



Illinois Campers On Mission

July 2023

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President's Letter—

Hello COM family,

June was a busy month for IL COM. We had a great time in Michigan at the National COM Rally. We met some old friends, made some new friends and heard some good music and teaching. The afternoon ice cream party was a great out reach to other COM members.

The big news from the National Rally is that Indiana is going to host the 2024 National COM Rally. Plans are already underway for them and Illinois has offered to help them with tasks again as they need it.

I hope all of the fathers had a Happy Father's Day. It is a day of reflection on our great father in heaven as well as our father's here on earth.

We had a very busy week at Glen Ellyn. See the project report in this newsletter. We had great food and got a lot done by the 9 of us who were able to attend. We finished off 35 projects.

Doug and Susy Kingsbury and the Jim Diercks family served at Lake Sallateeska. See their report in the newsletter as well.

God has called us to serve many places and that is what we will do to meet as many needs as we can. It is a blessing to be serving the Lord together.

Looking forward to see everyone At Hamilton in July.

President

Fred Riley



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21 Bill	Martin
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Tentative Schedule for 2023 IL COM Work Projects

July 17—21	First Baptist Church, Hamilton
August 21—25	Carmi Children's Home, Carmi
September 16	Fall Festival, Carmi Children's Home
September 18—22	Morning Star Mission, Joliet
October 21—22	Fall Rally, Streator Baptist Camp
December 2	Christmas Luncheon, FBC, Farina

Other Dates for your Calendar: (See Don or Jan Kragness)

October 23—November 5	IL COM work week at Great Passion Play
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Hamilton, IL Work Project crew

Fred & Paula Riley	Leroy & Irma Burnett	Dick & Karen Mowers
Jim & Marilyn Diercks & family	Doug & Suzy Kingsbury	George & Penny Meese
Jim & Catherine Rentfrow	Don & Jan Kragness	Andy & Marilyn Thomson
Richard & Anita Evans	Terry & Debbie Odum	John & Francie Lindeman
Cathryn St. Dennis		

IF YOUR NAME IS NOT HERE AND YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND, PLEASE LET FRED OR KAREN KNOW RIGHT AWAY. WE NEED TO PLAN FOR CAMPER SPACE AND POWER NEEDS.

2023 National Rally for Campers on Mission in Michigan



Jan leading a children's lesson



One of our many delicious meals served at National Rally.



Don & Jan Kragness receiving National COM Lifetime Achievement Award

President Fred receiving other Illinois COM Lifetime Achievement Awards to be presented later.



Our hosts for 2024 National Rally — Indiana



Line up of Presidents and state representatives presenting the flags

Work Project Glen Ellyn

replaced kitchen floor with vinyl
scrape floor tiles in small spot and put in leveling compound in kitchen
replaced baseboard around floor and 1/4 round trim in kitchen
installed new sweep on outside kitchen door
cabinet doors were sticking so removed the sticky pads
replaced threshold from kitchen to dining room
thoroughly cleaned kitchen
fixed the laundry room door with new track
put in 3 new toilets in bathrooms
put in 4 new grab bars in women's bathroom
caulked around sinks and counters in women's and men's bathroom
painted walls and ceiling in women's bathroom and put in new vinyl floor baseboard by kitchen
checked the light in women's bathroom by sanctuary but were not able to fix it
sanded partitions in men's bathroom, painted and put up Plexiglas to protect partitions by sanctuary
sanctuary outlets were checked and one was repaired and one not able to repair
replaced 12 window shades in main sanctuary
cut off dry wall tape hanging from main sanctuary
painted the 4 doors and trim in kitchen hallway with white
paint trim with white and put up rosette trim on secretary door
tightened door handle on welcome center
sewed 14 bears and taught the volunteers about the meaning of the bears and gave them away
painted the shower room walls
painted shower room doors and trim
clean window putty, replaced window and replaced putty – broken window in conference room
installed a cabinet and sink in youth room
painted the upper cabinet in youth room
mounted TV in children's room
installed 2 new lights on outside of church
replaced burned out light bulbs in the hallway and fellowship hall
nailed soffit back on where nails were missing near parking lot
replaced the sweep on the front door
repair holes in wall by entrance door
repaired closet door at parsonage
rebuilt small retaining wall at parsonage
cleaned up the church before we left – vacuum, washed floors and mirrors

Attendance at Glen Ellyn

John & Francie Lindeman

Cathryn St. Dennis

Dick & Karen Mowers

Fred & Paula Riley

Leroy & Irma Burnett



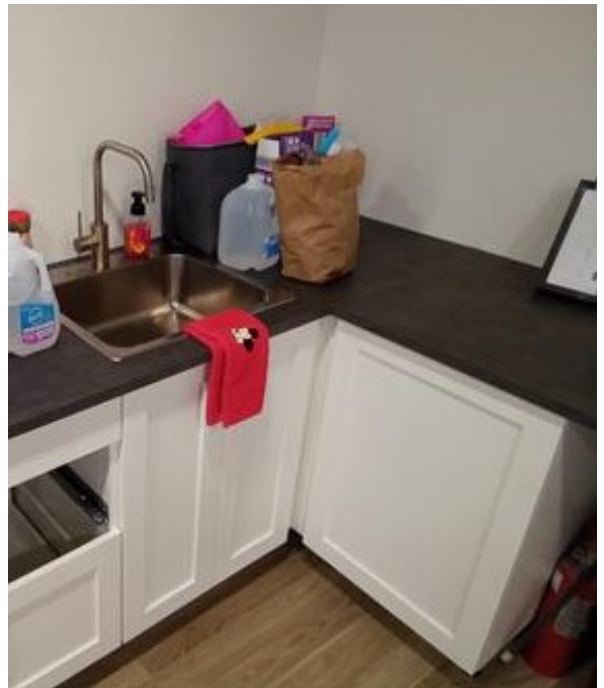
Attendance at Lake Sallateeska

Jim & Marilyn Diercks and family

Doug & Suzy Kingsbury & DJ

Work Project at Lake Sallateeska

1. Helped in the kitchen
2. Painting where needed
3. Continued work on the family cottage
4. Cleaning lodges after groups left
5. Helping with some recreation activities



Chaplain's Chatter

National Rally in Michigan was an awesome Event. Thank you Cynthia & Rick Truesdail and all the others who work so hard to make this a blessed event. The music and entertainment was some of the best I've ever heard. All the pastors that spoke were so different in their approach to the Bible messages. Some made us laugh, some made us cry, some made us want to tell everyone about the joy of knowing the Lord.

On the way home we stopped at a Love's truck stop where we were approached by a gentleman who wanted to know about our Christian life and if we knew we were going to heaven. Then he asked us HOW we knew we were going to heaven. After being at the National Rally all week, we felt more prepared to answer these questions than ever. When this gentleman walked away we noticed a young man standing near us was listening. We asked this young man the same questions that we had been asked. He said he knew the Lord but was not going to church at this time and hadn't been going for some time. After a 15 minute discussion he asked the Lord into his life. Leo said he had family that attended church and that he would make every attempt he could to start going to church. The Lord is so good all the time.

Marilyn



Photos from Lake Sallateeska—work on Family Cottage and Marilyn & Sky ready to cook.





National Rally 2023—Illinois COM Absent from photo— Bryan & Terri Keller



National Rally photos—Gayle Handmaiden, singer. Kent Butler of Great Passion Play, speaker. Seminar session led by Rick Truesdail, Michigan. Children singing at group rally meeting.



Glen Ellyn Work Project

