



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4107 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Moline, IL 61265  
(309) 764-9720

[holycrosslutheran@mchsi.com](mailto:holycrosslutheran@mchsi.com)

## THE ILLUMINATOR

### The Holy Cross Lutheran Church Newsletter

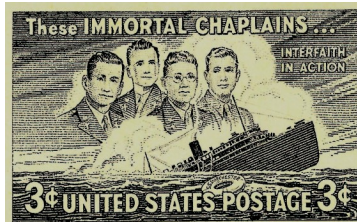
---

#### *Pastor's Newsletter Article for April 2025*

## HOW IS JESUS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD?

Lenten and Holy Week blessings, dear sisters and brothers in Christ!

In the midst of the chaos and terror of World War II, a story of selfless sacrifice emerged. On February 3, 1943, the U.S. Army transport ship *Dorchester* was torpedoed by a German U-boat (*submarine*). As the ship sank, four chaplains worked tirelessly to calm the panicked soldiers,



guiding them to safety and distributing life jackets. When the supply of life jackets ran out, these four men gave their own to others, linking arms and praying as the ship went down. Their ultimate act of love, giving their lives so that others might live, stands as a testament to their faith active in love for others. Their selfless deed was even memorialized on a US postage stamp! These chaplains, in their final moments, mirrored the very essence of Christ's sacrifice. These heroic chaplains

sacrificed their lives so that others were spared. These chaplains were lifesavers in the sense that they substituted their own lives for the lives of others.

We refer to Jesus as a lifesaver. Jesus saved our lives and the lives of every single human being. Just as those four chaplains offered the ultimate sacrifice, We Christians understand Jesus as the ultimate Lifesaver. He didn't merely rescue us from a sinking ship, but from something far greater: **The weight of sin and the separation from God.** This is an amazing claim, isn't it? How could one person's life have such a all-encompassing impact on all of humanity? The answer lies in Jesus' role as our **SUBSTITUTE**.

The Bible paints a clear picture of God's perfect holiness, righteousness, and justice. We, on the other hand, fall far short of God's ideal. As the apostle Paul reminds us: ***"None is righteous, no, not one...All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one who does good, not even one"*** (Romans 3:10, 12). This reveals the depth of our need for a Savior. We are, by our very nature, separated from God by our imperfections. We are unable to close that gap by ourselves.

Our sinful nature creates a separation between us and God, who is perfectly holy. Left to our own devices, this separation would mean we could not dwell in God's presence for eternity. As Romans 6:23 reminds us, ***"The wages of sin is death."*** Without intervention, this separation leads to a destiny of eternal separation from God in eternal torment (*Matthew 13:49, 50*). This is a sobering reality, a weighty reminder of the depth of our need for God's grace. But this isn't the end of the story. It's precisely because of this separation that Jesus' sacrifice becomes so intensely meaningful. He came to bridge this gap, to offer us a path to reconciliation with God, and to offer us eternal life in his presence.

God intervened! We have a lifesaver! We have a **SUBSTITUTE!** In unimaginable love, God the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to save us from death and hell. As true God and true man, Jesus lived a holy and sinless life in our place. Jesus **substituted** his holiness for our lack of holiness, so that because of Jesus, God counts us completely holy!

In an act of breathtaking humility and boundless love, Jesus stepped into our place. On the cross, he endured the agony of separation from God the Father—a separation we deserved. He bore the weight of our sins, the very punishment that should have been ours. In this profound act of substitution, God placed Jesus under the sentence of death, reconciling us to the Father, and offering eternal life.

And then, in a glorious display of divine power, Jesus rose victoriously from the dead! This resurrection is the ultimate proof that he fully accomplished our salvation. Through his perfect life and his sacrificial death, he triumphed over sin, death, and hell, rescuing the world from their grasp. He is the Savior, the risen Lord, who offers us not only forgiveness but also the assurance of eternal life.

Placing your trust in Jesus, your Savior, your **SUBSTITUTE**, means that all these eternal blessings are yours! Embrace his gift of forgiveness, and experience the joy of a life lived in his grace. As Lutheran hymn writer Paul Gerhardt reminds us<sup>1</sup> in his Holy Week that Jesus did it all:

*Upon the cross extended  
See, world, your Lord suspended.  
Your Savior yields His breath.  
The Prince of Life from heaven  
Himself has freely given  
To shame and blows and bitter death.*

*Your soul in griefs unbounded,  
Your head with thorns surrounded,  
You died to ransom me.  
The cross for me enduring,  
The crown for me securing,  
You healed my wounds and set me free.*

**I LOVE BEING YOUR VACANCY PASTOR!**

*Pastor Wright*

Pastor Wright



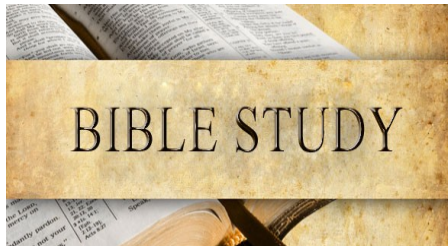
**(Next month:** Why is Jesus' resurrection from the dead significant for me?)

---

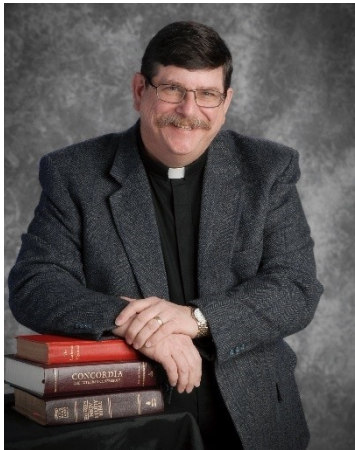
<sup>1</sup> "Upon the Cross Extended" (LSB 453), Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt. Text: Public domain

## You are always welcome to any of our Bible classes!

Wednesday's at 9 a.m. Or Sunday's at 9:30 am. Held in the fellowship hall. You do not need to start at the beginning of a unit or topic. Please come whenever you can. For those who have been attending church for decades, it may seem that the historic liturgy is boring or vain repetition. In this Bible study, however, we will note how much of the liturgy is actually God's Word as it first appeared in the lives God's people. In a practical and vibrant way, these sessions will help enrich and deepen our worship life and appreciation for Word and Sacrament in a way that has proven tried-and-true over the centuries.



**Rev. Brondos** served as a parish pastor and as a parochial headmaster of classical Lutheran schools for over 30 years in urban, suburban, and rural settings (retiring 2019).



He has lectured around the country and has published numerous devotions and Bible studies for CPH and other synodical publications. In 2008, he received the middle school teacher of the year award in the Northern Illinois District. He currently serves on the Board of Regents for Concordia Seminary - St. Louis.

His wife of 43 years, Marilyn, has served as a teacher in the primary grades, and they currently live in Geneseo. Benjamin and Melissa Brondos, son and daughter-in-law, are members of Holy Cross.

### ***From the Deaconess***

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I never want to rush through a particular church season, I do eagerly wait for Easter to arrive. Lent is our penitential season, and it's the time to reflect on what Jesus has done for us. It is the hymns of Easter that I love where we get to speak/sing of the Resurrection, including I know that My Redeemer Lives (LSB 461) and Jesus Christ is Risen Today (LSB 457), are among a few that come during this particular season.

Please keep an eye on future bulletin announcements to come about Holy Saturday for youth. But also can't stress enough, if you would like to sing in our choir, please come! I know we have quite the congregation that can sing (I hear you on Sunday mornings when I play 😊), and would love for any to join, no previous experience needed!



It's been a pleasure to serve this congregation so far.

***Amanda Hahn***

## Organist Workshop

Holy Cross has for decades ***‘played’*** an active role in the formation of church workers. True to this tradition and generous sponsors Amanda Hahn and Julia Koester will this summer be attending Organist Workshops provided by Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne. Amanda has enrolled in the Beginning Level workshop, June 1–6 and Julia the Intermediate and Advanced Level, June 8–13, 2025.

Class sizes are limited to ensure appropriate student/instructor ratios. Each workshop begins with registration on Sunday evening. The first session begins Monday at 8:15 a.m., and the last session concludes on Friday at noon. Instruction is customized to the ability level of each student. Daily classes in playing technique and theology are part of the curriculum, as is practice time.

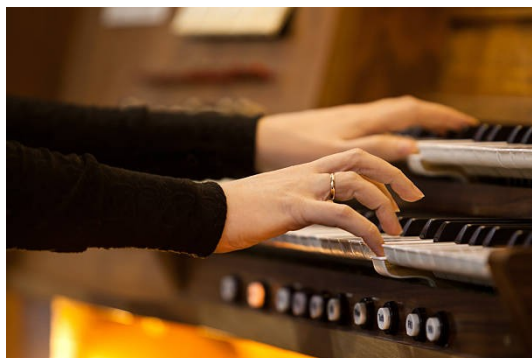
Students receive customized instruction based on ability level in the following areas:

- Registration
- Keyboard and pedal technique
- Leading congregational singing at the organ and/or piano through effective playing
- Hymn introductions
- Ideas for playing various settings of the Divine Service and daily prayer services (Matins, Vespers, etc.)
- Repertoire ideas
- Leading challenging hymns

The workshop instructors are listed among the best to be found:

- Kevin J. Hildebrand Kantor Concordia Theological Seminary,
- Paul J. Grime Vice President of Spiritual Formation Dean of the Chapel Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions Concordia Theological Seminary,
- Matthew A. Machemer Associate Kantor Concordia Theological Seminary,
- Todd A. Peperkorn Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions Director of Vicarage and Internship Director of Residential Pastoral Formation Programs Concordia Theological Seminary,

Continuing Education Unit (CEU) certificates will be awarded to each person completing the activities assigned at these workshops upon request.





**Spring Cleaning** of the church grounds is 8:30 Saturday, April 12, 2025 with a rain date of 8:30 Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. We sure would appreciate any and all willing workers.



Please help us maintain accurate contact information (**addresses, phone numbers & emails**) for our members requiring in-home ministry. This is especially critical if there have been changes in the past 8 months.

We are waiting for the District's decision on the nine names we submitted. Congregations experiencing a pastoral vacancy in the Central Illinois District increased to 37 congregations with 26 actively calling or on temporary hold. It appears the remaining congregations face some form of consolidation or closing.

*<sup>10</sup> so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup> and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you[a] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.*

**Col 1:10-12**

## **Dates to Remember...**

**Evangelism** will be serving a dinner on April 2<sup>nd</sup> (allocation of proceeds going to Higher Things).

**Mutual Encouragement** will be serving a spaghetti dinner on April 9<sup>th</sup> (allocation of proceeds going to Christian Care).

**Spring Circuit Wide Event** – May 18<sup>th</sup> – Maquoketa Caves @ 1:00 p.m.

Holy Cross has competent and faithful representation to the Central Illinois District Convention, July 2025. The Voter's elected Mr. William Serre as Lay Delegate and Mr. Rich Kraft as the alternate Lay Delegate.

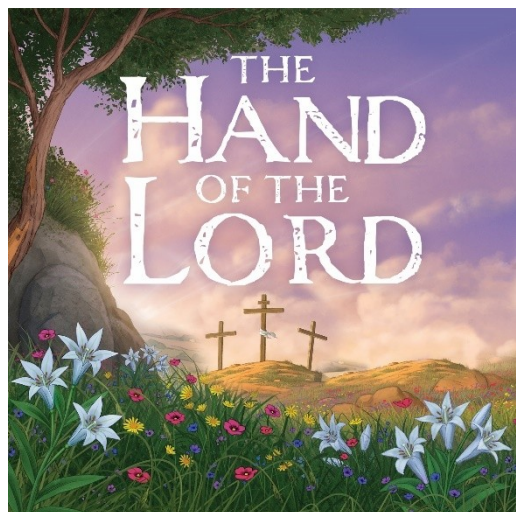
Thanks be to God.



## LENT 2025 – HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

3/5	Ash Wednesday	6:30 PM	Pr. S. Anderson	The Hand of the Lord Who Heals the Sick	Imposition of Ashes – Communion	No Dinner
3/9	Lent 1	10:45 AM	Pr. G. Wright	T.B.A.	Holy Communion	
3/12	Midweek 2	6:30 PM	Pr. R. Hagen	The Hand of the Lord Who Creates and Saves		Dinner @ 5:00 PM
3/16	Lent 2	10:45 AM	Pr. G. Wright	T.B.A.	Holy Communion	
3/19	Midweek 3	6:30 PM	Pr. M. Eddy	The Hand of the Lord Who Freely Gives		Dinner @ 5:00 PM
3/23	Lent 3	10:45 AM	Pr. G. Wright	T.B.A.	Holy Communion	
3/26	Midweek 4	6:30 PM	Pr. L. Astrowski	The Hand of the Lord Who Casts Out Demons		Dinner @ 5:00 PM
3/30	Lent 4	10:45 AM	Pr. G. Wright	T.B.A.	Holy Communion	
4/2	Midweek 5	6:30 PM	Pr. S. Sommerer	The Hand of the Lord Who Raises the Dead		Dinner @ 5:00 PM
4/6	Lent 5	10:45 AM	Pr. G. Wright	T.B.A.	Holy Communion	
4/9	Midweek 6	6:30 PM	Pr. G. Wright	The Hand of the Lord Who Holds All Things		Dinner @ 5:00 PM
4/13	Palm Sun.	10:45 AM	Pr. G. Wright	T.B.A.	Holy Communion	
4/17	Maundy Th.	6:30 PM	Pr. G. Wright	The Hand of the Lord Who Serves and Feeds Us	Holy Communion	
4/18	G. F. Tre Ore	12:00- 3:00 PM	R. I. Circuit Pastors	T.B.A.		
4/18	G. F. Tenebrae	7:30 PM	Pr. G. Wright	The Hand of the Lord Who Was Pierced for Us		
4/19	Easter Vigil	7:30 PM	Pr. G. Wright	The Hand of the Lord Who Made Us		
4/20	Easter Sun.	7:00 AM	Pr. G. Wright	The Hand of the Lord Who Is Risen	Holy Communion	Breakfast @ 8:30 AM

**HAND OF THE LORD** is the theme of our Lent/Holy Week/Easter Worship this year! Think about it. Our hands are incredibly versatile tools, capable of both creation and destruction. They are symbols of power, control, and craftsmanship. In the Bible, "**The Hand of the Lord**" signifies God's active presence in creation, judgment, and salvation.

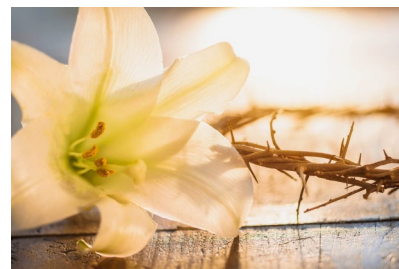


The New Testament emphasizes the literal hands of Jesus. He used His hands to heal, feed, and bless, demonstrating God's mercy and personal touch. While human hands can be instruments of sin, Jesus, through His crucifixion and resurrection, has redeemed them. He now holds us in His hands and uses us for His purposes.

Once again we'll have the opportunity to hear various pastors of our circuit each Wednesday evening in Lent, and enjoy some delicious meals prepared for us by the various organizations within our Holy Cross congregation (*with the exception of Ash Wednesday*). We hope that you'll make it a priority to join us for these services in God's House this holy season.

*Please bring a friend!*

***Would you like to sponsor an Easter Lily?*** The sign-up sheets are located in the entryway, the price is \$24.00 each. You may take them home after the service on Easter morning!



***The Mutual Encouragement Committee*** will be hosting a congregational breakfast immediately following the Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will join us! Please add your family name and the number planning to attend on the sign-up sheet located in the foyer. This will help the committee in planning.

***Just a Reminder...*** There will be **NO** Peace Quilters in the month of April.

### **Exercise Class and Fellowship Hour:**

***Exercise Class begins at 10:15 A.M. Immediately following the 9 A.M. - 10 A.M. Bible Class led by Pastor Gary Wright. Come and join us for Fellowship Hour following the Exercise Class!***

***Newsletter and Calendar Announcements for the month of May MUST be submitted to the office by Monday, April 21, 2025!!!***

## Volunteering to Serve:

**Volunteers are needed to watch the security monitor during our services!**

If you can help in this way, please sign the sheet in the church entryway. If you have any questions, please talk to a member of the Board of Elders.



**The April – June Editions of Portals are here!**

Please help yourself to this devotional resource and share with others



***Our Pantry Sunday recipient for the month of April is Cristo Rey. Please keep them in your thoughts while you're out and about!***

**The next Holy Cross Blood Drive is coming up on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2025.** If you are a regular donor, February 11<sup>th</sup> is the last date to donate in order to qualify to give on April 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a tremendous need for donors. Please consider to give the gift of life. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the church entryway. If you have any questions, contact Marcia Green.

Thank you for your consideration!



### **The Mutual Encouragement Committee**

Serves a meal the second Monday of every month following a worship service at Christian Care in Rock Island. In this way we serve both body and soul of those in our community who find themselves in need.

Our next date of service is Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Monetary donations are always welcome and are used to purchase spaghetti ingredients, salads and garlic bread. A sign-up sheet is in the entryway for those interested in providing desserts or fresh fruit. These items, clearly marked for

Christian Care, can be left in the Holy Cross kitchen on Monday or Sunday immediately preceding. Space is limited in the Christian Care kitchen, so those signing up to serve must be limited to four. The Mutual Encouragement Committee thanks you in advance for your kind and generous cooperation.





## A Dollar for Missions News

### First Project of 2025 - Update

As of the end of February 2025, Dollar for Missions is well underway on its first project for this year. The project is masonry and tuckpointing work at University Lutheran Church, Champaign. In fact, after two months of 2025 this project is over halfway toward completion. The target amount is \$25,000. At the end of February, DFM has \$13,849.91 toward this project. A video showing the need for the masonry and tuckpointing work is on the Current Project page in the DFM section of the CID website. See this video, with or without captions, at <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministrydfm-current-project.html> The Current Project page also includes a brief written description of the project. For additional information, please contact Mission Executive Ken Schurb at CID office, [kschurb@cidlcms.org](mailto:kschurb@cidlcms.org) Plumbing, painting, and, yes, tuckpointing need to be done periodically if CID is to continue providing this place where the Gospel has been preached and the sacraments administered on the University of Illinois campus for more than 70 years. Your dollar for missions has a good purpose here, impacting the lives of countless university students and others with the forgiving love of Christ. A Dollar for Missions News find more at [cidlcms.org](http://cidlcms.org)

#### PRAYER

*PRAYER O Lord, open the hearts of your people to support the proclamation of the Good News about Jesus in ways large and small. Bless the Dollars for Mission that support mission work in unusual ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

You can always find out more about DFM, including the present project at any time, at <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>

**The Mission of the LCMS Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund** is to aid The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations, schools, and agencies of the LCMS Central Illinois District (CID) in building and expanding their facilities and ministries for the growth of God's Kingdom.



**CHURCH EXTENSION  
FUND, INC.**  
Central Illinois District–LCMS



## CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

*of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

We learn valuable lessons in life, sometimes in the most unexpected places.

One of the great life lessons I learned was in the Chicago Bus Terminal one Friday night after midnight. While there, I began conversing with an old-order Amish man. He said he was a farmer. I asked how big a farm he farmed and he said it was “big enough.” I asked how much land he farmed. He said “enough”. I asked him how many acres he farmed and he said “enough.” I saw that he was a wise man, content with what he had. For him, it was “enough.”

It became apparent to me that I wasn't as content as this man but prayed that God would change my heart, so like this gentleman and the apostle Paul, I would be content in any and every situation. Contentment is about faith, knowing that God created and sustains every atom and molecule of this world, believing that He loves us so much that God sent Jesus to suffer and die for our sins, and understanding that He will never leave us or forsake us. Therefore, we can trust that, whether living or dying, He will always give each and every believer “enough.”

Rev. Charles Olander

**Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's contributions 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 all our CID campus ministries, especially Immanuel Lutheran Church in Charleston, serving students, faculty, and staff at Eastern Illinois University. And pray for the “Keeping Christ on Campus campaign,” building endowments to help CID support our campus ministries.

**The Mission of the LCMS Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund** is to aid The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations, schools, and agencies of the LCMS Central Illinois District (CID) in building and expanding their facilities and ministries for the growth of God's Kingdom.

### **CID Convention Reminders:**

- **Convention Date July 13-15, 2025- Springfield, IL**

### **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
- 
- 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](http://www.lcmsgathering.com) under the Resources tab for tons of information, worksheets, budgeting sheets, etc.

**Announcing 2025 Central Illinois District Youth Bible Bowl:**

TOPIC: The Life of David (1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2:12) DATE: April 6 (PLACE: a centrally-located venue (usually a church, school, or Camp CILCA, near Springfield) large enough for all the registered teams. AGES: youth involved in their church. If you would like more information, you may contact Pastor Mark Eddy at Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, Illinois ([zionlcms@juno.com](mailto:zionlcms@juno.com)) or 309-795-1063.



# LWML CID District Convention

April 25-26, 2025 at Zion, Lincoln, IL

Friday, the 25th, we will have servant events, an evening meal followed by worship service and fellowship hour at Zion Church. Saturday, the 26th, is convention day at Zion School. We are thrilled to have Old Missionary Gary Thies of Mission Central as a keynote speaker. Also, we are equally happy that LWML President Eden Keefe will be with us. Delegates will tend to the district's business and select mission grants for funding. Six Breakout sessions will be held. **Registration and hotel information will be available from your church's LWML group or at <https://lwmlcid.org> beginning March 10th.**



## The Camp CILCA Lowdown

March, 2025

217-487-7497 / [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org)  
4124 Camp Cilca Rd.  
[Cantrall, IL 62625](#)

## SAVE THE DATE:

### ❖ *Spring Work Day:* April 5, 2025

- [8:30-11:30am. Raking leaves, building a back porch for the Dining Hall, setting out boats, and more are all on the agenda. Lunch will be served for all volunteers.](#)
- be served for all volunteers.

### ❖ *Women's Scrapbook Retreat:* April 25-27

- Cost is \$90 for your shared room and meals. (Private rooms are available upon request for \$120.)

### ❖ *Summer Camp registration is OPEN!*

- [To celebrate CILCA's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, all program sessions for summer 2025 are \\$75 if you register before April 1.](#)

### ❖ *Homecoming:* August 2, 2025

- This will be CILCA's only fundraiser for the year (replacing the Hog Roast and Chicken Fry). There will be live music, a vendor fair, great food, swimming, square dancing, face painting, wagon rides and more. Mark your calendar to celebrate CILCA's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in style!

*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 is open so sign up early to secure your spot.*



# CAMP CILCA SCHEDULE 2025

February 28-March 1	<b>ACT LIKE MEN</b> Woodcutters' Retreat
March 15	Free Pancake Dinner
March 28-29	Women's Retreat
March 30	Annual Banquet Held at Camp CILCA's Dining Hall. Contact the camp office to reserve your tickets.
April 5	Spring Work Day
April 25-26	Spring Women's Scrapbooking Retreat
May 23-26	CID Campout (No Hog Roast)
May 27	J.C. Training (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)
May 28-July 31	<b>SUMMER PROGRAM</b>
August 2	Homecoming 75th Anniversary Celebration— auction, chicken dinner, music, games, more!
Aug. 29-Sep. 1	CID Camp Out (No Chicken Dinner)
September 12	Whippoorwill Golf Outing
September 20	<b>ACT LIKE MEN</b> Shooting Retreat Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
October 4	GRIT Run!
November 1	<b>ACT LIKE MEN</b> Work Day
TBD	Fall Women's Scrapbooking Retreat
December 12-13	Joyful Hearts Christmas



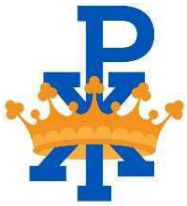
## ACT LIKE MEN EVENTS

For men of all ages to make connections across generations, learn and sharpen new skills, and grow strong in the Lord.

**"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."**  
- I Corinthians 16:13







## Christ the King (Cristo Rey) Lutheran Church

1301-19<sup>th</sup> Street, East Moline, IL 61244

E-mail: [cristorey-em@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cristorey-em@sbcglobal.net) Ph. (309) 738-6124

Rev. Pablo G. Domínguez



APRIL 2025

I have met people who like to buy cheap, older houses. These houses need restoration; they need repairs made to damaged walls, broken doors and broken pipes. Perhaps an older style kitchen needs updating or other rooms rebuilt. There may be other minor or even major modifications needed. I have talked with the people who have bought these cheap houses. Husband and wife spend time, money and effort, working hard to improve the house and fix any and all necessary things. After weeks or months, many differences can be seen: a new kitchen, new windows, new doors, fresh paint. The rooms look so nice as do the other changes. The old and ugly house is now a pleasant and pretty house in which to live. Improvements were made correctly and tastefully. Let's each consider our own "house" or in other words, our lives, our hearts. How do they look? Do you think they need "repairs?"

We need to give thanks to the Holy Spirit who comes to us when the Gospel is proclaimed and opens our eyes. We now are able to see our own sinful nature and realize the impossibility to make changes or "repairs" for ourselves. Good news! Jesus comes to restore our hearts. "He liberates from evil, and He makes us worthy to be in His presence. He comes to us and keeps us away from error. He turns us from sin to rightness, and from death to life" (Hymnal "Cantad al Señor, page 20) What a marvelous and extraordinary restoration Jesus has made and continues to make in our lives, right? We need to thank God "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (John 3:17) Thanks be to Jesus who saved us when he died on the cross. As He hung suffering on that cross he was thinking of us. He paid the debt we owe and won salvation for us. And, my friend, this salvation is a free gift He gives to us.



Praise be to our merciful Father and many thanks to Jesus for "repairing and restoring" my heart day by day. Amen.

As of March 4, 2024, God has blessed us with another opportunity to share the Gospel of love and salvation to the



Hispanic people of the Quad Cities. As we begin the second year of broadcasts on Radio Station, KALA FM 88.5 every Saturday morning from 7-8am, God has given us an estimated 3000-5000 Hispanic listeners. Christ for Today's Family is the name of the program broadcast and includes Christian songs and meditations. We thank God for this wonderful opportunity to reach so many individuals with His life giving Gospel!

## **Prayer List**

### **Members in Facilities: Heritage Woods of Moline-**

Susan Wyant; **Park Vista-** Ron & Caroline Luecke; **Woodridge Supportive Living, Galesburg-** Dick Ristau; **Silvis Center for Nursing Rehab & Care** - Sieg Paulsen; **Friendship Manor** - Dick Hochstetler, Phyllis Thorngren; **Charter Senior Living of Moline** – Ken Phillips; **Charter Memory Care of Moline** - Jan Phillips; **Hope Creek, East Moline-**Elizabeth Cobb

### **Serving in the Military:**

Alexa Ellis (daughter of Tera Elliott, granddaughter of Mike and Cheryl McLaughlin), Logan Noard (son of Kyle and Marilyn Noard), Stephen Waugaman (grandson of Donna Knudtson), Cameron Moore (grandson of Lew & Maria Steinbrecher), Matthew Glider (grandson of Doris Glider), Andrew Tolley (son of Carole Tolley), David Revel (son of Craig & Laurie Revel), Jeffrey Teuscher (nephew of Willie Swain), Austin Cox (grandson-in-law of Sieg Paulsen) Leith Masri (son of Peggy Jones), Jakob Ryckeghem (grandson of Connie McKean)  
Brett Kramer (grandson of Terry Kramer).

### **Members of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer:**

Rev. Murdock, Kathrine Hopkins.

### **Friends & family of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer:**

Cathy Morgan (friend of Geri Stolze), Steven Bell (nephew of Pastor & Phyllis Murdock), Dan Schmidt (brother of Sarah Paller) Tom Leahey (son-in-law of Bob Hellstrom) Gail Stuenkel, Lisa Crawford, Joanne Lyons, Dave Patterson, Harold Foster, Judy Knudsen, Peggy Arkland  
(friend of the McLaughlin's), Kim Trask (sister of Robbie Garrison),  
Corey Dombrowski (neighbor of Dan & Melissa Thorngren).

### **Serious Health Concerns:**

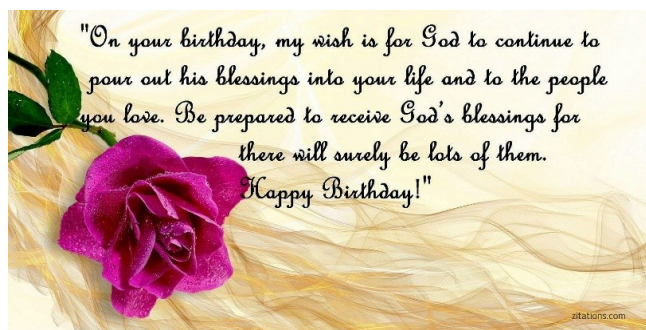
Ken Phillips (brother-in-law of Jokie Bretl), Rev. Murdock, Tracy Bennet (friend of Sieg Paulsen), Sandy Lohse, Bob Trueblood (brother of Joyce Spidle), Tony Loritz, friend of Jennifer Swanburg, Dennis Rusk, Richard Geisler, Heidi Sias, Maureen DeLassus,  
Kelly Teuscher, Kenny Lackey, Gwen Shrake, Pam and Bill, friends of Gwen Shrake,  
Monroe 'Chip' Kemerling (cousin of Don Freeman).

### **Recovering/Ongoing Health Concerns:**

Monica (daughter of Brian & Bev Gustafson), Anita Ingold-Kroll (daughter of Martha Kroll), Levi Koopmas (relative of Patricia Erickson), Penny Dawson, Donald Dawson, Scarlet Durbin, Phyllis Murdock, Sherri Lohse, Helen White, Gary Johnson, Fred Poe, Carol Ferrell, Susan Jamieson, Joshua Duburg, Sieg Paulsen, Cindy Davenport.

## April Birthdays

*Emily Rimkus ~ Barbara Rauh ~ Jeffrey Hall ~ Dorothea Jamieson ~ Logan Noard ~  
Dianne Guldenpfennig ~ Anna Schmidt Connolly ~ Josephine Bretl ~ Sandra Morgan ~  
Dale Arnold ~ Kathryn Opsal ~ Cali Elliot ~ Nathan Waters ~ Gary Jahns ~ William Serre ~  
Tim Eastman ~ Robbie Garrison ~ Virginia Greenfield ~ Noah Hanson ~ Amber Chavez*



## April Bible Reading Guide

04/01 Isaiah 25:1-9/Romans 1-3  
04/02 Psalm 114/Romans 4-6  
04/03 Psalm 115/Romans 7-9  
04/04 Psalm 116/Romans 10-13  
04/05 Psalm 117/Romans 14-16  
04/06 Psalm 118/1 Corinthians 1-3  
04/07 Psalm 119:1-8/1 Cor. 4-6  
04/08 Psalm 119:9-16/1 Cor. 7-9  
04/09 Psalm 119:17-24/1 Cor. 10-11  
04/10 Psalm 119:25-32/1 Cor. 12-14  
04/11 Psalm 119:33-40/1 Cor. 15-16  
04/12 Psalm 119:41-48/2 Cor. 1-4  
04/13 Psalm 119:49-56/2 Cor. 5-7  
04/14 Psalm 119:57-64/2 Cor. 8-10  
04/15 Psalm 119:65-72/2 Cor. 11-13  
04/16 Psalm 119:73-80/Galatians 1-3

04/17 Psalm 119:81-88/Galatians 4-6  
04/18 Psalm 119:89-96/Ephesians 1-3  
04/19 Psalm 119:97-104/Ephesians 4-6  
04/20 Psalm 119:105-112/Philippians 1-2  
04/21 Psalm 119:113-120/Philippians 3-4  
04/22 Psalm 119:121-128/Colossians 1-2  
04/23 Psalm 119:129-136/Colossians 3-4  
04/24 Psalm 119:137-144/1 Thes. 1-3  
04/25 Psalm 119:145-152/1 Thes. 4-5  
04/26 Psalm 119:153-160/2 Thes. 1-3  
04/27 Psalm 119:161-168/1 Timothy 1-3  
04/28 Psalm 119:169-176/1 Timothy 4-6  
04/29 Psalm 120/2 Timothy 1-2  
04/30 Isaiah 25:1-9/2 Timothy 3-4

# April

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:30 Confirmation Class	2 Lenten Midweek V 9:00 Bible Class 10:15 Fitness Class 10:40 Fellowship Hour 5:00 Dinner ~ Evang. 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Lenten Service	3	4 Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am – 3:30pm The office is closed on Fridays!	5
6 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  9:30 Bible Class ~SS 10:45 Divine Service	7	8  5:30 Confirmation Class	9 Lenten Midweek VI 9:00 Bible Class 10:15 Fitness Class 10:40 Fellowship Hour 5:00 Dinner ~ Mutual Enc. 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Service	10  12:30 LWML	11	12
13 Palm Sunday  9:30 Bible Class 10:45 Divine Service	14  6:00 Christian Care Devotion & Dinner	15	16  9:00 Bible Class 10:15 Fitness Class 10:40 Fellowship Hour	17 Maundy Thursday  10:45 <b>NO Peace Quilters</b> 1 – 3:30 Foot Clinic 6:30 Service	18 Good Friday 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Tre Ore @ St. John's East Moline 7:30 Tenebrae	19 Vigil of Easter  7:30 Easter Vigil
20 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of Our Lord  7:00 Divine Services 8:30 Breakfast	21  Office Closed!! May Calendar & Newsletter Items Due!!!	22	23  9:00 Bible Class 10:15 Fitness Class 10:40 Fellowship Hour 5:30 BOE Meeting 5:30 Confirmation Class	24	25	26
27 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  9:30 Bible Class ~ SS 10:45 Divine Service	28	29	30  9:00 Bible Class 10:15 Fitness Class 10:40 Fellowship Hour 5:30 Confirmation Class	1	2	3