

# Hands for the Harvest

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## Friendship Sundays: Come and See!

Our Jacksonville congregation regularly holds friendship Sundays as an outreach to the community. This fall two additional dates are set aside for Peoria/Pekin Area and from the Bloomington/Normal area.

On September 20, Joy of Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf will have a friendship Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Peoria. We begin with Bible study at 3pm followed by the service at 4pm and supper at 5pm.

On September 27 Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf will host a friendship Sunday in conjunction with the Illinois School for the Deaf Home Coming festivities. Bible class begins at 8:30 am, followed by the service at 10am.

On December 6, our Bloom./Normal Bible Study group will also host a community outreach event at Wittenberg Student Center. Check the IllinoisDeafLutherans.com website for more information.

Everyone is welcome! All events will be interpreted for the hearing. Come on out and visit with us!

## Mission Speaker: Many Dates Open

You don't have to cross an ocean to do mission work. In fact, the Central Illinois District has been involved in fulltime deaf mission right here in Illinois for over sixty years. Did you know that American Sign Language is the third most common language in the United States?

Your missionary-at-large for the deaf is available to give presentations about deaf ministry! In what setting do you need a missions presenter? Sunday morning, rally,

convention, retreat, Bible class, women's group, mission festival, chapel talk and classroom presentation?

If you would like a presentation relating to deaf ministry or deaf culture, or are interested in a mission festival speaker, please contact Pastor Tom Phillips, Central Illinois District's Missionary to the Deaf.

## Walls up... Meet the Challenge!

Laborers for Christ are onboard with us. We during July & August we poured the foundation and framed the walls. The rafters are up and we began to build trusses on Labor Day weekend.



The CID Church Extension Fund has offered a challenge grant. They are challenging us to raise \$10,000, which CEF will match. We have about \$4,000 to go! Can you help us meet our goal? Just send your gift to Central Illinois District, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702.

Write "Deaf Min Challenge Grant" in the memo line.

## Got Time?

As we move ahead with our outreach center, we are working with Laborers for Christ. We currently have five couples "camped out" at the county fairgrounds in Jacksonville. One more couple will arrive next week. LFC is a great benefit to our work here, but we need volunteers as well.

Typically LFC work from 7am-4pm, Tuesday-Saturday). However, the real savings and fellowship happens when we have an active volunteer force. If you are willing to help out in any way, please add your name or group to our contact list for volunteer workers!

## 2009 Deaf Ministry Presentations

October 1 Chapel @ Lutheran High – Sprgfld  
October 11 Mission Fest @ St. John – Louisville  
November 29 Mission Fest @ St. James – Quincy  
December 9 Chapel @ Trinity – Stewardson

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