



Illinois Campers On Mission

September 2023

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President's Letter—

Hello COM family,

We had a great week in Carmi!! Of course it was very hot, but we still had fun and got a lot done. I would like to thank everyone for coming and working in the heat. We pray it was a blessing to the Baptist Home and Family Services organization.

I would like to thank Phil and staff of Carmi Children Home for hosting us. We were so glad we got to spend some time with the residents and house parents.

I would like to thank George for the sermon and Penny for the music at the worship center. Well done!!!

Thanks to the cooks and helpers and those who donated produce from their gardens. The food is always good,

Thanks for everyone for helping this week in whatever you did!!!!

We were blessed to be able to present in person the Lifetime Achievement Awards to Jerry and Margaret and Jim and Judy. What a blessing you have been to IL COM along with Jim and Chloe and Don and Jan. May God bless you all for your service to His kingdom and leadership to IL COM through the years.

Verse for today is First Corinthians 12:20

But now are they many members, yet but one body!!!

President,
Fred



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- 12 John Lindeman
- 13 Leroy & Irma Burnett
- 14 Emil & Lois Nattier
- 17 Anita Esteviz
- 28 Eve Diercks



Tentative Schedule for 2023 IL COM Work Projects

- September 16 Fall Festival, Carmi Children's Home
- September 18—22 Morning Star Mission, Joliet-
- October 9-12 Fall Rally, Streator Baptist Camp **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**
- 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

8/4/23

KAREN

THANKS FOR YOUR SYMPATHY CARDS
AND ALL OUR COM FRIENDS. TELL
THEM I HELLO. AS YOU CAN SEE
FROM THE PENMANSHIP YEARS I AM
SHOWING MY AGE.
I AM STILL GRIEVING BUT HOPE IT
GETS BETTER WITH TIME.
I REMEMBER GOOD TIMES WITH
THE COM GROUP.
I STILL LOVE THE LORD.

JERRY WALDEN

A note to
COM from
Jerry Walden,
a former COM
member who
recently lost
his wife and
now lives in
Texas.

Peanut Butter Rice Krispies Treats

From Connie Maxwell, Hamilton church

1 cup white syrup	1 cup sugar
1 cup peanut butter	3 cups rice krispies

Stir and cook syrup and sugar in a large sauce pan until boiling. Boil 1 minute, no more. Take off burner and add. Stir until smooth.

Add rice krispies. Stir until covered. Pour into 8 x 8 or 9 x 9 sprayed pan.

Pecan Pie

From Connie Maxwell, Hamilton church

9" 1 crust pie shell	3 eggs
2/3 cup sugar	1/2 t. salt
1/3 cup butter, melted	1 cup light or dark corn syrup
1 cup pecan halves	

Heat oven to 375. Beat eggs, sugar, salt, butter and corn syrup together with mixer. Mix in pecans halves. Pour into pastry lined pie pan. Bake 45—50 minutes or until set and pastry is nicely browned. Cool and serve cold or slightly warm.

Chaplain's Chatter -

Jeremiah 17:14 "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise."

We have so many of our COM family that need prayer and healing at this time (see Karen's prayer list email). God has many different ways to heal us of our sicknesses. Sometimes God heals directly by his power because of prayer. Other times He heals through medicines, surgery or other forms of therapy. It is important for us to keep our friends and family in prayer. We need to be supportive and uplifting to those in all types of needs.

3 John 1:2 "Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul."

Marilyn



CHANGE OF DATES

COM Fall Rally is

October 9-12 at Streator Baptist Camp

We will get a final schedule of events put together soon and get it out to you. There will be time for some project work helping Jacob start to winterize the camp and maybe begin some work on prepping for winter projects. There will also be time for sewing if you want to do that.

There are 3 beautiful State Parks close to the camp: Starved Rock, Mattheissen, and Buffalo Rock that you can visit and have lunch. There are also several interesting museums in Streator and Peru as well as the I&M Canal museum and canal boat tour if you are interested. There is shopping in Ottawa and Peru if you want to explore the area.

No meals will be provided except meat and table service for potluck.

Tentative schedule:

Arrive on Sunday Oct. 8 or Monday Oct. 9 (as it works for you)

Monday, Oct. 9 1 pm gather to talk about the week's work available

Tuesday, Oct. 10 10 am Executive meeting for executive team

Wednesday, Oct. 11 noon picnic in pavilion (bring your own lunch) and
General membership meeting to follow

Thursday, Oct. 12 6 pm potluck supper and fellowship

Friday, Oct. 13 depart by noon (unless staying for retreat)

September COM Project—Morningstar Mission

1350 S. Briggs Street, Joliet

We don't have a project work list yet but we have been assured that there will be a large generator for power and water for campers, a room where we can sew, meals at noon (prepared by Francie or the mission), a place to shower and plenty of work to be done. This location is formerly a YMCA and we park in back.

Names we have for attendance so far:

Fred & Paula Riley

Richard & Anita Evans

James & Logan Diercks

Dick & Karen Mowers

Gary & Karen Watson

Sonny & Sondra McKenzie

Andy & Marilyn Thomson

George & Penny Meese

Terry & Debbie Odum

John & Francie Lindeman

Leroy & Irma Burnett

Cathryn St. Dennis.

Carmi work list

Administration

1. watershed – east end – Fill sink holes
 - a) build up block crawl space entrance
 - b) remove rock where back fill is needed/remove cloth
 - c) add dirt for water shed
 - d) replace cloth and rock to landscape
2. trim and clear landscape
 - a) trim boxwood, yew, holly bushes and trees
 - b) remove weeds, weed eat around sidewalks and landscape



Ballard

1. trim and clean landscape
2. weed eat around cottage area

Campus

1. trim trees for fall festival
2. pull weeds from sand volleyball court
3. weed eat where needed: Garrison pond
4. pick up any limbs for mowing (pines at Staley)
5. weed eat on country road curve for visibility



Garrison

1. renovation and clean up
2. trim and clean landscape/ weed eat
3. primed & painted back door
4. cleaned walls and rooms of drywall dust
5. took tank off toilet with leaking seal



Grace Haven & Angel Cove

1. build partition walls and put in electricity
2. Paint & drywall
3. Insulation install & light installation
4. Remove wall paper
5. Lubricate garage door

Gym

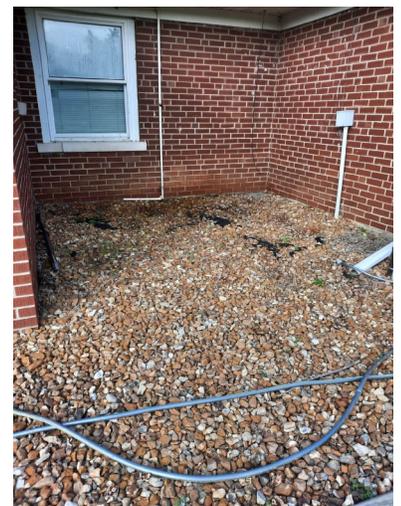
1. trim bushes and weed eat (leave east trim long)

Hathaway office

1. trim landscape and weed eat

Mathias

1. trim landscape and weed eat
2. check pines for trimming and clean up
3. Replaced door knob
4. Paint outside door
5. paint over graffiti in bedroom
6. fixed 2 closers on front door



Ranch

1. trim and clean landscape
2. cut up storm limbs and take to woods
3. clean up all dead limbs in pines/pond levee
4. weed eat everywhere/ranch pond
5. clear trail and low elements challenge in woods
6. Cut up and remove a big tree
7. take down and cut up 3 trees

Staley

1. check trees for trimming
2. clear landscape and weed eat
3. clear pines of dead limbs

Verhines

1. trim and clean landscape
2. weed eat around cottage and buildings
3. trim trees

Misc.

1. Worship service & ice cream social for COM + 20 staff and students
2. 117 As You go Bears
3. 30 Evangelism dolls
4. 14 bibs for Morningstar
5. 2 project Linus blankets
6. 67 drawstring bags for Morningstar homeless shelter



Attendance

Fred & Paula Riley

Jim & Marilyn Diercks & family

John & Francie Lindeman

Sonny & Sondra McKenzie

Harold & Susan Mills

Terry & Debbie Odum

Cathryn St. Dennis

Gary & Karen Watson

Richard & Anita Evans

Doug, Suzy & DJ Kingsbury

Randy & Kay McClellan

George & Penny Meese

Dick & Karen Mowers

James & Catherine Rentfrow

Andy & Marilyn Thomson

Chet Whyers



Guests:

Jerry & Margaret McDowell

Jessica Bonnell & family

Jim & Judy Barnes

Samantha Boesiger & family



