



## Illinois Campers On Mission

**September  
2022**

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### **President's Letter—John Lindeman**

Hi campers,

I don't know about you but the summer is flying by and I can't believe it is almost September already next week.

We had a great week at the Baptist Children's Home at Carmi, the Ranch property they own and Grace Haven in Mt. Vernon. There was much work to do and we battled red wasps, heat and humidity but were richly blessed with our time spent there.

I know I have said this before but it is worth saying again. The IL COM mission teams are always like a big family. We pray for each other, look out for each other, play and laugh together and welcome new ones into our "family" every chance we get. I know all COM chapters are like that. We have a bond that doesn't exist other places and praise the Lord for it.

We welcomed Jim and Marilyn Diercks and their 6 children and Clayton and Roslyn Horton as first timers to a COM project. We also got to share time with Cathryn St. Dennis and Terry and Debbie Odum who have joined us this year. What a blessing you have all been to us in this short time. We are grateful that God led you to be part of our team as we continue to minister.

Please take note of the change of dates and places for the September work project.

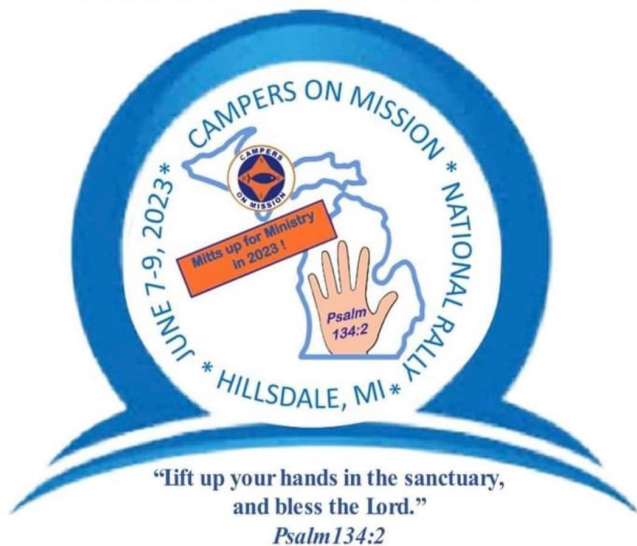
John and Francie



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MICHIGAN CAMPERS ON MISSION  
host of the  
2023 COM NATIONAL RALLY



National Rally 2023 has a home—our neighbors to the north, Michigan.

Rick and Cindy Truesdail have accepted the challenge to lead their state through this great undertaking and will be needing some help from us as the time draws near. We know what it takes to put on a great rally and in the spirit of COM, put this date on your calendar and plan to attend and help if/where they need us.

More details will come but thanks for prayerfully following God’s call, Rick and Cindy.



- 1 Dennis Felix
- 3 Pat Boggs
- 4 Steve & Beth Harding
- 5 Sonny McKenzie
- 7 Don & Jan Kragness
- 8 Jim & Chloe Page
- 10 Ken & Marty Ramsey
- 12 Lois Nattier
- 12 John Lindeman
- 13 Leroy & Irma Burnett
- 13 Debbie Muller
- 14 Emil & Lois Nattier
- 17 Anita Esteviz
- 17 Pam Martin



*Thank you, God, for your beautiful creations in Fall.*

## 2022 COM SCHEDULE

September 17, 2022	Carmi Fall Fest, 10 AM—2 PM at Baptist Children's Home
September 25 –30	Streator Baptist Camp Fall Rally & Election of officers for 2023 & 2024
December 3, 2022	Christmas Luncheon

### Chaplain's Corner by Francie Lindeman

The familiar church song, "*Bless the Lord, Oh my Soul and all that is within me bless His holy name*" is the song in my heart after our time at Carmi. We had so many people who love the Lord and worked so hard at everything they did from painting to digging trenches to sewing evangelism bears to cutting trees and helping serve meals and snacks. As a chaplain, you make my job so easy and you minister to me and everyone else.

I appreciated the testimonies given and the devotions and the attitude of servanthood from everyone. What a beautiful thing it is for those outside of our group see the unity and harmony and love we have for each other and for the world we are trying to reach. Our actions speak so much louder to them than our words.

So many of you have just come from the flood disaster in East St. Louis and you were tired and hurting but you came anyway to help this organization with their needs. Many of you are going back to finish that project. Praise the Lord for you and bless your time while serving.

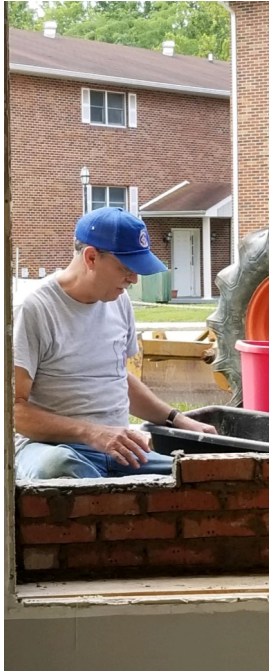
Francie



**Our COM year is winding down and many are weary from the tasks but please put the Fall Rally and Christmas luncheon on your calendars and try to make it to these events. It will be the elections of officers for 2023—2024**

**It is a great time to look back at what the Lord has done. These events also give us a chance to relax and get to know one another better.**







**WE ARE REJOICING . . . . .** This year we have had 3 new family units join IL Com and become active. They are Cathryn St. Dennis, Terry & Debbie Odum and Jim & Marilyn Diercks and their children. What a blessing and encouragement you have been to our group.

We also welcome Clayton and Roslyn Horton who have been members for a little over a year and they were able to join us at a work project. Thanks for working with us and blessing us with your talents and time as well.



**Important note—change in schedule for September & October**  
**September Work Project—Streator Baptist Camp Sept. 25—30**  
**and also the Fall Rally**

After much discussion, the project at Hamilton has been postponed for this year. They did not have the materials needed for the project they wanted us to do. It was decided to go to Streator to help with projects there as Jacob has several projects to be done and we can get them started. Because of the change in location there has also been a change in dates.

The fall rally date and location has also been changed. We will do the fall rally during the week while we are at Streator. More details will follow on the schedule. The fall rally will include receiving end of the project year reports and the election of officers. Due to this change, the originally scheduled fall rally at Lake Sallateeska has been cancelled.

These changes have been made after careful consideration and much prayer and consultation so we hope you will be able to join us at Streator.

**Workers:**

Don & Jan Kragness	Leroy & Irma Burnett	Fred & Paula Riley
George & Penny Meese	Richard & Anita Evans	John & Francie Lindeman
Andy & Marilyn Thomson	Cathryn St. Dennis	Gary & Karen Watson
Jerry & Margaret McDowell	Linda Riley	Clayton & Roslyn Horton
James & Catherine Rentfrow	Bryan & Terri Keller	Terry & Debbie Odum
Jim & Marilyn Diercks, Children: Logan, James, Skye, Joanna, Ella, Eve		

**Tasks Completed:****Ranch**

Remove climbing wall at challenge course and store materials in enclosed barn.  
Seal challenge course decks  
Seal challenge course and low ropes benches, walls, etc  
Rebuild outer barn foundation with treated beams from climbing wall frame  
Seal ranch house deck  
Paint ranch house basement  
Cut and remove dead pine trees.  
Cut and split wood at challenge course

**Campus**

Remove door and frame at Mathias. Install frame, door, closer and panic bar. Reinstalled electric strike and alarm in unison with beams alarm, prime and paint (enamel) new front door and frame at Mathias.  
Prime and paint (enamel) front and back doors at Garrison cottage  
Repair and paint dormers on Hathaway, caulk primer and paint  
Cut some Russian olive and foliage around Garrison and Ford and stack on back side of levee.

**Administration Bldg**

Trim crabapple at driveway  
Trim elongated trees at 4 corners of administration bldg.  
Landscape off of roof.

**Grace Haven, Mt Vernon, IL**

Frame and install shorter basement windows to bring above ground level to redirect groundwater. Brick exterior void under windows.  
Install 200' of perforated drain pipe around building and retaining wall Cover with 1" rock. Put downspouts into existing drains or outside retaining wall.

**Angels Cove Mt Vernon**

Clean up limbs in wooded area behind facility  
Ladies Bible Study

**Misc**

Sewed, stuffed and tagged 109 As You Go evangelism bears  
Served 134 meals