

# Small Church Summit

## ... IN TWO WINTER LOCATIONS



### DEADLINES for SCS Registration

#### **Mt. Vernon**

*(January 11 or 18)*

**Tuesday, December 31, 2024**

#### **Pekin**

*(February 22 or March 1)*

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

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As in 2024, plans call for the Small Church Summit (SCS) to offer the same basic program in two locations during the first couple of months in 2025.

#### **January 11**

*(bad weather date: January 18)*

#### **Faith Lutheran Church**

1104 N. 42nd St.  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864-7017

#### **February 22**

*(bad weather date: March 1)*

#### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

700 S. 4th St.  
Pekin, IL 61554-4504

Congregations of both the Central Illinois District and Southern Illinois Districts are cordially invited. Attendees can choose either of the above locations and dates, including the one that is not in your District.

Each of these meetings is set to begin, D.v., with sign-in starting at 9:30 a.m. Opening devotion will commence at 10:00, and adjournment will be at 2:30 that afternoon.

CID Evangelism Executive Ken Schurb will be the plenary speaker before lunch. He will make available, introduce, and briefly describe simple helps being released by CID Evangelism Commission to aid congregations as they teach four key witnessing skills: beginning an evangelistic conversation, listening discerningly to a nonchurched person, making a simple statement of the Gospel, and defending the resurrection.

Interest sessions after lunch (which will be provided) will include:

- Further conversation with Dr. Schurb
- A session with Mr. Trip Rodgers of CID staff on various available resources
- A session with CID President Michael Mohr on record-keeping in smaller churches, especially during pastoral vacancies

You may attend the Small Church Summit at no cost. It works best if you bring along three or four others from your church. Get everyone into the same car, and talk about the summit en route both ways.

*Father in heaven, in Your grace give even the smallest of our churches the mind of Christ. Give us ears to hear the Good News of salvation, eyes for the lost and the straying, mouths to speak of our Lord and feet to follow Him, hands to join those who know Him and to help those who do not, as well as hearts that by the Holy Spirit's power ever embrace the Christ Who is our Wisdom, Righteousness, Holiness, and Ransom from sin. We ask Your rich blessings on the upcoming Small Church Summit. Bless those who attend, we pray, and make them a blessing. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

**Remember — if you think your church is small,  
you're invited! And all are welcome!**