. Inspire us to build a world of greater respect for human life and dignity. Restore us when our spirit grows weary, and bless us in our journey home to You.</p>			<b>Calendar subject to change. Any changes will be listed in weekly announcements.</b>	



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### **Sunday Schedule**

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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**Organists: Christine Roth and Katherine Cobert**

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**All Sunday services are “live” streamed on Facebook at 9 am Sundays and posted to the church’s YouTube channel at:** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWLcoXZtMq13HOqRo\\_uifqg/featured?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWLcoXZtMq13HOqRo_uifqg/featured?view_as=subscriber).

***Additionally, you can tune in to Pastor’s nightly devotion each evening at 9 pm “live” on Facebook or find it on the church’s YouTube page later.***