

# ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

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—IN GOD'S GRACE — IN GOD'S SERVICE—

### “Attributes of the Christian Church...It Is *Universal*”

In previous articles we have shown how the church is *invisible*, that it is *one*, and that it is *holy*. This month we will speak about how the church is *universal*. There is a twofold understanding to this term, both of which are true. First is the fact that the Church embraces all believers in every place they are to be found throughout the entire world. More, this universality not only refers to all believers throughout the world at a given time, but it actually embraces all believers in all places *and times*, all those who have been called to faith through the Gospel. So this begins with Adam and Eve after hearing God's promise to send a Savior (Genesis 3:15), extends to the final Christians on earth when Christ returns, and includes every believer in between those two events as well.

Second, the universality of the Church is that *it believes the same thing*, having the same teaching. Truly, the very idea that the church is universal, united in the same faith, is implied by the previous attribute of its being *one*. If there is one church, then it is universal. If the church is universal, then it is one. But how can we confess this to be true as we look out at a plethora of various denominations? Let us consider this further.

The fact is that the Christian faith (in the pure Scriptural sense) has never changed over the ages, but has always been faith in the forgiveness of sins resulting from Christ's saving work. This is not an invention of Martin Luther, nor is it solely a New Testament truth. Peter preached, “To him [Christ] all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name” (Acts 10:43). Our Lord Himself, “Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad” (John 8:56). Paul proves justification by grace through faith without works from the Old Testament, calling all who believe the Gospel the children of Abraham (cf. Romans 4:1-12; Galatians 3:1-9, 29).

So we come to see that the universality and oneness of the Church is also invisible since the faith in Christ which saves is invisible. Yet, just as that invisible faith is quite real, so then is the oneness and the universality of the Church. All who have this faith, who believe the one Gospel, are members of the universal Church, a fellow believer who believes the one truth. True, some of these people hold to errors, but by a happy inconsistency they don't fully believe the false teaching and so remain in faith. (Of course the danger is that they will come to fully believe the false teaching and so lose true saving faith, which of course is the devil's purpose behind all false teaching and errors. This is why we must take false teaching so seriously.)

To conclude this month, you might have noticed that while the words *one* and *holy* are confessed in the creed, *universal* is not. However, unlike the word *invisible* which is a true attribute, but is not directly confessed, the universality of the Church is confessed, just using a different word. Originally, the word was *catholic*, which means “general, or universal.” However, since the 15<sup>th</sup> century, it became customary to translate “catholic” with “Christian.”<sup>1</sup> This is a fine translation, since Christ founded His one, universal Church, beginning with the promise of His coming in Eden. Even more, He is the foundation, yes, the very cornerstone

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<sup>1</sup> This is *before* the Reformation. Thus it was not Martin Luther who changed this, but followed the precedent.

upon which the one, universal Church is built (1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20).<sup>2</sup> A universal Church that each of us, by God's grace, are a member thereof!

In the name of the Lord of the Christian Church,

*Pastor Nerud*

### **Apologetics: Claims of 'Freshwater' Plesiosaurs Drowned by the Flood<sup>3</sup>**

A new discovery in Morocco's Saharan Desert has evolutionary scientists making claims that plesiosaurs lived in freshwater too.<sup>a</sup> Usually thought of as marine reptiles, plesiosaurs have been found on nearly every continent. Most are found within rock layers containing other marine organisms, but these were found in rocks with dinosaurs. Could the global Flood provide a better explanation?

Scientists from the University of Bath (UK), University of Portsmouth (UK), and the Université Hassan II in Morocco found bones of several small plesiosaurs scattered within the sandy beds of the Kem Kem Formation, a unit deposited as the Genesis Flood was nearing its peak.<sup>b</sup> This same layer also contains spinosaur dinosaurs, frogs, crocodiles, turtles, and coelacanth fish, making for a rather odd collection.<sup>c</sup>

Dr. Nick Longrich of the University of Bath and one of the co-authors added:

It's scrappy stuff, but isolated bones actually tell us a lot about ancient ecosystems and animals in them. They're so much more common than skeletons, they give you more information to work with. The bones and teeth were found scattered and in different localities, not as a skeleton. So each bone and each tooth is a different animal. We have over a dozen animals in this collection.<sup>c</sup>

Because the bones were found with dinosaurs, the evolutionary scientists claim that these plesiosaurs must have swam up freshwater rivers, similar to freshwater dolphins today.

"We don't really know why the plesiosaurs are in freshwater, added Longrich. "It's a bit controversial, but who's to say that because we paleontologists have always called them 'marine reptiles,' they had to live in the sea? Lots of marine lineages invaded freshwater."<sup>c</sup>

Could the presence of other marine fish, like coelacanths, in the same layers be a hint? Why do we see a mixing of apparently different environments and only scattered bones of these plesiosaurs?

Lead author of the study, Georgina Bunker, answered:

We don't really know, honestly. That's how paleontology works. People ask, how can [evolutionary] paleontologists know anything for certain about the lives of animals that went extinct millions of years ago? The reality is, we can't always. All we can do is make educated guesses based on the information we have. We'll find more fossils. Maybe they'll confirm those guesses. Maybe not. It's been really interesting to see the direction this project has gone in.<sup>c</sup>

At ICR we have a better explanation. Marine animals and non-marine animals are routinely found mixed together all over the globe by the Genesis Flood.<sup>d-f</sup> Coelacanth fish were found previously in this very same Kem Kem Formation with Spinosaurus bones, leaving the conventional scientists flabbergasted. They resorted to unsubstantiated claims that coelacanths lived as freshwater fish in the past.<sup>e</sup>

Today's coelacanths live about 500 feet below the ocean surface and not in freshwater rivers as evolutionary paleontologists have proposed. They dismiss the evidence from living specimens and insist that ancient coelacanths must have lived in freshwater simply because they are found in strata with dinosaurs. And now they are doing the same with these plesiosaur bones. Making similar baseless claims that plesiosaurs could live in freshwater too.

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<sup>2</sup> Of interest, though, is the fact that while the translations of the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds which we use in our worship services utilize the word *Christian*, the translation of the Athanasian Creed which we use has the older word, *catholic*. I would guess this was done so that we do not completely lose familiarity with the original wording.

<sup>3</sup> By Tim Clarey, Ph.D. <https://www.icr.org/article/13639>. Dr. Clarey is Research Scientist at the Institute for Creation Research and earned his doctorate in geology from Western Michigan University.

The research team was further amazed by the sheer numbers of carnivores in such close proximity in the same layer.<sup>c</sup> Samir Zouhri, one of the co-authors of the present study said, “This is another sensational discovery that adds to the many discoveries we have made in the Kem Kem over the past fifteen years of work in this region of Morocco. Kem Kem was truly an incredible biodiversity hotspot in the Cretaceous.”<sup>c</sup>

The global Flood would certainly have washed in marine animals within the massive tsunami-like waves that were crashing across the continents.<sup>b</sup> It would have placed a great diversity of animals together like a snowplow as the waves washed landward. Carnivores of all types would be entombed together in their catastrophic grave known as the Kem Kem Formation.

Freshwater plesiosaurs and freshwater coelacanths probably never existed. They were most likely marine animals all along. It was the Flood that brought these strange groups of animals together in death, a spectacle we see globally.<sup>d-f</sup> And a global phenomenon is best explained by a global event.

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### A Look at the Lutheran Confessions

*Last month we rightly confessed that we are to honor the saints as examples of God’s grace and a holy life, but we are not to call upon them in any way, for such is idolatry. In this month’s reading, we summarize our teachings as given in the Confession, declaring them to be right according to Scripture and in accordance with the ancient Church where it was faithful to Scripture.*

#### Augsburg Confession “A Summary Statement”<sup>4</sup>

This then is nearly a complete statement of our teaching. As can be seen, there is nothing that varies from the Scriptures,<sup>5</sup> or from the Church universal, or from the Church of Rome, as known from its writers.<sup>6</sup> Since this is the case, those who insist that our teachers are to be regarded as heretics are judging harshly. There is, however, disagreement on certain abuses that have crept into the Church without rightful authority. Even here, if there are some differences, the bishops should bear with us patiently because of the Confession we have just reviewed.<sup>7</sup> Even the Church’s canon law is not so severe that it demands the same rites everywhere. Nor, for that matter, have the rites of all churches ever been the same. Although, in large part, the ancient rites are diligently observed among us. It is a false and hate-filled charge that our churches have abolished all the ceremonies instituted in ancient times.<sup>8</sup> But the abuses connected with the ordinary rites have been a common source of complaint.<sup>9</sup> They have been corrected to some extent since they could not be approved with a good conscience.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>4</sup> From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*, Paul McCain, Ed. CPH, 2006

<sup>5</sup> The 66 books of the Bible which are the sole source and norm for all Christian teaching.

<sup>6</sup> Note here the proper distinction made between the Roman church, underneath the pope, with the Church universal (that is, *catholic*).

<sup>7</sup> That is, since our Confession is entirely in order with Scripture and the orthodox (right teaching) Church.

<sup>8</sup> This is a statement that Lutheran churches with “contemporary worship” fail to take seriously.

<sup>9</sup> These abuses and their corrections are addressed in Articles XXII-XXVIII.

<sup>10</sup> That is, a conscience informed by *God’s Word*.



## THANKSGIVING BAGS

We are called to care for our brothers and sisters as they have need. That call is year-round. As we approach the Thanksgiving season, our minds are especially thinking of the bounty God has poured upon us and we seek ways to express our gratitude for all these blessings.

We will be distributing 'Thanksgiving Bags' to some who are struggling with the basic needs. If you know someone, please contact Terri Hock right away. We also ask the congregation to help provide items for these bags. Some suggestions are listed below. Please bring your gifts no later than November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Suggestions for your donations: canned vegetables or fruit, cereals, mac'n cheese, soups or other quick cook items, condiments, canned meats, Kleenex, toilet paper, napkins, instant potatoes, salad dressings, baking items, snack items, etc. Any items that are pantry stable are good choices. Make sure the items you bring are ones you would like to use yourself. Place your gifts in the container next to the office door. Thank you for your help.

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## CHURCH WORK DAY

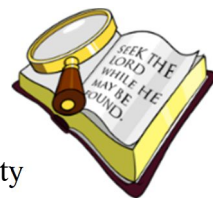
The Trustees have a Work Day scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 8am – 12 pm. Most of the work will be outside so dress appropriately. Many hands make light work. All are very appreciated.

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## GROWING IN THE WORD OF GOD

- Sunday morning Adult Bible class – 8:45am in the Fellowship Hall. The current study is the book of Colossians.
- Men's Bible Study – 7 pm the first Thursday of each month. The new study topic is; *Alien Intrusion*.
- Adult Instruction classes meet each Tuesday evening @ 7 pm. This is a great opportunity to review the teachings of God's Word.



## HOLIDAY SERVICES THIS MONTH

It's time to mark your calendar for the special services beginning this month. Wednesday, November 23 will be our Thanksgiving Eve worship service beginning at 7 pm. As our custom, our offering for this evening will be given to Cristo Rey to help in the added financial responsibility they have since losing support of \$10,000 from District.

The following Wednesday, November 30 will be the first of three Advent services followed by Advent service number 2 on Dec.

7<sup>th</sup> and Advent service number 3 on Dec. 14.

May these opportunities to gather in God's word be a priority to you and your families this holiday season.



St. John's LWML met October 13, 2022 @ 1 pm with 5 members present. President Liz Neumann opened the meeting in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

God's promise this month is from Deuteronomy 31:8 "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged.

Marilyn Woods read a devotion and led the Bible Study, 'Praying Prayer Like Jesus'.



The minutes from the September meeting were approved as read. The treasurer's report is as follows, September receipts: Mites \$158.84, Missions \$30, Operating \$10, Rally Registrations \$48. Bills paid: Mites \$133.84, CID operating \$50. Balance 10/11/22 – Missions \$264.14, Operating \$84.38.

There are 9 college students. Carolyn will continue looking for something to send to them. A Thrivent Action Plan will provide funding. We continue to stay in contact with the Confirmation students.

LWML Sunday will be October 16. Congregational members will receive a bookmark with a listing of LWML grants. A potluck dinner will follow using a new idea for setting up the tables. All are encouraged to share their hobbies or interests on a 'show 'n tell' table.

NEW BUSINESS: Liz checked with Pastor Weber on providing Bibles for Prisons. He cannot request them as he is a state employee, but he can accept what is offered. He suggested 'The Living Bible' as an appropriate version for prison use.

Current Officers will serve again in 2023. A discussion was held on meeting more often. Meetings for 2023 will be held in February, March, April, June, July, September, October and December.

The next meeting will be December 13 for a Christmas Party. The meeting closed with Mite Box Prayer #1.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Peterson

### DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

The holidays are rapidly approaching. Before we know it, we will celebrate Thanksgiving with Advent right on its heels.

Help is needed to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. We will meet together on Saturday, November 26 at 9:00 am. Our main focus will be to decorate the sanctuary. All ages are welcome.



We will be getting ready for our Christmas program this month. We need to know by November 20 if your child(ren) will be participating to be able to assign parts. Don't forgot that on November 26 when the church is decorated for Advent that all children (thru high school) are invited to come and help with decorating the tree in the Sunday School hallway.

Think back over the past week. Now work through this checklist:

- ☐ I identified an unchurched friend in my life.
- ☐ I prayed for God to bless my friend and open a door for His word in my friend's life.
- ☐ I intentionally showed an act of kindness and friendship to my friend this past week.
- ☐ I told this friend about how much Jesus means to me.
- ☐ I invited this friend to a Bible study at church and worship.



### WHAT MAKES for a CHEERFUL GIVER?

St. Paul wrote to Church of Christ in Corinth: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). God loves a cheerful giver. But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, he gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God's sight. Abraham was. By faith, he prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith,



David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel's God and they His people.

What more shall we say? For time would fail us to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything – yes, even His life – enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty, we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ, give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart for the joy set before us. It's the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.

***“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 is this? Simple giving in a way that makes an unbelievable difference in the Mission work of the church. Will you be involved? Watch for more information to come.



Plan to meet on our regular day November 20<sup>th</sup>, the third Sunday of the month. We have two events that we have been invited to attend.

1. Concordia's Youth group has invited us to join them for a Game Night at their church November 11 @ 6:00-7:30pm.
2. Youth Circuit Group is having a bonfire at Zion Lutheran Church in Taylor Ridge on November 13 @ 5:00pm.

Please let Sandy know if you are interested in attending either event so we can plan rides and food to take for bonfire.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

**Poinsettias will help to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. You do not have much time to sign up for one. The order needs to be turned in by Nov. 11 Please sign the sheet or call the office ASAP. Cost is approximately \$8/plant.**

Celebrate a special occasion with flowers given for a Sunday worship service. Sign the flower chart, found on the bulletin board next to the rest rooms. NOTE: Cost for flowers has increased to \$30. Put money in a yellow envelope (found by the chart). Fill in the date for the flowers along and occasion/memory and place envelope in the offering plate.



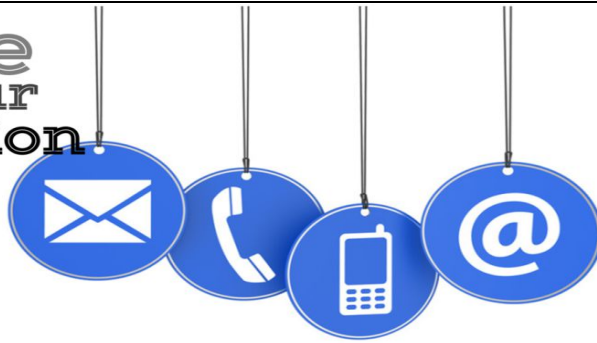
### MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

*Please note these changes in your Membership Directory.*

Marta Haughton, Dylan Slonecker, Maxx Hermann, Brooklynne Haughton – Removed, unable to contact  
Randy/Karen Rasmussen (winter address) 1624 Hwy 630 W. Lot P95, Frost Proof FL 33843

***I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.  
Ps 69:30***

# Update your Information



Please check the contact information, and that of all family members, in the directory copy found on the table next to the coat room. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Also, if you would like to make a change in contribution envelopes (either getting a box or no longer wanting them) please let Terri know. Both these items will be out during the month of November.

## *NOVEMBER Birthdays*

5 Erin Erickson  
5 Heidi Nerud  
5 Tim Wolfe  
7 Joyce DeFauw  
10 Jessi Ague



11 Wayne Winchell  
12 Teresa Firch  
15 Larry Kane  
16 Drew Schillinger  
18 Laney Esterlein

20 Kenneth Cullison  
21 Vivian Smith  
24 Cathy Langdon  
26 Janice Neeld  
27 Betty Firch

## *NOVEMBER Anniversaries*

11 Kurt/Kathy Gehn (2011)-11 yrs  
18 Dan/Roselyn Maeltzer (1978)-44 yrs  
24 Charles/April Johnson (2008) – 14 yrs



Happy Anniversary

## *NOVEMBER Baptisms*

1 Lisa Peterson  
7 Timothy Nerud  
8 Janelle Gibson  
10 Jill Wickwire  
12 Kurt Gehn  
13 James Dahl



13 Emerson Mitchell  
14 John Erdman  
19 Kristen Wolfe  
20 Erin Erickson  
24 Russell Blank Jr  
24 Fred Magerkurth

26 Alan Eastburn  
26 Cathy Langdon  
28 Katherine Wolfe  
29 Nancy Wickwire

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Our Infrequent Attendees** –pray the Holy Spirit bring them to understand their need to be in regular worship in church and we as brothers and sisters in Christ would reach out to them.

**Our LWML Chapter**– that God would continue to bless their work.

**Sunday school** – pray the Holy Spirit would direct and guide the students to a better understanding of God's love and mercy in Jesus Christ and that all parents would be diligent in bringing their children each Sunday.

**Youth** – pray the Holy Spirit would provide the means to work with our youth to keep them faithful to their confirmation promises. Bless and increase their numbers.

**Elderly/Homebound** - pray that this congregation would continually remember our Elderly and Shut-ins and minister to their special needs.

**Confirmation Students** – pray that they will be eager to study, learn and grow in the teachings of the Lutheran church and their faith. May they see this is the beginning of a life lived for Jesus.



## REMEMBERING THOSE IN NEED!

**ST. JOHN'S FAMILY**—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body. We pray that You would show mercy these members of St. John's:

Elizabeth Bjork

Paula Chapa

Jim Dahl

Lois Esterlein

**Betty Firch**  
**Arlyn Helke**  
**Don Eggers** (son of friend of Marilyn Woods)  
**Jon/Anita Clausing** (missionaries in Kenya)  
**Virginia Miller** (mother of Jamie Werling)  
**Laurie Sanford** (sister of Jan Dahl)

**Lynne Johnson**  
**Drew Schillinger**

**Carolyn Werner**  
**Marilyn Woods**  
**Jodie Martin** (daughter of Gary/Darla Johns)  
**Marilyn Potts** (wife of Cal Potts, former LFC)  
**Rev. Justin Kane** (son of Sandra Kane)

*(Please remember to call the church office if you are needing prayer. Also let us know when we can remove your name because your health has improved and you are living a regular life. We love to give thanks to God for His healing just as we send Him our requests.)*

**MILITARY** – We pray for those serving in our military and their families:

**Mandy/Richard Davila** (daughter/husband of Linda Aper) **Luke/Nicole Thompson** (son/wife of Joh/Kindra Thompson)  
**Ken Willeford** (husband of Alicia Willeford) **Karl Flynn** (son of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)  
**Casey Powers Jr.** (step son of Lisa Powers) **Brittany Loenser** (daughter of Gabe Loenser)  
**Zachary/Tiffany Gardner** (nephew/wife of Lois Esterlein)



- Please call the office or Pastor when someone is ill, hospitalized, or homebound or you desire private communion.
- Please use this email to contact the office: [churchoffice@stjohnsgeneseo.org](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnsgeneseo.org)
- Website address – [www.stjohnsgeneseo.org](http://www.stjohnsgeneseo.org)
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St.Johns.Geneseo/>
- All Sunday services are 'Live' streamed at 10am and posted to our church website the following day.

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### ***ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT***

The ladies of Concordia LWML - Geneseo are hosting an Advent by Candlelight event on Saturday, November 20, 2022 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. "A Journey to the Nativity" will be held in Concordia's fellowship hall. This is a quiet and reflective evening for adults and we welcome the ladies of your congregation to come and prepare for the Advent season with the Word, music, fellowship and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$5 and can be reserved by November 12th by calling Kathy at (815) 872-6851 or email [wkkramer76@gmail.com](mailto:wkkramer76@gmail.com).



### **News You Can Use** **October 2022**

*"For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ." 1 Cor 12:12*

#### **The Joy of Being One Body**

As I talk with people in many ministries within our District, there is one typical comment: "It is great to be back together", whether talking about church services, sporting events, family gatherings, or congregational activities. God has created us to be in communities, to come together and celebrate life. As we continue to come out of the fog of COVID, our lives are returning to "normal". Within God's design, we are people that need to be together.



Maybe the blessing is that we learned that we need to be together. As our churches are returning to pre-COVID activities, some individuals have not returned or have limited their church activity. As we look around our church family, we should ask who is missing? We are one Body with Christ, but that body is missing a few parts. Some individuals may have gotten out of the “habit” of attending church. Some individuals have lost the “need” to go to church.

How do we help them get back to church? We should pray for those that are not attending church. If we know them, we should reach out and tell them that they are missed. Check with them to see if there is a situation in their life that is preventing them from being part of the church family.

As Christians, we receive many blessings within our worship services. We hear and learn about the Word of God, confess our sins, and receive forgiveness for those sins. Let us join to celebrate the benefits and the joy of being together in God’s house.

Trip Rodgers –

CID office

### **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 connect with us on Facebook and Instagram -- **Central Illinois District-LCMS**

### ***ITEMS OF INTEREST TO SHARE***

#### **CID BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEW REPORT 09/27/22**

Pastor Mark Eddy welcomed all elected members of the CID Board of Directors. Those who were not present at the 2022 District Convention were installed by President Mohr. Along with his report, President Mohr also gave an opening statement conserving the tradition of theming his service as District President with a Scripture Passage: “Let it be to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). He also gave thanksgiving to the District Staff and his predecessors in the office of District President.

CID 2023 Synodical Convention cost was set at \$2.85 per communicant member. Guidelines & Resources for Ministries Receiving CID Mission Funding were approved. Dollars For Mission funding procedures were approved so that congregations could begin making requests for DFM. CID 2022 Convention Proceedings were approved. The seven District Commission Committees were filled. Administrative Assistant Mr. Trip Rodgers was reappointed for the next three years.

The Next CID Board of Directors meeting was set for Nov. 29, 2022 at 9 am.

### **Fall CID Junior High Youth Event**

We're changing things up this year for the Jr. High Event! Join us on Saturday, November 12 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Decatur, IL) from 9:30a-4:30p for a day of service, music, time in the Word, and fun, including inflatables, nerf war, games, and food! Pizza lunch will be provided!

The cost is \$20.00 per person (includes lunch and T-shirt) Non -members can be invited by your students to attend for free. Their cost will be covered by our Church Extension Fund.

Use the link below to register by October 21st! <https://cidyouth.weebly.com/>

### **A Dollar for Missions (DFM)**

December 1, 2022 is the deadline by which congregations or groups of congregations can propose projects for CID “Dollar for Missions” funding during 2023. For further information, contact Ken

Schurb, [kschurb@cidlcms.org](mailto:kschurb@cidlcms.org) CID urges congregations to begin gathering DFM funds in January, 2023. See [www.cidlcms.org/ministry-stewardship.html](http://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-stewardship.html)

### **Small Church Summit:**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Farmersville, Illinois, invites members of small churches in the Central and Southern Illinois Districts to the second “Small Church Summit” on the day after Epiphany, Saturday, January 7, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (“Snow date” is Jan. 14.) This free event is open to all. It will work best for your church to send your pastor and one to three laypeople. See CID-GatePost for additional information.

## **PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS AS WE AGE**

FREE Half Day Program

Saturday, November 12, 2022

Registration, Coffee and Snacks 8:00 to 8:30

Trinity Lutheran Church, 1201 West Jackson St, Auburn, IL

### **ESTATE PLANNING**

Estate planning is an essential part of protecting your assets for the people and ministries you care about. However, many of us postpone creating (or updating) a plan. We want to bless you with this opportunity to learn about your options, and make decisions to pass on your values AND your valuables, and start planning for your future.

### **LIVING WILL**

You will have an opportunity to create a Christian Living Will and discuss practical issues you may face toward the end of life.

### **FUNERALS, PLOTS, AND HEADSTONES**

You will learn some practical steps to make planning easier for those you leave behind.

### **GOING GRACEFULLY**

The Bible says there is a “time to live and a time to die”. As a Christian, how do we face this universal fact of life?

**Please pre-register so we can provide adequate materials. Text or phone 217-652-7013**



*Oh give thanks to the  
LORD; call upon his  
name; make known  
his deeds among the  
peoples!*

*1 Chronicles 16: 8*



# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church—Geneseo IL

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>ELDER</b> <b>Carl Freeman</b>		1 Adult Instruction 6:30 pm	2 Confirmation 5 pm	3 Elders 6 pm Men's Bible Study 7 pm	4	5  <b>8:30 am—12:pm</b>
6 SS/Adult/Youth Bible Study 8:45am Worship/Comm 10 am	7 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	8 Council 6:30 pm	9 Confirmation 5 pm	10 Adult Instruction 6:30 pm	11	12
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20 SS/Adult/Youth Bible Study 8:45am Worship/Comm 10 am Youth Group 11:30am	21 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	22 SS Teachers' 6:30 pm Adult Instruction 6:30 pm	23 Confirmation 5 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 pm	24 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <i>HAPPY</i> <i>THANKSGIVING</i>	25 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	26 <b>9-11 am</b>  <b>DECORATE</b> <i>the Church</i>
27 SS/Adult/Youth Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10 am	28 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	29 Adult Instruction 6:30 pm	30 Confirmation 5 pm Advent Service 7 pm			



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*I will praise him  
in every season.  
Psalm 146:2*

Sunday school/Adult & Youth Bible Class  
8:45am

WORSHIP SERVICES 10 am  
(Holy Communion -1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

Live Streaming each week on Facebook

Thanksgiving Eve Worship – Nov. 23 @ 7 pm

Advent Worship #1 – Nov. 30 @ 7 pm

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!**