

ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

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BUILT ON CHRIST OUR CORNERSTONE

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From the Pastor:

This letter was sent to the congregations of our district with the request that we bring these facts and increasing difficulties before the members of our congregations. To honor their request and put out this important information I have included their letter in place of my Pastor's Article this month. No doubt, as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, it is necessary to remember that one major reason we have been blessed by God is so that we can be a blessing to others, something that our congregation's giving to district plays an important part in. In Christ, Pastor Nerud

Our congregation is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and its Central Illinois District (CID). This membership is not absolutely necessary. Churches agreeing in the Lutheran confession of Christ, based on Scripture, should recognize church fellowship with each other. Yet they need not form an organization. Our congregation joined the Missouri Synod to do things with others better than we could do them on our own.

Like what? *On behalf of its congregations*, the Synod carries out far-flung mission programs, trains pastors and other church workers, and provides supervision and advice for them. Our District President and Education Executive play key roles in the latter. CID also operates a mission program that includes prospective church starts, ministry in Spanish, campus ministry on four state university campuses, a multi-point deaf ministry, and ministry in several prisons. All of this does what individual churches cannot do by themselves.

Synod and District directly serve congregations too. The Synod develops resources in evangelism, stewardship, youth, church revitalization, and more. Its school ministry office coordinates the largest non-Roman Catholic network of parochial schools in the U.S. CID's Education Executive provides help to our schools. The District also assists churches in congregational life, evangelism, stewardship, and human care. Both District and Synod offer *services to congregations*.

Both do so even though support has diminished. In the year 2000, congregations sent \$2.32 million to CID, which forwarded much of this money on to the Synod. In 2023, CID received \$1.55 million from its member churches. The District is prepared to draw on its savings to make up possibly as much as \$224,000 in contribution shortfall in 2024, but it cannot maintain this practice very long.

Administrative belt-tightening continues at the District level. CID is getting set to move during 2025 from 2 full-time programmatic executives on the payroll to more like 1.5. Even so, possibly major cutbacks in actual

mission outreach at the District level may also be necessary if CID is to keep on sending 30% of contributions received from congregations to the national Synod.

These are hard realities that every CID congregation should understand and contemplate as it establishes its budget for next year. For more, see

<https://www.cidlms.org/resources/stewardship/WorkingTogetherForChrist.pdf>

Through the Synod and its Central Illinois District, there is help for our congregation to remain a faithful church in which to receive salvation from the Lord via His Gospel and Sacraments. And through the Synod and District, our congregation joins with others to reach out further with the Good News of Christ Jesus.

APOLOGETICS: Plant breeding is not evolution¹ Plant claims hard to digest

A reader named Vanya had an interesting question regarding claims that evolutionists make that once inedible foods ‘evolved’ to become edible. She wrote:

Recently, I’ve come across several articles on plant evolution that report how many modern crops we consume today were once inedible grass in the past, and that they were “evolved” through genetic mutation and artificial selection to produce the edible foodstuffs.

While I don’t believe that any of these claims support the theory of evolution, I’ve also seen people use these reports to attack creation, because, apparently, the original world could not have been “very good” if man is forced to rely on these “lucky” mutations to obtain the staples they need to survive.

I’m not sure how to respond to this, so I’d really appreciate your help on this. Thank you very much, and God bless your ministry.

Agricultural scientist and CEO of CMI-Australia, [Dr Don Batten](#), responded:

Dear Vanya,

When God originally created everything, He proclaimed it “very good”. However, it did not stay that way for long. Following the sin of Adam and Eve, God said that they would struggle to survive (“... cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread [food]”, [Genesis 3:17–19](#)). So, from a biblical perspective, the food available after the Fall was indeed deficient/difficult. There could be various aspects to this, such as: ‘easy’ foods no longer being available, the staples would produce less nutritious food, the soil would not be as productive, and that pests and diseases would make it difficult.

I have no problem with the concept that mankind has selected and developed various crop foods to make them nicer to eat, or easier to cultivate (but sometimes not as nutritious/healthy!). This has nothing to do with ‘Evolution’, as there is no evidence that the processes involved the natural addition of new genetic information to the species involved (mutations are the only game in town for the evolutionist to achieve this and they are clearly not up to the job; see [Mutations Questions and Answers](#)). The natural processes of mutation and natural (or artificial) selection do not add new biochemical pathways to living things.

However, sometimes I believe that the story of crop development is embellished, possibly to make the profession of plant breeding look more impressive. For example, a ‘wild’ form of a crop found today is held up as being like that which gave rise to what we cultivate today. This might or might not be the case, but it could be a form that degenerated from an earlier type that was more like the varieties of today (I am not questioning that it has been developed, just the degree of development sometimes claimed. Indeed, with some of the claims it is difficult to see how people could ever have seen any potential in trying to select from the degenerate forms claimed to be ancestral).

¹ <https://creation.com/crop-breeding-not-evolution>. Underlined texts are links in the online article.

There is a brief discussion of this matter in reference to evolution here: [Science, Creation and Evolutionism](#).

Every blessing,
[Don Batten](#)

A LOOK at the LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

This month we continued our reading of Article XXVIII, Church Authority, confessing the Scriptural truth that any traditions which go against the Gospel are wrong. They are both warned against and condemned by Holy Scripture.

Augsburg Confession Article XXVIII: Church Authority, 39-49²

Those who establish such traditions³ are acting contrary to God's command when they locate sin in foods, days, and similar things. They burden the Church with bondage to the Law, as if there needs to be something similar to the services commanded in Leviticus [chapters 1-7]⁴ in order to merit justification.⁵ They say that Christ has committed the arrangement of such services to the apostle and bishops. They have written about the Law of Moses in such a way that the popes have been misled to some degree. This is how they have burdened the Church, by making it a mortal sin⁶—even if nobody else is offended—to do manual labor on holy days, or to skip the canonical hours,⁷ or that certain foods dirty the conscience, or that fasting is a work that appeases God. Or they say that, in a reserved case, sin can only be forgiven by the person who reserved the case, even though canon law speaks only of reserving the ecclesiastical penalty, not the guilt.

Who has given the bishops the right to lay these traditions on the Church, by which they snare consciences? In Acts 15:10, Peter forbids us from putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples, and Paul says in 2 Corinthians 13:10 that the authority given to him was for edification, not for destruction. Why do the adversaries increase sins with their traditions?

There are clear testimonies that forbid creating traditions in such a way as to suggest that they merit grace or are necessary to salvation. Paul says in Colossians 2:16, "Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath." And later:

If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—'Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch' (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? These have indeed an appearance of wisdom. (Colossian 2:20-23)

Also in Titus 1:14 he openly forbids traditions with these words: "not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth."

In Matthew 15:14, Christ says of those who require traditions, "Let them alone; they are blind guides." In verse 13 He rejects such services: "Every plant that My heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up."

² From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*, Paul McCain, Ed. CPH, 2006. Due to the length of this Article, it is being broken into smaller sections.

³ That is, those that go against the Gospel by supposedly meriting grace or the forgiveness of sins.

⁴ That is Old Testament ceremonial law.

⁵ Justification is God's declaration that we are not guilty of our sins. God's Word says we are justified because Christ has paid for our sins on the cross, a gift received by faith alone. The Roman theologians taught that justification is not by God's grace alone in Christ alone, received by faith alone, but something we help earn, such as through these traditions.

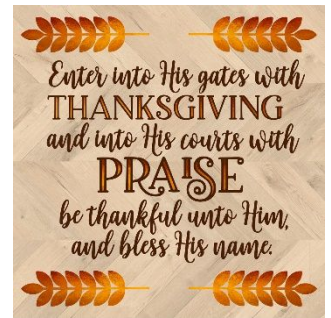
⁶ A mortal sin is one that damns you.

⁷ The seven hours of daily prayer prescribed for members of religious orders (e.g. monks).

If bishops have the right to burden churches with infinite traditions, and to snare consciences, why does Scripture so often forbid making and listening to traditions? Why does it call them “teachings of demons” (1 Timothy 4:1)? Did the Holy Spirit warn of these things in vain?

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

It is a privilege and blessing being in the House of the Lord to hear His Word, receive His Sacraments and joyfully praise and worship Him. We are truly a blessed people. You are invited to join in a service of praise and thanksgiving Wednesday, November 27th at 7 pm. Join with your Christian brothers and sisters thanking God for His bountiful blessing poured over us each day. Bring friends and other family with you to thank the Almighty God of Heaven and Earth.



DECK THE HALLS



Your help is needed to decorate the sanctuary and church building for the season of Advent and Christmas. We will meet together on Saturday, November 30 at 9 am. Many hands working together makes the work lighter and quicker. We also have a lot of fun. We look forward to seeing you.

Stewardship/Evangelism

OFFICE INFORMATIONS



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
 - Website address – 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.
 - **All newsletter articles need to be into the office no later than the 15th of each month.**
 - **Bulletin announcements must be to Terri by Wednesday morning each week.**
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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11 Kurt/Kathy Gehn (2011) - 13 yrs
18 Dan/Roselyn Maeltzer (1978) - 46 yrs



24 Charles/April Johnson (2008) – 16 yrs

NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

1 Gracelyn Kulpa
4 Cheryl Loenser
4 Barb Miller
11 Alec Davila
11 Robert Wolfe

14 Jason Dahl
14 Cassandra Kulpa (Fern)
16 Tim Wolfe
19 Jessi Ague
19 Rachael Himmelman



22 Jacob Johnson
23 Carl Freeman
23 Madison Winchell
24 Gary Post
31 Nicole Werling

5 Heidi Nerud
5 Tim Wolfe
7 Joyce DeFauw
10 Jessi Ague
11 Wayne Winchell



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12 Teresa Firch
15 Larry Kane
16 Drew Schillinger
18 Laney Esterlein
20 Kenneth Cullison

21 Vivian Smith
26 Janice Neeld
27 Betty Firch



A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS

The current Dollar for Missions project is for replacement of furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb, which is expected to cost some \$25,000. The Student Center was built 55 years ago. Equipment replacement like this is important so the Gospel can continue to be proclaimed and students can go on being reached there for years into the future. For more information visit <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-project.html>. **(Thank you to those at St. John's who consistently support the work of Missions on the District and Synodical level. You are a blessing!)**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



Currently, there are two opportunities you can help those in need. Stewardship/Evangelism is collecting pantry items to make Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Any non-perishable food or pantry items are requested. The youth is also gathering canned fruits, vegetables, hats, gloves/mittens and socks. All items are to be brought to the church by November 10th. Monetary gifts are also welcomed. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

The consequences of shallow thankfulness

Can you imagine a Thanksgiving dinner without turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and pumpkin pie? I know I can't! To not have these on the menu, or worse, to run out of them with the family around the table, would be a culinary sin of epic proportions. An attempt to serve bratwurst and hamburgers in place of the standard fare would ring hollow and seem totally inappropriate and out of place. It isn't that the food would be bad; brats and burgers are pretty tasty. But not for Thanksgiving — they just don't go together!

This month, as we continue to walk through the stewardship hymn, "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (LSB 788), we turn our attention to verse three. Here, William Watkins Reid, Sr., the man who penned this text, draws attention to some things that do not go along with faithful, thankful stewardship.



Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise ...

We see this often with small children. They greedily snatch the candy out of a grandparent's hand, savagely destroy the wrapper, and attempt to stuff the entire delicacy in their mouth in one bite, only to have a parent say, "Tell grandma thank you." This is followed by the pro forma thanks that is uttered between chocolate chews. It isn't really thankfulness; it is simply checking a box to keep mom or dad off their backs.

We never really outgrow this either. Our shallow thankfulness takes the form of feigned humility when praise is being offered. We are thankful that our admirers noticed and called us out: "Look at me! Aren't I special?" No thought at all is given to the fact that the Lord was the One who gave us the ability and opportunity for accomplishment. Our false blush is really only masking our selfish, credit-seeking gain. Once again, we find ourselves idolatrously thanking ourselves.

For words that speak at variance with deeds ...

What carries more weight: words or action? The steward who gives voice to the Gospel in the Divine Service but then lives like a pagan in the world does great damage, not only to others but to the Gospel itself! This is the consequence of failed stewardship. It is idolatry that separates the steward from the Lord.

Worse yet, it also impacts others negatively. When the failed steward is the reference point outside the Christian community, there are those who want no part of being Christian or following the Christ they claim. We see this play out in the impact of overt political activity among Christians based on governing policy as opposed to fidelity to the Word of God. When our lips and our lives are out of sync, like what used to happen with old movie projectors, the impact isn't funny — it obscures the Gospel!

*Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways
unmindful of a broken brother's need ...*

Our creature comforts often become an obstacle to faithful stewardship. This is true of both individual and corporate stewardship. Financial stewardship is often limited by our desire to be comfortable and have the latest toys and gadgets. Congregational stewardship is often limited by the desire to focus on what is best for the congregation as opposed to how resources might be best stewarded to reach the community with the Gospel.

When we see someone in need, or broken by the world, we often look at them as freeloaders. We admonish them to get a job. We insist that they learn our language, learn our customs, and make them their own. But this gets in the way of seeing every human being the way that Jesus sees them. Remember, that broken person is one for whom Jesus went to the cross to die and rise. When we are unmindful of these needs, our shallow thankfulness also stands in the way of the Gospel.

This stanza reminds us of the challenge we face. Our hearts are master idol-makers. Our shallow thankfulness threatens our souls and hinders others from seeing Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Stewardship is serious business. It is a task for which we were created. In our sinful failings, we are never relieved of these duties. In our Baptism, we are restored to be stewards of the Gospel. Our faithful stewardship is all about that Gospel.

Forgive us when our thanks are shallow, O Lord! In this month of Thanksgiving, grant us the grace to offer heaping helpings of this stewardship so that others may see Jesus!

PRAYER GROUP (CHAIN)



All are invited to participate either by becoming an email prayer warrior or asking for prayers. Prayer warriors receive requested prayers from the Pastor via email which then can be used as they pray throughout the day. Those desiring prayers can make a request to the Pastor. This is a blessing to those requesting prayers and those praying for our brothers/sisters in need of prayers.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Freeman and children – transferred membership to Concordia Lutheran Church, Geneseo IL

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	Betty Firch	Jessica Johnson	Linda Lundquist
Paula Chapa	Arlyn Helke	Aaron Raschke	Marilyn Woods
Joyce DeFauw	Lynne Johnson	Drew Schillinger	Carolyn Wildermuth
Dawn Daebelliehn			
Brandon & Shaeli Streeks & family (Adopted Seminarian)		Jon/Anita Clausing (missionaries in Kenya)	
Don Eggers (son of friend of Marilyn Woods)		Marty Cavato (cousin of Mary Jo Gehn)	
Jodie Martin (daughter of Gary/Darla Johns)		Ron Powell (friend of Brad Gehn)	
Shandel Loenser		Ellen Bauer (grandmother of Joel Werling)	
Don Lutz (husband of an LWML friend of Liz Neumann)		Gary Kilstom (friend of Brad Gehn)	
Justin Rittenhouse (grandson of John/Nancy Wickwire)		Paul Werner (brother of Dan Werner)	
Carol Eggers (friend of Marilyn Woods)		Kenneth Cullison (son of Kevin/Stacie Rahn)	

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/son-in-law of Linda Aper)	Casey Powers Jr. (step son of Lisa Powers)
Luke/Nicole Thompson (son/daughter-in-law of John/Kindra Thompson)	Brittany Loenser (daughter of Gabe Loenser)
Karl Flynn (son of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)	Rylie Hallendorff (grand-daughter of Carolyn & Dan Werner)



NEWS YOU CAN USE!
October 2024

Habakkuk 3:17-19a

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength.

Habakkuk lived in a tumultuous time. Many people had fears about the future of Israel and Judah. Habakkuk was called by God to encourage the people and to direct them to our Lord and Savior. His hope and joy were not based on possessions and worldly wealth but upon God's mercy and strength.

We are now entering a season of thanksgiving, hope, and joy. Sadly, for many people this season is one of emotional and economic stress. If that is the case with us, we would do well to hear God's words through Habakkuk.

Our hope and joy are not found in feasts, decorations, and gifts. These things bring short-lived pleasure. We find true joy and hope in Christ regardless of our financial situation, personal losses, national and world problems, health issues, or family difficulties. Even if we must sit alone at an empty table on Thanksgiving or celebrate Christmas without loved ones, we still have hope and joy. For the Lord gives us strength to face and overcome any trial.

This Thanksgiving and Christmas, let us rejoice that our loving Lord is with us and will never forsake us. Then no matter what else happens, we can have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Rev. Jeff Harter

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District. Our Lord Jesus said, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest." This month, please thank God for the outreach of the Gospel in Spanish at St. John's Lutheran Church, Beardstown. Pray for Pastor Pablo Dominguez, who travels to Beardstown from East Moline twice a month.

Items of Interest to Share

Witnessing HELPS the CID has released a series of videos on key witnessing skills: • Beginning a spiritual conversation • Listening discerningly to a nonchurched person • Making a simple statement of the Gospel • Defending the Resurrection. Visit the CID Website for current information. <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-witness-ministry.html>

**Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty
Springfield Circuit Fall Gathering
October 26, 2024 9am- 2pm**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church
120 W Monroe St, Petersburg, IL**

**SAVE THE DATE: MARCH FOR LIFE – ILLINOIS
Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

As last year, Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Springfield (across the street from the State Capitol building) will host a Matins service in the morning before the rally and march, and a light lunch will be provided at a nominal cost. Precise times are being determined. Again this year, parking will be available to you downtown at the State House Inn, a block north of the capitol and near Trinity. However, please make plans now to carpool whenever possible.

2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

Looking for information: Ways to Connect

- CID Lutheran Youth Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/249327678480252>) – Find the latest district updates and information LCMS Youth Ministry Facebook Group – Lots of Gathering content and collaboration, but all things youth ministry too!
- End Goals: LCMS Youth Ministry Podcast <https://www.kfuo.org/category/lcms-youth-ministry-end-goals/> All things youth ministry and some great episodes on the Gathering! Be sure to check out www.lcmsgathering.com under the Resources tab for tons of information, worksheets, budgeting sheets, etc.

The Camp CILCA Lowdown

November, 2024

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SAVE THE DATE:

❖ *Summer Camp registration opens: November 1*

- In celebration of CILCA's 75th anniversary, all program sessions for summer 2025 will be available for \$75 if you register before April 1.

❖ ***Act Like Men Field Training: November 2, 6:30-7:15am***

- A brisk hike for men through the 235 acres of Camp CILCA. No cost. Meet at the pine trees by the entrance.

❖ ***Work Day: November 2, 8:30-11:30am***

- Raking leaves, closing down cabins, and revamping the Dining Hall kitchen awning are all on the docket. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

❖ ***Young Adult Game Night: November 9***

- Camp CILCA is hosting a game night for young adults (21+). There is no cost, just bring a friend, any games you want to play, snacks or sides to share. 3-6pm.

❖ ***Women's Scrapbook Retreat: November 15-17***

- Cost is \$90 for your shared room and meals. (Private rooms are available upon request for \$120.) Register at cilca.org/womens-scrapbooking-retreat

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

2025 marks 75 years of outdoor ministry! To celebrate this blessed anniversary, Camp CILCA will be offering every week of camp to all campers for just **\$75!** Registration will open November 1, so sign up early to secure your spot.



SUMMER PROGRAMS 2025

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.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PRICING

In celebration of CILCA's 75th anniversary, all program sessions for summer 2025 will be available for \$75 if you register before April 1st. All registrations made after April 1st will cost \$100.

JOYFUL HEARTS

Camper of all ages with developmental disabilities experience the joys of the outdoors during a 4- or 2-night stay.

~~\$360~~ / ~~*\$180~~ \$75*

- Full Week: June 8-12
- Half Week: June 8-10* or 10-12*

BOLD SPIRITS

4th- thru 6th-grade campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. ~~\$375~~ \$75*

- Session I: June 1-6
- Session II: July 13-18

DAUNTLESS SOULS

6th- thru 8th-grade campers gather for a screen-free week of life-changing outdoor adventure. ~~\$375~~ \$75*

- Session I: June 15-20
- Session II: July 6-11

DAY CAMP

Grades 1st-8th come for the day Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. A daily lunch is provided. ~~\$150/week~~. ~~\$75*/week~~

- Session: Every week May 28-August 1

WE NEED YOU!

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

- Joyful Hearts Volunteer - June 8-12
- J.C. Training - May 27

GENERATIONS

Camper age 4 thru 4th grade are introduced to camp with a 1-night stay with a parent or other adult.

\$75 per person

- Session I: June 20-21
- Session II: July 18-19

AQUA WEEK

4th- thru 6th-grade water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. ~~\$375~~ \$75*

- Session: July 13-18

SURVIVAL WEEK

Grades 6-8 learn fire starting, outdoor cooking, shelter building, sleeping under the stars, and more. Each day will teach and develop a new skill useful to surviving outdoors. ~~\$375~~ \$75*

- Session: June 22-27

INTREPID HEARTS

High school students enjoy the rejuvenation of God's creation through a week or half week of camp. ~~\$375/\$180*~~ (half) \$75*

- Full Week: June 29-July 4
- Half Week: June 29-July 1 or 2-4*

PATHFINDERS

1st- thru 4th-grade campers break out on their own with a 2- or 3-night stay. ~~\$155~~ / ~~*\$180~~ \$75*

- Session I: May 28-30
- Session II: July 23-25
- Session III: July 27-30*

NIGHT OWL

6th- thru 8th-graders experience camp while staying up all night and sleeping all day. Enough said! ~~\$375~~ \$75*

- Session: July 6-11

ART, DRAMA, & ATHLETICS

5th- thru 8th-grade campers choose one track—Art, Drama, or Athletics—for the week & are led by experienced instructors. ~~\$375~~ \$75*

- Session: June 15-20

FAMILY CAMP

Parents and children of any age are able to enjoy 3 days and 2 nights at camp with their family. ~~\$400~~ for up to 5 family members + \$80 for each additional person. ~~\$375~~ +\$75

- Session: July 20-22

REGISTER TODAY!

Find in-depth details on each camp & register on our website!

Ages based on grade completed.

WWW.CILCA.ORG





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November 2024

ELDER: Preston Smith

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>... "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Acts 1:11</i></p>					1	2
<p>3 SS/Adult/Youth Bible Study 8:45am Worship/Comm 10 am Elders' 11:30 am</p>	<p>4 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	5	6	7	8	9
<p>10 SS/Adult/Youth Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10 am DeFauw event 12 pm</p>	<p>11 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>12 Council 6 pm</p>	13	14	15	16
<p>17 SS/Adult/Youth Bible Study 8:45am Worship/Comm 10 am Youth 11:30 am</p>	<p>18 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>19 Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm</p>	20	21	22	23
<p>24 SS/Adult/Youth Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10 am</p>	<p>25 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	26	<p>27 Worship 7 pm</p>	<p>28 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>29 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>30 <i>Deck the Halls 9:00 am</i></p>



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

WORSHIP SERVICES 10 am
(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd Sundays)

Live Streaming each week on Facebook

