



# Illinois Campers On Mission

March 2024

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## President's Letter—

Hello COM Family,

February has been very busy month. It was great to see everyone at Lake Sallateeska. I hope everyone enjoyed the time together. I want to thank Francie for the great meals. We enjoy your cooking. Also, I want to thank everyone for a good meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on April 21—26 at Lake Sallateeska. Remember our work week is during the week and our Spring Rally is on Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon.

**DON'T FORGET IT IS TIME FOR THE ANNUAL COM SPRING AUCTION!!!!** As you are doing your spring cleaning save some of your best goodies for the auction and anything else that you think will sell to your friends and fellow COM members. More about this in the next newsletter.

**Verse:** Romans 15: 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Take care,  
Fred



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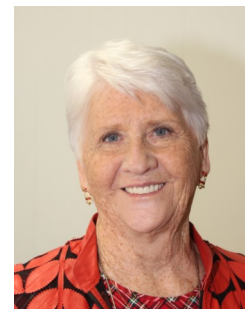


**Chaplain's Chatter—**

As we start our new work year very soon with COM, the weather is more like spring than winter (the day I wrote this it was in the 70s, today as I am typing, it is in the 40s). I think we may have a few surprises left this year.

Philippians 3: 13 – 14 (NLT). No, dear brothers and sisters, I (we) have not achieved it, but I (we) focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I (we) press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me (us) heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 13 “ For I can do everything through Christ,[a] who gives me strength.” Marilyn



## 2024 Tentative Schedule

April 21—26	Lake Sallateeska Work Project, Pinckneyville Spring Rally & auction (April 26 & 27)
<b>May 19—24</b>	<b>Streator Baptist Camp, Streator, IL</b> ←
June 3-7	COM National Rally, Elkhart, IN
July 21—26	Morningstar Mission, Joliet, IL
Aug. 18—23	Baptist Children's Home, Carmi, IL
Sept. 14	Baptist children' Home Fall Rally
Sept. 15 - 20	New Hope BC, South Pekin, 114 2nd St., Pekin
Oct. 21-25	Fall Rally, Lake Sallateeska, Pinckneyville



### Additional Dates at The Great Passion Play (See Don Kragness for info)

March 13—29	opening up the set, cleaning from winter, doing repairs
Oct. 21—Nov. 2	closing up the set, putting things away, doing repairs
Jan. 2025	traveling to Piney Woods Camp, Texas

**Easter thoughts from the editor:** In a recent Sunday School lesson about Judas, I learned a lot. He is always portrayed as an evil man with terrible thoughts and a bad reputation but was he? Jesus chose him as one of his disciples, he was respected by the others to the point of being put in charge of their money and he had studied with Jesus for 3 years.

Was he really just a regular man with an agenda and frustration that Jesus wasn't doing what he (Judas) thought he should do? He never really understood Jesus's life saving message and what it could mean for him.

Was he all that different from us or many around us in our culture today? He felt great remorse when Jesus was taken captive and sentenced to death and he tried to return the money and stop the deal—but that was not God's plan.

**Judas's price was 30 pieces of silver to betray the Savior— what is yours? Taken from Rightnow Media, Easter**

## Spring Fling

We had a great time at Spring Fling! The weather was perfect, we got to see each other, we did some planning, had great food, slept well at the Sallateeska Inn and prayed for each other and the coming year. Less than 24 hours goes so fast when we all get together!!!



### **Highlights of our Fling Meeting**

In our brief meeting on Saturday morning, we spent time in prayer, had devotions from Marilyn about worry, went over the 2024 project schedule, talked briefly about the updated By-Laws for Campers On Mission that are being proposed, talked about the new National COM website, talked briefly about preliminary ideas for the COM 50 year anniversary happening next year, sending in Praise Reports to Fred and why they are important and heard about earthquake preparedness from Emil. Look at the schedule on page 3 for updates.



Loaves of "bread" made out of wood for the Great Passion Play. Thanks Jim Diercks!





# Campers on Mission National Rally Registration Form

## June 4-6, 2024

### Elkhart Campground, 25608 Co. Rd. 4, Elkhart, IN

**Deadline for Registration is May 1, 2024**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (other) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ COM State Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Region No. \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guests: # of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Names \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Your Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee (per unit)** \$ 40.00

**The following fees are good from Sunday night 6/2 – Thursday night 6/6**

Camping Fee: \$45.00 per night # of nights \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 /night \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RV Type: MH  Class C  5<sup>th</sup> Wheel  TT

RV length: \_\_\_\_\_ # Slides: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of electricity do you need: 30  50

I will need a handicap site: Yes  No

Rally T-shirts: \$19.00 each

How many each size: S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Display Tables:

Table(s) @ \$10.00 each # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FEES FROM THIS SIDE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FEES FROM OTHER SIDE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL OF ALL FEES:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Indiana COM is working on creating a list of hotel/motels in the area for those who would like to attend but need another option other than camping. Watch for that information in March.

# MARK YOUR FOOD PREFERENCES ON BACK

## TUESDAY MEAL:

Boneless Grilled Pork Chop & Gravy

Fried Chicken Drumstick

Buttered Sweet Corn , Green Beans , Melon Sampler

Dinner Roll with Butter                      Lemonade, Tea, Water

Pie and Cake Bites

Tuesday Adult Evening Meal @ 5:30 p.m. \$20.00/ea. X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday Kids Meals @ 5:30 p.m. 12 and under are free X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Kids Meal:

Chicken Nuggets Meal

## WEDNESDAY MEAL:

Roast Beef

Baked Italian Parmesan Chicken

Baked Potato/butter & sour cream , Baked Beans and Mixed Vegetables

Tossed Salad , Roll and Amish Peanut Butter

Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water

Assorted Pies

Wednesday Adult Evening Meal @ 5:30 p.m. \$20.00/ea. X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Kids Meals @ 5:30 p.m. 12 and under are free X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Kids Meal:

Will be fed the same food as adults

## President (Spouse) Business Meeting/Luncheon

Wednesday, June 5th @ 12:00

Check one: President  VP  Regional Rep  Delegate

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00/each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## THURSDAY MEAL:

Fried Chicken

Polish Sausage

Kluski Noodles

Red Skinned Potatoes/chicken gravy , Green Beans , Sweet and Sour Cabbage

Dinner Roll with Butter                      Fruit Parfait or Cheesecake Cups

Lemonade, Tea, Water

Thursday Adult Evening Meal @ 5:30 p.m. \$20.00/ea. X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Kids Meals @ 5:30 p.m. 12 and under are free X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Kids Meal:

Mac 'n Cheese Meal

## Mail registration form and money to: Questions – please contact:

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## Winter COM Projects—February

### Flora, Illinois

Volunteers at Flora: Fred & Paula Riley, Richard & Anita Evans, Bryan & Terri Keller, Terry & Debbie Odum, Gary Watson, James Rentfrow and George & Penny Meese. Thanks for helping out this small church and encouraging them! This may be an on-going project.



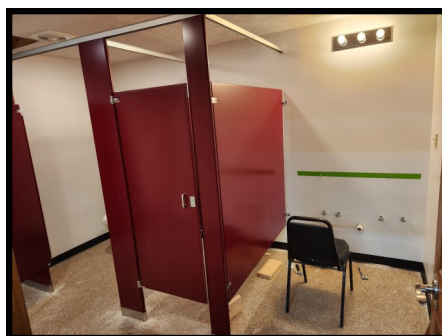
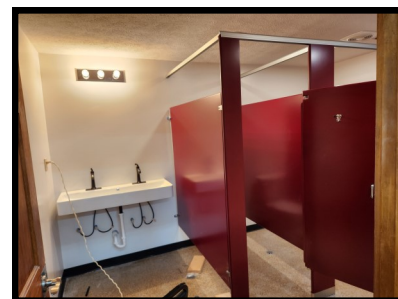
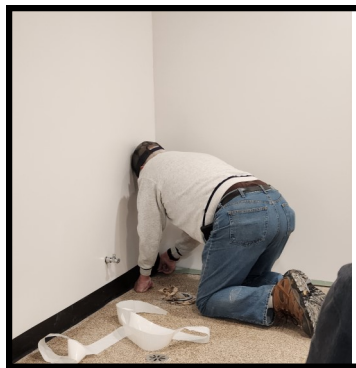
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### Streator Baptist Camp

(Continued progress on Prairie Center Remodel)

Workers: Dick & Karen Mowers, Jacob & Katie

Andy Mueller, Mike Robertson (both from Springfield).



Grateful also for the team of men from Colombia, IL who came to help with tear out, drywall installation and mudding.

New beds in bunk rooms, new sinks, new toilet room dividers, new vanities in hotel rooms, new drywall and painting, new flooring in bunk rooms and dorm bathrooms.