



Illinois Campers On Mission

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President's Letter—

Hello to all our COM family,

Our Christmas dinner at Farina Baptist Church had a great turn out. There was a total of 49 adults plus kids. We had many of our first year COM members join us.

I wanted to thank James and Catherine Rentfrow for letting the COM group to use the church for our Christmas there.

Two great service awards were presented at the dinner. John & Francie Lindeman were presented a service plaque for their term as President and Leroy and Irma for their term as Vice President. Thanks to Jim Diercks for making the beautiful wooden plaques.

After our group photo was taken, Andy and Marilyn gave a great devotion.

With Christmas just around the corner remember— Christ is the reason for the season.

Hope you all have a great Christmas with your family and friends during the season.

Yours Truly,

Fred



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- 1 Fred Riley
- 5 Linda Waller
- 10 Jim Page
- 11 Myra Donoho
- 11 Jan Kragness
- 12 Flora Ann Jennings
- 13 Augie Dothager
- 13 Josh Hunley
- 13 Marilyn Thomson
- 13 Ann Jennings
- 14 Ronnie & Myra Donoho
- 14 Andy Muller
- 23 Eileen Ainsley
- 28 Emil Nattier
- 30 Larry Boggs
- 30 Karen Mowers
- 31 Steve Harding



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Photos from
Christmas lunch
2022

2023 COM NATIONAL RALLY

Hosted by

MICHIGAN CAMPERS ON MISSION

When:
Wednesday – Friday
June 7-9, 2023

Where:
Hillsdale County Fairgrounds
115 S Broad St - Hillsdale, MI



Worship & Praise A.M. & P.M.

- Special Singers
- Guest Speakers

Seminars & Activities mid-day!

- Ministries where you can serve
- RV maintenance and repairs
- Crafts and hands on learning
- Disaster Relief information
- Taxes for Volunteer Missionaries
- Shoebox Packing Party
- ... and much more!

Exhibit Hall to browse each day!

- COM chapters sharing their ministry
- Ministries where you can serve
- Book Link – bring Bibles, SS literature and books on sound doctrines to donate at this table!
- Craft and sale items to purchase!

Children's Program each day!

- Teaching
- Activities

Registration begins in January 2023.

Here's information that will be helpful as you plan:

RV Sites are \$30 per night for 30 AMP; \$40 per night for 50 AMP. Water & Electric; Dump Station.

Days Inn Special Rates limited rooms reserved for COM: \$94.99 TU-FR nights.

Bambi Lake Baptist Camp will provide meals, menu & cost TBD.

FREE DINNER TUESDAY BEFORE PRE-RALLY PROGRAM: 5:00 p.m. compliments of Bambi Lake Baptist Camp.

For more information, please contact:

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The 2022 group photos for COM Christmas

Front row: *Dierck's children: Joanne, Ella, Eve, Sky holding Joseph, Logan holding Evionna

Second row: James Diercks, John & Francie Lindeman, Gary & Karen Watson, Don & Jan Kragness, Fred & Paula Riley

Third row: Jerry & Margaret McDowell, Jim & Judy Barnes, Leroy & Irma Burnett, Alberta Woodside, Randy & Kay McClellan

Fourth row: Augie Dothager, James & Catherine Rentfrow, *Terry & Debbie Odum, Bryan & Terri Keller, *Doug & Suzy Kingsbury

Fifth row: Dick & Karen Mowers, Harold & Susan Mills, Andy & Marilyn Thomson, *Clayton & Rosalyn Horton

Sixth row (standing): Linda Riley, Emil & Lois Nattier, Sonny & Sondra McKenzie, *Jim & Marilyn Diercks

***designates new members**

Tentative Schedule for 2023 IL COM Work Projects

February 24 & 25	Spring Fling, Lake Sallateeska
April 17—21	Lake Sallateeska
April 22 & 23	Spring Rally
May 15 – 19	Streator Baptist Camp
June 7—9	National Rally , Hillsdale, MI
July 17—21	TBD
August 21—25	Carmi Children’s Home, Carmi
September 18—22	Morning Star Mission, Joliet
October 16—20	Fall Rally, Place TBD
December 2	Christmas Luncheon , FBC, Farina

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

January 15—23	Texas to work with Phil and Stephanie Hall
March 12—18	COM National Project at Great Passion Play, Eureka Spring, AK
March 22—April 8	IL COM work weeks at Great Passion Play
October 23—November 5	IL COM work week at Great Passion Play



Service Awards for John & Francie and Leroy & Irma. Congratulations and thanks for your dedication to COM and your excellent leadership. God bless you all.

Chaplain's Corner -

What a hectic time we live in today. We are always dashing someplace. So many things to be done. Instead of having quiet time in the morning, I find myself in the car, praying and praising my Lord. I just need to remember his word, 1 Peter 5:7. "Cast all your anxieties on him because he cares for you."

I have been with COM for a year and a half. You can imagine my surprise to be asked to think about being the chaplain for the next two years. I did a lot of praying and stressing about whether I should be the Chaplain. You are an awesome group of Christian people and I knew any of you would be great at the job. After much anxiety, stress, fear, and fret my precious husband told me I should do this as part of the command to obey the Lord and spread his word. James 1:22. "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

I've had a prayer book for some time now (Thirty One Days of Prayer) that I haven't completed. I started reading it last week and found a prayer that I would like to share with you.

Daily Prayer Of Expectancy

"Father in heaven, great and powerful and full of love, I lift my heart in praise for the privilege of coming to You in prayer. Give me special grace as I join Your exalted Son in His ministry of prayer.

"Search my heart, Lord and show me if any sin is hindering your work in my life. May I respond without delay whenever You make me conscious of sin. How grateful I am for Your total forgiveness the moment I confess my sin, turning back to You as my Lord!

"And Father, teach me to pray. How much I yearn to know Your will and Your way. I thank You that Your son lives within me. What a joy to know that He is my teacher -- that through Him I can learn to pray. I can learn to release Your boundless power for both my needs and the needs of many others, near and far. Teach me to pray.

"Day by day may Your spirit work in me, motivating me to abide in Christ and pray in faith, moving your mighty hand to fulfill Your purpose. Keep reminding me that You're able to do infinitely more than I would ever dare to ask or imagine, by Your mighty power at work within me.

"To You be the glory both now and forever. "AMEN"



Merry Christmas to you all.

IL COM will be printing new pictorial directories soon. If you were not able to attend the Christmas Luncheon and would like to have your photo included, please send a photo to Karen Mowers (kcc61254@gmail.com) to be included. Deadline for sending it in is January 31, 2023. Thanks.

Here are a few of our newest members!



Jim & Marilyn Diercks & family
Ella, Joanne, Eve, Logan, Marilyn holding Evionna,
Sky, Jim holding Joseph, James



Clayton & Rosalyn Horton



Doug & Suzy Kingsbury



Terry & Debbie Odum