

October Presenter David K. Overstreet

October 15 Meeting

Location:

Epiphany Lutheran
Church
West Chautauqua Rd.,
Carbondale
• 9:30 - Coffee, Tea &
Conversation
• 10:30 - Meeting &
Program

LIR Board Meeting

Location:

Epiphany Lutheran
Church
West Chautauqua Rd.,
Carbondale
• November 17, -1:30PM

Greeters:

- Lilly Crane
- Susan Northquist
- Pat Ranca

President:

Gary Hartlieb

AT A GLANCE

Monthly Meetings:

October 15
November 19

QUESTIONS?

OR SUGGESTIONS

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Wednesday, October 15

10:30AM

Inside the Illinois Supreme Court

Justice Overstreet will discuss the Supreme Court of Illinois and its inner workings, including his work as a liaison to several of its thirty committees, boards, and commissions. He is also a member of the Illinois Judicial Conference which establishes the Strategic Agenda for the Illinois Courts and its mission statement, vision, core values, and strategic goals and initiatives.



A Mt. Vernon native, Justice David K. Overstreet practiced law in central and southern Illinois after receiving his law degree from the University of Tennessee. He was appointed circuit judge in the Second Judicial Circuit in 2007, elected in 2008, and retained in 2014. Justice Overstreet was assigned to the Fifth District Appellate Court in 2017 and elected in 2018. He was elected to the Illinois Supreme Court from the Fifth Judicial District in 2020.

OnTheRoad with LIR

All Things French in the Heartland

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Thursday, October 16

- 7:30-8:00** Park&board, SIU Arena South Lot
8:00 DEPART CARBONDALE
9:30 Arrive Baetje Farms
 Creamery tour, barn, cheese tasting
11:00 DEPART BAETJE FARMS
11:10 Brunch at The Kozy
12:00 DEPART THE KOZY
1:00 Arrive Old Cahokia Court House
On-site guide will direct us when to reboard bus for our other stops
3:00 DEPART CAHOKIA HEIGHTS
4:00 Arrive Fort Des Chartres
 Orientation, museum & grounds
4:45 DEPART FT. DES CHARTRES
5:00 Arrive Modoc Rock Shelter
5:15 DEPART MODOC
6:30 ARRIVE CARBONDALE approx

RECOMMENDED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS:
bring a plastic bottle of drinking water.

BUS RULES

Water or soda permitted **ONLY** in plastic bottles
with screw tops. Absolutely **NO GLASS**.

No smoking.

No gum, sticky candy, or sunflower seeds.

Use the trash bag for any litter.

Failure to comply? LIR will be charged a fee of \$250-500.

*If this is your first LIR trip, park free in the southernmost Arena parking lot. Access from Hwy. 51 and turn at the Banterra lighted sign. Take the first left and drive south

SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

Monthly Lunch Club Discussion Group

Members are cordially invited to join this group which meets monthly to share lunch and open conversation.

September 25 - 11:30 Thursday
Seasonings Bistro
Marion on the Square

Monthly Book Club

The Book Club meets on the
third Monday of the month
at 9:30 a.m. at
Epiphany Lutheran Church
on West Chautauqua.

September 15
Runaway (short story collection)
By Alice Munroe

October 20
Raising Hare (memoir)
By Chloe Dalton

Course Registration Now Available Online

Registration for the Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement (SILIR) is now available online!

To register, simply visit <https://conferenceservices.siu.edu/silir/>.

For those who prefer to register using a paper form, that option is also available on the website or through the SILIR newsletter.

SILIR Fall Session II Classes

October 13- November 10

Mondays

Cost \$15.00

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Instructor: Paul Mundschenk

Religion and Stories

All institutionalized religions provide their followers with answers to the big cosmological questions, but they're really more interested in guiding human behavior, in teaching their followers what they can and cannot do, especially in their relationships with the world, with life, and with one another. This guidance is spelled out in doctrine, of course, but everywhere there is recognition that stated rules have limited power. Hence, religious institutions also use stories to provide behavioral guidance. In this course, we'll briefly explore formal behavioral teachings from Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, then read aloud selected stories from each tradition and discuss how well the stories enhance -- or fail to enhance -- the teachings.

October 14-November 11 (Session II)**Tuesdays****Cost \$15.00****1:30 - 3:30 p.m.****Epiphany Lutheran Church****Instructor: Gary Hartlieb****London in the Time of Dickens**

This DVD course taught by Lillian Nayder explores London in the Victorian Era, when it was home to nearly two million people and expected to top six million by the death of Queen Victoria. The course centers on London as a city of contrasts: a bustling and vibrant urban center while also a place of starvation, great suffering and child labor. At the end of the course we will watch Oliver Twist, one of Dickens' best known works.

October 14 and October 21 (Session II)**Tuesdays****Cost \$5.00****9:30-11:30 a.m.****Epiphany Lutheran Church****Instructor: Sandy Pensoneau-Conway****Understanding Diversity, Understanding Difference****This class will meet for two sessions:**

Oct. 14 -Communicating Diversity. How can we create welcoming environments and embrace differences we see around us? Communication is a powerful tool to create a more just and open world.

Oct. 21 -Pronouns in Action. Focus on gender and pronouns. Engage in guided discussion on the evolution and usage of pronouns and move into practice with the goal of better understanding why someone might use gender-neutral pronouns.

October 16-November13 (Session II)**Thursdays****Cost \$15.00****1:30-3:30 p.m.****Epiphany Lutheran Church****Instructor: Steve Dollinger****Remembering Columbo**

In this course we will view and discuss five episodes of the classic Columbo series. I will present information about Peter Falk the actor, Levinson and Link who developed the series, and several guest-star repeat murderers in the series. We will share impressions and memories of the program and the endearing character.

Maximum enrollment: 30

November 5 and November 12(Session II)**Wednesdays****Cost \$5.00****1:30-3:30 p.m.****Epiphany Lutheran Church****Instructor: Jon Musgrave****Historical Highlights in Southern Illinois****This class will meet for two sessions:****Nov. 5** The Old Slave House: America's last station on the reverse underground railroad**Nov. 12** The Civil War in southern Illinois—Lessons from the home front**October 28-November 18 (Session II)****Tuesdays****Cost \$15.00****9:30-11:30 a.m.****Epiphany Lutheran Church****Instructor: John Jackson****A Stock Taking on the first 10 months of Trump 2.0 and a Look Ahead to the Midterms**

This course will examine how Donald Trump has taken control of the federal government and has quickly expanded presidential power over a broad range of governmental functions to an unprecedented extent. This expansion has also reached deep into the economy as well.

Comparisons will be made with recent presidents as well as historical examples. The focus will then turn to where there is resistance to Trump's actions and where there are any potential sources of counter balancing and constraining Trump's power. Focus will be on the upcoming mid-term elections and what the Democrats' and Republicans' prospects for those are. A brief examination of the midterm elections in Illinois will also be examined with special attention to the March 2026 primaries.

October 20-One Class Only**Monday, Oct. 20****Cost: \$50****9 a.m. – 1 p.m.****(cash or check to Jeff Kurtz)****Location: Jeff's Garage, 908 Valley Drive, Carterville
(two blocks behind John A. Logan)****Mail or deliver payment to:
Pam Matthews, 104 S. Rod
Lane, Carbondale, IL 62901****Instructor: Jeff Kurtz****Paint Your Own Barn Quilt Panel**

Create a beautiful 24-inch barn quilt panel—no painting experience required! Choose from several emailed designs in advance; your chosen design will be pre-drawn on an aluminum panel. Simply paint it with your favorite colors, then take it home ready to hang indoors or outdoors.

For questions, contact Pam at 207-320-5657 or pam15river@gmail.com or Jeff at 570-401-4843

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If you are registering more than yourself for a class/trip, please list the name(s) of the SILIR member you are registering.

Name: _____ (26M0901901) **FY26 Membership Dues**\$25 x _____ = _____

Addtl. Name: _____ **July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026**

INTEREST GROUPS — July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026

Name: _____ (26M0901904) Book Study Group\$10 x _____ = _____

Name: _____ (26M0901905) Lunch Discussion Group\$10 x _____ = _____

Name: _____ (26M0901911) Religion and Stories\$15 x _____ = _____

Name: _____ (26M0901912) London in the Times of Dickens.....\$15 x _____ = _____

Name: _____ (26M0901913) Understanding Diversity.....\$ 5x _____ = _____

Name: _____ (26M0901914) Historical Highlights in So. Ill.....\$ 5 x _____ = _____

Name: _____ (26M0901915) Remembering Columbo.....\$15x _____ = _____

Name: _____ (26M0901916) Stock taking on the first 10 mo. Of Trump....\$15x _____ = _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

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