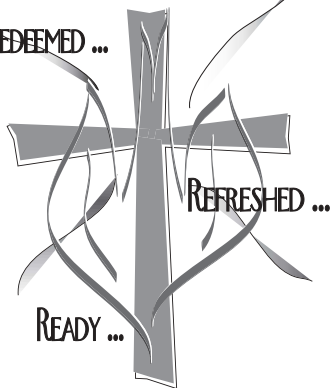


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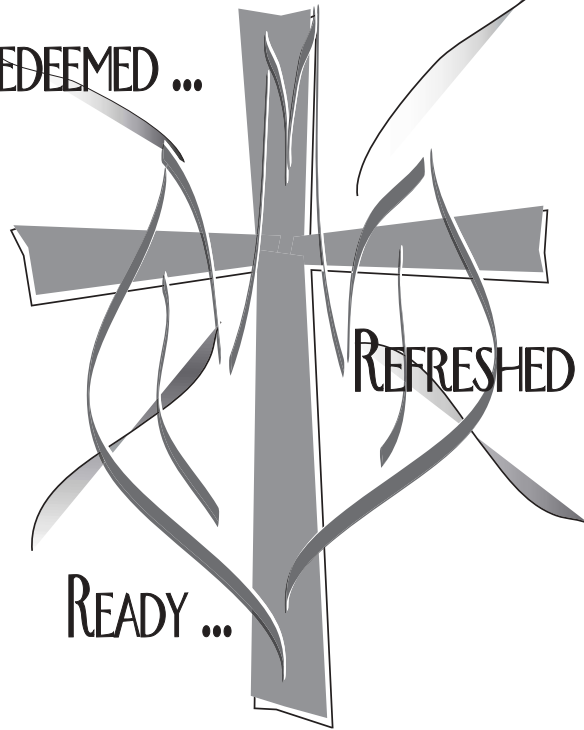
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# DISTRICT CONGREGATIONS

## NORTH AND EAST REGION

### #1 - Mackinaw Straits Circuit - Stephen E. Schilke, Counselor

Cheboygan, St. John - Keith A. Schneider  
DeTour Village, Redeemer -  
Drummond Island, Drummond Island -  
Engadine, Bethlehem - Arthur J. Bode  
Germfask, Grace - Arthur J. Bode  
Hawks (Rogers City), Faith - Jack D. Ferguson  
Kinross, St. Paul -  
Moltke (Rogers City), Immanuel - Eric W. Voigt  
Newberry, Trinity - Daniel F. Clemons  
Onaway, Holy Cross - Stephen E. Schilke  
Rogers City, Peace - Kevin C. Jones  
Rogers City, St. John - John R. Schreiber  
Rogers City, St. Michael - Paul G. Hopkins  
Sault, St. Barnabas - Charles B. Burhop  
Paradise, Paradise - Daniel F. Clemons

### #2 - Alpena-Gaylord Circuit - Robert L. Mikkelson, Counselor

Alpena, Immanuel - William L. Morris/ James D. Erickson  
Harrisville, Faith -  
Herron, St. Paul - Robert L. Mikkelson  
Hillman, St. John - Jason L. Mandley  
Lewiston, Bethlehem - Robert W. Butler  
Ossineke, Good Shepherd - Arthur W. Reich  
Posen, St. Paul -  
Fairview (Mio), Living Water -

### #3 - Timberline Circuit - Dean R. Muhle, Counselor

Au Gres, St. John - Gary L. Nehring  
Glennie, Our Savior -  
Hale, St. Paul - Dean R. Muhle  
Oscoda, Trinity - Timothy P. Azzam  
Prescott, Faith -  
Standish, Bethlehem - Daniel L. Jansen  
Tawas City, Zion - Steven C. Mahlburg  
Whittemore, Good News Ministries -

### #4 - Gladwin Circuit - William C. Winter, Counselor

Clare, Prince of Peace - Kevin L. Leidich  
Gladwin, Our Savior -  
Harrison, St. Luke - Michael W. Schaedig  
Houghton Lake, St. John - William C. Winter  
St. Helen, Hope - Andrew D. Gruenhagen  
West Branch, St. John -

### #5 - Midland Circuit - David H. Reed, Counselor

Alma, Peace - Thomas C. Messer  
Auburn, Grace - David H. Reed  
Auburn, Zion - Gregory A. Schlicker/Steven M. Stolarczyk  
Midland, Messiah - Gregory A. Finke/John E. Langewisch/  
Kurt A. Weber/Robert F. Allmann  
Midland, Our Savior -  
Midland, St. John - John C. Pohanka/Douglas K. Janetzke  
Mt. Pleasant, Zion - Samuel B. Reith  
\*Mt. Pleasant, CMU Chapel -  
Sanford, St. Paul - Paul V. Young  
Wheeler, Immanuel - Larry A. Warsinski  
Midland, Lord of New Life -

### #6 - Bay City Circuit - William H. Allwardt, Counselor

Bay City, Faith - Daniel C. Meckes  
Bay City, Immanuel - Leslie D. Tyvela  
Bay City (Amelith), St. John - Stephen P. Starke  
Bay City (Monitor), Trinity - David F. Sherry  
Bay City, Zion - William H. Allwardt/John W. Wernecke  
Essexville, Pilgrim - Carl F. Trosien  
Frankenlust (Bay City), St. Paul - Paul D. Theiss  
Pinconning, St. John - David A. Jung

### #7 - Thumb East Circuit - Kenneth D. Lueke, Counselor

Bad Axe, Our Savior - Kenneth D. Lueke  
Kinde, St. Peter - David L. Putz  
Forestville (Minden City), Trinity - Richard G. Wilson  
Harbor Beach, Zion - Mark E. Girardin

### #7 - Thumb East Circuit (continued)

Palms, St. John -  
Port Hope, St. John - Gregory J. Eilers  
Port Sanilac, St. John - Leo G. Thoms  
Sandusky, Peace - Richard L. Tino  
Marlette, Our Savior - Eric S. Kilmer

### #8 - Thumb West Circuit - Gerald A. Meyer, Counselor

Bach (Sebewaing), St. Peter - Jonathan D. Meyer  
Caseville, Good Shepherd - James L. Nihiser  
Cass City, Good Shepherd - Gerald A. Meyer  
Kilmanagh (Sebewaing), St. John - Jonathan D. Meyer  
Linkville (Pigeon), St. Paul - Lee C. Wensky  
Sebewaing, Immanuel - Daniel A. Hahn, Jr.  
Unionville, St. Paul - Michael S. Allen  
Fairgrove, Grace - Leonard A. Astrowski

### #9 - Frankenmuth Circuit - Dale C. Ahlschwede, Counselor

Caro, St. Paul - Cameron K. Steele  
Frankenmuth, St. Lorenz - Mark D. Brandt/Dale C. Ahlschwede/  
Michael N. Fitzgerald/Joel C. Kaiser/Gary L. Bender  
Millington, St. Paul - James R. Bruner/Timothy J. Bickel  
Munger, Trinity-St. James - Theodore E. Voll  
Reese, Trinity - Matthew M. Garred  
Richville, St. Michael - Robert G. Gadeken/Wesley S. Gillaspie  
Saginaw (Frankentrost), Immanuel - Mark A. Loest

### #10 - Saginaw Circuit - William W. Hessler, Counselor

Bridgeport, Faith - William W. Hessler  
Hemlock, St. Peter - Martin J. Hagenow/Richard E. Mundt  
Hemlock, Zion - Paul A. Hauser  
Owosso, St. Philip - Brian F. Heidt  
Saginaw, Bethlehem - Michael P. Korte/Charles F. Buckhahn  
Saginaw, Good Shepherd - Mark P. Buckert  
Saginaw (Carrollton), Messiah - M. Samuel Sherouse, Jr.  
Saginaw, Peace - C. Wm. Weis/Robert M. Eggers/Paul R. Hinz  
Saginaw, Holy Cross - Timothy J. Loewe  
Saginaw, Redeemer - J. Robert Herrod  
St. Charles, Nativity -  
Saginaw, St. Mark - Edward A. Meyer

### #11 - Flint North Circuit - Steven R. Maske, Counselor

Birch Run, Christ - Richard P. Hillenbrand  
Birch Run, St. Martin - Ronald L. Young  
Clio, Messiah - Erwin Kostizen  
Flint, Christ the King -  
Flint, United In Christ - Gilbert R. Mabry  
Flint, Our Savior - Randall P. Schultz  
Flint, St. Paul - Roger R. Kilponen/Steven R. Maske  
Flushing, Holy Cross - Clifford F. Bira/David J. Rufner

### #12 - Flint South Circuit - Dean G. Dumbrille, Counselor

Flint (Burton), Pilgrim - Daniel A. Wonderly  
Fenton, Trinity - Dean G. Dumbrille  
Flint, Peace - James G. Wilber  
Flint, Redeemer - Timothy R. Speckman  
Goodrich, Christ - Kelly D. Todd  
Grand Blanc, Faith - Wayne H. Wentzel/James D. Weist  
Holly, Gethsemane -  
Linden, Hope - Lawrence M. Eckart  
Ortonville, Prince of Peace -  
Swartz Creek, New Life Community - Bradley J. Yops/Bradley G. Garrison

### #13 - Lapeer Circuit - David H. Hensler, Counselor

Davison, Trinity - Stephen C. Stahlhut  
Dryden, Holy Redeemer - Steven C. Helms  
Flint, Calvary -  
Flint, St. Mark - Gary L. Beck  
Lapeer, St. Paul - John C. Kaiser/Mark E. Gilson  
North Branch, New Life in Christ -  
Otisville, St. Timothy - David H. Hensler

## METRO EAST REGION

**#14 - Port Huron Circuit** - Gerhardt A. Doroh, Counselor  
Algonac, First -  
Armada, Our Saviour - Paul B. Dancy  
Fair Haven - St. Peter - Robert V. Wagner  
Goodells, Hope -  
Lexington, St. Matthew - Barry C. Sheldon  
Port Huron, Faith - Timothy M. Eichberger  
Port Huron, Trinity - Robert H. Mann  
Richmond, St. Peter - Gerhardt A. Doroh/Randy D. Lett  
St. Clair, Immanuel - Alan J. Schwieger/Joseph C. Doenges  
Memphis, St. Andrew - Paul M. Boerger

**#15 - Macomb North Circuit** - Barry L. Mueller, Counselor  
Clinton Twp., St. Luke - Bert A. Thompson/G. Stevens Bagnall  
Clinton Twp., Trinity - Kenneth M. Wise/Thees C. Hoft  
Macomb, Immanuel - Michael J. Lutz/Greg S. Griffith  
Macomb, St. Peter - Robert E. Kasper/Kenneth C. Wagener/  
Gregory M. Lorenz  
Chesterfield (New Baltimore), Good Shepherd - David M. Ulm  
New Baltimore, Christ - Barry L. Mueller  
Ray Twp (New Haven), St. John - Edward J. Steeh

**#16 - Macomb Northwest Circuit** - Eric W. Majeski, Counselor  
Romeo, Grace Fellowship - Eric W. Majeski  
Shelby Twp.(Utica/Disco), Peace - Craig L. Bickel  
Sterling Heights., Redemption - Timothy A. Bickel  
Sterling Heights., St. Paul - Walter A. Keller  
Troy, Faith - Warren B. Arndt/Paul W. Arndt/Frederick W. Traugott  
Utica, Trinity - Norman A. Koy/Philip J. Scharnitzke  
Washington, Our Redeemer - Jeffrey G. Draeger  
Shelby Twp., Shepherd's Gate - Jon A. Bjorgaard/Craig M. Meyer/  
J. Blair Clark, Jr.  
Troy, All Nations - Farrukh M. Khan/Khurram M. Khan/  
Amer M. Khan/Simon A. Ajak/John M. Gill/  
Afzal Masih/Arul J. A. Sundaradhas

**#17 - Oakland North Circuit** - Michael P. Schulz, Counselor  
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Lake Orion, Good Shepherd - James H. Van Dellen/Eric E. Tritten  
Oxford, Holy Cross - Michael P. Schulz  
Rochester Hills, Crown of Life - Terry J. Rebert  
Rochester (Brooklands), Gethsemane - Thomas F. Fischer  
Rochester, Living Word - John E. Kassen  
Rochester, St. John - Karl E. Galik/Luke R. Timm  
Waterford, St. Stephen - Douglas J. Stowe

**#18 - Birmingham Circuit** - Peter S. Nickel, Counselor  
Berkley, Trinity - David L. Prout  
Birmingham, Our Shepherd - Ray E. Scherbarth/Carl M. Gnewuch  
Birmingham, Redeemer - Randall J. Schlak/Cary M. Richert  
Birmingham, Our Savior Deaf - \*\*Thomas W. Dunseth  
Bloomfield Hills, Cross of Christ - Jon W. Reusch/Stephen D. Grafe  
Hazel Park, Hazel Park - Corliss A. Fanning  
Huntington Woods, Huntington Woods - Peter S. Nickel  
Royal Oak, St. Paul - Jeremy J. A. Schultz  
Troy, St. Augustine - Paul C. Monson  
Warren, Holy Cross - Alan P. Eisinger/Matthew J. Canion

**#19 - Macomb South Circuit** - John E. Merrill, Counselor  
Eastpointe, St. Peter - Michael J. Roth/Seth R. Hemme  
Eastpointe, St. Thomas - Mark W. Hetzner/Samuel J. Grayl  
Fraser, St. John - John E. Merrill/Bradley A. Smith  
Roseville, Bethlehem - Jeffrey M. Fritz  
Warren, Hope - John M. Duerr  
Warren, Peace - E. Enwood Nevis  
Warren, Trinity -

**#20 - Detroit East Circuit** - Arnold H. Brammeier, Counselor  
Detroit, Bethany - Peter R. Brueckner  
Detroit, Bethlehem East -  
Detroit, Charity - \*\*Steven J. Essenburg (LCM)  
Detroit, Epiphany - Richard E. Robinson  
Detroit, Mt. Calvary - \*\*James M. Hill (LCM)  
Detroit, Peace - John A. Straub  
Detroit, Redemption -  
Detroit, Resurrection - Scott E. Benjamin

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**#21 - Detroit Central Circuit** - Mark A. Griffin, Sr., Counselor  
Detroit, St. Philip - David F. Burgess  
Detroit, Historic Trinity - David Eberhard  
Detroit, Berea - Mark A. Griffin, Sr.  
Detroit, Bethlehem -  
Detroit, Nazareth - \*\*Steven J. Essenburg (LCM)  
Detroit, St. John - \*\*James M. Hill (LCM)  
Detroit, St. Stephen - Edgar L. Williams

**#22 - Detroit West Circuit** - Harold A. Avers, Counselor  
Detroit, Evergreen - William F. Danowski  
Detroit, Greenfield Peace - Harold A. Avers  
Detroit, Holy Cross - James W. Turner  
Detroit, Outer Drive Faith - Eddie Morales  
Detroit, St. Timothy -  
Detroit, Redford - Steven S. Billings

**#23 - Down River Circuit** - Harry N. Edenfield, Counselor  
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Daniel E. Lochner  
Southgate, Christ the King - Terry L. Cashmer/Harry N. Edenfield/  
Jason D. Cashmer  
Taylor, Our Redeemer -  
Taylor, St. John - Richard A. Zeile  
Trenton, St. Paul - John L. Bush/Todd L. Frusti  
Wyandotte, Trinity - Kenneth M. Spence  
Allen Park, Mt. Hope - Randy L. Johnson  
Lincoln Park, Calvary -  
River Rouge, Christ -

**#24 - Monroe Circuit** - Karl A. Fuhlbrigge, Counselor  
Waltz, St. John - Kurt S. Taylor/David P. Schmidt  
Newport, Christ Our Shepherd -  
Monroe, Grace - Ronald C. Schultz  
Monroe, Holy Ghost - Larry K. Loree, Sr.  
Monroe (Ida), Immanuel - Bruce K. Lucas  
Monroe, Trinity - Stanley R. AuBuchon/Jeffrey B. Walsh/  
Bruce L. Crabtree  
Lambertville, Christ the King - Ronald P. Scheer  
Petersburg, St. Peter - Ainslie B. Wagner

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Dearborn, Atonement - Dan W. Muecke  
Dearborn, Emmanuel - Rodney E. Zwonitzer/Joel R. Baseley  
Dearborn, Guardian -  
Dearborn, Our Redeemer - Dennis M. Berkesch  
Inkster, Our Master - David G. Huber  
Wayne, St. Michael -  
Canton, Christ the Good Shepherd - Alexander Whitfield  
Westland, Our Saviour -  
Westland, St. Matthew - Kurt E. Lambart/Paul A. Pollatz  
Plymouth, Living Word - Randall S. Duncan

**#26 - Kensington Circuit** - Terry A. Nelson, Counselor  
Brighton, Shepherd of the Lakes - K. Frank Graves/Mark D. Milatz  
Highland, Faith - Terry A. Claus  
Milford, Christ - Richard E. Pape  
South Lyon, Cross of Christ - Terry A. Nelson  
White Lake (Union Lake), Cedar Crest - Paul E. Wargo  
West Bloomfield (Union Lake), St. Mark - Allen D. Lunneberg  
Walled Lake, St. Matthew - Paul M. Moldenhauer/Dion T. Garrett  
Waterford (Union Lake/Pontiac), Peace - William D. Merrell  
Howell, Heart of the Shepherd - Galen E. Grulke

**#27 - Livonia Circuit** - Thomas M. Lubeck, Counselor  
Westland, Salem - David W. Zeuschner  
Farmington Hills, St. Paul - John W. Meyer  
Farmington Hills, Prince of Peace - Thomas M. Lange  
Northville, St. Paul - Thomas M. Lubeck/Christopher D. Fairbairn  
Livonia, Christ Our Savior - Luther A. Werth/Robert F. Bayer  
Redford, Hosanna-Tabor - Jonathan J. Manor  
Dearborn Heights, Immanuel -  
Canton, Grace - \*\*Kirk D. Miller

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Saline, Christ Our King - Thomas L. Schroeder  
Ypsilanti, Faith -  
Milan, St. Paul - Dale M. Kleimola  
New Boston, St. Paul - D. Lee Cullen, Jr.  
Ann Arbor, St. Thomas - Charles R. Schulz  
Belleville, (Bethlehem) Open Arms - James F. Richter

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Ann Arbor, Divine Shepherd - Rodger L. Williams  
Ann Arbor, St. Luke - Bryan K. Schindel  
Ann Arbor, Peace - Larry G. Courson  
Ann Arbor, St. Paul - Donald O. Neuendorf/Michael W. Wentzel  
\*Ann Arbor, U of M Chapel - David C. Winningham  
Chelsea, Our Savior - Dale A. Grimm  
Hamburg, St. Paul -  
Pinckney, Trinity - Daniel J. McVey  
Ann Arbor, Cross & Resurrection - George O. Hamilton

**#30 - Jackson Circuit** - David R. Gadbaw, Counselor  
Adrian, Hope - Paul W. Herter  
Adrian, St. John - Joel H. Sarrault  
Brooklyn (Irish Hills), St. Mark - Kelly D. Smith, Sr.  
Hudson, Our Saviour -  
Jackson, Redeemer - R. William Roper  
Jackson, Trinity - Douglas A. Krengel  
Addison, Lutheran Church of the Lakes - David R. Gadbaw

## WEST REGION

### #31 - Petoskey Circuit - Ted N. Turanski, Counselor

Bellaire, Hope - Raymond D. Parent  
Boyne City, Christ - Kenneth G. Bernthal  
Charlevoix, Bethany - Michael L. Teuscher  
Gaylord, Trinity - Todd J. Brunworth  
Grayling, Mt. Hope - Steven E. Thiel  
Kalkaska, St. Paul - Ted N. Turanski  
Mancelona, St. Matthew -  
Petoskey, Zion - Douglas G. Kenny  
Harbor Springs, Shepherd in the Pines - Thomas B. Garrison

### #32 - Traverse City Circuit - Lawrence K. Matro, Counselor

Benzonia, Our Savior - Robert H. Bennett  
Elk Rapids, Grace - Donald P. Nemeec  
Good Harbor, St. Paul - Robert W. Wurst  
Glen Arbor, Bethlehem - Paul H. Schneider  
Interlochen, Redeemer - Timothy E. Mowry  
Leland, Immanuel - Lawrence K. Matro  
Traverse City, St. Michael - Timothy J. Brand  
Traverse City, Trinity - Robert M. Zagore/Chad E. Hoover/  
Charles W. Webb

### #33 - Manistee Circuit - James E. Schroeder, Counselor

Arcadia, Trinity -  
Cadillac, Emmanuel -  
Ludington, Peace - John W. Kayser  
Manistee, Trinity - Dennis D. Rahn  
Mesick, Faith -  
Norwalk, Norwalk -  
Onekama, Trinity -  
Scottville, Our Saviour - James E. Schroeder  
Wellston, Beautiful Savior -  
Ludington, St. John - Thomas V. Boehne  
Pentwater, Lighthouse - John W. Kayser

### #34 - Big Rapids Circuit - Robert D. Baerwolf, Counselor

Baldwin, Grace - Stephen M. King  
Big Rapids, St. Peter - John A. Bookshaw  
Fremont, Redeemer - James A. Schouweiler  
Mecosta, Chapel of the Lakes -  
Reed City, Trinity - Dean M. Davenport  
White Cloud, Christ - Richard S. Hoogerhyde  
Fremont (Newaygo), Living Hope Fellowship - Stephen M. King

### #35 - Capitol Circuit - Richard P. Laeder, Counselor

Charlotte, First - Timothy W. Olson  
East Lansing, Ascension -  
Haslet, St. Luke - David A. Davis  
Holt, Messiah - John A. Schinkel  
Holt, St. Matthew - Dean R. Poellet  
Lansing, Our Savior - David P. E. Maier/Roy C. Olsen  
Lansing, Trinity - Richard P. Laeder  
Leslie, Grace Fellowship - James D. Keat

### #36 - St. Johns Circuit - Jeffrey E. Heimsoth, Counselor

Carson City, Calvary - Kenneth L. Williamson  
DeWitt, Hope - Albert B. Collver  
Fowler, St. Paul - Paul M. Clark  
Portland, St. Andrew - Edward W. Filter  
St. Johns, St. Johns - George W. Brinley  
St. Johns (Riley), St. Peter - Jeffrey E. Heimsoth  
Lansing, Good Shepherd - Roger K. Straub

### #37 - Tri-River Circuit - Fred C. Krause, Counselor

Belding, Holy Cross -  
Greenville, Mt. Calvary - Jeffrey M. Wilhelm  
Howard City, Bethel - Alsen K. Wenzel  
Ionia, St. John - David W. Bogda  
Lowell, Good Shepherd - Joseph Fremer  
Sand Lake, Resurrection -  
Stanton, Hope -

### #38 - Muskegon Circuit - Dennis L. Lassanske, Counselor

Conklin, Trinity - Mark A. Oswald  
Montague, St. James - John W. Brooks  
Muskegon, Our Redeemer - Robert J. Conrad  
Norton Shores (Muskegon), St. Mark - Mark E. Zimmerman  
Muskegon, Trinity - Dennis L. Lassanske  
Nunica, St. Luke - William C. Lahrman  
Shelby, St. Stephen - John W. Schwartz  
Whitehall, Faith - Micheal D. Kroll

### #39 - Holland Circuit - Phillip A. Baerwolf, Counselor

Coopersville, Grace - Joel F. Hoyer  
Spring Lake (Ferrysburg), Lakeshore Luth. Fellowship- Glenn M. Shelton  
Grand Haven, St. John - Dieter E. Haupt/Phillip A. Baerwolf  
Holland, Christ Our Savior - John C. Schleicher  
Holland, Zion - John Westra  
Spring Lake, St. Matthew -  
West Olive, United -

### #40 - Grand Rapids N. Central Circuit - Terry E. Hoese, Counselor

Ada (Grand Rapids), St. Matthew - Robert B. Appold  
Grand Rapids, Immanuel - Timothy M. Verity  
Grand Rapids, Messiah - Terry E. Hoese  
Grand Rapids, Mt. Olive - Sean L. Rippy  
Grand Rapids, Our Savior - David C. Fleming/Benjamin T.G. Mayes  
Grand Rapids, Redeemer -  
Grand Rapids, St. James - James H. Blain  
Rockford, St. Peter - Mark W. Love

### #41 - Grand Rapids SW Circuit - Thomas F. Meyer, Counselor

Caledonia, St. Paul - Robert A. Gerke  
Grandville, Bethel - Glenn P. Kopper  
Hudsonville, New Hope - Darryl L. Andrzejewski  
Jenison, Holy Cross - Scott G. Sommerfeld  
Jenison (Allendale), St. John - James E. Metcalf  
Kentwood, St. Mark - Thomas F. Meyer/  
Robert G. Barber (Byron Center)  
Middleville, Good Shepherd - E. Anthony Sikora

### #42 - Battle Creek Circuit - Paul R. Naumann, Counselor

Albion, St. Paul - James A. Waddell  
Battle Creek, St. Mark - Carl W. Schneider/Robert J. Nelson  
Battle Creek, Redemption - Karl Streng  
Battle Creek, St. Paul - Gary L. Siefert  
Kalamazoo, Immanuel - David H. Sidwell  
Kalamazoo, Zion - Timothy W. Seeber/Mark T. Couch  
\*Kalamazoo, Higher Ground - \*\*Mark T. Couch  
Marshall, Christ - David E. Boedecker  
Marshall, Zion - Roger B. James  
Paw Paw, Trinity - Mark C. Whittaker  
Portage, St. Michael - Paul R. Naumann  
Three Rivers, St. Peter -

### #43 - St. Joseph Circuit - David E. Weiss, Counselor

Berrien Springs, Trinity - Gary L. Miller  
Bridgman, Immanuel -  
Buchanan, St. Paul - Thomas M. Nowak  
Cassopolis, St. Paul - David E. Weiss  
Coloma, Salem - Allen R. Strefling  
Glendora (Buchanan), Trinity - Thomas R. Brazinsky  
New Buffalo, Prince of Peace - Daniel H. Woodring  
Niles, St. Paul - Carl W. Bassett  
St. Joseph, Trinity - Thomas E. Batsky  
Sawyer, Trinity - Kendall L. Schaeffer  
Stevensville, Christ - Philip G. Quardokus/Bradley Kelly

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Burr Oak, St. John - Kurt P. Kuhlmann  
Centreville, St. Paul - David A. Grimm  
Centreville, Salem -  
Coldwater, St. Paul - David L. Gruenhagen  
Colon, St. Paul - David A. Grimm  
Hillsdale, St. Paul - L. Daniel Johnson/Douglas M. Adams  
Quincy, Prince of Peace -  
Sturgis, Trinity - Michael A. Klafehn/Calvin J. Kolzow, Jr.  
Union City, Our Savior - David A. Dodge

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## DISTRICT MINISTERS OF RELIGION – ORDAINED

### SOLE/SENIOR PASTORS

Allen, Michael S. - St. Paul, Unionville  
Allwardt, William H. - Zion, Bay City  
Andrzejewski, Darryl L. - New Hope, Hudsonville  
Appold, Robert B. - St. Matthew, Grand Rapids  
Arndt, Warren B. - Faith, Troy  
Astrowski, Leonard A. - Grace, Fairgrove  
AuBuchon, Stanley R. - Trinity, Monroe  
Avers, Harold A. - Greenfield-Peace, Detroit  
Azzam, Timothy P. - Trinity, Oscoda  
Balzer, James G. - Emmanuel, Britton  
Bassett, Carl W. - St. Paul, Niles  
Beck, Gary L. - St. Mark, Flint  
Bennett, Robert H. - Our Savior, Benzonia  
Berkesch, Dennis M. - Our Redeemer, Dearborn  
Bernthal, Kenneth G. - Christ, Boyne City  
Bickel, Craig L. - Peace, Shelby Twp.  
Bickel, Timothy A. - Redemption, Sterling Hts.  
Billings, Steven S. - Redford, Detroit  
Bira, Clifford F. - Holy Cross, Flushing  
Bjorgaard, Jon A. - Shepherd's Gate, Shelby Twp.  
Blain, James H. - St. James, Grand Rapids  
Bode, Arthur J. - Bethlehem, Engadine/Grace, Germfask  
Boedecker, David E. - Christ, Marshall  
Boehne, Thomas V. - St. John, Ludington  
Boerger, Paul M. - St. Andrew, Memphis  
Bogda, David W. - St. John, Ionia  
Bookshaw, John A. - St. Peter, Big Rapids  
Brand, Timothy J. - St. Michael, Traverse City  
Brandt, Mark D. - St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth  
Brazinsky, Thomas R. - Trinity, (Glendora) Buchanan  
Brinley, George W. - St. John, St. Johns  
Brooks, John W. - St. James, Montague  
Brueckner, Peter R. - Bethany, Detroit  
Bruner, James R. - St. Paul, Millington  
Brunworth, Todd J. - Trinity, Gaylord  
Buckert, Mark P. - Good Shepherd, Saginaw  
Burgess, David F. - St. Philip, Detroit  
Burhop, Charles B. - St. Barnabas, Sault Ste. Marie  
Bush, John L. - St. Paul, Trenton  
Butler, Robert W. - Bethlehem, Lewiston  
Cashmer, Terry L. - Christ the King, Southgate  
Clark, Paul M. - St. Paul, Fowler  
Claus, Terry A. - Faith, Highland  
Clemons, Daniel F. - Trinity, Newberry & Paradise, Paradise  
Collver, Albert B. - Hope, DeWitt  
Conrad, Robert J. - Our Redeemer, Muskegon  
Courson, Larry G. - Peace, Ann Arbor  
Cullen, D. Lee, Jr. - St. Paul's, New Boston  
Dancy, Paul B. - Our Saviour, Armada  
Danowski, William F. - Evergreen, Detroit  
Davenport, Dean M. - Trinity, Reed City  
Davis, David A. - St. Luke, Haslett  
Dodge, David A. - Our Savior, Union City  
Doroh, Gerhardt A. - St. Peter, Richmond  
Draeger, Jeffrey G. - Our Redeemer, Washington  
Duerr, John M. - Hope, Warren  
Dumbrille, Dean G. - Trinity, Fenton  
Duncan, Randall S. - Living Word, Plymouth  
Eberhard, David - Historic Trinity, Detroit  
Eckart, Lawrence M. - Hope, Linden  
Eichberger, Timothy M. - Faith, Port Huron  
Eilers, Gregory J. - St. John, Port Hope  
Eisinger, Alan P. - Holy Cross, Warren  
Fanning, Corliss A. - Hazel Park, Hazel Park  
Ferguson, Jack D. - Faith, Hawks  
Filter, Edward W. - St. Andrew, Portland  
Finke, Gregory A. - Messiah, Midland  
Fischer, Thomas F. - Gethsemane, Rochester Hills  
Fleming, David C. - Our Savior, Grand Rapids  
Fremer, Joseph - Good Shepherd, Lowell  
Fritz, Jeffrey M. - Bethlehem, Roseville  
Gadbaw, David R. - Lutheran Church of the Lakes, Addison  
Gadeken, Robert G. - St. Michael, Richville  
Galik, Karl E. - St. John, Rochester  
Garrison, Thomas B. - Shepherd in the Pines, Harbor Springs  
Gerke, Robert A. - St. Paul, Caledonia  
Girardin, Mark E. - Zion, Harbor Beach  
Gohn, David P. - Community, Flat Rock  
Griffin, Mark A. Sr. - Berea, Detroit  
Grimm, Dale A. - Our Savior, Chelsea  
Grimm, David A. - St. Paul, Centreville/St. Paul, Colon  
Gruenhagen, Andrew D. - Hope, St. Helen  
Gruenhagen, David L. - St. Paul, Coldwater  
Grulke, Galen E. - Heart of the Shepherd, Howell  
Hagenow, Martin J. - St. Peter, Hemlock  
Hahn, Daniel A. Jr. - Immanuel, Sebawaing  
Hamilton, George O. - Cross and Resurrection, Ann Arbor  
Haupt, Dieter E. - St. John, Grand Haven  
Hauser, Paul A. - Zion, Hemlock  
Heidt, Brian F. - St. Philip, Owosso  
Heimsoth, Jeffrey E. - St. Peter, St. Johns  
Helms, Steven C. - Holy Redeemer, Dryden  
Hensler, David H. - St. Timothy, Otisville  
Herrod, J. Robert - Redeemer, Saginaw  
Herter, Paul W. - Hope, Adrian  
Hessler, William W. - Faith, Bridgeport  
Hetzner, Mark W. - St. Thomas, Eastpointe  
Hillenbrand, Richard P. - Christ, Birch Run  
Hoese, Terry E. - Messiah, Grand Rapids  
Hoogerhyde, Richard S. - Christ, White Cloud  
Hopkins, Paul G. - St. Michael, Rogers City  
Hoyer, Joel F. - Grace, Coopersville  
Huber, David G. - Our Master, Inkster  
James, Roger B. - Zion, Marshall  
Jansen, Daniel L. - Bethlehem, Standish  
Johnson, L. Daniel - St. Paul, Hillsdale  
Johnson, Randy L. - Mt. Hope, Allen Park  
Jones, Kevin C. - Peace, Rogers City  
Jung, David A. - St. John, Pinconning  
Kaiser, John C. - St. Paul, Lapeer  
Kasper, Robert E. - St. Peter, Macomb  
Kassen, John E. - Living Word, Rochester  
Kayser, John W. - Peace, Ludington/Lighthouse, Pentwater  
Keat, James D. - Grace, Leslie  
Keller, Walter A. - St. Paul, Sterling Hgts.  
Kenny, Douglas G. - Zion, Petoskey  
Kilmer, Eric S. - Our Savior, Marlette  
Kilponen, Roger R. - St. Paul, Flint  
King, Stephen M. - Grace, Baldwin & Living Hope, Fremont  
Klafehn, Michael A. - Trinity, Sturgis  
Kleimola, Dale M. - St. Paul, Milan  
Kopper, Glenn P. - Bethel, Grandville  
Korte, Michael P. - Bethlehem, Saginaw  
Kostizen, Erwin - Messiah, Clio  
Koy, Norman A. - Trinity, Utica  
Krengel, Douglas A. - Trinity, Jackson  
Kroll, Micheal D. - Faith, Whitehall  
Kuhlmann, Kurt P. - St. John, Burr Oak  
Laeder, Richard P. - Trinity, Lansing  
Lahrman, William C. - St. Luke, Nunica  
Lambart, Kurt E. - St. Matthew, Westland  
Lange, Thomas M. - Prince of Peace, Farmington Hills  
Lassanske, Dennis L. - Trinity, Muskegon  
Leidich, Kevin L. - Prince of Peace, Clare  
Loest, Mark A. - Immanuel, Saginaw  
Loewe, Timothy J. - Holy Cross, Saginaw  
Loree, Larry K., Sr. - Holy Ghost, Monroe  
Love, Mark W. - St. Peter, Rockford  
Lubeck, Thomas M. - St. Paul, Northville  
Lucas, Bruce K. - Immanuel, Monroe  
Lueke, Kenneth D. - Our Savior, Bad Axe  
Lunneberg, Allen D. - St. Mark, West Bloomfield  
Lutz, Michael J. - Immanuel, Macomb  
Mabry, Gilbert R. - United In Christ, Flint  
Mahlburg, Steven C. - Zion, Tawas City  
Maier, David P. E. - Our Savior, Lansing

Majeski, Eric W. - Grace Fellowship, Romeo  
 Mandley, Jason L. - St. John, Hillman  
 Mann, Robert H. - Trinity, Port Huron  
 Manor, Jonathan J. - Hosanna-Tabor, Redford  
 Matro, Lawrence K. - Immanuel, Leland  
 McVey, Daniel J. - Trinity, Pinckney  
 Meckes, Daniel C. - Faith, Bay City  
 Merrell, William D. - Peace, (Pontiac) Union Lake  
 Merrill, John E. - St. John, Fraser  
 Messer, Thomas C. - Peace, Alma  
 Metcalf, James E. - St. John, Jenison (Allendale)  
 Meyer, Edward A. - St. Mark, Saginaw  
 Meyer, Gerald A. - Good Shepherd, Cass City  
 Meyer, John W. - St. Paul, Farmington Hills  
 Meyer, Jonathan D. - St. John, Kilmanagh/St. Peter, Bach  
 Meyer, Thomas F. - St. Mark, Kentwood  
 Mikkelson, Robert L. - St. Paul, Herron  
 Miller, Gary L. - Trinity, Berrien Springs  
 Moldenhauer, Paul M. - St. Matthew, Walled Lake  
 Monson, Paul C. - St. Augustine, Troy  
 Morales, Eddie - Outer Drive Faith, Detroit  
 Morris, William L. - Immanuel, Alpena  
 Mowry, Timothy E. - Redeemer, Interlochen  
 Muecke, Dan W. - Atonement, Dearborn  
 Mueller, Barry L. - Christ, New Baltimore  
 Muhle, Dean R. - St. Paul, Hale  
 Naumann, Paul R. - St. Michael, Portage  
 Nehring, Gary L. - St. John, AuGres  
 Nelson, Terry A. - Cross Of Christ, South Lyon  
 Nemecek, Donald P. - Grace, Elk Rapids  
 Neuendorf, Donald O. - St. Paul, Ann Arbor  
 Nevis, E. Enwood - Peace, Warren  
 Nickel, Peter S. - Huntington Woods, Huntington Woods.  
 Nihiser, James L. - Good Shepherd, Caseville  
 Nowak, Thomas M. - St. Paul, Buchanan  
 Olson, Timothy W. - First, Charlotte  
 Oswald, Mark A. - Trinity, Conklin  
 Pape, Richard E. - Christ, Milford  
 Parent, Raymond D. - Hope, Bellaire  
 Poellet, Dean R. - St. Matthew, Holt  
 Pohanka, John C. - St. John, Midland  
 Prout, David L. - Trinity, Berkley  
 Putz, David L. - St. Peter, Kinde  
 Quardokus, Philip G. - Christ, Stevensville  
 Rahn, Dennis D. - Trinity, Manistee  
 Rebert, Terry J. - Crown of Life, Rochester Hills  
 Reed, David H. - Grace, Auburn  
 Reich, Arthur W. - Good Shepherd, Ossineke  
 Reith, Samuel B. - Zion, Mt. Pleasant  
 Reusch, Jon W. - Cross of Christ, Bloomfield Hills  
 Richter, James F. - Open Arms, Belleville  
 Rippy, Sean L. - Mt. Olive, Grand Rapids  
 Robinson, Richard E. - Epiphany, Detroit  
 Roper, R. William - Redeemer, Jackson  
 Roth, Michael J. - St. Peter, Eastpointe  
 Sarrault, Joel H. - St. John, Adrian  
 Schaedig, Michael W. - St. Luke, Harrison  
 Schaeffer, Kendall L. - Trinity, Sawyer  
 Scheer, Ronald P. - Christ the King, Lambertville  
 Scherbarth, Ray E. - Our Shepherd, Birmingham  
 Schilke, Stephen E. - Holy Cross, Onaway  
 Schindel, Bryan K. - St. Luke, Ann Arbor  
 Schinkel, John A. - Messiah, Holt  
 Schlak, Randall J. - Redeemer, Birmingham  
 Schleicher, John C. - Christ Our Savior, Holland  
 Schlicker, Gregory A. - Zion, Auburn  
 Schneider, Carl W. - St. Mark, Battle Creek  
 Schneider, Keith A. - St. John, Cheboygan  
 Schneider, Paul H. - Bethlehem, Glen Arbor  
 Schouweiler, James A. - Redeemer, Fremont  
 Schreiber, John R. - St. John, Rogers City  
 Schroeder, James E. - Our Saviour, Scottville  
 Schroeder, Thomas L. - Christ Our King, Saline  
 Schultz, Jeremy J. A. - St. Paul, Royal Oak  
 Schultz, Randall P. - Our Savior, Flint  
 Schultz, Ronald C. - Grace, Monroe  
 Schulz, Charles R. - St. Thomas, Ann Arbor  
 Schulz, Michael P. - Holy Cross, Oxford  
 Schwartz, John W. - St. Stephen, Shelby  
 Schwieger, Alan J. - Immanuel, St. Clair  
 Seeber, Timothy W. - Zion, Kalamazoo  
 Sheldon, Barry C. - St. Matthew, Lexington  
 Shelton, Glenn M. - Lakeshore Fellowship, Spring Lake  
 Sherouse, M. Samuel Jr. - Messiah, Saginaw  
 Sherry, David F. - Trinity, Bay City  
 Sidwell, David H. - Immanuel, Kalamazoo  
 Siefert, Gary L. - St. Paul, Battle Creek  
 Sikora, E. Anthony - Good Shepherd, Middleville  
 Smith, Kelly D. Sr. - St. Mark, Brooklyn  
 Sommerfeld, Scott G. - Holy Cross, Jenison  
 Speckman, Timothy R. - Redeemer, Flint  
 Spence, Kenneth M. - Trinity, Wyandotte  
 Starke, Stephen P. - St. John, Bay City  
 Steeh, Edward J. - St. John, (New Haven) Ray Twp.  
 Steele, Cameron K. - St. Paul, Caro  
 Stowe, Douglas J. - St. Stephen, Waterford  
 Straub, John A. - Peace, Detroit  
 Straub, Roger K. - Good Shepherd, Lansing  
 Strefling, Allen R. - Salem, Coloma  
 Strenge, Karl - Redemption Battle Creek  
 Taylor, Kurt S. - St. John, (Waltz) New Boston  
 Teuscher, Michael L. - Bethany, Charlevoix  
 Theiss, Paul D. - St. Paul, Bay City  
 Thiel, Steven E. - Mt. Hope, Grayling  
 Thompson, Bert A. - St. Luke, Clinton Twp.  
 Thoms, Leo G. - St. John, Port Sanilac  
 Tino, Richard L. - Peace, Sandusky  
 Todd, Kelly D. - Christ, Goodrich  
 Trosien, Carl F. - Pilgrim, Essexville  
 Turanski, Ted N. - St. Paul, Kalkaska  
 Turner, James W. - Holy Cross, Detroit  
 Tyvela, Leslie D. - Immanuel, Bay City  
 Ulm, David M. - Good Shepherd, (New Baltimore) Chesterfield  
 Van Dellen, James H. - Good Shepherd, Lake Orion  
 Verity, Timothy M. - Immanuel Grand Rapids  
 Voigt, Eric W. - Immanuel, (Moltke) Rogers City  
 Voll, Theodore E. - Trinity-St. James, Munger  
 Waddell, James A. - St. Paul, Albion  
 Wagner, Ainslie B. - St. Peter, Petersburg  
 Wagner, Robert V. - St. Peter, Fair Haven  
 Wargo, Paul E. - Cedar Crest, White Lake  
 Warsinski, Larry A. - Immanuel, Wheeler  
 Weis, Carl Wm. - Peace, Saginaw  
 Weiss, David E. - St. Paul, Cassopolis  
 Wenskay, Lee C. - St. Paul, (Linkville) Pigeon  
 Wentzel, Wayne H. - Faith, Grand Blanc  
 Wenzel, Alsen K. - Bethel, Howard City  
 Werth, Luther A. - Christ Our Savior, Livonia  
 Westra, John - Zion, Holland  
 Whitfield, Alexander - Christ the Good Shepherd, Canton  
 Whittaker, Mark C. - Trinity, Paw Paw  
 Wilber, James G. - Peace, Flint  
 Wilhelm, Jeffrey M. - Mt. Calvary, Greenville  
 Williams, Edgar L. - St. Stephen, Detroit  
 Williams, Rodger L. - Divine Shepherd, Ann Arbor  
 Williamson, Kenneth L. - Calvary, Carson City  
 Wilson, Richard G. - Trinity, Minden City (Forestville)  
 Winter, William C. - St. John, Houghton Lake  
 Wise, Kenneth M. - Trinity, Clinton Twp.  
 Wonderly, Daniel A. - Pilgrim, (Burton) Flint  
 Woodring, Daniel H. - Prince of Peace, New Buffalo  
 Wurst, Robert W. - St. Paul, Cedar  
 Yops, Bradley J. - New Life Community, Flint  
 Young, Paul V. - St. Paul, Sanford  
 Young, Ronald L. - St. Martin, Birch Run  
 Zagore, Robert M. - Trinity, Traverse City  
 Zimmerman, Mark E. - St. Mark, (Muskegon) Norton Shores  
 Zeuschner, David W. - Salem National, Westland  
 Zwonitzer, Rodney E. - Emmanuel, Dearborn

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Adams, Douglas M. - St. Paul, Hillsdale  
Ahlswede, Dale C. - St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth  
Ajak, Simon A. - All Nations, Troy  
Allmann, Robert F. - Messiah, Midland  
Arndt, Paul W. - Faith, Troy  
Baerwolf, Phillip A. - St. John, Grand Haven  
Bagnall, G. Stevens - St. Luke, Clinton Twp.  
Barber, Robert G. - St. Mark, Kentwood/Byron Center Mission  
Baseley, Joel R. - Emmanuel, Dearborn  
Batsky, Thomas E. - Trinity, St. Joseph  
Bender, Gary L. - St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth  
Bickel, Timothy J. - St. Paul, Millington  
Buckhahn, Charles F. - Bethlehem, Saginaw  
Canion, Matthew J. - Holy Cross, Warren  
Cashmer, Jason D. - Christ the King, Southgate  
Clark, J. Blair, Jr. - Shepherd's Gate, Shelby Twp.  
Couch, Mark T. - Zion (Campus WMU) Kalamazoo  
Crabtree, Bruce L. - Trinity, Monroe  
Edenfield, Harry N. - Christ the King, Southgate  
Eggers, Robert M. - Peace, Saginaw  
Erickson, James D. - Immanuel, Alpena  
Fairbairn, Christopher D. - St. Paul, Northville  
Fitzgerald, Michael N. - St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth  
Frusti, Todd L. - St. Paul, Trenton  
Garred, Matthew M. - Trinity, Reese  
Garrett, Dion T. - St. Matthew, Walled Lake  
Garrison, Bradley G. - New Life Community, Swartz Creek  
Gill, John M. - All Nations, Troy  
Gillaspie, Wesley S. - St. Michael, Richville  
Gilson, Mark E. - St. Paul, Lapeer  
Gnewuch, Carl M. - Our Shepherd, Birmingham  
Graves, K. Frank - Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton  
Griffith, Greg S. - Immanuel, Macomb  
Hinz, Paul R. - Peace, Saginaw  
Hoft, Thees C. - Trinity, Clinton Twp.  
Janetzke, Douglas K. - St. John, Midland  
Kaiser, Joel C. - St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth  
Kelly, Bradley - Christ, Stevensville  
Khan, Amer M. - All Nations, Troy  
Khan, Farrukh M. - All Nations, Troy  
Khan, Khurram M. - All Nations, Troy  
Kolzow, Calvin J. Jr. - Trinity, Sturgis  
Krueger, James F. - St. Trinity, Clarkston  
Langewisch, John E. - Messiah, (Bullock Creek) Midland  
Lett, Randy D. - St. Peter, Richmond  
Lochner, Daniel E. - Community, Flat Rock  
Lorenz, Gregory M. - St. Peter, Macomb  
Martin, Frank H. - Community, Flat Rock  
Masih, Afzal - All Nations, Troy  
Mayes, Benjamin T. G. - Our Savior, Grand Rapids  
Meyer, Craig M. - Shepherd's Gate, Shelby Twp.  
Milatz, Mark D. - Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton  
Mundt, Richard E. - St. Peter, Hemlock  
Olsen, Roy C. - Our Savior, Lansing  
Pollatz, Paul A. - St. Matthew, Westland  
Richert, Cary M. - Redeemer, Birmingham  
Rufner, David J. - Holy Cross, Flushing  
Scharnitzke, Philip J. - Trinity, Utica  
Schmidt, David P. - St. John, New Boston  
Smith, Bradley A. - St. John, Fraser  
Stolarczyk, Steven M. - Zion, Auburn  
Sundaradhas, Arul J. A. - All Nations, Troy  
Timm, Luke R. - St. John, Rochester  
Tritten, Eric E. - Good Shepherd, Lake Orion  
Traugott, Frederick W. - Faith, Troy  
Wagener, Kenneth C. - St. Peter, Macomb  
Walsh, Jeffrey B. - Trinity, Monroe  
Weber, Kurt A. - Messiah, Midland  
Weist, James D. - Faith, Grand Blanc  
Wentzel, Michael W. - St. Paul, Ann Arbor  
Wernecke, John W. - Zion, Bay City  
Zeile, Richard A. - St. John, Taylor

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Bayer, Robert F. - Christ Our Savior, Livonia  
Benjamin, Scott E. - Resurrection, Detroit  
Doenges, Joseph C. - Immanuel, St. Clair  
Grafe, Stephen D. - Cross of Christ, Bloomfield Hills  
Grayl, Samuel J. - St. Thomas, Eastpointe  
Hemme, Seth R. - St. Peter, Eastpointe  
Hoover, Chad E. - Trinity, Traverse City  
Maske, Steven R. - St. Paul, Flint  
Nelson, Robert J. - St. Mark, Battle Creek  
Stahlhut, Stephen C. - Trinity, Davison  
Webb, Charles W. - Trinity, Traverse City

## CAMPUS PASTORS

Winningham, David C. - U of M , Ann Arbor

## DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Gray, Roosevelt Jr. - Congregation Ministry Facilitator  
Hoesman, C. William - District President  
Larsen, Peter E. - Congregation Ministry Facilitator  
Walther, Galan D. - Congregation Ministry Facilitator  
Wolfram, Richard J. - Congregation Ministry Facilitator

## OTHER

Bowditch, Mark A. - MAL - Alpine Twp.  
Dunseth, Thomas W. - MAL to Deaf/Our Savior Deaf, Birmingham  
Essenburg, Steven J. - Lutheran City Ministries  
Grimm, Gerald E. - Project Compassion Ministries, Detroit  
Hill, James M. - Lutheran City Ministries  
Miller, Kirk D. - Missionary-at-large - Grace, Canton  
Rahn, Robert L. - Lutheran Heritage Foundation  
Werner, Paul G. - Missionary-at-large - New Baltimore

## FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

Erber, David M. - Nigeria  
Heise, Matthew W. - Russia  
Sawyer, Gregory L. - Hong Kong  
Smith, Robert W. - Indonesia  
Talsma, Dale - Guatemala  
Yakimow, Scott E. - Kenya

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Ball, Joshua T.  
Herzog, John A.  
McDonald, Gilbert K.  
Mueller, John F.

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Adler, David L.  
Ahlersmeyer, Thomas R.  
Penhallegon, Philip W.  
Rockrohr, Carl E.  
Shuta, Richard J.

## CHAPLAINS

DeMeritt, Carl F. Jr. - Saginaw  
Heller, David R. - U. S. Army  
Martin, Michael R. - Ionia  
Mueller, Peter L. - U. S. Army  
Smith, Andrew D. - U S Navy  
Stauffer, W. Roger - Midland

INACTIVE STATUS - CANDIDATES

Faulstick, Roy B. - Grand Rapids  
Gleason, William L. - Sawyer  
Heuser, Mark E. - Rochester Hills  
Koehler, Charles J. - Traverse City  
Krause, Daniel L. - Freeland  
Mackowiak, John E. - Dearborn  
Reckling, Roger C. - Sterling Heights  
Schultz, Robert J. - Belleville  
Seaver, Wade M. - Germany  
Sgambelluri, Carlo A. - West Branch  
Sommerfield, Barry R. - Stevensville  
Stadelman, Alan R. - Ann Arbor  
Teske, Walter W. - Mesick  
Washington, Oliver G. Jr. - Detroit  
Wendt, Vernon E. Jr. - Grand Rapids  
Williams, Gary C. - Berrien Springs  
Wolff, Paul A. - Southfield  
Zimmerman, Russell E. - Bay City

INACTIVE STATUS - NON-CANDIDATES

Bendewald, Jon D. - St. Joseph  
Hinze, Dennis A. - Clinton Twp.  
Jacobsen, Gary W. - Montana  
Stephan, Luke F. - Ann Arbor  
Wahl, Robert K. - Grand Blanc  
Yeager, Mark A. - Riverside, CA

## EMERITI

Ackerman, James L. - New Haven  
Aumann, Roger F. - Canton  
Baerwolf, Robert D. - Evart  
Bahr, Albert W. - Unionville  
Barker, Robert L. - Clare  
Barkow, Roland R. - Three Rivers  
Becerra, Roberto A. - West Olive  
Beck, Paul R. - Saginaw  
Besler, William - Alpena  
Beyer, Charles E. - Bay City  
Bickel, Eldor F. - Dimondale  
Biermann, Herbert L. - Holland  
Boecler, Paul A. - Grand Rapids  
Boerger, Charles F. - Rochester  
Boerger, John A. - Grand Ledge  
Brammeier, Arnold H. - Detroit  
Brege, Clifford P. - Rogers City  
Brelje, Larry E. - Kalamazoo  
Brown, Robert E. - New Era  
Burow, E. Paul - Macomb  
Carey, Ralph W. - Grandville  
Chadwick, Robert L. - Grand Blanc  
Cordes, Darowin E. - Manistee  
Daniel, Theodore A. - Detroit  
Deterding, John G. - Frankenmuth  
Dostert, William A. - Mears  
Einem, Edward H. - Livonia  
Elowsky, Earl W. - Hillman  
Etzel, Lenhart E. - Flint  
Evanson, E. Dale - Waterford  
Filbert, Bernhard W. - Traverse City  
Fleming, James E. - Rochester Hills  
Fluegge, Wilton H. - Macomb  
Frederick, Parke G. - Ann Arbor  
Fuhlbrigge, Karl A. - Monroe  
Gade, Dwain M. - Cedar  
Gatz, William A. - Jackson  
Geary, Duane O. - Redford Twp.  
Geisler, Herbert G. - Ann Arbor  
Gerberding, Kieth A. - Southgate  
Goltz, Gordon K. - Grand Rapids  
Grafe, William C. - Orchard Lake  
Graupner, Herbert H. - Muskegon  
Gray, Barton C. - Alpena  
Grother, Louis W. - Kalamazoo  
Gruetzner, James M. - RochesterHills  
Guettler, Ronald H. - Royal Oak  
Haenftling, James F. - Mancelona  
Hakes, David E. - Reese  
Harms, Gerald E. - Clarkston  
Hartfield, Alan R. - Berrien Springs  
Headapohl, Gary D. - Garden City  
Heckert, Jakob K. - Ann Arbor  
Heins, John L. - Saline  
Heintz, Norman H. - Shelby  
Henderson, Samuel C. - Tampa, FL  
Henneman, Harry C. - Algonac  
Hill, William A. - Lansing  
Hinze, Clarence R. - Clinton Twp.  
Hollender, David E. - Caro  
Jungkuntz, Theodore - Ann Arbor  
Kast, Edward L. - Saginaw  
Kinne, Lawrence A. - Novi  
Koeppen, Robert D. - Midland  
Koessel, Eugene H. - Roseville  
Koke, Louis I. - Midland  
Krause, Fred C. - Trufant  
Krieger, Eugene L. - Grand Rapids  
Kromer, John C. - Mullett Lake  
Krueger, Dale B. - Kalamazoo  
Kuhl, Charles W. - Sebewaing  
Kuhn, Donald A. - Dundee  
Long, Stephen F. - Taylor  
Low, M. Robert - Mesick  
Lubben, Darrell M. - Saginaw  
Maier, Paul L. - Kalamazoo  
Marschke, Paul O. - Ann Arbor  
McCain, Paul B. - Saginaw  
McCoy, James R. - Fenton  
Mehl, Carl E. - Farmington Hills  
Melinat, Theodore C. - Pinconning  
Moehring, James E. - Arcadia  
Molzan, Harold G. - Rogers City  
Monson, John R. - Troy  
Narr, Edwin J. - North Branch  
Neff, Karl M. - West Branch  
Neisch, Waldemar O. - Schwartz Creek  
Neiswender, Donald R. - Brighton  
Okamoto, Toshio - DeWitt  
Otten, William H. - Rochester Hills  
Otto, Rodney D. - Grandville  
Pankow, Edward R. - Hemlock  
Pankratz, Adolph W. - Bridgman  
Panning, John F. - Holland  
Paulson, Warren L. - Jackson  
Pflug, Mark R. - Greenville  
Pohl, Wayne A. - Traverse City  
Pollatz, Raymond R. Jr. - Mecosta  
Pool, Charles H. - Cedar  
Prouty, Albert I. - Taylor  
Ramthun, Marvin W. - Lapeer  
Rauh, John W. - Saginaw  
Richert, Paul O. - Ann Arbor  
Roberts, Walter W. - Hudsonville  
Rossow, Herman E. - Prudenville  
Rudow, Eugene C. - Shelby Twp.  
Ruediger, Paul G. - Rose City  
Ruhl, Lorne C. - Troy  
Ruhlig, Edward M. - Grand Haven  
Sattelmeier, Glenn - Rochester Hills  
Schemm, Milton R. - Troy  
Schinnerer, Carl F. - Clinton Twp.  
Schlecht, Richard L. - Rochester Hills  
Schoof, Armond D. - Monroe  
Schrader, David L. - Dearborn  
Schroeder, Kenneth O. - Frankenmuth  
Schroeder, Roy P. - East Lansing  
Schudlich, Gerald E. - Manistee  
Schutt, Charles K. - Clinton Twp.  
Schwartz, Vernon H. - Comstock Park  
Seng, Dan L. - Battle Creek  
Shackell, Maurice G. - Marshall  
Spiekerman, Victor J. - Johannesburg  
Staudacher, Theodore L. - Lake Leelanau  
Thomas, Raymond K. - Jackson  
Tuschling, Charles F. - Grand Rapids  
Unger, Ralph E. - Warren  
Veitengruber, Donald P. - Greenville  
Voorhees, David L. - Lansing  
Waidelich, Carl W. - Lincoln Park  
Weber, James E. - Frankenmuth  
Wendt, Ernest C. - Fenton  
Wesenberg, Henry - Fostoria  
Westphal, Leroy R. - Midland  
White, Harry W. - Birch Run  
Winkler, Wilbert D. - Chesterfield  
Witt, Lynn F. - Romeo  
Witto, Lawrence E. - Fenton  
Wuggazer, Duane T. - Rochester Hills  
Zabrocki, Lee H. - Norton Shores  
Zehnder, Ronald R. - Ypsilanti  
Zeile, Theodore A. - Frankenmuth  
Zielke, Kenneth E. - Coldwater  
Zimmerman, Paul A. - Traverse City

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT CLERGY ROSTER CHANGES

March 2003 – March 2006

### ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO ENTERED THE DISTRICT

Ahlersmeyer, Thomas R. (Ohio District) to President, Concordia University, Ann Arbor  
Ajak, Simon A. (Ft. Wayne) to Associate Pastor, All Nations, Troy  
Astrowski, Leonard A. (Ft. Wayne) to Pastor, Grace, Fairgrove  
Bagnall, G. Stevens (Minnesota South District) to Associate Pastor, St. Luke, Clinton Twp.  
Ballard, Sean R. (Ft. Wayne) to Pastor, Mt. Calvary, Detroit  
Bickel, Timothy A. (Eastern District) to Pastor, Redemption, Sterling Heights  
Bowditch, Mark A. (California-Nevada-Hawaii District) to Missionary-at-large, Alpine Twp.  
Canion, Matthew J. (St. Louis) to Associate Pastor, Holy Cross, Warren  
Clark, J. Blair, Jr. (English District) to Associate Pastor, Shepherd's Gate, Shelby Twp.  
Doenges, Joseph C. (Ft. Wayne) to Assistant Pastor, Immanuel, St. Clair  
Fleming, James E. (SELC District) as Candidate  
Gadeken, Robert G. (Nebraska District) to Administrative Pastor, St. Michael, Richville  
Garrett, Dion T. (St. Louis) to Assistant Pastor, St. Matthew, Walled Lake  
Garrison, Thomas B. (St. Louis) to Pastor, Shepherd in the Pines, Harbor Springs  
Gill, John M. (Ft. Wayne) to Associate Pastor, All Nations, Troy  
Gnewuch, Carl M. (Southeastern District) to Associate Pastor, Our Shepherd, Birmingham  
Grafe, Stephen D. (Ft. Wayne) to Assistant Pastor, Cross of Christ, Bloomfield Hills  
Grayl, Samuel J. (St. Louis) to Assistant Pastor, St. Thomas, Eastpointe  
Griffith, Greg S. (St. Louis) to Assistant Pastor, Immanuel, Macomb  
Grimm, David A. (Florida Georgia District) as Non-Candidate  
Harms, Gerald E. (Florida-Georgia District) as Emeritus  
Heise, Matthew W. (St. Louis) to Missionary to Russia  
Hemme, Seth R. (St. Louis) to Assistant Pastor, St. Peter, Eastpointe  
Hill, James M. (Ft. Wayne) to Pastor, St. John, Detroit/Lutheran City Ministries  
Hoft, Thees C. (Eastern District) to Associate Pastor, Trinity, Clinton Twp.  
Hoover, Chad E. (Ft. Wayne) to Assistant Pastor, Trinity, Traverse City  
Hopkins, Paul G. (Ft. Wayne) to Sole Pastor, St. Michael, Rogers City (Belknap)  
Kelly, Bradley (St. Louis) to Associate Pastor, Christ, Stevensville  
Khan, Amer M. (Ft. Wayne) to Associate Pastor, All Nations, Troy  
Khan, Farrukh M. (Ft. Wayne) to Associate Pastor, All Nations, Troy  
Khan, Khurram M. (Ft. Wayne) to Associate Pastor, All Nations, Troy  
King, Stephen M. (South Wisconsin District) to Pastor, Grace, Baldwin and Living Hope, Fremont  
Koy, Norman A. (Ohio District) to Administrative Pastor, Trinity, Utica  
Kromer, John C. (Colloquy) as Emeritus  
Krueger, James F. (St. Louis) to Associate Pastor, St. Trinity, Clarkston  
Leidich, Kevin L. (North Wisconsin District) to Pastor, Prince of Peace, Clare  
Loest, Mark A. (Missouri District) to Pastor, Immanuel, Saginaw  
Love, Mark W. (Southern Illinois District) to Pastor, St. Peter, Rockford  
Low, M. Robert (Central Illinois District) as Emeritus  
Mackowiak, John E. (South Wisconsin District) as candidate  
Manor, Jonathan J. (St. Louis) to Senior Pastor, Hosanna-Tabor, Redford  
Martin, Frank H. (Florida-Georgia District) to Associate Pastor, Community, Flat Rock  
Masih, Afzal (Ft. Wayne) to Associate Pastor, All Nations, Troy  
Mayes, Benjamin T. G. (Ft. Wayne) to Associate Pastor, Our Savior, Grand Rapids  
Messer, Thomas C. (Ft. Wayne) to Pastor, Peace, Alma  
Meyer, Craig M. (Colloquy) to Associate Pastor, Shepherd's Gate, Shelby Twp.  
Meyer, Edward A. (Eastern District) to Pastor, St. Mark, Saginaw  
Meyer, Jonathan D. (St. Louis) to Pastor, St. John, Kilmanagh & St. Peter, Bach  
Milatz, Mark (St. Louis) to Pastor, Christ Our Shepherd, Newport  
Miller, Gary L. (Indiana District) to Senior Pastor, Trinity, Berrien Springs  
Muecke, Dan W. (St. Louis) to Pastor, Atonement, Dearborn  
NaThalang, Ted (Missouri District) to Lutheran Heritage Foundation  
Nelson, Robert J. (St. Louis) to Assistant Pastor, St. Mark, Battle Creek  
Nemec, Donald P. (Ft. Wayne) to Pastor, Grace, Elk Rapids  
Olsen, Roy C. (St. Louis) to Associate Pastor, Our Savior, Lansing  
Parent, Raymond D. (Ft. Wayne) to Pastor, Hope, Bellarie  
Penhallegon, Philip W. (Minnesota South District) to Assistant Professor, Concordia University, Ann Arbor  
Rockrohr, Carl E. (South Wisconsin District) to Assistant Professor of Theology, Concordia University, Ann Arbor  
Rufner, David J. (St. Louis) to Associate Pastor, Holy Cross, Flushing  
Schaedig, Michael W. (Ft. Wayne) to Pastor, St. Luke, Harrison  
Schindel, Bryan K. (Alberta-British Columbia District-LCC) to Senior Pastor, St. Luke, Ann Arbor  
Schleicher, John C. (Minnesota South District) to Pastor, Christ Our Savior, Holland  
Schmidt, David P. (St. Louis) to Associate Pastor, St. John's, New Boston  
Schultz, Jeremy J. A. (Missouri District) to Pastor, St. Paul, Royal Oak

Schulz, Wallace R. (Missouri District) to Lutheran Heritage Foundation  
 Schwartz, John W. (Ft. Wayne) to Pastor, St. Stephen, Shelby  
 Seaver, Wade M. (South Wisconsin District) U.S. Army Chaplain  
 Shumaker, Thomas E. (Ft. Wayne) to Pastor, Resurrection, Sand Lake  
 Smith, Bradley A. (South Wisconsin District) to Associate Pastor, St. John, Fraser  
 Sommerfeld, Scott G. (Indiana District) to Senior Pastor, Holy Cross, Jenison  
 Speckman, Timothy R. (Ft. Wayne) to Pastor, Redeemer, Flint  
 Stolarczyk, Steven M. (Ft. Wayne) to Associate Pastor, Zion, Auburn  
 Straub, John A. (Ft. Wayne) to Pastor, Peace, Detroit  
 Strefling, Allen R. (Ft. Wayne) to Pastor, Salem, Coloma  
 Streng, Karl (St. Louis) to Pastor, Redemption, Battle Creek  
 Sundaradhas, Arul J. A. (Colloquy) to Associate Pastor, All Nations, Troy  
 Thomas, Raymond D. (Rocky Mountain District) as Emeritus  
 Timm, Luke R. (St. Louis) to Associate Pastor, St. John, Rochester  
 Voigt, Eric W. (St. Louis) to Pastor, Immanuel, Rogers City  
 Wagener, Kenneth C. (Missouri District) to Associate Pastor, St. Peter, Macomb  
 Webb, Charles W. (English District) to Assistant Pastor (Missionary-at-large) Trinity, Traverse City  
 Weber, Kurt A. (St. Louis) to Associate Pastor, Messiah, Midland  
 Wendt, Vernon E. Jr. (Pacific Southwest District) as Candidate  
 Wilhelm, Jeffrey M. (Florida-Georgia District) to Pastor, Mt. Calvary, Greenville  
 Williams, Rodger L. (St. Louis) to Pastor, Divine Shepherd, Ann Arbor  
 Wise, Kenneth M. (Indiana District) to Senior Pastor, Trinity, Clinton Twp.  
 Yakimow, Scott E. (St. Louis) to Evangelistic Missionary, Kenya  
 Yeager, Mark A. (St. Louis) to Pastor, St. Matthew, Spring Lake  
 Zabrocki, Lee H. (Lutheran Church Canada-Central District) as Emeritus

### CHANGES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Allmann, Robert F. (Associate Pastor, Emmanuel, Cadillac) to Associate Pastor, Messiah, Midland  
 Appold, Robert B. (Associate Pastor, Our Savior, Lansing) to Pastor, St. Matthew, Grand Rapids  
 Azzam, Timothy P. (Pastor, St. Peter, Three Rivers) to Pastor, Trinity, Oscoda  
 Barber, Robert G. (Associate Pastor, Trinity, St. Joseph) to Associate Pastor, St. Mark, Kentwood/Byron Center Mission  
 Benjamin, Scott E. (Lutheran Heritage Foundation) to Assistant Pastor, Resurrection, Detroit  
 Bira, Clifford F. (Sole Pastor, Holy Cross, Flushing) to Senior Pastor, Holy Cross, Flushing  
 Jon Bjorgaard (Sole Pastor, Shepherd's Gate, Shelby Twp.) to Administrative Pastor, Shepherd's Gate, Shelby Twp.  
 Bogda, David W. (Pastor, Grace, Baldwin) to Pastor, St. John, Ionia  
 Bookshaw, John A. (Candidate) to Senior Pastor, St. Peter, Big Rapids  
 Brazinsky, Thomas R. (Pastor, St. Peter, Rockford) to Pastor, Trinity, (Glendora) Buchanan  
 Buckert, Mark P. (Associate Pastor, Good Shepherd, Saginaw) to Administrative Pastor, Good Shepherd, Saginaw  
 Davis, David A. (Pastor, Immanuel, Grand Rapids) to Pastor, St. Luke, Haslett  
 Fleming, David C. (Sole Pastor, Our Savior, Grand Rapids) to Senior Pastor, Our Savior, Grand Rapids  
 Garrison, Bradley G. (Associate Pastor, St. Mark, Battle Creek) to Associate Pastor, New Life Community, Swartz Creek  
 Griffith, Greg S. (Assistant Pastor, Immanuel, Macomb) to Associate Pastor, Immanuel, Macomb  
 Grimm, David A. (Candidate) to Pastor, St. Paul, Centreville and St. Paul, Colon  
 Grulke, Galen E. (Associate Pastor Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton) to Pastor, Heart of the Shepherd, Howell  
 Hillenbrand, Richard P. (Senior Pastor, Epiphany, Detroit) to Sole Pastor, Christ, Birch Run  
 Jung, David A. (Associate Pastor, Guardian, Dearborn) to Sole Pastor, St. John, Pinconning  
 Kayser, John W. (Pastor, St. Thomas, Ann Arbor) to Pastor, Peace, Ludington/Lighthouse, Pentwater  
 Krengel, Douglas A. (Associate Pastor, Trinity, Jackson) to Sole Pastor, Trinity, Jackson  
 Lochner, Daniel E. (Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Royal Oak) to Associate Pastor, Community, Flat Rock  
 Majeski, Eric W. (Associate Pastor, Grace Fellowship, Romeo) to Senior Pastor, Grace Fellowship, Romeo  
 Milatz, Mark D. (Pastor, Christ Our Shepherd, Newport) to Associate Pastor, Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton  
 Monson, Paul C. (Pastor, Trinity, Warren) to Pastor, St. Augustine, Troy  
 Pollatz, Paul A. (Pastor, Trinity, Onkama & Norwalk, Norwalk) to Associate Pastor, St. Matthew, Westland  
 Poellet, Dean R. (Pastor, St. Mark, Mason) to Pastor, St. Matthew, Holt  
 Rauh, John W. (Administrative Pastor, Good Shepherd, Saginaw) to Associate Pastor, Good Shepherd, Saginaw  
 Richter, James F. (Missionary-at-Large, Belleville) to Pastor, Open Arms, Belleville  
 Robinson, Richard E. (Associate Pastor, Epiphany, Detroit) to Sole Pastor, Epiphany, Detroit  
 Schreiber, John R. (Pastor, Christ, Goodrich) to Pastor, St. John, Rogers City  
 Schultz, Randall P. (Candidate) to Pastor, Our Savior, Flint  
 Schulz, Charles R. (Concordia University, Ann Arbor) to Pastor, St. Thomas, Ann Arbor  
 Schwieger, Alan J. (Sole Pastor, Immanuel, St. Clair) to Senior Pastor, Immanuel, St. Clair  
 Todd, Kelly D. (Pastor, St. Johannes, Kingsley & Faith, Mesick) to Pastor, Christ, Goodrich  
 Verity, Timothy M. (Sole Pastor, Our Savior, Gladwin) to Sole Pastor, Immanuel, Grand Rapids  
 Wargo, Paul E. (Lutheran High N, Macomb) to Pastor, Cedar Crest, White Lake  
 Weis, C. Wm. (Senior Pastor, Trinity, Paw Paw) to Senior Pastor, Peace, Saginaw  
 Werner, Paul G. (Senior Pastor, Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton) to Missionary-at-Large, New Baltimore Area  
 Whitaker, Mark C. (Associate Pastor, Trinity, Paw Paw) to Senior Pastor, Trinity, Paw Paw  
 Young, Ronald L. (Assoc. Pastor, Our Shepherd, Birmingham) to Pastor, St. Martin, Birch Run

## TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DISTRICTS

Anthony, David L. (Pastor, Grace, Fairgrove) to Iowa District West  
Baldauf, Steven A. (Candidate) to Northern Illinois District  
Ballard, Sean R. (Pastor, Mt. Calvary, Detroit) to Indiana District  
Bening, Virgil T. (Emeritus) to Oklahoma District  
Black, George E. (Senior Pastor, Trinity, Utica) to Eastern District  
Boone, Arthur E. (Evangelical Missionary - Venezuela) to Eastern District  
Conrad, Daniel E. (Evangelistic Missionary - Venezuela) to California-Nevada-Hawaii District  
Cordes, Robert C. (Emeritus) to Minnesota South District  
Cottam, Bertrand J. (Pastor, Our Savior, Flint) to English District  
Giese, Curtis P. (Concordia University, Ann Arbor) to Texas District  
Glander, Dennis E. (Emeritus) to Florida-Georgia District  
Havekotte, Alan W. (Candidate) to Indiana District  
Heiney, Timothy M. (Missionary to Guinea) to Kansas District  
Hill, Mark J. (Associate Pastor, Trinity, Utica) to Ohio District  
Hinz, Vern D. (Emeritus) to Pacific Southwest District  
Jack, Edward E. (USN Chaplain) to Pacific Southwest District  
Kade, Timothy P. (Associate Pastor, Faith, Troy) to English District  
Kempin, Daniel A. (Associate Pastor, Grace, Monroe) to Minnesota South District  
Kinnaman, Scot A. (Associate Pastor, St. Luke, Clinton Twp.) to Missouri District  
Krach, James M. (Associate Pastor, Zion, Mt. Pleasant–Christ the King Campus, Mt. Pleasant) to Florida-Georgia District  
Lauer, Paul A. (Pastor, Emmanuel, Cadillac) to Minnesota South District  
Lowmaster, W. James, Jr. (Candidate) to Missouri District  
Malone, Henry B. (Emeritus) to Southern District  
Mau, Gerhard (Pastor, First, Algonac) to Northern Illinois District  
Mau, Jon C. (Candidate) to Northwest District  
Mossman, Donald J. (Emeritus) to Northwest District  
NaThalang, Ted (Lutheran Heritage Foundation) to Missouri District  
Neumann, Mark A. (Pastor, St. Paul, Hamburg) to Oklahoma District  
Ruhl, Michael R. (Congregations Ministry Facilitator, Michigan District) to Pacific Southwest District  
Schulz, Wallace R. (Lutheran Heritage Foundation) to Missouri District  
Shumaker, Thomas E. (Pastor, Resurrection, Sand Lake) to Iowa District East  
Siegel, Steven G. (Senior Pastor, Trinity, Reese) to Missouri District  
Sorenson, Robert H. (Emeritus) to Southeastern District  
Steinke, Mark A. (Pastor, Salem, Coloma) to Ohio District  
Tessaro, Charles (Evangelistic Missionary to Nigeria) to Northern Illinois District  
Thelen, James E. (Administrative Pastor, Peace, Saginaw) to English District  
Tino, James C. (Area Director for Venezuela & Caribbean) to Florida-Georgia District  
Wachholz, Dean C. (Director of Development - MI District) to Missouri District  
Wagner, William B. Jr. (Non-candidate) to Mid-South District  
Yang, Zong Houa (Associate Pastor, Our Savior, Lansing) to Florida-Georgia District  
Ziehr, David W. (Assistant Pastor, St. Paul, Caledonia) to Southeastern District

## INACTIVE

### INACTIVE – CANDIDATE STATUS

Bookshaw, John A. (Non-Candidate) 8/7/03  
Grimm, David A. (Non-candidate status) 3/17/05  
Havekotte, Alan W. (Concordia University, Ann Arbor) 12/22/03  
Krause, Daniel L. (Non-Candidate) 11/23/04  
Lowmaster, W. James Jr. (Living Water, Mio) 10/31/04  
Mau, Jon C. (Prison Chaplain, Milan) 8/8/05  
Reckling, Roger C. (Pastor, St. Paul, Pontiac) 10/5/03  
Schultz, Randall P. (Senior Pastor, Trinity, Davison) 6/30/03  
Schultz, Robert J. (Pastor, St. Michael, Wayne) 6/15/04  
Seaver, Wade M. (Military Chaplaincy) 1/28/05  
Sgambelluri, Carlo A. (St. John, West Branch) 11/4/04  
Stadelman, Alan R. (Non-Candidate) 9/28/05  
Washington, Oliver G., Jr. (Pastor, Resurrection, Detroit) 2/27/06  
Williams, Gary C. (Associate Pastor, Trinity, Berrien Springs) 5/31/04  
Wolff, Paul A. (Pastor, St. Timothy, Detroit) 4/29/05



### INACTIVE – NON-CANDIDATE STATUS

Bendewald, Jon D. (Assistant Pastor, Trinity, St. Joseph) 11/18/05  
Cook, Michael C. (Pastor, Living Hope, Newaygo) 11/30/03  
Gorlitz, Larry R. (Pastor, Colon/Centreville Parish) 6/30/03  
Jacobsen, Gary W. (Holy Cross, Belding) 8/28/05  
Krause, Daniel L. (Pastor, St. Mark, Saginaw) 4/15/04  
Sommerfeld, Barry R. (Senior Pastor, Trinity, St. Joseph) 8/15/04  
Stadelman, Alan R. (Trinity, Oscoda) 2/1/04  
Stephan, Luke F. (Lutheran Child and Family Services of MI) 12/31/03  
Wagner, William B. Jr. (Pastor, St. Matthew, Grand Rapids) 7/13/03  
Yeager, Mark A. (Pastor, St. Matthew, Spring Lake) 3/1/06

### INACTIVE – EMERITUS

Barker, Robert L. (Prince of Peace, Clare) Emeritus 7/31/04  
Bening, Virgil T. (Faith, Prescott) Emeritus 10/31/04  
Besler, William (St. Michael, Rogers City) Emeritus 8/15/04  
Brammeier, Arnold H. (Peace, Detroit) Emeritus 4/18/04  
James E. Fleming (non-candidate) Emeritus 6/25/05  
Gray, Barton C. (St. John, Rogers City) Emeritus 12/1/03  
Long, Stephen F. (St. John, Taylor) Emeritus 7/31/05  
Malone, Henry B. (St. John, Palms) Emeritus 2/1/06  
Monson, John R. (St. Augustine, Troy) Emeritus 11/1/05  
Mossman, Donald J. (Concordia University, Ann Arbor) Emeritus 6/30/03  
Klein, Theodore J. (Bethlehem, Detroit) Emeritus 5/1/03  
Otto, Rodney D. (Christ Our Savior, Holland) Emeritus 9/30/04  
Pflug, Mark R. (Mt. Calvary, Greenville) Emeritus 8/31/03  
Pollatz, Raymond R. Jr. (Chapel of the Lakes, Mecosta) Emeritus 11/28/05  
Rauh, John W. (Good Shepherd, Saginaw) Emeritus 6/15/04  
Ruediger, Paul G. (Immanuel, Rogers City) Emeritus 5/22/05  
Schrader, David L. (Guardian, Dearborn) Emeritus 8/31/05  
Schroeder, Kenneth O. (Candidate Status) Emeritus 3/22/05  
Weber, James E. (Grace, Elk Rapids) Emeritus 4/11/04  
Witt, Lynn F. (Grace Fellowship, Romeo) Emeritus 8/31/03

### RESIGNED FROM ROSTER

Cloeter, Daniel M. (Pastor, St. Luke, Ann Arbor) 5/27/04  
Cook, Michael C. (Non-candidate) 4/9/04  
Fodor, Patrick S. (Pastor, Ascension, East Lansing) 11/15/04  
Gorlitz, Larry R. (Non-candidate) 10/4/04  
Love, Joseph D. (St. Trinity, Clarkston) 1/22/06  
Rutowicz, John S. (Associate Pastor, St. Paul, Niles) 9/13/04

### REINSTATED TO ROSTER

Baldauf, Steven A. (As Candidate) 4/27/05  
Gerberding, Kieth A. (as Emeritus) 6/1/03  
Wendt, Vernon E. Jr. (As Candidate) 8/30/05

### REMOVED FROM ROSTER

Cascione, Jack M. (Redeemer, St. Clair Shores) 12/21/04  
Gottschalk, Kenton R. (Atonement, Dearborn) 6/2/03  
Lieske, Richard P. (non-candidate) 3/25/04  
Neumann, Timothy L. (Candidate) 6/16/05  
Wendt, Vernon E. Jr. (Candidate) 6/16/05

### CALLED TO GLORY

Bormann, Curt A. (Emeritus) 9/6/04  
Eggers, Steven M. (Hosanna Tabor, Redford) 12/2/05  
Friese, Forest F. (Emeritus) 8/21/04  
Henne, Arthur R. (Redemption, Detroit) 2/7/06  
Klages, Cecil A. (Emeritus) 8/18/03  
Klein, Theodore J. (Emeritus) 2/6/04  
Lambart, Eric A. (Holy Cross, Saginaw) 6/9/03  
Newman, Leonard W. (Emeritus) 10/14/03  
Nutzmann, Lavern W. (Emeritus) 1/12/06  
Pranschke, Samuel R. (Our Redeemer, Taylor) 7/22/04  
Schroeder, Robert H. (Emeritus) 2/14/06  
Sedory, Elmer J. (Emeritus) 8/2/03

### CONGREGATIONS ADDED

Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Howell - 9/7/03  
Lighthouse Lutheran Church, Pentwater - 9/14/03  
Open Arms, Belleville - 5/9/04  
Grace Lutheran Church, Canton - 10/31/04

### CONGREGATIONS DISBANDED

Kingsley, St. Johannes - 9/18/05  
Mason, St. Mark - 1/25/04  
Pontiac, St. Paul - 10/5/03

### CONGREGATION TRANSFERRED BETWEEN CIRCUITS

Lighthouse Lutheran Church, Pentwater from Circuit #38 to Circuit #33

### CONGREGATIONS RESIGNED FROM ROSTER

St. Clair Shores, Redeemer - 9/13/04

## PASTOR ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

### 2004

- 60 Years** Theodore A. Daniel; Lorne C. Ruhl; Paul A. Zimmerman
- 50 Years** Clifford P. Brege; Adolph W. Pankratz;
- 40 Years** James F. Haenfiling; Albert I. Prouty; John W. Rauh; Walter W. Roberts; Glenn Sattelmeier; Charles K. Schutt; Richard J. Shuta; Donald P. Veitengruber
- 25 Years** David L. Adler; David E. Boedecker; Paul M. Boerger; Robert J. Conradt; Larry G. Courson; William A. Dostert; David R. Heller; John A. Herzog; Dennis A. Hinze; Terry E. Hoese; John E. Kassen; Dale M. Kleimola; Allen D. Lunneberg; Michael R. Martin; John W. Meyer; Ronald P. Scheer; John A. Schinkel; Armond D. Schoof; Randall P. Schultz; Alan J. Schwieger; Russell Zimmerman

### 2005

- 60 Years** Charles H. Pool; Richard L. Schlecht
- 50 Years** Eugene L. Krieger; Roy P. Schroeder; Maurice G. Shackell
- 40 Years** Robert D. Baerwolf; Arnold H. Brammeier; Erwin Kostizen; Charles W. Kuhl; Peter E. Larsen; Donald R. Neiswender; William H. Otten; Henry Wesenberg; Luther A. Werth
- 25 Years** Roger F. Aumann; Robert L. Barker; Mark D. Brandt; Charles B. Burhop; Paul B. Dancy; David P. Gohn; Dale A. Grimm; Martin J. Hagenow; John C. Kaiser; Terry A. Nelson; Terry J. Rebert; David M. Ulm; Robert V. Wagner; Galan D. Walther; Paul E. Wargo

### 2006

- 60 Years** Wilton H. Fluegge
- 50 Years** Paul A. Boecler; John A. Boerger; Herbert H. Graupner; James M. Gruetzner; Donald A. Kuhn; Waldemar O. Neisch; Toshio Okamoto; Milton R. Schemm; Ralph E. Unger
- 40 Years** E. Paul Burow; Duane O. Geary; Harry C. Henneman; David E. Hollender; Mark R. Pflug; Wayne A. Pohl; Raymond R. Pollatz, Jr.
- 25 Years** Thomas E. Batsky; Clifford F. Bira; David F. Burgess; William A. Hill; L. Daniel Johnson; Walter A. Keller; Kenneth D. Lueke; Paul M. Moldenhauer; Jon W. Reusch; Carl W. Schneider; Robert K. Wahl; Ronald L. Young

## OFFICERS

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| 8. Gerald A. Meyer     | 23. Harry N. Edenfield   | 38. Dennis L. Lassanske |
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| 12. Dean G. Dumbrille  | 27. Thomas M. Lubeck     | 42. Paul R. Naumann     |
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| 15. Barry L. Mueller   | 30. David R. Gadbaw      |                         |

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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>Region</u>	<u>Ordained</u>	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Laypersons</u>	
Metro East: (2006)	Robert E. Kasper	Walter K. Krone	John E. Held	Nancy L. Hillenbrand
West: (2006)	Dieter E. Haupt	Robert L. Schultz	Eileen Ritter	Jim Sack
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North & East: (2009)	Mark D. Brandt	Henry M. Pickelman	Harold M. Braeutigam	William B. Ward

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<u>Ordained</u>	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Laypersons</u>
John A. Bookshaw (2006)	Ian McDonald (2006)	James R. Saalfield (2009)
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		Ronald Wrightson (2009)
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2006 CONVENTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE

<u>Region</u>	<u>Ordained</u>	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Laypersons</u>
Metro East:	Mark J. Hill	Gary L. Pawlitz	David C. Merte
Metro West:	Terry L. Cashmer	Daniel Ramthun	Larry Seltz
North & East:	Timothy L. Loewe	James L. Schumacher	Richard Kern
West:	Robert Appold		David Marasus

COMMISSION ON MINISTERIAL GROWTH AND SUPPORT

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Rev. Gary L. Bender                      Dee Ann Mulligan                      Rev. Dale Kleimola

NEW/REVISED CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Lawrence Witto                      Rev. David Huber                      Mr. A. Wm. Rolf

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Dana Dever

DISTRICT STANDING COMMITTEES

Stewardship Committee

Mr. Ron Chewning, Rev. John Duerr, Ms. Cheryl Hammond, Mrs. Charlene Heins, Mr. Larry Rockensuess, Sr., Ms. Mary Smith

Education Committee

Mr. Joel Bahr, Mr. Richard Cohrs, Mr. Ronald Dressler, Dr. John Herzog, Mr. Robert Hoch, Mr. Eric Pittman, Mr. Michael Rosin, Dr. Harvey Schmit, Mr. Roy Siefker, Mr. Charles Strohacker, Mr. David Truog, Dr. Janice Weisenbach

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

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Mr. Stephen List; Mr. Barry Olson; Mr. G. Joseph Pasman; Mr. Dennis Tischler; Mr. Martin Zehnder; Mr. John Kidwell; Mr. Chad Woltemath; Mr. William Young; Dr. C. William Hoesman

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Mrs. Barbara Hoffmeier, Mrs. Barbara Hoesman, Dr. Barbara Adler, Mrs. Patricia Larsen, Rev. Eldor Bickel

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(May 1, 2003 – March 22, 2006 )

## DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Braun, Bruce N. - Ann Arbor, Michigan District Superintendent of Lutheran Schools  
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## PRINCIPALS

- Altevogt, Lester L. – Hemlock, St. Peter
- \* Baerwolf, Paul R. – Dearborn, Emmanuel
- Bahr, Joel M. – Kentwood, St. Mark
- \* Beckman, Katherine S. Krieger – Sawyer, Trinity
- Beethe, Ivan R. – Conklin, Trinity
- \* Bickel, Elaine C. Petzold – Millington, St. Paul
- \* Blomquist, Barry E. – Grand Rapids, Our Savior
- \* Bremer, David A. – St. Johns, St. Peter
- Bresemann, Perry A. – Frankenmuth, St. Lorenz
- \* Brown, Cynthia A. Haller – Harbor Beach, Zion
- \* Campbell, Gary H. – Saginaw, Peace
- \* Ceplecha, Paula I. North – Port Hope, St. John
- \* Christian, Robert J. – Macomb, Immanuel
- \* Cohrs, Richard P. – Sebawaing, Immanuel (Christ the King)
- \* Davis, Terry M. – Macomb, St. Peter
- Dressler, Ronald L. – Saginaw, Bethlehem
- \* Eisman, Jerry M. – Bay City, St. Paul
- Enge, Jennifer A. Keefer – Bay City, St. John
- \* Fredrich, Peter D. – Auburn, Grace
- \* Hall, Carl G. – Northville, St. Paul
- Hass, Kenneth E. – Port Huron, Trinity
- Hendrikson, Kevin J. – Richville, St. Michael's
- Hilken, John C. – Monroe, Trinity
- \* Hindenach, Deanna J. Brill – Paw Paw, Trinity
- \* Kell, Luther P. – Sterling Heights, St. Paul
- \* Kosman, Paul K. – Sturgis, Trinity
- Kosmatka, Bruce J. – Utica, Trinity
- \* Krone, Walter K. – Dearborn, Guardian
- Kusch, David S. – Farmington Hills, St. Paul's
- Kutz, John C. – Eastpointe, St. Peter's
- LaRocque, Janet E. – Waterford, St. Stephen
- \* Leidich, Roy E. – Eastpointe, St. Thomas
- Lemke, George F. – Holt, St. Matthew
- Massey, Bradley R. – Ann Arbor, St. Paul
- McLoughlin, Janet M. Wooden – Birmingham, Our Shepherd
- Moehring, David P. – Manistee, Trinity
- \* Neumeyer, Dennis K. – Saginaw (Frankentrost), Immanuel
- Nobis, Lloyd B. – Frankenmuth, St. Lorenz
- Pahlkotter, Henry G. II – Flint, St. Paul
- Palka, Susan E. McCreddie – Walled Lake, St. Matthew
- Petzold, Julian H. – Rochester, Living Word
- \* Pickelmann, Henry M. – Bay City, Trinity
- \* Pidsosny, Mary L. Fenske – Detroit, Bethany
- Pittman, Eric G. – Royal Oak, St. Paul
- \* Quade, Karen J. – Coldwater, St. Paul
- Richards, James K. – Clinton Township, Trinity
- Rosin, Michael P. – Southgate, Christ the King
- \* Roth, Carlyn J. Hodde – Detroit, East Bethlehem
- \* Schallhorn, Mark B. – Flint, St. Mark
- \* Schmidt, Dennis M. – Auburn, Zion
- \* Schmidt, Paul M. – Detroit, St. John
- \* Schmit, Harvey M. – Wayne, St. Michael
- Schmucker, Calvin F. – Traverse City, Trinity
- \* Schroeder, Kenneth W. – Rogers City, St. John
- Schumacher, James L. – Bay City, Faith
- Schumacher, Richard W. Jr. – Westland, St. Matthew
- \* Schwerin, Daniel P. – Midland, St. John's
- Siefker, Roy David – Detroit, Detroit Urban
- \* Sitas, William J. Jr. – Monroe, Holy Ghost
- \* Smith, James F. Jr. – Reed City, Trinity
- Strohacker, Charles J. – Stevensville, Christ
- Tolbert, Sammy L. – Detroit, St. Timothy
- \* Truog, David J. – Big Rapids, St. Peter
- \* Waltz, David E. – Fraser, St. John
- \* Weisenbach, Janice L. Dove – Bay City, Zion
- Weiss, Jared L. – Clinton Township, St. Luke
- Weiss, Thomas H. – Rochester, St. John
- Winkelman, Steven R. – Shelby Township, Peace
- Wrege, Thomas W. – Jackson, Trinity
- \* Young, Brian A. – Bay City, Immanuel

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- \* Bender, Michael H. – Frankenmuth, St. Lorenz
- Hoch, Robert M. – Macomb, St. Peter
- Koch, Beverly J. – Rochester, St. John
- \* Rashid, Janet M. Schott – Sterling Heights, St. Paul
- \* Remer, Rose A. Kark – Utica, Trinity
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- \* Wilks, Myril A. – Shelby Township, Peace
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Bergkoetter, Molly A. Schechte – Waterford, St. Stephen  
Beringer, Daniel W. – Sebewaing, Immanuel  
Beringer, Gloria L. Gehner – Sebewaing, Immanuel  
Berns, Nancy E. Jung – Monroe, Trinity  
Bickel, Eric J. – Jackson, Trinity  
Bierlein, Heather M. Shirley – Bay City, Trinity  
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Brand, Susan L. Gibson – Traverse City, Trinity  
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Brenner, Beth A. Pearson – New Boston, St. John  
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Brown, Mark A. – Clinton Township, Trinity  
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Buchinger, Lori A. Haines – Millington, St. Paul  
Buchinger, Steven L. – Frankenmuth, St. Lorenz  
Bunke, James E. – Sebewaing, Immanuel  
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Carlton, Ruth M. Kell – Milford, Christ  
Cashmer, Carol L. Cecilia – Southgate, Christ the King  
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Christie, Linda K. Klausmeier – Traverse City, Trinity  
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Croucher, Sarah R. Steffe – Brighton, Shepherd of the Lakes  
Daenzer, Katherine L. Hoops – Macomb, St. Peter  
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Decheim, Sandra E. Niemi – Brighton, Shepherd of the Lakes  
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DeLage, Deborah L. Knight – Southgate, Christ the King  
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Dembeck, David E. – Macomb, St. Peter  
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Difatta, Rebecca L. – Southgate, Christ the King  
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Dunsmore, Sharon K. Bruns – Waterford, St. Stephen  
Earley, Karen L. Gross Wolgast – Hemlock, St. Peter  
Eichinger, Diane J. Maschke – Bay City, Zion  
Eisenman, Barbara M. Kade – Dearborn, Guardian  
Eising, Christina E. Guettler – Royal Oak, St. Paul  
Eisman, Kathleen S. Ott – Hemlock, St. Peter  
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Erdman, Jonathan A. – Millington, St. Paul  
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Eschmann, Johanna F. – Eastpointe, St. Peter's  
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Fischer, Melinda A. Wiersig – Detroit, Detroit Urban  
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Gallagher, John J. – Muskegon, Trinity  
Gallagher, Megan J. – Bay City, Immanuel  
Gallert, Frederick D. – Grand Rapids, Our Savior  
Gast, Frederick J. – Shelby Township, Peace  
Gehrs, Kathleen A. Sandfort – Frankenmuth, St. Lorenz  
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Grimm, Ellen K. Dedert – Montague, St. James  
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Hoch, Judith L. Bohl – Alpena, Immanuel  
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Hoest, Rebekah J. Holmes – Redford, Hosanna-Tabor  
Hoeft, Stacy J. McGhee – Redford, Hosanna-Tabor  
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Holtzen, Richard O. – Monroe, Trinity  
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Hurd, Loraine K. Einspahr – Saginaw, Holy Cross  
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Gruenhagen, Heather S. Thomson  
Hartfield, Kathryn J. Sattler  
Heissenbuettel, Monica M. Frank  
Hildebrand, Laura A. Giger  
Jones, Leah M. Schiefer  
Kaelberer, Charity A. Key  
King, Wayne A.  
Kirchhoff, Susan K. Smith  
Koerschen, James M.  
Kurtz, Nancy C. Bromund  
Lange, Beth L.  
Lauckner, Edith H. Mueller  
Leidecker, Karla J. Thanepohn  
Love, Diane K. Ryherd  
McNally, Brian D.  
Moilanen, Karen K. Hemming  
Monroe, Kelly M. Muehlbrandt  
Mueller, Christine L. Simmons  
Mueller, Walter O.  
Nelson, Nicole R.  
Nihiser, Jane A. Wollenburg  
Oechsner, Heather A. Locke  
Oliver, JoAnn Trench

Osborne, Michael J.  
Pavelski, Gregory J.  
Pavelski, Suzanne R. Schnell  
Rathje, John R.  
Reinert, Jodi L. Zehnder  
Ringel, David T.  
Ristow, Beth A. Aufdemberge  
Rush II, James G.  
Seng, Rebekah J.  
Smith, Gail H. Graham  
Stecker, Heidi M. Mueller  
Steensma, Richard D. Jr.  
Stuhr, Lloyd r.  
Teske, Amy K. Stevens  
Timm, Nancy C. Manke  
Trombly, Barbara J.  
VanTol, Rebecca S. Reed  
Vogt, Donald A.  
Walter, Timothy P.  
Watenpool, Jennifer L.  
Welte, Yvonne M. Kraehnke  
Wenzel, Pamela B.  
Wiersig, W. Dan  
Wills, Paul R

## OTHER

Dean, Karen A. Werth – Macomb, Immanuel  
Steele, Kenneth M. - Saginaw, Bethlehem  
Thiede, Lori A. – Paw Paw, Trinity

## EMERITI

Argue, Joanne R. Prudek  
Aufdemberge, Erwin J.  
Aufdemberge, Theodore P.  
Bacon, Harold L.  
Bailey, Bonnie L. Banash  
Bassett, Leonard E.  
Bathje, Arnold A.  
Beardsley, Ronald L.  
Bender, Edgar L.  
Bergman, Delia A. Lakeman  
Bergman, Henry W.  
Beyer, Marilyn A.  
Blake, Sharon E. Rachow  
Boehm, Jerry R.  
Boldt, Harold James  
Boots, Cynthia F.  
Brauer, Ethan R.  
Bruenger, A. Kenneth  
Bunge, Harold O.  
Callies, Bernhard J.  
Carlson, Sandra L. Gresham Mendians  
Carroll, Dorothy M. Batusch  
Christiansen, Alfred O.  
Danz, Shirley M. Walenter  
Dickhudt, Robert J.  
Difatta, David C.  
Doebler, Lynda M.  
Dohrmann, Aaron C.  
Dubke, Darwin C.  
Dunklau, Esther M. Hauer  
Dwyer, Garnet P. Arlt  
Eckert, Lorraine R. Kissau  
Edenfield, Marilyn J. Kluck  
Erber, Glenn R.  
Fechner, Erwin W.  
Finkel, Linda L. Callender  
Fisceri, Darlene N. Behling  
Fischer, Dennis H.  
Florip, Eunice E. Merz  
Frank, George C.  
Freudenburg, Curtis C.  
Fricke, John M.  
Garske, Herbert E.  
Gast, Carolyn R. Fischer  
Geil, Jean R. Hendrich Sundell  
Gelhausen, Albert F.  
Gengler, Constance C. Koester  
Gerdes, Katherine M. Cluver  
Gerds, Fredrick A.  
Germeroth, Paul L.  
Glotzhober, Alyce K. Kraepel  
Grigg, Pauline E. Schoenfeld  
Groll, David H.  
Grupe, Larry R.  
Gugel, Ruth E. Krengel  
Haab, Keturah A. Thunder  
Halter, Clifford A.  
Hanke, Elsie C. Hesemann  
Hauser, Arlene J. Maier  
Hauser, Ronald L.  
Headapohl, Virginia A. Randall  
Helmreich, Christine A. Studt  
Himmler, Marvin M.  
Holste, Herman M.

Hopp, Jerry L.  
Hubmeier, Bruce N.  
Iseler, Janet A. Hartman  
Jahnke, Ronald H.  
Kaiser, Roy G.  
Kell, Delmar A.  
Kell, Mary L. Brubaker  
Kempff, Elna M.  
Kern, Loretta L. Gehrke  
Kimsal, Ronald F.  
Klausmeier, Caroline L. Hartwig  
Knopp, Allen M.  
Knuth, Fred F.  
Kohtz, Roger O.  
Krach, George M.  
Krause, Alan C.  
Krause, David L.  
Krause, Sandra L. Grousnick  
Krepsky, Richard D.  
Krieger, Edith E. Krueger  
Kuschmann, Margie A. Linder  
Kuschmann, Helmut P.  
Kuske, Mary E. Moll  
Laeder, Leroy D.  
Lanning, Joyce A. Owen  
Leinberger, David W.  
Lienau, Jane E. Mund  
List, Rose M. Sachtleben  
Locke, George M.  
Loeb, Flora E.  
Mahler, William A.  
Marino, Quentin M.  
McCain, Jean A. Geipel  
Merz, Martin C. Jr.  
Meyer, David J.  
Meyers, Anita G. Steufert  
Miller, Herman F.  
Miller, Joanne M. Doan  
Mohlenhoff, Richard W.  
Moldenhauer, Herbert C.  
Muck, Susan K. Thumm  
Mueller, Marlene M. Schmid  
Muhl, Carol M. Anderson  
Naber, Darrell H.  
Nieman, Anna E. Kanning  
Nightlinger, Cathy J.  
Ollhoff, Jeanne A.  
Opel, Edgar L.  
Opel, Robert Warren  
Otto, Phyllis F. Foreman  
Pagels, Doris E. Meyerman  
Palmer, Donald W.  
Pankow, Shirley M. Mosch  
Papenberg, Walter L.  
Pauli, Elaine E.  
Pawlitz, Carol J. McCollum  
Pfannkuch, Darrell L.  
Priehs, Warren F.  
Prokopy, Paul E.  
Quade, Gene W.  
Reisenbichler, Melvin H.  
Reitmeyer, Royce J.  
Richert, Alvin M.  
Ritter, Donald A.

Roggatz, George R.  
Rolf, Elda C. Elbert  
Romp, Wilbert F.  
Roth, James A.  
Roth, Leslie D.  
Rudick, Barbara A. Klug  
Rudolph, Elton A.  
Sandor, Donald R.  
Schempf, Richard H.  
Scheiwe, Jean R. Rodammer  
Scheiwe, Warren A.  
Schilling, Raymond L.  
Schley, Margaret J. Trautman  
Schmidt, Milton A.  
Schollmeyer, Robert C.  
Schroeder, Dorothy J. Succopen  
Schuck, Kathleen A. Alatalo  
Schultz, Lloyd N.  
Schultz, Patricia A. Nagel  
Schultz, Robert L.  
Schutzler, Sharon L. Hasso  
Schwartz, Justin C.  
Sheldon, Ernest L.  
Standiford, Nancy L. Fahl  
Storck, Charles L.  
Straub, Carl G.  
Stresman, Kenneth C.  
Stresman, Shirley M. Koeppen  
Sturmfels, John H.  
Sutter, Irene N. Troutman  
Taylor, Marcia D.  
Tiedje, Norman A.  
Timm, Donald C.  
Todt, John H.  
Topel, Stanley R.  
Vogtmann, Janet L. Roth  
Von Behren, Erich W.  
Von Fange, Erich A.  
Vorwerk, Dale H.  
Waak, LeMoyné D.  
Waak, Vera C. Lovercamp  
Wallace, Shirley M. Eggerding  
Ward, Donna J. Feltner  
Warnick, Harriet H. Lange  
Warnick, Howard J.  
Wegener, Thomas L.  
Wellander, Ronald E.  
Werderman, Amy L. Rohde  
Wied, Alwin J.  
Wilbert, Warren N.  
Winter, Ernest A.  
Winter, Paul G.  
Wittig, Evelyn D. Sell  
Wittrock, John H.  
Wolter, Arthur L.  
Wondrasch, Ruth M.  
Wroblewski, Richard E.  
Wuertz, Duane W.  
Zappitell, Kathleen M. Gerber  
Zehnder, James W.  
Zehnder, Wilma Sherrill Moeckel  
Zessin, Catherine E.  
Zorn, Glen R.

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT EDUCATOR ROSTER CHANGES

(From May 15, 2003 to March 22, 2006)

### ENTERED THE DISTRICT THROUGH GRADUATION OR COLLOQUY

Anderson, Kelly E. Nieman – (Ann Arbor) to Westland, Lutheran High Westland  
Anderson, Summer C. Silsby– (Irvine) to Bay City, Immanuel  
Azzopardi, Karie R. – (Ann Arbor) to Waterford, Peace  
Baringer, Brooke A. Kabobel – (Ann Arbor) to Saginaw, Peace  
Bejot, Joel S. – (Seward) to Midland, St. John's  
Blomstrom, Kelly A. – (Ann Arbor) to Newport, Lutheran High South  
Bolt, Jonathan M. – (Ann Arbor) to Traverse City, Trinity  
Corker, Lynn N. – (Ann Arbor) to Eastpointe, St. Thomas  
Davey, Stefanie E. – ((Ann Arbor) to Utica, Trinity  
Durbin, Anne R. – (River Forest) to Eastpointe, St. Thomas  
Faith, Scott M. – (Cq. Ann Arbor) to Muskegon, St. Mark  
Gronevelt, Kelli M. – (River Forest) to Kentwood, St. Mark  
Grupe, Michele S. Rebant – (Cq. Ann Arbor) to Utica, Trinity  
Heck, David P. – (Ann Arbor) to Utica, Trinity  
Janetzke, Emily L. Bluege – (River Forest) to Dearborn, Emmanuel  
Johnson, Melanie L. Marshall – (Mequon) to Allen Park, Mount Hope  
Kalis, Amy M. – (Ann Arbor) to Eastpointe, St. Thomas  
Kaschube, Elizabeth M. Uechert – (Ann Arbor) to Grand Rapids, St. James  
Kaufman, Sarah M. – (Seward) to Bay City, Immanuel  
Keup, Cara J. Roubal – (Ann Arbor) to Battle Creek, St. Mark  
Korbely, Marie A. Engelhardt – (Cq. Ann Arbor) to Fraser, St. John  
LaFontaine, Cindy R. Havemeier – (St. Paul) to Grand Blanc, Faith  
Langlois, Tonya M. Fleming – (Ann Arbor) to Rogers City, St. John  
Lavigne, Shannon D. – (Ann Arbor) to Ann Arbor, Divine Shepherd  
Leitzke, Heidi L. Harris – (Cq. Ann Arbor) to Rochester, St. John  
Luehmann, Kayla – (Seward) to Rochester, Living Word  
Martz, Kristine A. – (Ann Arbor) to Kentwood, West Michigan Lutheran High  
Mehltretter, Andrew W. – (Ann Arbor) to Brighton, Shepherd of the Lakes  
Merz, Jessica L. Stoltenberg – (Cq. Ann Arbor) to Birmingham, Our Shepherd  
Merrill, Kenlyn S. Weller – (Seward) to Fraser, St. John  
Nobis, Judy A. Hospodar – (Cq. Ann Arbor) to Bay City, Zion  
Palm, Lori A. Montney – (Ann Arbor) to Flint, St. Paul  
Phillips, Ann M. Hoft – (Cq. Ann Arbor) to Macomb, Lutheran High North  
Scheeres, Maribeth – (Ann Arbor) to Farmington Hills, St. Paul's  
Schleicher, Amy L. Walquist – (Seward) to Saginaw, Bethlehem  
Schmidt, Sarah K. – (Ann Arbor) to Dearborn, Emmanuel  
Schmucker, Calvin F. – (Cq. Ann Arbor) to Traverse City, Trinity  
Schneider, Patti G. – (River Forest) to Battle Creek, St. Mark  
Scott, Aaron M. – (Ann Arbor) to Southgate, Christ the King  
Snyder, Kimberly – (Ann Arbor) to Macomb, Immanuel  
Starr, Jesseca L. – (Ann Arbor) to Spring Lake, St. Matthew  
Steffens, Kara J. – (Ann Arbor) to Redford, Hosanna-Tabor  
Vanneste, Sarah F. – (Ann Arbor) to Westland, St. Matthew  
Vicari, Matthew V. – (Mequon) to Macomb, Lutheran High North  
Vogele, Sara M. – (St. Paul) to Rochester, Living Word  
Watenpool, Jennifer L. – (Ann Arbor) to Westland, St. Matthew  
Yochum III, Lawrence H. – (River Forest) to Farmington Hills, Prince of Peace

### NEWLY ROSTERED DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bira, Carolyn I. Spatz – (Seward) to Flushing, Holy Cross  
Gerken, Joshua P. – (Seward) to Holt, Messiah  
Grabarczyk, Kelly – (St Paul) to Jenison, Holy Cross  
Hueseman, James I. – (River Forest) to Gladwin, Our Savior  
Kim, Hoon – (Seward) to Algonac, First  
Newman, Joanna N. – (River Forest) to Birmingham, Redeemer  
Reimann, Kimberly J. – (River Forest) to Flat Rock, Community  
Schleicher, Jason P. – (Seward) to Saginaw, Bethlehem  
Smith, William T. – (River Forest) to Cadillac, Emmanuel

### NEWLY ROSTERED DIRECTORS OF FAMILY LIFE

Burmeister, Nathaneil J. – (Ann Arbor) to Haslett, St. Luke

## TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER DISTRICTS

Adams, Robyn L. Wyckhuys – (Missouri) as Non-Candidate  
Auger, Robert G. – (Eastern) to Bad Axe, Our Savior  
Bacon, Harold L. – (Eastern) as Candidate  
Bauer, Jason C. – (Minnesota North) to Interlochen, Redeemer  
Baerwolf, Paul R. – (Southeastern) to Dearborn, Emmanuel  
Bilkey, Katherine E. – (Indiana) as Non-Candidate  
Bruenger, Adam L. – (Minnesota South) as Non-Candidate  
Bruenger, Jennifer L. Zimmerman – (Minnesota South) as Non-Candidate  
Caulkins, Gary W. – (Texas) as Candidate  
Cohrs, Richard P. – (Missouri) to Sebewaing, Christ the King  
Enge, Heidi A. Seiter – (California-Nevada-Hawaii) as Candidate  
Engelbrecht, John M. – (Missouri) to Kentwood, West Michigan Lutheran High  
Eyster, Carol M. Simmons – (Northern Illinois) to Frankenmuth, St. Lorenz  
Eyster, Timothy K. – (Northern Illinois) to Richville, St. Michael's  
Freudenburg, Benjamin F. – (English) to Ann Arbor, Concordia University  
Gnewuch, Cynthia A. Nerge – (Southeastern) as Candidate  
Hagenauer, Diane – (Southeastern) as Candidate  
Halfmann, Norma J. Rhone – (Indiana) as Candidate  
Hegenauer, Diane L. Heyl – (Southeastern) as Candidate  
Hendrikson, Kevin J. – (South Wisconsin) to Richville, St. Michael's  
Hibbard, Mary Anne – (Northern Illinois) to Utica, Trinity  
Hintzman, Rebekah – (Rocky Mountain) to Dearborn, Emmanuel  
Hohnstadt, Rebecca S. – (South Wisconsin) to Lapeer, St. Paul  
Koschmann, Mark E. – (Indiana) to Midland, St. John's  
Kraft, Mary E. – (Southern Illinois) to Royal Oak, St. Paul  
Kuebler, Eugene C. – (Missouri) to Lutheran Special Education Ministries  
Lewis, Lori J. – (South Wisconsin) to Ann Arbor, St. Paul  
Love, Diane K. Ryherd – (southern Illinois) as Non-Candidate  
Matasovsky, Dina C. Cristante – (Minnesota South) as Candidate  
Meier, Robert E. – (South Wisconsin) to St. Joseph, Trinity  
Meyer, Shannon E. McClure – (Northern Illinois) to Macomb, Immanuel  
Mueller, Christine L. Simmons – (Northern Illinois) as Non-Candidate  
Mueller, Dawn M. Klein – (Northwest) as Candidate  
Mueller, Scott R. – (Northwest) as Candidate  
Nelson, Nicole R. – (Missouri) as Non-Candidate  
Oechsner, Heather A. Locke – (South Wisconsin) to Macomb, Immanuel  
Olsen, Joann I. – (Missouri) as Candidate  
Refenes, James L. – (South Wisconsin) to Ann Arbor, Concordia University  
Rehberg, Gregory A. (Eastern) to Ann Arbor, Concordia  
Richards, James K. – (Florida-Georgia) to Clinton Township, Trinity  
Rush II, James G. – (Minnesota South) to Flint, Peace  
Schwerin, Daniel P. – (Florida-Georgia) as Candidate  
Smith, Donna A. – (Indiana) to Marlette, Our Savior  
Smith, Eric R. – (Central Illinois) to Saginaw, Saginaw Valley Lutheran High School  
Springer, Joel W. – (Iowa East) to Rochester, Living Word  
Springer, Sheri L. Klemm – (Iowa East) as Candidate  
Taggatz, Roxanne M. Wurm – (Southern) to Immanuel, Bay City  
Volkman, Heather D. – (Missouri) to Rochester, Living Word  
Von Fange, Susan D. – (Rocky Mountain) to Clinton Township, Trinity  
Wargo, Nicole N. Hurttgam – (Ohio) to Reed City, Trinity  
Welte, John A. – (Texas) to Walled Lake, St. Matthew  
Welte, Yvonne M. Kraehnke – (Texas) as Candidate  
Werner, Mark A. – (Missouri) to St. Johns, St. Peter  
Wills, Paul R. – (Southeastern) as Non-Candidate  
Winkelman, Steven R. – (Texas) to Peace, Shelby Township  
Winterstein, Charles A. – (Northern Illinois) to Ann Arbor, Concordia University  
Wittrock, Sarah B. Hinkel – (Kansas) to Utica, Trinity  
Wrege, Thomas W. – (Indiana) to Jackson, Trinity



## TRANSFERRED WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Beethe, Ivan R. – (Macomb, St. Peter) to Conklin, Trinity  
Bickel, Eric J. – (Sterling Heights, St. Paul) to Jackson, Trinity  
Billbrey, Jennifer L. – (Detroit Lutheran Special Education Ministries) to Macomb, Immanuel  
Braun, Bruce N. – (Michigan District – LCMS) to Michigan District – LCMS (Superintendent)  
Brenner, Renee C. Jenista – (Westland, Lutheran High Westland) to Saginaw, Saginaw Valley Lutheran High  
Ceplecha, Paula I. North – (Candidate) to Port Hope, St. Paul  
Childers, Frances M. Cashmer – (Candidate) to New Boston, St. John  
Corker, Lynn N. – (Eastpointe, St. Thomas) to Saline, Christ the King  
Croucher, Sarah R. Steffe – (Monroe, Holy Ghost) to Brighton, Shepherd of the Lakes  
Dent, Kelli L. Coleman – (Wayne, St. Michael) Detroit, Lutheran Special Education Ministries  
Eichinger, Kurt W. – (Candidate) to Midland, Lord of New Life  
Eisman, Jerry M. – (Candidate) to Bay City, St. Paul  
Fishm, Dale W. – (Dearborn, Emmanuel) to Bay City, St. John  
Flynn, Daniel J. – (Candidate) to Ann Arbor, St. Luke  
Foley, Gayle C. Ross – (Candidate) to Frankenmuth, St. Lorenz  
Genig, Dennis K. – (Candidate) to Ann Arbor, Concordia University  
Grage, Glenn G. – (Taylor, St. John) to Bay City, Faith  
Gnewuch, Cynthia A. Nerge – (Candidate) to Birmingham, Our Shepherd  
Hall, Carl G. – (Monroe, Trinity) to Northville, St. Paul  
Hoeft, Karen R. Ging – (Candidate) to Westland, St. Matthew  
Hooper, Susan L. Repp – (Candidate) to Grand Blanc, Faith  
Horak, John B. – (Utica, Trinity) to Lansing, Our Savior  
Kernstock, Patricia J. – (Battle Creek, St. Paul) to Utica, Trinity  
Keup, Joel A. – (Candidate) to Saginaw, Peace  
Kirchhoff, Daid W. – (Flint, St. Mark) to Macomb, Immanuel  
Machemer, Melvin A. – (Harper Woods, Lutheran High East) to Fraser, St. John  
Matasovsky, Dina C. Cristante – (Candidate) to Wayne, St. Michael's  
Matthias, John W. – (Dearborn, Guardian) to Detroit, Peace  
McDonald, Deborah M. Crosby – (Farmington Hills, St. Paul's) to Rochester, Living Word  
Meinert, Robert W. – (Bright, Shepherd of the Lakes) to Birmingham, Our Shepherd  
Moro III, Martin L. – (Wayne, St. Michael's) to Detroit, Detroit Urban  
Mueller, Scott R. – (Candidate) to Bridgeport, Faith  
Otto, Brenda L. – (Candidate) to Coldwater, St. Paul  
Otto, Brenda L. – (Coldwater, St. Paul) to Royal Oak, St. Paul  
Pahlkötter II, Henry G. – (Richmond, St. Michael's) to Flint, St. Paul  
Pearson, Kathryn L. Kraai – (Flint, St. Paul) to Richville, St. Michael's  
Polonkey, Stephanie M. – (Dearborn, Guardian) to Lake Orion, Good Shepherd  
Quade, Karen J. – (Ann Arbor, St. Paul) to Coldwater, St. Paul  
Reinert, Daniel M. – (Flint, St. Paul) to Frankenmuth, St. Lorenz  
Rolf, James E. – (Waterford, St. Stephen) to Rochester, Living Word  
Rudick, Annette K. – (Adrian, St. John) to Auburn, Grace  
Sasse, Linda K. Maitland – (Rochester, St. John) to Rochester, Living Word  
Schafer, Beverly A. – (Paw Paw, Trinity) to Marlette, Our Savior  
Scheler, Jason J. – (Candidate) to Walled Lake, St. Matthew  
Schluckbier, Robert A. – (Candidate) to Hemlock, St. Peter  
Schultz, Mark A. – (Monroe, Trinity) to Macomb, St. Peter  
Schultz, Patricia A. Nagel – (Detroit, Greenfield Peace) to Detroit, Detroit Urban  
Thompson, Steven L. – (Bay City, Faith) to Kentwood, West Michigan Lutheran High  
Wieneke, Lori S. MacKay – (Candidate) to Grand Rapids, St. Matthew  
Young, Jeffery S., (Paw Paw, Trinity) to Unionville, St. Paul

## TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DISTRICTS

Abraham, Erich F. – (Candidate) to Florida-Georgia District  
Abraham, Paula E. Sager – (Candidate) to Florida-Georgia District  
Anderson, Summer C. Silsby – (Bay City, Immanuel) to Missouri District  
Bacic, Frances M. Kline – (New Boston, St. John) to Indiana District  
Barber, Anna E. Lange – (Candidate) to Northern Illinois District  
Bergman, Mary B. – (St. Paul, Royal Oak) to Rocky Mountain District  
Bilich, Andrew J. – (Emeritus) to Texas District  
Brei, Eric K. – (Brighton, Shepherd of the Lakes) to Central Illinois District  
Bresemann, Brian R. – (Bay City, Immanuel) to Pacific Southwest District  
Burgess, Robert M. – (Utica, Trinity) to Florida-Georgia District  
Burow, Peter J. – (Candidate) to Texas District  
Dietrich, Mary R. – (Non-Candidate) to Northern Illinois District  
Dietz, Beverly G. Grossman – (Candidate) to South Wisconsin District  
Durbin, Anne R. – (Candidate) to Central Illinois District  
Eckstrom, Kay E. – (Candidate) to Pacific Southwest District

Garske, John E. – (Candidate) to Nebraska District  
 Grepke, Neil M. – (Candidate) to Indiana District  
 Groth, Paul W. – (Non-Candidate) to Indiana District  
 Guinn, Staci M. – (Non-Candidate) to Ohio District  
 Halfman, Norma J. Rhone – (Candidate) to Florida-Georgia District  
 Halfman, Walter K. – (Saginaw, Holy Cross) to Florida-Georgia District  
 Hughes, Donita G. – (St. Joseph, Trinity) to Rocky Mountain District  
 Ingwersen, David – (Lapeer, St. Paul) to Northern Illinois District  
 Johnson, Penny J. Paton – (Non-Candidate) to Florida-Georgia District  
 Kasten, Robert R. – (Ann Arbor, Concordia) to South Wisconsin District  
 Kelly, Amy L. Keinath – (Candidate) to Indiana District  
 Keuning, Lynette L. – (Candidate) to Indiana District  
 Klotz, Debra A. Timm – (Candidate) to Mid-South District  
 Knotts Jr., Richard E. – (Ann Arbor, Concordia) to Texas District  
 Koch, Shirlene L. Bredehoeft – (St. Joseph, Trinity) to Southern Illinois District  
 Kusserow, Mary Lou Mikulecky – (Jackson, Trinity) to Pacific Southwest District  
 Kusserow, Thomas E. – (Jackson, Trinity) to Pacific Southwest District  
 Loontjer, Susan R. Sylwester – (Candidate) to Missouri District  
 Marlowe, Rebecca S. – (Candidate) to Northwest District  
 Marxhausen, Gary P. – (Sebewaing, Immanuel) to South Wisconsin District  
 Mathey, Michael J. – (Non-Candidate) to Missouri District  
 McFall, Kathleen A. Lehman – (Candidate) to Rocky Mountain District  
 McSwain, Grant M. – (Flint, St. Mark) to Missouri District  
 Meyer, Kara J. Steffens – (Redford, Hosanna-Tabor) to Rocky Mountain District  
 Meyer, William C. – (St. Joseph, Trinity) to Nebraska District  
 Myers, Michael J. – (Candidate) to Ohio District  
 Overgaard, Kim A. – (Flint, St. Paul) to Indiana District  
 Pitonyak, Michelle L. Pagels Wagner – (Candidate) to Ohio District  
 Rathje, Kristin L. Kolb – (Candidate) to Missouri District  
 Rehberg, Gregory A. – (Ann Arbor, Concordia) to Indiana District  
 Schipper, Stuart P. – (Candidate) to Indiana District  
 Schlie, Linda S. Banik – (Candidate) to Indiana District  
 Schmaltz, Norman J. – (Emeritus) to Florida-Georgia District  
 Schroeder, Tracie L. – (Candidate) to South Wisconsin District  
 Schultz, Sandra C. Gilbreath – (Candidate) to South Wisconsin District  
 Schulz, Janice M. – (Candidate) to Iowa District East  
 Schumacher, Scott A. – (Reese, Trinity) to Indiana District  
 Sievert, Amy L. Raabe – (Non-Candidate) to Minnesota North District  
 Siger, Mark W. – (Fraser, St. John) to English District  
 Stadler, Lori J. Lonsway – (Reinstated) to English District  
 Stoeckel, Linda M. Tauriainen – (Candidate) to Florida-Georgia District  
 Trench, Karen M. Maercklein – (Scottsville, Our Savior) to North Wisconsin District  
 Van Dellen, James R. – (Ann Arbor, St. Paul) to South Wisconsin District  
 Verseman, Dennis H. – (Emeritus) to Pacific Southwest District  
 Vogege, Sara M. – (Rochester, Living Word) to Minnesota North District  
 Waters, Jennie J. – (Marshall, Zion) to Northern Illinois District  
 Wolf, Robert J. – (Saginaw, Saginaw Valley Lutheran High) to English District

### INACTIVE

#### INACTIVE – CANDIDATE STATUS

Beadle, Michael L. – (Rochester Hills, Lutheran High Northwest) 10/01/03  
 Beehe, Irene E. Grueber – (Macomb, St. Peter) 08/15/05  
 Burow, Peter J. – (Reinstated) 05/05/04  
 Carrier, Amy L. – (Royal Oak, St. Paul) 03/26/04  
 Ceplecha, Paula I. North – (Midland, St. John's) 06/15/04  
 Dancy, Heidi L. Scherfling – (Armada, Our Saviour) 09/22/04  
 Difatta, David C. – (Warren, Peace) 08/15/05  
 Diroff, Jayne K. Kregel (Non-Candidate) 02/22/06  
 Durbin, Anne R. – (Eastpointe, St. Thomas ) 11/01/04  
 Enge, Jennifer A. Keefer – (Non-Candidate) 05/13/05  
 Eckstorm, Kay E. – (Bay City, Faith) 08/15/06  
 Eichinger, Kurt W. – (Non-Candidate) 10/27/04  
 Eisman, Jerry M. – (Midland, St. John's) 08/15/04  
 Flynn, Daniel J. – (Non-Candidate) 11/16/04  
 Foley, Gayle C. Ross – (Shelby Township, Peace) 09/13/04  
 Gallert, Roger D. – (Harbor Springs, Shepherd in the Pines) 06/27/03  
 Goetsch, Debra L. – (Hemlock, Zion) 08/09/04  
 Johnson, Kraig C. – (Grand Haven, St. John) 07/28/03

Jones, Karen B. Peterson – (Detroit, Detroit Urban) 12/28/05  
 Krone, Shirley M. Miller – (Detroit, Mount Calvary) 06/15/05  
 Leatzow, Edward A. – (Muskegon, Trinity) 08/15/05  
 Lee, Janice L. Swartz – (Saginaw, Good Shepherd) 05/13/03  
 Major, Cynthia C. Schluckbier – (Saginaw, Saginaw Valley Lutheran High) 01/12/05  
 McFall, Kathleen A. Lehman – (Rogers City, St. John) 08/14/03  
 Neumann, Karla R. Kemerling – (Non-Candidate) 03/15/06  
 Neumeyer, Scott R. – (Hemlock, St. Peter) 02/23/06  
 Nieman, Dale W. – (Armada, Our Saviour) 07/05/05  
 Ohlich, Bridgette S. – (Rochester Hills, Lutheran High Northwest) 04/01/04  
 Otto, Brenda L. – (Non-Candidate) 08/11/03  
 Pacifici, Joni B. Sweatt – (Adrian, St. John) 11/03/04  
 Parks, Michelle E. Bischoff Jones – (Farmington Hills, St. Paul's) 10/26/04  
 Parron, Richard K. – (Livonia, Christ Our Savior) 04/01/2006  
 Pavelski, Gregory J. – (Birmingham, Our Shepherd) 06/15/03  
 Perich, Cheryl S. White – (Redford, Hosanna-Tabor) 04/10/05  
 Peterson, Michelle L. Balsler – (Non-Candidate) 11/03/04  
 Pitonyak, Michelle L. Pagels Wagner – (Non-Candidate) 07/10/03  
 Rabe, Ellen J. Scheffler – (Auburn, Grace) 10/10/03  
 Sandmann, Danny C. – (Non-Candidate) 03/16/05  
 Scheler, Jason J. – (Non-Candidate) 06/24/05  
 Schipper, Stuart P. – (Eastpointe, St. Thomas) 09/05/03  
 Schluckbier, Robert A. – (Reese, Trinity) 08/24/04  
 Schroeder, Tracie L. Trombley – (Lake Orion, Good Shepherd) 10/20/03  
 Schulz, Janice M. – (Dearborn, Atonement) 09/13/04  
 Sieger, Barbara J. – (Clinton Township, St. Luke) 06/30/04  
 Starr, Jesseca L. – (Spring Lake, St. Matthew) 12/31/04  
 Stoeckel, Linda M. Taurianinen – (Eastpointe, St. Thomas) 06/30/03  
 Steffens, Carl M. – (Rochester Hills, Lutheran High Northwest) 01/04/06  
 Teske, Amy K. Stevens – (Non-Candidate) 03/01/06  
 Timm, Nancy C. Manke – (Reinstated) 04/08/04  
 Waters, M. Kay Gruber – (Non-Candidate) 01/13/04  
 Wieneke, Lori S. MacKay – (Non-Candidate) 07/14/04  
 Wheeler, Julie A. Bittner – (Bay City, St. Paul) 08/22/05  
 Wrobel, Barbara L. Russell – (Detroit, Mount Calvary) 06/30/05  
 Zink, Charlene J. Little – (Royal Oak, St. Paul) 09/07/05

### INACTIVE – NON-CANDIDATE STATUS

Arthurton, Melissa R. – (Lansing, Our Savior) 06/30/05  
 Behrendt, Linda S. – (Ann Arbor, Concordia) 06/30/03  
 Brockberg, Kevin H. – (Candidate) 10/24/04  
 Demo, Maida R. Sevon – (Flint, St. Mark) 06/15/05  
 Diroff, Jayne K. Kregel – (Newport, Lutheran High South) 06/30/03  
 Eichinger, Kurt W. (Candidate) 06/14/04  
 Ernst, Cynthia S. Secord – (St. Joseph, Trinity) 06/23/03  
 Etheridge, Kimberly D. Stange – (Rochester, St. John) 06/13/03  
 Felten, Jolyn R. Daenzer – (Utica, Trinity) 06/28/05  
 Frusti, Timothy M. – (Ann Arbor, Concordia) 08/15/04  
 Gledhill, Eric A. – (Lansing, Our Savior) 06/15/05  
 Grissom, Shelley J. Kramp – (Ann Arbor, Divine Shepherd) 08/15/05  
 Groth, Paul W. – (Grand Haven, St. John) 08/15/05  
 Guinn, Staci M. – (Rockford, St. Peter) 06/01/04  
 Hildebrand, Laura A. Giger – (Greenville, Mount Calvary) 10/24/05  
 Johnson, Penny J. Paton – (Macomb, Lutheran High North) 08/09/04  
 Kimmel, Beth J. Marasus – (Rochester, Living Word) 09/01/03  
 King, Wayne A. – (Boyne City, Christ) 06/20/04  
 Koerschen, James M. – (Ann Arbor, Concordia) 01/01/04  
 Kurtz, Nancy C. Bromund – (Flat Rock, Community) 11/17/03  
 Lauckner, Edith H. Mueller – (Flint, St. Paul) 09/24/04  
 Leidecker, Karla J. Thanepohn – (Eastpointe, St. Peter's) 07/09/04  
 Mathey, Michael J. – (Candidate) 08/23/04  
 McNally, Brian D. – (Detroit, Mount Calvary) 06/15/05  
 Moilanen, Karen K. Hemming – (Jackson, Trinity) 06/17/03  
 Neumann, Karla R. Kemerling – (Candidate) 10/22/04  
 Nihiser, Jane A. Wollenburg – (Candidate) 11/04/04  
 Oechsner, Heather A. Locke – (Macomb, Immanuel) 06/15/05  
 Pavelski, Gregory J. – (Candidate) 02/07/05  
 Pavelski, Suzanne R. Schnell – (Birmingham, Our Shepherd) 11/08/05  
 Rathje, John R. – (Jackson, Redeemer) 06/15/04

Ringel, David T. – (Kentwood, St. Mark) 03/01/04  
Rush II, James G. – (Flint, Peace) 08/01/05  
Sandmann, Danny C. – Berrien Springs, Trinity) 04/13/04  
Scheler, Jason J. – (Walled Lake, St. Matthew) 09/15/04  
Seng, Rebekah J. – (Sebewaing, Immanuel) 08/27/04  
Sievert, Amy L. Raabe – (Candidate) 03/21/05  
Smith, Gail H. Graham – (Candidate) 08/01/05  
Stecker, Heidi M., Mueller – (Hemlock, St. Peter) 09/28/04  
Steensma Jr., Richard D – (Dearborn, Guardian) 07/15/05  
Stuhr, Lloyd R. – (Ann Arbor, St. Luke) 06/15/05  
Teske, Amy K. Sevens – (Adrian, St. John) 01/14/05  
Timm, Nancy C. Manke – (Candidate) 08/01/04  
Trombly, Barbara J. – (Candidate) 10/06/04  
VanTol, Rebecca S. Reed – (Unionville, St. Paul) 09/01/03  
Walter, Timothy P. – (Millington, St. Paul) 11/16/04  
Watenpool, Jennifer L. – (Westland, St. Matthew) 11/18/05  
Welte, Yvonne M. Kraehnke – (Candidate) 01/12/05  
Wenzel, Pamela B. – (Taylor, St. John's) 09/20/04

### **INACTIVE – EMERITI STATUS**

Argue, Joanna R. Prudek – (Candidate) 02/07/05  
Bacon, Harold L. (Candidate) 12/30/05  
Blake, Sharon E. Rachow – (Port Huron, Trinity) 06/15/04  
Boehm, Jerry R. – (Saginaw, Saginaw Valley Lutheran High) 08/13/05  
Carlson, Sandra L. Gresham Mendians – (Utica, Trinity) 12/31/03  
Difatta, David C. – (Candidate) 01/21/06  
Dwyer, Garnet P. – (Traverse City, Trinity) 06/15/05  
Edenfield, Marilyn J. Kluck – (Southgate, Christ the King) 08/15/03  
Fishcer, Dennis H. – (Richville, St. Michael's) 08/01/04  
Frank, George C. – (Saginaw, Bethlehem) 06/30/04  
Gast, Carolyn R. Fischer – (Utica, Trinity) 09/15/05  
Glanville, Kristina J. – (Non-Candidate) 03/15/04  
Gengler, Constance C. Koester – (Auburn, Grace) 07/19/04  
Gerds, Fredrick A. – (Rochester Hills, Lutheran High Northwest) 06/30/05  
Gugel, Ruth E. Kringel – (Candidate) 11/25/03  
Hopp, Jerry L. – (Birmingham, Our Shepherd) 10/01/04  
Hubmeier, Bruce N. – (Trenton, St. Paul) 08/31/05  
Hubmeier, Linda E. Schaaf – (Southgate, Christ the King) 06/09/03  
Iseler, Janet A. Hartman – (Dearborn, Atonement) 06/15/04  
Jahnke, Ronald H. – (Warren, Hope) 12/31/03  
Kell, Mary L. Brubaker – (Midland, St. John's) 06/15/04  
Klausmeier, Caroline L. Hartwig – (Birmingham, Our Shepherd) 06/15/03  
Knea, Stephanie C. Bickmeier – (Non-Candidate) 03/16/04  
Knuth, Fred F. – (Stevensville, Christ) 10/01/04  
Krause, Alan C. – (Lansing, Our Savior) 12/31/05  
Kuschmann, Helmut P. – (Utica, Trinity) 06/15/04  
Kuschmann, Margie A. Linder – (Macomb, Lutheran High North) 06/15/05  
Locke, George M. – (Ann Arbor, Michigan District) 12/31/05  
Ollhoff, Jeanne A. – (Jackson, Trinity) 07/18/03  
Palmer, Donald W. – (Utica, Trinity) 06/16/04  
Pawlitcz, Carol J. McCollum – (Macomb, Immanuel) 02/24/04  
Pfannkuch, Darrell L. – (Grand Rapids, St. James) 08/15/04  
Rosenau, Terry M. – (Port Huron, Trinity) 08/01/04  
Roth, Leslie D. – (Richville, St. Michael's) 10/01/04  
Rudick, Barbara A. Klug – (PRC, Shanghai, Concordia, International) 07/13/05  
Scheiwe, Jean R. Rodammer – (Bay City, St. John) 07/31/05  
Scheiwe, Warren A. – (Bay City, St. John) 07/13/05  
Schley, Margaret J. Trautman – (Macomb, Lutheran High North) 07/01/04  
Schultz, Patricia A. Nagel- (Detroit, Detroit Urban) 07/01/04  
Standiford, Nancy L. Fahl – (Saginaw, Peace) 06/30/04  
Stier, Janet L. – (Non-Candidate) 03/16/04  
Vogtmann, Janet L. Roth – (Bay City, Zion) 06/15/03  
Vorwerk, Dale H. – (Flint, St. Paul) 08/31/05  
Wegener, Thomas L. – (Midland, St. John's) 06/15/03  
Werderman, Amy L. Rohde – (Richmond, St. Peter) 08/01/03  
Wittrock, John H. – (Birmingham, Our Shepherd) 06/15/05  
Zappitell, Kathleen M. Gerber – (Utica, Trinity) 06/15/03  
Zehnder, James W. – (Lansing, Our Savior) 07/31/04  
Zehnder, Wilma Sherrill Moeckel – (Non-Candidate) 12/31/05

## REINSTATED TO THE ROSTER

Abraham, Erich F. – 02/2006  
Abraham, Paula E. Sager – 02/2006  
Argue, Joanne R. Prudek – 09/2003  
Barber, Anna E. Lange – 09/2003  
Benge, Ruth A. Harm – 09/2005  
Burow, Peter – 04/2004  
Childer, Frances M. Cashmer – 09/2004  
Davis, Julie A. Guenther – 02/2006  
Garske, John E. – 09/2005  
Gast, Carolyn R. Fischer – 11/2004  
Gledhill, Kristin A. Arthurton – 09/2003  
Kayser, Jennifer M. DeMeritt – 11/2004  
Kelly, Amy L. – 11/2003  
Keuning, Lynette L. – 09/2003  
Klotz, Debra A. Timm – 02/2006  
Lederer, Nancy R. Hoegermeyer – 04/2003

Loontjer, Susan R. Slywester – 02/2004  
Machemer, Susan M. Teske – 09/2004  
Mills, Ellen K. Baker – 09/2005  
Pawlitz, Carol J. McCollum – 09/2003  
Roth, Carlyn J. Hodde – 09/2004  
Schlie, Linda S. Banik- 02/2006  
Schultz, Sandra C. Gilbreath – 02/2004  
Seguin, Kathleen J. Auch – 09/2004  
Siefert, Amy I. Raabe – 11/2004  
Stier, Janel L. Rousselo – 03/2004  
Stersman, Shirley M. Koeppen – 09/2004  
Timm, Nancy C. Manke – 09/2003  
Topel, Wendy S.C. VanBreda – 09/2004  
Trinklein, Rebecca M. – 09/2004  
Westin, Bethany S. Miller – 02/2005  
Zehnder, Wilma Sherrill Moeckel – 04/2004

## RESIGNED FROM ROSTER

Ankerberg, Erik – 07/31/04  
Beck, Pamela W. – 07/01/04  
Bolzman, Jeffrey K. – 12/13/04  
Behrendt, Linda S. – 01/19/04  
Chapman, Lisa A. Davis – 06/30/05

Milnikel, Brian K. 12/31/03  
Platz, Kerri R. Kujat – 04/26/05  
Sauer, Thomas D. – 02/03/04  
Sita, Rebecca L. Hackbarth – 05/01/05  
Swazey, Angela N. Kelly – 08/28/03

## REMOVED FROM ROSTER

Burow, Peter J. – 10/31/03  
Cascione, Virginia H. Steinbach – 12/24/04  
Clark, Lori D. Pettiford – 03/31/05  
Cox, Lori L. Gentz – 08/21/03  
Ebendick, Timothy J. – 03/31/05  
Gallert, Roger D. – 03/26/04  
Glanville, Kristina L. – 03/16/04  
Grotelueschen, Timothy L. – 03/31/05  
Harding, Bridgette S. Ohlrich  
Hochthanner, Kelly A. Potillo – 03/16/04  
Hurttgam, Susan L. Stieg – 03/16/04  
Jack, Daniel B. – 08/21/03  
Kern, Heidi S. Loesell – 12/02/05  
Kern, Kent L. – 03/16/04  
Kimmel, Beth L. – 03/31/05  
Knea, Stephanie C. Bickmeier – 03/16/04

Lee, Janice L. Swartz – 03/31/05  
Lindeman, Lisa B. – 10/14/03  
McClelland, Karen K. – 02/18/04  
Milz, Amy E. – 03/16/04  
Needham, Brenda R. Haack – 03/16/04  
Sadler, Patricia C. Berlin – 02/18/04  
Shaw, Julee A. Erber Sunderman – 03/16/04  
Shore, Vickie L. – 03/16/04  
Steffke, Angela D. Gorman – 02/18/04  
Stier, Janel L. Rousselo – 03/16/04  
Wahnefried, Carol H. Schafer 03/16/04  
Weiszbrod, Michael W. – 03/16/04  
Wenzel, Pamela B. – 03/13/05  
Westin, Bethany S. Miller – 03/16/04  
Williamson, Michael E. – 02/18/04

## CALLED TO GLORY

Bagby, Kathryn L. Haley – 12/28/04  
Berthold, Edward K. – 08/07/03  
Eickmeyer, Kenneth F. – 02/08/04  
Gefeke, Lawrence F. – 11/26/04  
Hitzemann, Erhardt W. – 11/14/04  
Hubmeier, Linda E. Schaaf – 08/01/05  
Letiz, Adolph H. – 08/28/03

Loeb, Flora E. – 12/22/01  
Middeldorf, Carl W. Jr. – 07/17/05  
Pfeiffer, Thomas E. – 02/19/05  
Rathe, Willard W. – 11/16/03  
Rosenau, Terry M. – 06/27/05  
Wolfrom, Wayne D. – 12/05/03  
Wrobel, Barbara L. Russell – 11/05/05

## SCHOOL OPENING

Armada, Noah's Ark Preschool - 09/12/2005  
Battle Creek, Crosscreek Christian School – 08/01/04  
Belleville, Open Arms Center – 06/23/2003  
Birch Run, Peace of Mind Child Development Center (St. Mark)  
– 02/17/2003  
Cadillac, Joyful Hearts Early Childhood Learning Center  
(Emmanuel) – 08/30/2004  
Cheboygan, St. John Lutheran Early Childhood Program –  
09/07/2004

Hillman, St. John's Lutheran Preschool – 09/01/2004  
Kentwood, West Michigan Lutheran High School – 08/01/2004  
Marlette, Our Savior Lutheran School – 08/01/2004  
Reese, Trinity Early Childhood Center – 06/30/2003  
Richville, St. Michael's Community Child Care Center –  
01/05/2004  
Rochester, Living Word Lutheran School – 08/26/2003  
Spring Lake, St. Matthew's Christian Child Care with Footsteps  
Preschool – 09/01/2005

## SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Adrian, St. John (Elementary only) – 06/30/2004  
Armada, Our Saviour Lutheran School – 06/05/2005  
Dearborn, Atonement (Elementary only) – 06/30/2004  
Detroit, Greenfield Peace – 06/12/2003  
Detroit, Mt. Calvary Lutheran School (Elementary only) – 06/26/05  
Detroit, Peace – 06/30/2003  
Harper Woods, Lutheran High School East – 06/30/2004  
Hemlock, Zion (Elementary only) – 06/30/2004  
Rogers City, St. Michael – 05/22/2005  
Union City, Little Lights Preschool (Our Savior) – 06/30/2003

## EDUCATOR ANNIVERSARIES

### 2004

#### 50 Years

Callies, Bernhard J.; Glotzhober, Alyce K. Kroepel; Hauser, Ronald L.; Himmler, Marvin M.; Schempf, Richard H.

#### 40 Years

Boehm, Jerry R.; Boots, Cynthia F.; Danz, Shirley M. Walenter; Frank, George C.; Knuth, Fred F.; Kosmatka, Bruce J.; List, Rose M. Sachttelben; Pagels, James D.; Palmeter, Donald W.; Pfannkuch, Darrell L.; Rolf, Elda C. Elbert; Scheiwe, Warren A.; Schmidt, Paul M.; Taylor, Marcia D.; Wegener, Thomas L.; Wondrasch, Ruth M.

#### 25 Years

Anderson, James C.; Anderson, Lisa M. Klute; Chapman, Lisa A. Davis; Dickinson, Melinda S. Bathke; Eichinger, Diane J. Maschke; Erfourth, Lee E.; Fischer, Karen E. Murphy; Helmreich, Harry J.; Hoch, Robert M.; Jammer, Bonnie M.; Koch, Shirlene L. Bredehoeft; Kolb, Arlene C.; Kruger, Nancy E.; Leatzow, Edward A.; Vogeli, Mitchell R.; Witte, Lucie E. Stelter

### 2005

#### 50 Years

Brauer, Ethan R.; Florip, Eunice W. Merz; Kaiser, Roy G.; Knopp, Allen M.; Schiling, Raymond L.; Storck, Charles J.; Sturmfels, John H.; VonBehren, Erich W.; Wellander, Ronald E.

#### 40 Years

Bergant, Virginia A. Albers; Germeroth, Paul L.; Helmreich, Ruth E.; Hopp, Jerry L.; Miles, Robert G.; Nightlinger, Cathy J.; Sutter, Irene N. Troutman; Wittrock, John H.; Zehnder, James W.

#### 25 Years

Draves, Thomas J.; Farrand, Thomas J.; Feldkamp, Beverly S.; Grothaus, Timothy A.; Kirchenberg, Mark R.; Juebler, Eugene C.; Nieman, Dale W.; Pfeiffer, Ann M. Kaiser; Schalk, Linda S. Hopp; Schultz, Mark A.; Schutt, Kim D.; Schwecke, Steven A.; Weber, Karlton R.

### 2006

#### 50 Years

Aufdemberge, Theodore P.; Beardsley, Ronald L.; Bender, Edgar L.; Gelhausen, Albert F.; Scherer, Ronald D.

#### 40 Years

Kern, Stuart C.; Krone, Walter K.; Lemke, George F.; Ollhoff, Jeanne A.; Roth, Leslie D.; Schumacher, James L.; Siefker, R. David; Steffens, Mark C.; Wittig, Evelyn, D. Sell; Young, Brian A.

#### 25 Years

Brown, David C.; Dick, Sandra G. Wangelin; Green, Sheila M. Patchett; Grage, Glenn G.; Grobelny, Cheryl A. Hoscheit; Guntenkunst, Gary A.; Hinck, Barbara A. List; Koehneke, Karen L.; Leidecker, Shirley A. Hantak; Lenghart, Susan M. Mitchell; Machermer, Melvin A.; Mills, Ellen K. Baker; Nimitz, Mark A.; Randall, Sally A.; Rochlitz, David W.; Stresman, Kevin D.; Wiersig, Christine C. Aubuchon McHalpine; Zeddies, Michael F.

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## DISTRICT PRESIDENT



“Celebrating God’s Faithfulness: Redeemed ... Refreshed ... Ready ...” is the theme of the Michigan District’s 2006 Convention. In the 2000 Convention, we met “Celebrating the Good News in a New Day”. In the 2003 Convention, we focused upon “Celebrating Christ’s Mission: Near ... Far ... Forever ...” Now, in the Year of our Lord 2006, we celebrate that “He who has called us into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful!” (I Cor. 1:9) Also, with the Psalmist we say: “I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations!” (Ps. 89:1). It is with a joyful anticipation of His continued blessing that we look forward to gathering with our brothers and sisters in faith and observe, in worship and appropriate festivity, the faithfulness of our God in this 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our beloved Michigan District.

According to His promise, God has REDEEMED us. He who created us has brought us back from sin, death and the power of the Devil with the precious blood of Jesus, His own Son. He has freed us from the guilt and power of sin. He has delivered our lives from futility and despair and has freed us to become a kingdom and priests unto our God” (Rev. 1:5) This is Good News that demands not only to be celebrated but also to be shared because the ransom was paid not only for us but for all. As we turn back to God in repentance and faith we are REFRESHED (Philemon 20). Filled with the breath of new life, we are revived, revitalized, renewed, strengthened, and energized by the Spirit. We stand READY to glorify His Name by word and deed. All praise be to Him who called us, prepares us and who promises to equip us to serve Him wherever there is need.

### District Mission and Ministry Goals

Throughout the Michigan District during this past triennium, we have continued to be about the work of accomplishing our **mission statement** “... to bolster congregations and congregational leadership ...” among the congregations and congregational leaders of our District. Also building upon our Ministry Core Values, our District Board of Directors has further developed and refined our four major **Outcomes**. **First**, with God’s blessing we strive to develop an Outreach Mindset: *“Michigan District Congregations are sensitive to those without Christ within their communities and beyond and actively share Christ’s love with them, integrating them into the Body of Christ.”*

It is crucial to the support of our congregations and their ministries that our professional church workers stand “Redeemed, Refreshed, and Ready” to lead and to serve. Recognizing that pastors, teachers and other professional church workers are God’s gift to the church, the Michigan District has committed itself to a **second Outcome**: *“That the Michigan District has a sufficient number of Ministers of Religion-Ordained and Commissioned to meet the needs of its congregations and ministries. These workers have a personal relationship with Christ and are filled with integrity and joy, and are well respected and supported financially.”*

In my moving about in the District, in visiting congregations, in circuit meetings, in workers conferences and other contacts, it is a joy to hear of our Circuit Counselors and Congregation Ministry Facilitators’ good work! May God be praised for the unity of faith and the spirit of fellowship that can be found among the congregations and church workers of the Michigan District. This also is evidence that “God, who has called (us) into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.” (I Cor. 1:9) As we treasure and seek to build upon the fellowship into which God has called us, our **third Outcome** states that: *“Michigan District congregations and professional church workers demonstrate respect, trust, and support for each other and for District and Synod as they engage in interdependent ministries.”*

As we celebrate God’s Faithfulness, having been Redeemed and Refreshed, in faith we affirm that God has equipped and furnished us with every good gift to do his will. We stand “READY” in inviting the congregations of our District as stated in **Outcome four**: *“Michigan District congregations recognize, use and share innovative, effective resources the Spirit grants to His church for service to Christ and to His people.”*

While it is critical that the Outcomes define the direction of District mission and ministry, it is also crucial that attention be given to keeping them current and appropriate. In the past triennium, the Board of Directors and Staff have worked together in refining the Outcomes presented above. The Board of Directors has developed a number of measurements or indicators by which progress is measured. At each Board of Directors meeting a report is shared on

one of the Outcomes. Thus in a year-long cycle, all are reviewed and measured for appropriateness and effectiveness. In seeking to accomplish the above, our district staff plans, organizes and sets in place goals, objectives and strategies.

### District Organization and Structure

Organizing the District structure to accomplish the mission is critically important. During this past triennium the District structure has been reorganized. Without presenting a lot of detail as to previous District organization, suffice it to say that District staff was organized into “ministry teams”. Due to some staff changes and other organizational matters, it was decided to organize the district staff by three departments. These three departments are inclusive of all the district ministry task areas. The three departments are **Mission Services**, **Member Services** and **General Services**. Alongside the District and Synodical responsibilities of my office, this organizational structure enables more efficient and effective District ministry.

The **Mission Services Department** is led by Pastor Roosevelt Gray, Mission Services Director. Elsewhere in the reports for this convention is his report regarding new mission starts during this past triennium. Several new missions have been planted. Additionally, three missionary-at-large pastors have begun to serve and at this writing are living in joyful anticipation of beginning worship services.

In the general area of missions, attention is focused on **Urban Ministry**, **Cross Cultural Missions and Specialized Ministries** (Campus, Chaplaincy and Deaf). Attention is also given to the areas of evangelism and apologetics. There is a need to enable clear and forthright witness of our faith. In order to accomplish such, there is a great need for equipping and enabling people to give answer for the hope that is within them by God’s grace. Further developments this past triennium have included the formation of an *Ablaze!* Task Force under the leadership of Pastor Dave Davis. This Task Force works in concert with the *Ablaze!* initiative throughout our Synod to reach 100 million people with the Good News of Jesus Christ by the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. It is being developed as a movement that will grow from the grass roots in celebrating God’s Faithfulness in a winsome manner that many souls may be won for Jesus Christ.

In the changing cultural context and demographics of our District, and indeed our nation, it is critical that members of the family of Jesus Christ are strengthened and nourished as they gather around Word and Sacrament. In gathering around Word and Sacrament the need for pastoral leadership is critical. It is particularly so in reaching out cross culturally to those of other ethnic backgrounds and languages. Happily, attention is given to paths to ordination for these men. There are several distance learning and **ethnic tracks to ministry** available. Our Michigan District Missions Department provides opportunity and leadership for those interested. It is a joy to acknowledge that there are many from other societies and cultures within the United States who are considering becoming pastors of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. It has been my privilege to often meet with men of various ethnic backgrounds and languages who share deep faith and commitment to service.

At times the work of **missions beyond our shores** is particularly fulfilling and gratifying and at other times it is particularly challenging. Our relationship with the Venezuelan Lutheran Church in the past triennium has been slowed due to much unrest in that area of our world and in that church. While we were able to provide financial support for two years for a Director of Volunteers in Venezuela, we do not have funding for another year. Thus the future of our continued focus upon the work of missions in Venezuela is tenuous at the very least. We shall watch for opportunities and perhaps consider other areas of involvement as opportunities present themselves.

It is also a joy to share a word about the **WiNGS ministry** (Working in Nations as God’s Servants) of the past triennium. WiNGS ministry was developed by the Michigan District in conjunction with MOST Ministries. The goal of WiNGS ministry was to facilitate congregational teams and district teams (made up of individuals from several congregations) to reach beyond themselves and to witness. WiNGS ministry has grown with God’s blessing through the wonderful partnership of the District and MOST Ministries. There have been 32 WiNGS Teams to 12 countries involving 533 people! The past triennium witnessed a subtle but very perceptible transition as congregations have become aware of and taken advantage of opportunities for such trips. Congregations have begun to connect directly with MOST for such trips. Thus a goal of WiNGS Ministry has been reached: to see an increase in the extension of congregations’ serving beyond themselves. In effect we have worked ourselves out of a job. It is a joy to see the seed that was planted has grown and is increasingly productive. May God be praised and continue to bless the ministry that is accomplished through short term mission trips.

The second major department of the Michigan District is that of the **Member Services Department**. This department is led by Pastor Peter Larsen, Director of Member Services. The Member Services Department provides the organizational structure to be responsive to the needs of the “**members of Synod**”. The members of Synod are congregations and rostered church workers: Ministers of Religion-Ordained or Ministers of Religion-Commissioned.

Therefore, **Professional Church Workers** as members of the Synod, are a necessary focus. Care for current workers is important. Also there is a need for future church workers, both ministers of religion-commissioned and ordained which will be detailed at the convention. It is critical that the recruitment and training of church workers proceed with all due attention. There are also other staffing needs to be met for the congregations of our Church. Thus much District energy and attention is focused upon continuing education for our church workers. There are conferences too numerous to mention for the entire spectrum of ordained and commissioned workers.

There is additional focus on **worker care**. The Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support works to provide quality care and opportunities for growth in various ways among the church workers of our District. Counseling is available when needed. Our District Sower’s Fund continues to be a great blessing in the lives of our workers who experience particular needs. God be praised for the generosity of all who contribute to the Sower’s Fund! It provides great assistance in times of stress and difficulty.

Worker and congregational care also includes recognition of the need to address **conflict** in ministry and in the parish. In this past triennium steps have been taken to be more proactive in dealing with conflict management. It is difficult to ascertain whether there is an inordinate increase in conflict within the parish or whether it is simply being discovered sooner. In either instance, the need is obvious. Attention to this has increased in the past triennium and must increase in the years to come.

Worker care also encompasses concern for **compensation** for professional church workers. The District has developed a Compensation Guide to enable congregations to consider the issues involved in remuneration. The goal is to react and respond in a way that is pleasing to the Lord and to move in a positive direction toward increasing support and compensation for those who labor so valiantly in the office of the ministry.

Relationship building is another key aspect of Member Services. Relationships between and among professional church workers and their congregations must be healthy. The congregations need to relate to their workers in a way that provides care and support. **Relationships of congregations** with sister congregations in Circuit, District and Synod, in working together to accomplish the work of our Lord Jesus Christ are equally important. To that end, during the past triennium two Task Forces have been at work. One Task Force developed a Code of Ethics for Professional Church Workers. The second Task Force developed a Code of Ethics for Congregations. It is the hope that these will be received and used to accomplish the goal of building stronger nurturing and ministering relationships among all the “members” of Synod.

A further focus of Member Services is that of **Resourcing Congregations**. Notable among the resources provided to congregations are Call Lists for our professional church workers. It continues to be a practice of our District to visit a congregation when there is a vacancy in the pastoral office. This congregational vacancy visit is accomplished through the team effort of the Circuit Counselor, the Congregation Ministry Facilitator and yours truly. It has been a particular joy in the past triennium to meet with congregations and to prayerfully approach the seeking of God’s will in filling a vacancy in the pastoral office. Our Congregation Ministry Facilitators enable self study of a congregation as it prepares itself to seek that servant whom the Lord has in mind to serve as their next pastor. The Circuit Counselor facilitates the vacancy and walks and works with Call Committees in the process that leads to calling and installing a new pastor.

As the **Congregation Ministry Facilitators** (CMF) serve in the district, they resource congregations regarding their mission and ministry. Setting of goals is preceded by a study of the congregational context and opportunities of service within the community. The CMFs connect congregations to resources which enable more focused and effective ministry. The Congregation Ministry Facilitators number has been reduced in this triennium due to budget constraints. However, reorganization is resulting in continued provision of quality services by our Congregation Ministry Facilitators to the congregations of the district.

Member Services are also inclusive of a focus on **Family Life**. Pastor Galan Walther, in addition to his CMF duties, provides leadership in this area. Notable this past triennium is the inception of Family Friendly Partners Network, a

cooperative effort between the District and Concordia University, Ann Arbor, in enabling congregations to grow toward an understanding of and accomplishment of family friendly ministry.

Care for **the schools of our district** continues to be a major effort within Member Services. During this past triennium we note the retirement of long-time Superintendent of Schools, Dr. George Locke. We rejoice with Mr. Bruce Braun who has accepted the call as Superintendent of Schools of the Michigan District. He had formerly served so well in the role of Assistant Superintendent. There has been some reorganization in the school ministry area and it is not anticipated that the Assistant Superintendent position will be filled. Other assistance is being provided to Mr. Braun as Superintendent in meeting the needs.

Member Services also covers activities in Parish Nurses, Intentional Interim Ministry, and Christian Care. Pastor Warren Paulson provides leadership in these areas. Also particularly notable in the area of Christian Care is the role that the District played in **Katrina Relief**. In the midst of the tragedy and aftermath of the affects of Hurricane Katrina, the congregations and members of the Michigan District responded in heart warming and faith warming witness of care and concern for those lives who were devastated. Pastor Richard Wolfram, one of our Congregation Ministry Facilitators who also provides leadership in Stewardship, served as the District Coordinator for Katrina Relief. The 35 districts that comprise the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod worked well together in organizing to meet the needs of the congregations affected by Katrina. So many from Michigan served well in gathering funds, gathering materials, transporting materials, and going on servant events and short term mission trips. This outpouring has been a blessing on the heels of the disaster. It has further sensitized congregations to needs even closer to home, perhaps not so far from where our churches stand. May God be praised for this outpouring of love and care and may it be helpful to people who are in such need.

The third department in support of the District Outcomes is the **General Services Department**. This department is led by Mr. Chad Woltemath, formerly District Business Manager, who is the Director of General Services for the Michigan District. In support of the outcomes of the district, the Department of General Services enables the multifaceted ministry of district to be accomplished.

In meeting the **fiscal needs** of the operation of the District, issues such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, payrolls, investments, endowments, disbursements and the like occupy a great deal of time and effort. Organization for the upcoming convention itself as well as for other conferences and gatherings, meeting places and the like throughout the district are important services that are rendered. The General Services Department also covers the area of **human resources** in caring for the district staff and its welfare in working together to accomplish the outcomes.

Under General Services there is responsibility for the areas of **communications** and public relations. *Michigan In Touch* continues to be well received in the District. There is a well developed district website. Weekly “e-bulletins” and other communication updates are shared throughout the district.

**Budget development** is another of the critical activities in the area of General Services. The District budgets are fashioned around the outcomes as well as the ministry core values of the district. In regard to the offerings provided by the congregations for district and synod ministry the following is noted. During the past triennium there has been a gradual erosion of these unrestricted offerings of the congregations coming forward for the work of District and Synod. This is a concern as it impacts district ministry “for” and “on behalf of” the congregations. This is commended to thought, prayer and planning for the next triennium. This issue has occupied national attention in its implications for synodical ministry as well.

Included in General Services is the development of the District Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund focuses on the mission of the church in recruiting, training and supporting professional church workers as well as planting new missions. The President’s Advisory Council has been a blessing to this end. Further developments in the past triennium have centered upon the **125th Anniversary Thank Offering**. The 125th anniversary of the district is a wonderful occasion, as per convention action in 2003, to celebrate the anniversary by the gathering of a Thank Offering. The Thank Offering Steering Committee is currently organizing the effort. The goal is to provide funds for: 1) the planting of new missions; and, 2) the recruitment and support of church worker students. There is a looming shortage of workers for the kingdom. More will be shared at the convention relative to progress of the thank offering campaign. The theme for the thank offering is “**The Future Is Now.**” We seek the Lord’s blessing upon this effort.

## Concluding Reflections

A glance back at the past triennium brings an overwhelming sense of thankfulness and joy at the goodness of our God and the privilege of service in His church to yours truly. There are obviously many challenges in the service of our Lord, but He is faithful and continues as Lord of the Church! His faithfulness uplifts us for we are His REDEEMED children. REFRESHED by the power and the presence of His Holy Spirit to be His people and equipped to be READY for service engenders a sense of humility at our frailties and inabilities, yet heightens an awareness also of His goodness and mercy. He calls us to be a part of His plan for the salvation of His world. May God be praised for the establishment of His church, the nurturing and equipping of His church and the enabling of His church to serve. It is a joy to serve as we walk together on the road to heaven, the path wherein His Word is a “lamp unto our feet and a light to our path”.

To that end, may He be praised for all the **congregations** of the District and all who serve in them. May He be praised for **those who serve** in District ministry: our Michigan District Board of Directors, elected officers, Circuit Counselors, the many committees and task forces who all serve so well and so selflessly for a purpose beyond themselves.

The **Vice Presidents** of our district are a wonderful blessing not only in the congregations in which they serve, but also in district ministry. First Vice President Rev Wayne Wentzel, Second Vice President Rev. David Maier, Third Vice President Rev. Michael Roth and Fourth Vice President Rev. Frank Graves are God’s gifts to the church. It is my privilege to experience that “up close” as we work together for His sake.

It is also humbling, gratifying and energizing to reflect on our **District staff**. We gather daily around the Word of our God in staff devotions as a team to address the challenges and opportunities of service together. It is a privilege to serve with this Michigan District staff in its entirety!

A particularly pointed note of thanks and praise to God is expressed for the wonderful ministry of Caroline Krueger. She has served **42 years** assisting in the work of the District President(s)! It is a joy to work together as she couples outstanding ability with a wonderful servant heart for the Lord. May her heart be filled with the joy of service and the thanks of all of us.

Finally, please permit a very personal word in **praise and thanksgiving to God** for His love and gifts, particularly in and through Barb. Her love for the Lord, her commitment to His church and her partnership in the love that He has granted us together is a source of strength, of joy and an uplifting positive hope for the future. His love in her touches me and many. May He grant the completeness of His joy as we celebrate His presence in each other.

As we gather for the 2006 Michigan District Convention, may we be buoyed by **125 years of Michigan District ministry**. May He bless our “Celebrating His Faithfulness: Redeemed ... Refreshed ... Ready” as we contemplate **the next 125 years!** May He grant it through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## CIRCUIT COUNSELORS'

### **Circuit #1 – Mackinac Straits Circuit** **Rev. Stephen E. Schilke, Counselor**

Roster of Congregations: Cheboygan, St. John – Keith A. Schneider; DeTour Village, Redeemer – Charles H. Krahnke, Deacon; Drummond Island, Drummond Island – Charles H. Krahnke, Deacon; Engadine, Bethlehem – Arthur J. Bode; Germfask, Grace – Arthur J. Bode; Hawks, Faith – Jack D. Ferguson; Kinross, St. Paul – Charles B. Burhop; Newberry, Trinity – Daniel F. Clemons; Onaway, Holy Cross – Stephen E. Schilke; Paradise, Paradise – Charles B. Burhop; Rogers City (Moltke), Immanuel – Eric W. Voigt; Rogers City, Peace – Kevin C. Jones; Rogers City, St. John – John R. Schreiber; Rogers City (Belknap), St. Michael – Paul G. Hopkins; Sault St. Marie, St. Barnabas – Charles B. Burhop

Education being offered in the Circuit: St. John, Rogers City: K-8 day school; Holy Cross, Onaway: Pre-school; St. John, Cheboygan: Pre-school and kindergarten

Circuits 1&2 continue to work together. One of the long term commitments continues to be in "The Alpena and Mackinac Straits Mission Action Council". (TAMSMAC) This organization looks for places and opportunities for mission starts in our area of the district and has been responsible for beginning a number of new congregations and preaching stations. The circuits also work together holding special services, primarily Reformation services, and there is a series of Bible studies that is being offered to members of both circuits.

St. Michael, Belknap is planning a Mission festival the second Sunday in July, VBS will be at the lake, and St. Michael's is calling a summer vicar for two months.

Grace Lutheran Church, Germfask celebrates its 75th Anniversary in April 2006. Five new stained glass windows were installed at the end of 2005. They are in the preliminary stages of planting a Christian preschool and day care in Curtis.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Engadine has approved a building expansion which will allow access for those with disabilities, a new fellowship hall, a kitchen and ADA restrooms. Ground breaking is slated for spring 2006.

Grace and Bethlehem will hold their 3rd annual joint outdoor worship service and picnic the second Sunday in July to which the public is invited. This year it will be held at the Mill Pond Pavilion in Engadine.

Holy Cross, Onaway is now making plans for its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007. There is a lighted sign in the church's front yard and inside a sound system, both new in 2005. Our pre-school is in its 5<sup>th</sup> year and is well received in the community. We continue to have a clothing give-away in the spring and fall for needy families to get free clothes that have been donated by members and in the last couple of

years community people who have heard of the program are also donating.

### **Circuit #2 – Alpena Circuit** **Rev. Robert L. Mikkelsen, Counselor**

Circuit #2 is in Northeast Michigan. Because of our proximity and common concern, circuit #2 works closely with circuit #1 which is the Northern most circuit of the Michigan District. Monthly Winkels (monthly circuit pastors' conferences) are held together and alternating congregations from circuit #1 and circuit #2 act as hosts. Even though attendants travel a long distance, they look forward to an encouraging time together. Morale is good at Winkels. Yearly, congregations in the circuits strive to cooperate in holding joint reformation services.

The Alpena Mackinaw Straits Mission Action Council (TAMSMAC) has been active since 1987 when there were 15 congregations in circuits #1 & #2. Now there are 22 congregations. TAMSMAC is an amalgamation of all the LCMS churches in these two northern circuits binding themselves together for the sake of spreading the Gospel of Jesus in the North. TAMSMAC activities are becoming more important with the mission efforts increasing throughout the synod. It is necessary for area congregations to support local missions.

St. John Lutheran Church, Hillman - Rev. Jason Mandley, Pastor

St. John is an active congregation. Its Pastor is well known in the community for his caring nature and work with youth. The congregation has begun a preschool program which is becoming known in the community for sharing and teaching the Gospel and its excellence in early childhood education. The director is Mrs. Debbie Miller.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Posen - Rev. Harold Molzan, Vacancy Pastor

St. Paul, Posen is a historical congregation founded in 1873. It is a worshipping congregation and strives to maintain the integrity of the Gospel.

Living Water Lutheran Church, Mio - Vicar Dennis Neigh - (Formerly a Deacon)

Vicarage Supervisor - Rev. Robert Mikkelsen - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Herron Vicar Neigh is now sharing his services with two congregations, Living Water, Mio and Faith Harrisville. Dennis is a student in the DELTO program, taking courses through CTS, Ft. Wayne, IN. Rev. Paul Theiss is his DELTO mentor/counselor. Living Water congregation is a mission congregation, and is supported by contributions of its members and periodic help from TAMSMAC.

Faith Lutheran Church, Harrisville - Vicar Dennis Neigh - (Formerly a Deacon) - shared services with Living Water, Mio. Faith congregation worships in a converted home. It is a small mission congregation which strives to reach out.

It is active in home visits. In an outreach to the community it makes itself known and raises funds by having a booth in the Harrisville craft fair.

Good Shepherd Lutheran, Ossineke - Rev. Arthur Reich, Pastor

Good Shepherd has a mission emphasis in the community. They hold a midweek "Kids for Christ Program" which is an outreach to the community and are active in mission and giving financial and prayer support to Faith Lutheran Church in Harrisville. They have begun to make future plans to call another pastor because Pastor Reich will be retiring in October 2006.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lewiston - Rev. Robert Butler, Pastor

Bethlehem has begun a training program for young men of the congregation who may become elders of the church one day. They also hold Vacation Bible School program which brings an exceptional attendance of 100 children from the church and community.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alpena - Rev. William Morris, Administrative Pastor; Rev. James Erickson, Associate Pastor

The Pastors are involved in community concerns, radio ministry, writing religion articles in the newspaper, and are active in the school. The congregation hosts a Good Friday Treore Service well attended by visitors in the community and is the most frequent host of circuit joint Reformation Services, and conferences. Immanuel is the largest congregation in circuit #2 and is a good "big sister" congregation to other LCMS churches in the area. The congregation operates a Christian Elementary School with 7 full and part time teachers. Mrs. Pam White is the Principal.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Herron - Rev. Robert L. Mikkelsen, Pastor

St. Paul is supportive of Christian education programs in its congregation and financially assists families whose children attend Immanuel Lutheran School, Alpena. It also has scholarship funds for those who pursue fulltime church work. The congregation is planning to build a new worship and fellowship facility.

**Circuit #3 – Timberline Circuit**  
**Rev. Dean R. Muhle, Counselor**

The Timberline Circuit meets together in Winkle the fourth Tuesday of each month. Each congregation is hosting this throughout the year. The brethren look forward to these and find support and encouragement from one another and from the Lord.

The Timberline Circuit joins with the Gladwin Circuit in a fall Choral Fest. The participating congregations each sing a couple of anthems and at the end all join together for combined anthems. 2005 was the 20th year of this event. Also, a congregation from the Bay Circuit joins in a youth competition called, "Quiz Kids." The participating congregations have teams of 5 or more, 6th - 12th graders, which study selected chapters of the Bible, and then are questioned over the text. Three events happen, one each in

the months of January, February and March. This, too, has been happening for many years.

St. John, Au Gres - served by Rev. Gary Nehring  
The Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are administered. Pastor Nehring is involved with the community and the church supports several missions. The congregation has been looking into a possible building program. The congregation has a Parish Nursing program that is well received.

Our Savior, Glennie - served by Deacons Roudney Roberts and Donald Powers, and by Rev. Carlo Sgambelluri.  
The Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are administered. In 2005 Our Savior celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the congregation. They do not have a full time minister, but at this time Deacon Roberts conducts Sunday services in the summer and Rev. Sgambelluri in the winter with Deacon Powers as fill in.

St. Paul's, Hale - served by Rev. Dean Muhle  
The Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are administered. In 2005 the congregation highlighted its 70th Anniversary, and is looking forward to the 75th. The congregation works to be visible in the community through community service, and bring the Light of the Gospel.

Trinity, Oscoda - served by Rev. Timothy Azzam  
The Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are administered. The congregation rejoiced in 2005 at the installation of Pastor Azzam. The Parish Nursing program is working hard in the congregation and community.

Faith, Prescott - served by vacancy Pastor, Rev. Daniel Jansen, and retired Pastor, Rev. Karl Neff  
The Word is proclaimed the Sacraments are administered. In 2004 they celebrated the 25th year of service to the congregation by Rev. Virgil Bening, and also, his retirement. Rev. Jansen serves as vacancy Pastor with Pastor Neff assisting. The congregation has a Director of Assimilation and Evangelism, Carol Salgot.

Bethlehem, Standish - served by Rev. Daniel Jansen  
The Word is proclaimed the Sacraments are administered. In 2003 the congregation celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the congregation. The congregation continues to work in this rural community.

Zion, Tawas City - Rev. Steven Mahlburg  
The Word is proclaimed the Sacraments are administered. 2005 was the 135th Anniversary of the congregation. It is the oldest congregation north of Bay City. Since the last convention they have completed a building program that has given them more class and storage room. The Parish Nursing program provides help and assistance to the congregation with medical questions.

Good News Ministries, Whittemore - served by Deacon Jack Rohn  
The Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are administered. Deacon Rohn and the congregation are very active in the community, with food drives and food distribution. They are currently adding on a storage

building, which hopefully in the future will be used for worship. They continue to support the ministry with the hope of calling a pastor.

**Circuit #4 – Gladwin Circuit**  
**Rev. William C. Winter, Counselor**

The Gladwin Circuit #4 serves the people of God at the gateway to the northern counties of the Lower Peninsula. The circuit consists of six congregations as follows:

Prince of Peace, Clare, is served by the Rev. Kevin Leidich, who was installed in October of 2005.

Our Savior, Gladwin, their vacancy is served by the Rev. William Winter. Our Savior also installed their first full-time DCE in 2005, Mr. James Heuseman, who is doing a fine job with the youth and educational ministries there.

St. John, Houghton Lake is served by the Rev. William Winter who celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Pastor of this congregation.

St. Luke, Harrison has been served by the Rev. Michael Schaedig since 2003, his first assignment out of CTS, Ft. Wayne.

Hope Lutheran Church of St. Helen is served by the Rev. Andrew Gruenhagen, his first parish since graduation from St. Louis in 2002.

Circuit #4 has been richly blessed with quality men of God in their pastoral offices. We meet monthly, except during the Summer months, on the last Tuesday, rotating serving as host among the congregations. We meet for Holy Communion and casuistry, ending with lunch at a local food establishment.

A significant event for our Circuit since the last triennium was playing host to the North and East Regional Conference at the Doherty Hotel of Clare in May of 2004. Our theme, "Law and Order ... in the Midst of The Gospel", featured the Rev. Dr. Richard T. Nuffer as our keynote speaker. Dr. Nuffer is an Associate Professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne.

The Gladwin Circuit continues to ask God's guidance as we continue the call process to fill our two vacancies in Our Savior, Gladwin and St. John, West Branch.

**Circuit #5 – Midland Circuit**  
**Rev. David H. Reed, Counselor**

The ten congregations of the Midland Circuit illustrate a wide diversity of settings for carrying out the blessed labors of Christ. Word and Sacrament ministry within the boundaries of the circuit include Christ the King campus ministry at Central Michigan University under the care and cooperation of Zion Lutheran Church, Mt. Pleasant. A mission setting north of Midland (Lord of New Life) is served by Vicar Kurt Eichinger, a DELTO student. The full-time chaplaincy of Rev. Roger Stauffer is conducted at Mid-Michigan Medical Center.

The circuit congregations are a cross-cut of synod in diversity of ministry. Three congregations remain committed to long-standing established Lutheran school ministries. Of those, Zion, Auburn, dedicated a new classroom and kitchen addition during this past triennium and observed Bonnie Jammer's 25 years of teaching ministry; Grace, Auburn, added a Kindergarten to its school; and St. John, Midland welcomed a fulltime music director to its staff. Four congregations conduct vibrant preschool programs: Messiah, Midland, St. John, Midland, Zion, Auburn, and Zion, Mt. Pleasant.

It is particularly notable that through the dedicated and renewing efforts of laity and intentional interim pastor, Rev. Robert Koeppen, the congregation of Peace, Alma, has been granted the joy of welcoming the first full-time resident pastor there in sixteen years. Rev. Thomas Messer was ordained and installed at Peace in July of 2005. The circuit is benefited also by two other men serving in their first pastoral settings. Both Rev. Kurt Weber (Messiah, Midland) and Rev. Steven Stolarczyk (Zion, Auburn) were installed in the summer of 2004. By contrast, but of equal blessing, Rev. Doug Janetzke of St. John, Midland, marked a 30th anniversary in the ministry. St. John also recently celebrated the 50th year of the groundbreaking and dedication of their sanctuary.

After four years of faithful vacancy service by Rev. Louis Koke, the Our Savior congregation of Midland is looking toward its future with intentional interim ministry. Messiah, Midland is currently instrumental in establishing a mission in Freeland. St. Paul, Sanford, and Immanuel, Wheeler, continue faithfully to serve their communities.

**Circuit #6 – Bay City Circuit**  
**Rev. William H. Allwardt, Counselor**

Our churches in Bay City and Bay County include: Faith, Immanuel, Pilgrim (Essexville), St. John (Amelith), St. John (Pinconning), St. Paul (Frankenlust), Trinity (Monitor) and Zion. We normally meet on the third Tuesday morning of the month.

Events that have or are taking place include the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Trinity, Monitor in 2005. Former pastors and sons of the congregation served as guest speakers with confirmation reunions also being held throughout the year. The school was renovated and an all-purpose room was added for congregation use.

St. John, Pinconning as well as the rest of the circuit welcomed Pastor David Jung as its new pastor in September of 2005.

St. John, Amelith is about to embark on a school expansion in August of 2006 will the help of Laborers For Christ.

St. Paul, Frankenlust at the end of April is beginning a Monday evening service intentionally designed to target the unchurched. An all-day Kindergarten is planned for the fall of 2006. Since the school and church are on the opposite sides of a highway widening project, the church continues to



negotiate with the Michigan Department of Transportation for space needs.

Zion, Bay City dedicated in early 2005 the completion of multi-purpose and office addition and is targeting phase 2 of work on the school facility.

The folks of Bay County and Bay City and the surrounding communities welcome you to worship with us and also enjoy our many festivals, outdoor activities and other amenities. We are blessed to be a blessing.

**Circuit #7 – Thumb East Circuit**  
**Rev. Kenneth D. Lueke, Counselor**

Congregations in the Circuit: St. Peter, Kinde - Rev. David Putz; St. John, Port Hope - Rev. Greg Eilers (Day School - Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup>); Zion, Harbor Beach - Rev. Mark Girardin (Day School - Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup>); Trinity, Forestville - Rev. Richard Wilson; St. John, Port Sanilac - Rev. Leo Thoms; St. John, Palms - Vacant (as of 2-1-06); Peace, Sandusky - Rev. Richard Tino (Preschool); Our Savior, Marlette - Rev. Eric Kilmer (Day School - Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup>); Our Savior, Bad Axe - Rev. Kenneth Lueke, Circuit Counselor (Preschool)

General Circuit News:

- Thumb East Circuit meets with Thumb West Circuit for monthly Winkels, consisting of worship, an exegetical or sermon study, lunch, a topical presentation and time for casuistry.
- Also, the pastors and wives of the two Circuits get together annually for both a Christmas party and a summer cookout and picnic.
- Rev. Henry Malone of St. John, Palms retired as of 1-31-06. Rev. Richard Wilson of Trinity, Forestville, is the vacancy pastor for St. John.
- Rev. Laverne Nutzmänn (emeritus) died Jan. 2006.

Congregational Activity:

St. Peter, Kinde - 2005 marked the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the congregation, and the completion of a new fellowship hall addition. The “Good News For Kids” program, an educational outreach to children of the community, is going strong and has resulted in 11 baptisms of children attending the program. A monthly fellowship program, featuring potlucks, movies or some other activity, was also begun, and is very well received by the members. Also, in November 2005, the congregation celebrated the marriage of their pastor.

St. John, Port Hope - St. John is 138 years old. It operates a Day School that runs Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grades and, as school enrollment rose 15 percent, a Synodically trained teacher was added to the staff. The congregation purchased and dedicated a new organ, and began an annual Fall Festival to help support the school. Through Word and Sacrament, church membership and attendance at worship has risen in these last three years.

Zion, Harbor Beach - The congregation is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a year-long series of events and

observances. It continues to maintain a Christian Day School (grades Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup>). The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the pastor and the day school principal were also recently observed. The congregation broadcasts its Services weekly over cable TV, has a ministry to the hearing impaired, has established a Day Care ministry and works with other area ministries to reach out to youth predominantly in the 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade range.

Trinity, Forestville - 2007 will see the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the congregation. The pastor celebrated his 15<sup>th</sup> year in the ministry in 2005. During the last three years, through a concerted effort to reach adults, the congregation has seen a rise in adult baptisms and confirmations. The congregation has also made a point to support specific mission organizations, in conjunction with ordinary means of mission giving. This has yielded an overall increase in mission interest and giving to missions.

St. John, Port Sanilac - Formed in 1857, St. John is 149 years old. Though small, St. John has expanded its ministry to offer weekly Services at the local retirement home, and through last year’s VBS program, baptized three children.

St. John, Palms - The congregation is 90 years old this year. As of Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, the pastor retired and the congregation is currently in a vacancy situation, and has begun the calling process. In the last three years, the congregation did some renovation to the entry-way of the church.

Peace, Sandusky - Peace is the result of the merger of three congregations in 1950, and is 56 years old this year. It operates a Preschool for 3 & 4 year olds, and has recently restructured its youth program covering catechism age through high school seniors into a three-tiered program. For some events, all youth will participate together, and other events will be more specialized to a particular age group. The congregation also purchased a new pipe organ and completed a building program that added an elevator and new bathrooms for handicapped accessibility.

Our Savior, Marlette - 2003 marked the 50th anniversary of the congregation. After a year of Genesis Study, followed by a year of Task Force planning, the congregation has established a Christian Day School program, which currently covers grades preschool – 5<sup>th</sup>, with plans to expand through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. A new educational wing was dedicated Sept. 2005, and two Commissioned teachers and a secretary for the school were added to the staff. Through a Stewardship campaign, provided by CEF’s Capital Funding Services, the existing debt was retired, and an additional \$100,000.00 seed money for future support of the school was raised.

Our Savior, Bad Axe - 2006 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the congregation. In the last three years, the congregation added a DCE to the staff, the lay-minister became a licensed Deacon, and the pastor will be celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Ministry. A new Carillon System was dedicated in 2003. This summer the congregation will break ground for a building expansion, including expanded narthex, offices, nursery, conference area, handicapped facilities and elevator. It hosts a weekly radio broadcast

reaching Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties. Its "Paper Peace Corps" program collects Bibles, catechisms and other orthodox Lutheran materials to send to mission stations around the world. A new Missions Committee was begun to foster knowledge and involvement of the members in support of various Lutheran mission endeavors, and it also directly supports its own volunteer missionaries, who work in Macau and China. The congregation has had two outdoor "Summer Concert Series" to which the community was invited to attend, and will host and conduct its first Memorial Day observance, to which the community will be invited, in honor of World War II vets. The local high school will provide band and choral music for the event.

**Circuit #8 – Thumb West Circuit**  
**Rev. Gerald A. Meyer, Counselor**

Highlights – June 2003 -June 2006

St. Peter, Bach - Rev. Jonathan Meyer, Pastor

On Tuesday, June 13, 2004, the congregation of St. Peter Lutheran Church entered into a dual-parish agreement with its neighbor to the north – St. John Lutheran Church of Kilmanagh. St. John and St. Peter congregations agreed to share a pastor through this dual parish arrangement. On this same date, the parishes of St. Peter and St. John together called Seminarian Jonathan Meyer to serve as their pastor. On Sunday, August 29, 2004, the Rev. Jonathan Meyer was installed at St. Peter Lutheran Church at a 7 PM service. President Hoesman authorized the local Circuit Counselor to ordain and install Rev. Jonathan Meyer into his office. The sermon at this service of installation was given by Rev. William Hessler, Rev. Jonathan Meyer's father-in-law.

Good Shepherd, Caseville - Rev. James Nihiser, Pastor  
Most of the last three years have been devoted to a myriad of capital improvements that needed to be made. These include: a new roof for the entire building, a new heating and air-conditioning system, and a new and modern sound system. We also replaced our old computer and an outdated copier. Through the generosity of God's people, we raised adequate funding to purchase a Baby-grand Clavinova to enhance our music. Our average weekly attendance remained almost unchanged during the period, but we now have a much larger percentage of year-round residents rather than people who are in the area only during the summer. Giving has increased by a little over ten percent. The congregation approved a new, and more concise mission statement: "Saving the lost; feeding the saved."

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City - Rev. Gerald Meyer, Pastor

During the past three years the church has seen one of its members, Josh McNaughton, serve as a missionary to the Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas. Upon completion of that year, he served on a mission team that went to Central and South America for a year. Josh is prized for his fluency in Spanish. We also rejoiced as we were able to worship at the service in which a son of the congregation, Timothy Manwell, was ordained into the office of the Holy Ministry by Bishop Ritt of the English District of our

LCMS. Pr. Manwell is now serving in Bethany, Pennsylvania. A surprise service celebrating the 40 years that Pr. Meyer has served in congregations of the LCMS was held in November of 2005. Pr. Manwell served as liturgist and President Hoesman honored the congregation and Pr. Meyer by preaching at this service. In 2005 the congregation voted to support the Ysleta Lutheran Mission as a special project over and above our regular mission offerings. In 2006 we will support the "A Servant's Heart" program which works with impoverished people in Guatemala. In March 2006 a team from the congregation went to New Orleans at the invitation of our Southern District to help in the rebuilding effort after Katrina. After many years of gathering and saving the needed money, we finally were able to purchase a new organ for the church. The new instrument is capable of playing a wider variety of organ literature than was the old instrument. Good Shepherd is blessed in having three organists and a congregation that sings enthusiastically.

Grace, Fairgrove - Rev. Leonard Astrowski, Jr., Pastor  
In June, 2004, a new pastor, Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski, Jr. was installed.

This past year, the church has begun and almost completed a fund drive to pave the parking lot which is currently graveled. The Lord willing, this project will be completed in the summer of 2006.

In the spring of 2005, we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of Sunday School teaching for Carolyn Carpenter, who is also Sunday School Superintendent. The church has also started a series of annual Theological Convocations, which are open to the community. The first convocation was about Luther and the Reformer's teachings on the Lord's Supper. The current year's convocation is about the Book of Revelation. We have also started to have a regular "Cinema Sunday" to which the community is invited for a Sunday afternoon viewing of a family movie. The Senior High Youth have assisted in canvassing the community as well as attending the annual youth gathering in the summer of 2005. With the assistance of several area LCMS churches we have also recently completed the first Thumb-wide senior high youth gathering which we hope to conduct on a quarterly basis. Finally, this past year, we hosted what we hope is the first of many flu-shot clinics which were also open to the community.

St. John, Kilmanagh - Rev. Jonathan Meyer, Pastor

On Tuesday, June 13, 2004, St. John Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh, MI, entered into a dual-parish agreement with its neighbor to the south – St. Peter Lutheran Church, Bach. The dual parish was created so that the two congregations could share a pastor. On the same day, the parishes of St. John and St. Peter together called Seminarian Jonathan Meyer to serve them as their pastor. On Sunday, August 29, 2004, at 3:00 in the afternoon, Rev. Jonathan Meyer was ordained and installed at St. John Lutheran Church as the eleventh pastor to serve this congregation. At this service Rev. William Hessler, Pr. Meyer's father-in-law, served as preacher. St. John celebrated its 129<sup>th</sup> anniversary – "Founder's Day" on Sunday, April, 2005. Serving as guest preacher for the occasion was the Rev. John Wernecke of Zion Lutheran in Bay City. Pr. Wernecke had earlier served as a teacher at St. John when they had a Lutheran

Day School. The congregation also celebrated its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, April 23, 2006, with the Rev. David Lukefahr, former pastor of St. John, serving as guest preacher. December, 2005, saw the completion of the installation of a handicap-accessible elevator/lift – an important addition to St. John’s sanctuary.

St. Paul, Linkville - Rev. Lee Wenskay, Pastor  
St. Paul Lutheran Church continues to carry out the Lord’s work of providing Word and Sacrament ministry. Our attendance has declined over the past three years from over 100 in weekly worship to just around 95. Our attendance at Sunday School is around 45 and Sunday Adult Bible Class has around 5-7 in attendance. There is a midweek Bible class with an average attendance of 5. For the past three years St. John Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh has participated with us in Vacation Bible School. This has taken place during the last week in July. Last year we had 73 children participate. We are continuing to pay off the building loan on our new addition. This obligation has eased somewhat with the sale of the parsonage at 7361 Kilmanagh Rd. in January of this year. Pastor now has his own residence in Pigeon, MI, with the congregation providing a housing allowance. We pray that the Lord will continue to use us to accomplish His purpose according to His will in this place.

Immanuel, Sebawaing - Rev. Daniel Hahn, Pastor, assisted by emeriti pastors Rev. Albert Bahr and Rev. Charles Kuhl Immanuel Lutheran Church has inaugurated a Stephen Ministry within the congregation. There currently are four trained Stephen Leaders, ten trained Stephen Ministers and a new class of five future ministers. We have successfully increased school enrollment at Christ the King Lutheran School, the school we share with St. Paul, Unionville. In the spring of ’05 we conducted a prayer canvass of our community under the banner of “Ablaze with Prayer”. This culminated in a community prayer service with other area LCMS churches. We purchased special label water bottles advertising the Church and School and distributed them during a local parade. We have: begun a process of Vision Planning and Goal Setting; enacted a new and revised Constitution; begun summer services on Monday evenings; made physical updates to the sanctuary and more are planned; sent a relief team of 12 to Slidell, LA, in January 2006.

St. Paul, Unionville - Rev. Michael Allen, Pastor  
St. Paul congregation successfully completed its “ABC” (Always Begin with Christ) fund drive to pay for school roof repair, doors, a new sign, and stained glass window repairs. Rev. Paul Hinz was the guest Stewardship Speaker. His theme was: “Who is the Leader of your Life?”

#### **Circuit #9 – Frankenmuth Circuit** **Rev. Dale C. Ahlschwede, Counselor**

God has richly blessed the seven congregations, six pre-schools and five schools which make up Circuit #9. The congregations are: Immanuel in Frankentrost, St. Lorenz in Frankenmuth, St. Michael in Richville, St. Paul in Caro, St. Paul in Millington, Trinity/St. James in Munger, and Trinity in Reese. These seven congregations combined serve

11,714 baptized members, 9,337 communicants, 191 pre-school children, 950 school students and are served by 14 of the finest pastors in our Michigan District.

Over the last three years, these congregations have helped to train five vicars and twelve student teachers. The Lord of the harvest field has called thirteen men and women from circuit #9 to college preparation for full time church work as teachers, DCE’s, musicians, youth workers, etc. as well as three men who are in pre-seminary training and four men who are in seminary training.

During the past three years circuit #9 congregations have installed two pastors, one Day Care Director, one Principal and two teachers. We have also recognized twelve anniversaries of full time church workers who collectively represent 275 years of service to the Church.

During the last three years the growth in ministry among these seven congregations has resulted in a total of fifteen building projects ranging from new sanctuaries and new pre-schools to office space and food pantries.

Most exciting has been the seventeen new ministries that have begun in the past three years, which include seed money for a new mission start, a Living Well substance abuse support group, couples ministry, ministry to Inactives, a Christian counseling center, a congregation wide Prayer Ministry, a Christ Care small group ministry, a community child care program, a Deacon to the Hmong Ministry, Helping Hands, new youth ministry, Praise and Worship Band, contemporary worship, Family Friendly Partners Network, Good Samaritan Fund, many short term mission projects and servant events trips.

When one reflects on the mission and ministry that has taken place in the last three years it is most humbling and exciting. God’s Word is on the move and people’s lives are being touched and changed forever. To God be the glory!

#### **Circuit #10 – Saginaw Circuit** **Rev. William W. Hessler, Counselor**

Twelve Congregations and two specialized ministries comprise the Michigan District’s Saginaw Circuit #10. The Rev. William W. Hessler, Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church (Bridgeport), serves as the Circuit Counselor. The Saginaw Circuit generally meets monthly from September through May, except in months when there is an official District Conference. Every other month the Circuit meets together with the Frankenmuth Circuit #9.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Saginaw - is served by the Rev. Michael R. Korte, Administrative Pastor, and the Rev. Charles F. Buckhahn, Associate Pastor. Darrell Lubben and Paul B. McCain are Pastors Emeriti. Bethlehem operates a Parochial Day School for Preschool through Grade 8, with Ron Dressler serving as Principal. There have been significant changes to Staff over the past three years. Jason Schleicher, who interned at Bethlehem in 2003-2004, was called to its DCE position in May, 2004, and was installed the following September. In June, 2004, Bethlehem’s school saw the retirement of teachers George and Leanne

Frank. Mr. Frank's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade position was filled by Amy Schleicher, and Mrs. Frank's Kindergarten position was filled by Mrs. Susan Fjerstad. Three new ministries were also started. A team of seventeen lay Lectors now read the Old Testament and Epistle Lessons during Sunday morning and Monday evening services. A contemporary worship service, in which praise groups lead the music, was added at 6:30 Sunday evenings. Finally, nine Stephen Ministers were commissioned in March, 2006. The Stephen Ministry process is led by Pastor Buckhahn and Mr. Bill Wuerfel.

Faith Lutheran Church, Bridgeport - is served by the Rev. William W. Hessler. Although Faith does not operate a Parochial Day School, Mr. Daniel Felten is employed by Faith as a Teacher at St. Lorenz Lutheran School (Frankenmuth). Dan and his wife Julie also oversee Faith's Youth Group program. Mrs. Debra Callahan has served as the Director of Preschool Operations for the past four years. Classes for 3-year-olds are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from September – mid May, and classes for 4-year-olds are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Mr. Scott Mueller was installed on February 12, 2006, as Part-Time Director of Family Life Ministries. In 2005, Faith completed a \$583,000 renovation project to make its facilities handicap accessible, user friendly, and more energy efficient. Financing for the project is being done through the Michigan District Church Extension Fund.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Saginaw - is served by the Rev. Mark Buckert, installed as Associate Pastor in 2003. Upon the retirement of the Rev. John Wm. Rauh in 2004 after 14 years as Pastor, Pastor Buckert was installed as Pastor. Pastor Rauh, and former Pastor Paul Beck, are now Good Shepherd's Pastors Emeriti. Mr. Eric Steinke was inducted as full-time Director of Christian Education in 2004. Wendy Butler serves as Good Shepherd's ECC for its Kindergarten, Preschool and Day Care operations. Joining its staff in August, 2005, was Mr. Jason Reitz, who is serving as Good Shepherd's first Vicar. Mr. Erich von Behren retired as Music Director and Mr. Robert Williams succeeded him. Good Shepherd has been blessed with wonderful celebrations and additions in its ministry during the past three years. In conjunction with its year-long celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Good Shepherd contracted an artist to create a 10-foot tall bronze statue of the "Good Shepherd" to be displayed on its bell tower.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Saginaw - is served by the Rev. Timothy J. Loewe. Holy Cross also operates a Parochial Day School for Preschool through Grade 8. In May, 2006, Holy Cross celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dedication of its present worship facility. During Eastertide, 2006, Holy Cross initiated its *Ablaze* emphasis.

Messiah Lutheran Church, Carrollton - is served by the Rev. M. Samuel Sherouse. In the past three years, Messiah celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November, 2004, began working on making its members into "spiritual champions" in 2005, and are taking on the challenge of working on Church Growth during 2006 in conjunction with *Ablaze*.

Nativity Lutheran Church, St. Charles - is served by Deacon Richard Mallory. Nativity celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in

2005, and continues witnessing the love of Christ Jesus to the St. Charles community.

Peace Lutheran Church, Saginaw - is being served by the Rev. C. William Weis and the Rev. Paul Hinz, Associate Pastor. Peace recently celebrated the retirement of the Rev. Bert Eggers, who now joins former pastors, the Rev. Edward Kast and the Rev. Charles Smith, as Pastors Emeriti. Peace operates a Parochial Day School for 3-year-old Preschool through Grade 8, and is also a member of the Valley Lutheran High School Association.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Saginaw - is served by the Rev. J. Robert Herrod. Due to a fire in its church facility on December 18, 2005, Redeemer worshiped in its Fellowship Hall until the restoration of its original sanctuary in late March, 2006. In conjunction with the celebration of its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2006, Redeemer will be making plans as to what to do with the heavily damaged part of its facilities and how to proceed with its future mission and ministry.

St. Mark Lutheran Church, Saginaw (Shields) - is served by The Rev. Edward A. Meyer, installed in November, 2004, and part-time Deacon Roy Luplow. St. Mark operates a Christian Preschool for 3 and 4-year-olds. St. Mark celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in January, 2005. Average worship attendance has increased from 200 to 240 from 2004-2005, as the people of God are getting involved in the ministry of the congregation, volunteering to serve on various boards and leadership teams, as well as being involved in other parish activities. St. Mark gives all thanks to God for his blessings in Christ Jesus.

St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hemlock - is served by the Rev. Martin J. Hagenow, Senior Pastor, and the Rev. Richard Mundt, Associate Pastor. The Rev. Edward Pankow is Pastor Emeritus. St. Peter operates a Parochial School for Preschool through Grade 8. St. Peter celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2005 with special worship services, guest preachers, displays, an outdoor worship service, banquet, confirmation reunion, and other activities. Its school also celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary during the 2005-2006 School Year. The School received its NLSA accreditation in 2005. Workers who celebrated anniversaries since the last convention were: Principal Lester Altevogt (35), teacher Carla McQueen (30), teacher Karen Early (20), teacher Kathy Eisman (20), teacher Robert Schluckbier (20), teacher Margaret Hagenow (10), teacher Kelley Fehn (10), and the Rev. Richard Mundt (30) and the Rev. Martin Hagenow (25).

St. Philip Lutheran Church, Owosso - is served by the Rev. Brian Heidt. During the last three years, St. Philip concluded the ministry at its Preaching Station in nearby Perry. St. Philip continues reaching out and witnessing the love of Jesus Christ in the Owosso community.

Zion Lutheran Church, Hemlock/Iva - is served by the Rev. Paul Hauser, who celebrated twenty years in the pastoral ministry in 2003. Zion recently closed its Parochial School with a Service of Thanksgiving for 108 years of providing quality Christian Education. Students wishing to attend an LCMS Kindergarten-Grade 8 school are now offered tuition

coverage to area Lutheran schools. Zion continues focusing on providing Christian values through its Educare process of providing preschool and day care in a Christian setting. Zion is considering other areas of ministry that can meet needs in their area.

Retired Pastor Robert Koeppen (Hemlock) and the Rev. Daniel Krause (Freeland) are also associated with the Saginaw Circuit. In addition to its twelve congregations, the Saginaw Circuit is also privileged to be involved in two specialized ministries. The Rev. Carl DeMeritt serves as the Director of the Pastoral Care Department at **Covenant Healthcare of Saginaw**. 2005 also saw the addition of Vicar Shawn Fenske to the pastoral care services. The Rev. John Mueller serves as pastor on staff at **Valley Lutheran High School of Saginaw**. Valley recently updated and remodeled its science classrooms and library, re-carpeted and re-roofed its building, and installed a computer network throughout the facility. Its girls Track Team brought the MHSA State Championship to Valley in 2005. Several faculty and staff members celebrated twenty-five years of service: Executive Director John Brandt; teachers Kurt Hofmeister, Steve Zill, Jeanine Westendorf, and Bev Feldkamp; and staff members Shelby Wieck and Jerry Neuenfeldt.

#### **Circuit #11 – Flint North Circuit** **Rev. Steven R. Maske, Counselor**

The Flint North Circuit is comprised of the following congregations: Christ, Birch Run; Christ The King, Flint; Holy Cross, Flushing; Messiah, Clio; Our Savior, Flint; St. Martin, Birch Run; St. Paul, Flint; United in Christ, Flint

##### Christ Lutheran Church, Birch Run

Christ Lutheran Church in Birch Run had experienced a vacancy of about three years. Thank-you to retired pastors Rev. Henry Wesenberg and Rev. Ted Zeile for their assistance in keeping the work of ministry going in the absence of a called pastor. On May 22, 2005, Rev. Richard Hillenbrand of Detroit was installed as the new pastor. Under his guidance both traditional and contemporary worship forms have been introduced, and members are looking forward to changes that will renew and revitalize the congregation and better connect it to the surrounding community.

##### Christ the King Lutheran Church, Flint

The membership of Christ the King Lutheran Church has been in steady decline for more than a decade. Recently, the Michigan District has adopted a new mission vision for this congregation. That vision's major focus is mission outreach to the deaf community in the greater Flint area. On January 1, 2006 Christ the King's weekly worship attendance increased from an average of 8 to 25. That number includes several families from the original hearing congregation and many new Deaf Lutherans from Flint and Saginaw mission sites. The hearing members were thrilled to have "a full church again" on Sunday morning. With a Deaf majority Christ the King is working to bring the Gospel to Deaf people and their families as well as to members of the surrounding community.

##### Holy Cross, Flushing

For Holy Cross some of the highlights include the ordination and installation of our new associate pastor David Rufner in August of 2004. We also are rejoicing in three of our members who are graduating from the Seminary in May. This year we have launched our new "LEGACY" confirmation ministry to parents and students. We are also celebrating some significant anniversaries: The 50th anniversary of Holy Cross, the 25th anniversary of our Senior Pastor Clifford Bira in the Holy Ministry and the 10th anniversary of our D.C.E. Carolyn Bira working at Holy Cross. We have also been privileged in helping to sponsor Walk Thru the Bible and Love and Respect Marriage conferences and are part of a team of churches launching a Community Center Ministry providing social ministry to meet the needs of our community.

##### Messiah, Clio

Messiah, Clio continues to move forward with technological advances to enhance its multi-media worship. A website was launched. The Lord blessed these efforts by adding 43 adults to its membership by confirmation and profession of faith just this last year. To God be the glory.

##### Our Savior, Flint

On November 23, 2003, Rev. Joe Cottam preached his farewell sermon at Our Savior before leaving for St. Mark in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Pastor Cottam faithfully served for 12 years, providing stability to this congregation after a series of short pastorates and long vacancies. Under his leadership the congregation experienced renewed growth and commitment to ministry. On June 13, 2004, Rev. Randall Schultz was installed as Our Savior's seventh pastor. In March, 2005, Parish Nurse, Janice Roberts received LCMS certification through Concordia - Mequon. In the Fall of 2006, the congregation will observe its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Like many urban areas, the city of Flint has undergone many changes since 1926, the year Our Savior Lutheran Church was planted. Once a neighbor to Anglo-Saxon farmers and factory workers, the church now serves a neighborhood that is 81% African-American. On three separate occasions during the past twenty years, the people of Our Savior have voted *not* to relocate but to remain in that neighborhood to serve the people there, in the name of our Savior, Jesus. Our Savior Lutheran Church is deeply committed to improving the lives of the people in the community. Through its Urban Family Learning & Health Initiative, the people of Our Savior both fund and operate several yearly projects to meet community health and education needs. For over twenty years Our Savior, with the help of other Circuit congregations, has operated a year-round food pantry which serves hundreds of families each year. In 2004 and 2005, a one-day Community Health & Fun Fair served over 500 individuals with free health screenings for youth & adults, free food and a wide range of activities for children. In partnership with a local elementary school the ROCK (Reaching Our Children with Kindness) Summer Learning Program was initiated in 2005. The program ran from mid-June to mid-August and had a total enrollment of 79 students from 21 schools and 41 volunteers representing 7 different churches. The ROCK program for 2006 has been re-designed to assist academically at-risk students in two economically deprived

elementary schools. The program will target up to fifty students identified as below grade level in reading and math, provide intensive tutoring/mentoring for a four week period during mid-summer. These same students will also be mentored one day per week during the school year. Our Savior lives in the city of Flint! Our Savior loves the people of Flint!

#### St. Martin, Birch Run

St. Martin Lutheran Church, Birch Run, is committed to *reaching, bringing and touching lives for Christ*. Every member is a witness for Christ and part of the mission and ministry of our church. Since 2003 we have installed a new pastor (Rev. Ronald L. Young, June 2003); added new staffing for Director of Worship Arts (Mr. Lance Coyle, June 2004). We completed a successful *One Faith – One Future* capital campaign in 2005. In addition we just began the process of searching for a full-time Director of Family Life and Youth as part of our plan to staff for growth. Our membership continues to be generous and faithful in the giving of time, talents and treasures in support of our mission and that of District and Synod. We give thanks for our Peace of Mind Child Development Center (Director, Rita Trinklein), begun February, 2003. To the Lord Jesus Christ be thanks and praise for the 2002 completion of our new facilities which provide a state of the art worship environment and allows for a stunning and visual Gospel message impact. Our policy based governance has moved us forward with organizational structuring for more effective and productive service for Him and to others. In all facets of ministry, outreach remains our greatest joy, challenge and opportunity. Today we thank our Lord for stability, joy in ministry, peace in the parish, and hope for our future as we rededicate to reaching the unchurched in the communities around us. We want our brothers and sisters in Christ to know we pray for your effectiveness in sharing the Good News and ask for your prayers for us, too. Thanks and to God be the glory!

#### St. Paul, Flint

As St. Paul prepares to celebrate 100 years of ministry in 2009, the church has initiated a Mission Renewal Process to refocus ministry priorities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. With support from Church Extension, St. Paul took advantage of a zero interest loan program and installed \$200,000 of technology in the Church Sanctuary, Parish Center and school. Assimilation of new and current members remains a priority. A Telecare Ministry program was initiated where 40 callers make monthly phone contact with the members. A new website has been launched. A strong school ministry continues under the leadership of new principal Mr. Henry Pahlkotter. The Early childhood center continues to offer opportunities to connect with the community. A strong church/school continues to develop under the direction of Mr. Thomas Czinder. St. Paul remains committed to world missions. St. Paul continues to sponsor the mission efforts of Rev. Gennadij Kohnin in Kazakhstan as well as sponsoring POBLO and LATINO. St. Paul also offers American Sign Language interpretation of its Sunday Service.

#### United in Christ, Flint

We are re-defining and fine tuning our mission statement and re-evaluating where the ministry at United in Christ needs to go in the future. We confirmed nine youth and five adults in 2005.

#### **Circuit #12 – Flint South Circuit**

**Rev. Dean G. Dumbrille, Counselor**

The Flint South Circuit #12 is comprised of the following congregations:

Burton, Pilgrim  
Fenton, Trinity  
Flint, Peace  
Goodrich/Hadley, Christ  
Holly, Gethsemane  
Linden, Hope  
Ortonville, Prince of Peace  
Swartz Creek, New Life Community

The Circuit#12 has been richly blessed with God's grace and the opportunity to minister the Gospel to God's people and extend His Kingdom through outreach and nurture to the un-churched. The Pastors of the Circuit, meeting in the monthly Tri-Circuit have enjoyed a strong and supportive fellowship as fellow under-shepherds sharing pulpits in Lenten Round Robins. May God continue to sustain and strengthen His Church in Flint South #12 for years to come!

#### **Circuit #13 – Lapeer Circuit**

**Rev. David H. Hensler, Counselor**

St. Paul Lutheran, Lapeer - St. Paul Lutheran, Lapeer, operates a 3-4 year-old Pre-school and an Early 5 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Day School. A High School Feasibility Committee is currently studying the possibility of adding a Lutheran High School. In 2005 the congregation dedicated a new fellowship hall/kitchen addition to the facility. In 2003 St. Paul celebrated its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of serving the Lapeer community. St. Paul operates a Food for Families program which feeds about 80 people every Friday. The congregation also conducts a Food Distribution program that gives food to about 700 needy people 3-4 times each year. The congregation also partially sponsors the Rev. Ron Mudge as an LCMS missionary to Togo. Mr. Ray Sturm of Lapeer has recently completed his colloquy and has been called to be the principle/teacher. In 2004 Becky Hohnstadt was called as our fifth grade teacher.

St. Timothy Lutheran, Otisville - St. Timothy has been blessed over the last three years. The renovation of the Sanctuary and addition of 5,000 square feet of space has allowed us to begin new programs and meet the needs of our community. We have added two staff people, an Administrative Steward and a Deacon. In 2005 we took our first steps in a servant event, joining St. Paul, Caro on a 7-day, 5 house building trip to Mexico. The whole congregation was involved. We are now preparing to serve and witness in our local communities even better. Thanks be to God.

St. Mark Lutheran, Flint - The grace of God continues to bless St. Mark congregation. In 2004 we began a social ministry emphasis entitled "Hearts and Hands Ministry" in which each group within the church was encouraged to plan and participate in at least one social ministry event during the year. Seventeen groups took the challenge and over 150 members participated as they reached out to those in need both inside and outside the congregation. This ministry continues as more and more people continue to experience the joy of serving. The Lord is also at work through our Day School (Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) as children are disciplined in their Christiana faith and their relationship with Jesus Christ. We welcomed Mrs. Katie Grim and Mrs. Jill Erlenbeck to our teaching staff in 2005. St. Mark continues to reach out to the community by having Family Fun Nights each month, a Halloween Hoopla, the "40 Days of Purpose" emphasis in 2005, and various other events. We praise God for His blessings.

New Life in Christ Lutheran, North Branch - is served by Deacon Bill Storm as of November 28, 2004. Our average attendance was 41 in 2004 and 72 in 2005. Sunday School registration was 32, Adult Confirmation was 9, Youth Confirmation was 6 for 2005. We added Advent, Lent and Thanksgiving services. We started a Building Project in July 2005 which included a renovation of three classrooms into one large fellowship hall with dividers for dinners, funerals, and other large events. Other notable events in 2005 were: VBS had 51 youth and 38 were non-members. In July 2005 we had a community outreach program with David Paul Britton in the North Branch community park. It was very successful and has been planned for 2006 also. Our mission project is Children's Haven in Mexico. We started a Bible class on Wednesday evenings in 2005. All church Boards and Officers are filled this year, 2006. God has blessed our church so very much this past year.

Trinity Lutheran, Davison - Trinity has been vacant of a senior pastor for two years and seven months. Some programs have continued with the dedication of the leadership of Trinity. A revised constitution was approved in November 2005. It changed the decision making process to a Council-based organization rather than Voter's Assembly thus streamlining board responsibilities. Two outreach programs that have flourished are VBS and MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers). We also have a thriving Prime Time program which is our midweek family education hour.

Calvary Lutheran, Flint - Calvary Lutheran will be observing its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October 2006. The congregation is located in the inner city on Flint's East Side. Calvary's present pastor, the Rev. Harry White, who accepted the call to Calvary in 1996, plans to fully retire in the late fall of this year. The 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination was observed August 7, 2005. The congregation has authorized a committee to work with our Circuit Counselor and a representative from the District office to evaluate the options and opportunities for Calvary's future ministry on Flint's East Side.

Holy Redeemer Lutheran, Dryden - Since the last Michigan District Convention, Holy Redeemer Lutheran

Church in Dryden has dedicated and moved into its new education / office wing. The new facility provides the congregation with a larger narthex (we call it the Gathering Room), improved office space, a music ministry room, classrooms, library and storage space. This new facility has been a blessing to our ministry. Holy Redeemer has also allowed a non-profit community group known as the Klothes Kloset Plus to utilize its vacant parsonage to serve families in need in our area. People in the community donate used clothing, household items, appliances and furniture, and then people in our community with financial needs can come and find items they may need at no cost. While this is not a ministry sponsored by Holy Redeemer, it is a way for us to increase our visibility in the area and demonstrate our care. Holy Redeemer has an active social ministry under the leadership of Ada Jarmosevich, and are actively looking for ways to do good to all people and let our light shine for Jesus. In the past year, the congregation has developed its core values, a mission and vision statement. Currently we are working on setting goals and developing strategies with the help of our Congregational Ministry Facilitator. We appreciate the support provided by the Michigan District.

**Circuit #14 – Port Huron Circuit**  
**Rev. Gerhardt A. Doroh, Counselor**

A tour of Circuit #14 reveals the hand of God at work and in the words of Pastor Robert Mann - Trinity, Port Huron, "God does provide for His Church."

First Lutheran Church, Algonac

At the present time, First is vacant, with Pastor Albert Prouty serving as interim.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fair Haven

Pastor Robert Wagner reports the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2005, as well as the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ladies Aid. Future plans call for an expansion of the fellowship and narthex areas of the church.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Armada

Currently Dr. Paul Dancy serves Our Saviour with Sunday and Monday worship services. 2005 saw the beginning of Noah's Ark Preschool for 3-5 year olds. This has been a good outreach tool into the community. Future plans include small group ministry and a live nativity during Advent. Much work has gone into a restructuring of the congregation for ministry under 8 boards.

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Memphis

Under the guidance of Pastor Paul Boerger, St. Andrew celebrated its 10 year anniversary in 2005. Under the mission statement, "Sharing Christ, Caring In Life" and working through the natural church development, the ministry looks forward. St. Andrew went off District subsidy and is working to accelerate their debt payment in order to build a sanctuary in the near future. The addition of a Saturday night service and an Allen Organ have enhanced worship at St. Andrew.

### Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Huron

Since the illness and death of Lay Minister, Terry Rosenow, Trinity has been using the gifts of lay members to carry out youth and evangelism ministries. This has truly been blessed. Pastor Ron Astalos, Emeritus provides home bound ministry. Deacon Paul Kruse, in the DELTO program, leads Bible studies and assists with worship. Rev. Keith Haerer, Candidate, began recently to assist with preaching and pastoral service. Pastor Robert Mann is moving toward retirement.

### Faith Lutheran Church, Port Huron

Under the leadership of Pastor Tim Eichberger, during the past triennium the members of Faith Congregation have grown closer together as they accepted the challenge of a major building expansion to update and repair the existing building, and also provide more space for classrooms, offices, a large nursery and fellowship room, remodeled youth room, and new restrooms. An audio-visual system has been added to the sanctuary to enhance worship ministry, and new furnaces and air conditioning have been added throughout the building. Dedication of the newly expanded church building took place on May 7, 2006, with District President, Rev. Bill Hoesman, serving as guest preacher. At the same time, they have also increased their staff with the addition of a new Minister of Children and Youth and a new Adult Choir director. Faith Lutheran Church will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October, 2006, and the members look forward to hosting their first pastor, Rev. John Buchheimer as guest preacher.

### St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Lexington

St. Matthew of Lexington continues ministry under the leadership of Pastor Barry Sheldon

### Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Clair

To the pastoral leadership of Pastor Alan Schweiger, the ministry of Pastor Joseph Doenges was added in 2004. Immanuel continues an active mission outreach through its "Mission In Action" trips, with recent trips to Louisiana, Haiti and Nicaragua with medical and construction teams. The preschool ministry and new child care center adds to its growth and outreach. Future plans call for the building of a new sanctuary, educational and youth areas. Outreach into the community includes a seminar series on topics of interest (finances, depression) which have also lead to ministries in support groups.

### Hope Lutheran Church, Goodells

Hope continues to be a preaching station filled by retired Pastors and staff from Lutheran High North, Macomb.

### St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Richmond

Under the Pastoral care of Pastor Gerhardt Doroh and Pastor Randy Lett and the new addition of Principal George Kovtun, the congregation moves forward in a growing ministry. Staff positions have been added in Fellowship and Service and Giving Counselor. Care ministry continues to develop under Mrs. Peggy Lett, St. Peter's Counseling Center, and Sue Simmons, Parish Nurse. Mission Teams to Guatemala, Mexico, Biloxi, Mississippi as well as expanded men's and women's ministries, a growing school and outreach to the Hispanic Community in the area continues

to be blessed and show us that God does provide for His church.

### **Circuit #15 – Macomb North Circuit**

#### **Rev. Barry L. Mueller, Counselor**

### Immanuel, Macomb

Baptized membership: 4019; Communicant membership: 2424; AWA: 1248

Day School Enrollment: 318; Pre-School Enrollment: 180; Staff: 56

Clergy: Michael Lutz, Greg Griffith, E. Paul

Burow

Significant Events: Sept 2003 -- 150th anniversary Celebration; June 2004 -- Semi-retirement of Pastor E. Paul Burow; July 2004 -- Installation of Pastor Greg S. Griffith; Sept 2005 -- Synodical Igniter Event; Oct. 2005 -- 40 Days of Purpose Emphasis

### Trinity, Mt. Clemens

Baptized membership: 2268; Communicant membership: 1510; AWA: 829

Day School Enrollment: 209; Pre-School Enrollment: 123

Staff: Ministry - 6, Church support staff - 6, School faculty - 13,

School support staff - 3, Traditional preschool - 3  
Clergy: Ken Wise, Thees Hofst

Significant Events: Called a Senior Pastor, called a School Principal, called a Minister of Pastoral Care, called a Minister of Outreach and Assimilation, added an all-year-round alternative worship service (Saturdays from September through May; Mondays from June through August).

### St. John, Ray Twp.

Baptized Membership: 297; Communicant Membership: 227; AWA: 119

Clergy: Ed Steeh

Significant Events: Sold properties in new Haven where the congregation had been located since 1884. Bought 10 acres in Ray Township. Built new Church, dedicated Easter 2003. Since then attendance has doubled.

### Good Shepherd, Chesterfield

Baptized membership 137; Communicant membership: 110; AWA: 88

Staff: 4;

Clergy: David Ulm

Significant Events: Enjoyed anniversary celebrations on Good Shepherd Sundays; Participated in MCREST. Food pantry available to community.

### St. Peter, Macomb

Baptized membership: 3076; Communicant Membership: 2202; AWA: 1347

Day School Enrollment: 440; Pre-School Enrollment: 190

Staff: 62

Clergy: Robert Kasper, Greg Lorenz, Kenneth Wagener

Significant Events: Greg Lorenz was permanently assigned to LATINO as Director (January 05); Installation of Ken



Wagener as Assistant Pastor (Jan. 06); Dedication of new sanctuary (Feb. 06); Celebration of 15 years of Preschool at St. Peter (Feb. 06); Installation of Mark Schultz as Minister of Music (Sept. 05).

St. Luke, Clinton Twp.

Baptized membership: 1672; Communicant Membership: 1234; AWA: 488  
Day School Enrollment: 171; Pre-School Enrollment: 22  
Staff: 12 full-time, 4 part-time  
Clergy: Bert Thompson, George Stevens Bagnall  
Significant Events:  
Pastor Clarence Hinz celebrated 50 years of combined pastoral and teaching ministry.

Christ, New Baltimore

Baptized membership: 176; Communicant membership: 132; AWA: 99  
Staff: 3 part-time  
Clergy: Barry Mueller  
Significant Events:  
Increasing outreach ministry, faithful Word and Sacrament ministry, participation in MCREST both "at home" and with community churches.

**Circuit #16 – Macomb NW Circuit**  
**Rev. Eric W. Majeski, Counselor**

All Nations, Troy – Rev. Khuram Khan, Rev. Farrukah Kahn, Rev. John Gill  
All Nations is reaching out across ethnic groups in the building of God's Kingdom. POBLO Ministries Capitol Campaign "Seize the Moment" has been launched to reach out to many lost people not only in North America but around the world in those parts where even the mention of a Bible is a Crime. Rev. Arul Alexander is running the newly formed International Fellowship LCMS congregation which currently meets once per month on the last Sunday of the month.

Family of Christ, Imlay City – Rev. Lynn Witt

"Family of Christ, Imlay City, is one of the recent Michigan Districts Mission Plants that really fulfills the long term vision plan of Grace Lutheran Fellowship in Romeo. This plant is strategically placed in one of the Districts highest unchurched counties - Lapeer at 68%. Since the first service in September 04, through present, the membership has steadily increased and worship attendance nearly tripled. They held Chartering Sunday on May 25, 2005. 12.3 acres of prime, highly visible property, has been purchased by Church Extension Fund and Family of Christ hopes to begin construction as early as this fall. The Lord has blessed this congregation with a group of founding families that are determined to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Imlay City Community. And we are now starting to reap the harvest of the early efforts to make our presence known in this community.

Grace, Romeo – Rev. Eric Majeski

Grace is committed to "connecting families to faith in Jesus" as their mission and has added a new worship time on Sunday Mornings to reach more people with the Good

News. A Director of Student Ministries, Sheree Patterson has been added to engage students and their families in faith.

Peace, Shelby – Rev. Craig Bickel

Peace celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2004 which opened the door to give back to the community through many 45 acts of service that reflected God's love in powerful ways. Peace member, Dennis Hintz was commissioned as a Deacon and Steve Winkelman was called as Principal.

Shepherd's Gate, Shelby – Rev. Jon Bjorgaard, Rev. Craig Meyer, Rev. J. Blair Clark

Shepherd's Gate celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005 and recently dedicated a new family life center, opening up doors to new ministry opportunities and 2 new worship times. Shepherd's Gate member, Mike Duchene was commissioned as a Deacon.

Redemption, Sterling Heights – Rev. Timothy Bickel

Redemption is caring for their community of faith through the start up of Small Group Ministry and Family Ministries that offers support for marriages and guidance to parents.

St. Paul, Sterling Heights – Rev. Walter A. Keller

St. Paul celebrated their 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005 as they continue to preach God's Word and teach His Children through their Pre-School and Day School. St. Paul's messages can be heard each week by logging on their web site, stpaullutheran.net.

Faith, Troy – Rev. Warren Arndt, Rev. Paul Arndt, Rev. Frederick W. Traugott

Faith celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005 along with a 2.8 million dollar capital campaign to improve and expand facilities. Faith is committed to remaining in a community that is experiencing rapid change and diversity among ethnic groups. In the midst of such a diversified community, Faith is bold in extending the love and care of the crucified and risen Christ to ALL people.

Trinity, Utica – Rev. Norm Koy, Rev. Philip Scharnitzke

Trinity is celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007 continuing in mission and ministry through church and school. In the summer of 2005, Rev. Norm Koy accepted the call as Senior Pastor. Trinity is living the great commandment in love to others through service and social ministry, and fulfilling the great commission in reaching out through added worship. The Senior Ministry of Trinity, "Golden Circle" celebrated their 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary in 2006.

Our Redeemer, Washington – Rev. Jeffrey Draeger

Our Redeemer completed "God's Vision...Our Decision" stewardship campaign. A new sanctuary was built and dedicated in May 2005. God has blessed Our Redeemer with the addition of new ministries and increased attendance in worship. Our Redeemer continues to serve the community with Little Lambs Preschool.

**Circuit #17 – Oakland North Circuit**  
**Rev. Michael P. Schulz, Counselor**

Circuit congregations include St. Trinity, Clarkston; Good Shepherd, Lake Orion; Holy Cross, Oxford; Crown of Life, Rochester Hills; Gethsemane, Rochester Hills; Living Word, Rochester; St. John, Rochester; and St. Stephen, Waterford.

Our circuit meets with the Kensington Circuit for Winkel conferences on the second Tuesday of September, November, January, February, March, and April.

The Oakland North area is experiencing tremendous population growth and this presents a great opportunity for our congregations to reach out to the new residents.

Several new ministries have been started in our area. Incarnate Word, a congregational ministry to the deaf and hard of hearing, supported by the Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society is currently meeting at the Lutheran Northwest High School. St. Paul International Church and Center has been started in Pontiac and is working with POBLO to maintain a LCMS presence in the Pontiac area. It is being served by Deacon Tim Minor.

St. Trinity, Clarkston – Rev. James Krueger  
For 121 years, the members of St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church have served the Lord of the Church with faithfulness, courage, and perseverance. After closing the doors of its church and (K-8) Christian day school in Pontiac in the early 1970's (due to a significant increase in local crime), the members looked for a new community to call 'home'. After a few years of utilizing a vacant church building in Waterford, the members of St. Trinity purchased several acres of land on Sashabaw Road in Clarkston and in 1976 dedicated and moved into their new church home. Over the past 30 years at its current site God has continued to demonstrate His loving kindness through many blessings. St. Trinity has added a Christian preschool, increased its full-time ministry staff, and welcomed many new individuals and families into its membership. In 2003 work began on a new "Family Life Center" which was dedicated in November of 2004. This new addition has proven to be a valuable outreach tool to the surrounding families and communities. St. Trinity is first and foremost a family of God that seeks to fulfill its calling to reach out to the lost with the saving message of God's love and forgiveness for all sinners. This 'calling' is best described in our mission statement "As we grow in Christ's love and the Word, we will share Christ's love with the world." We pray for God's continued hand of blessing on us and all our sister congregations of the Michigan District, the LCMS, and around the world who all follow God's calling to guide the lost sheep to our 'Great Shepherd' Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Good Shepherd, Lake Orion – Rev. James Van Dellen & Rev. Eric Tritten  
Good Shepherd, Lake Orion, continues to experience God's blessings upon our work and ministry together. Our school continues its slow, steady growth with enrollment for the 2006-07 school year looking very good. Our hope is to add

grades 6-8 in the 2007-08 school year. We are thankful for our dedicated staff and volunteers both in the school and in the church. Worship attendance continues to grow slowly also as our community continues to grow. In 2004 we added a part-time Youth Director to our staff, and began an evening worship event for youth called SPLAT (Students Proclaiming Love And Truth). In 2005 we were blessed to be a part of the "Thrivent Builds Homes" pilot project with Habitat for Humanity in Oakland County. It was a blessing for us and for the two families who now live in the homes we helped build both with labor and with funds. In 2005 Pastor Tritten became involved in Pastoral Leadership Institute, and Pastor Van Dellen celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Good Shepherd. About 100 members attended a *Walk Through the Old Testament* seminar in March of 2006.

Holy Cross, Oxford – Rev. Michael P. Schulz  
Holy Cross celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its preschool in January of 2005. Our current preschool director is Cynthia Macks, who replaced Vicci Salerno who retired in 2005 after serving our preschool in various capacities for 32 years. The current enrollment in the preschool is 120. The congregation began sponsoring a M.O.P.S. ministry in 2005, and it now has both morning and evening groups that each meet twice a month.

Crown of Life, Rochester Hills – Rev. Terry Rebert  
Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Rochester Hills has been blessed during the past three years. It has celebrated the completion of its new sanctuary and worship center. It has been blessed with a renewed sense of missions as it worked to build a new Lutheran church in a poverty area of Honduras. It has been a charter supporting church of Lutheran City Ministries and each month provides soul food and a warm meal to 50 plus least and lost people in Detroit. It provides a weekly-mail devotion called *Words of Faith* which has been reprinted in weekly newspapers and highlighted by the Metro Detroit-Windsor Christian Council radio program. If you walk into the sanctuary of Crown of Life you will notice a multitude of different worship styles support throughout the weekend by Emeritus Pastor William H. Otten and Pastor Terry Rebert. Both pastors were recently honored by the congregation for the combined 65 years of service to the pastoral ministry of the LCMS, MOPS-Mothers of Preschoolers, Singles Ministry, Youth Ministry, as well as Campus Ministry to Oakland University can be found as one walks through the door of Crown of Life. The future looks brighter each day as Lay Leadership and the priesthood of all believers endeavor to lift up Christ high into the community of the world.

Gethsemane, Rochester Hills – Rev. Thomas Fischer  
In the past triennium Gethsemane, Rochester Hills, has directed its ministry toward further growth and outreach. Gethsemane Lutheran Preschool was started in Fall, 2004 under the direction of Mrs. Sheryl Landreth. Landreth also became our first part-time Director of Family Ministries in 2004. Since then, many family ministries to youth, women and seniors have developed. God has also blessed GLC with growing music ministries including vocal and chime choirs for youth and adults. Bible Studies, including annual studies involving over 70% of the adults at GLC have

included Bill Count's, *The Incredible Christ*, Rick Warren's, *The Purpose Driven Life*, and Beth Moore's, *Walking By Faith*. Gethsemane also celebrated 60 years of ministry in 2005. Rev. Don Sandman of LCEF Capital Funding Services directed GLC's successful "A Great Heritage, A Great Future" 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary "Sustained Giving Stewardship Emphasis" in Fall, 2005. As of March, 2006, Gethsemane is awaiting final approval from the City of Rochester Hills to begin expansion of a 4200 square foot office and educational area as well as renovation of the sanctuary in the summer of 2006. In March, 2005, Rev. Rick Wolfram of the District Office led GLC through a Natural Church Development process. As a result, GLC has formed a Worship Committee and is planning the addition of a seeker worship service in Fall, 2006. GLC's outreach included a remarkably successful Hurricane Katrina Relief Fair and the support of seminary students including Howard Travis, now serving his vicarage at Trinity Lutheran, Manistee, Michigan.

#### Living Word, Rochester – Rev. John Kassen

Living Word Lutheran Church has expanded its ministry in many ways since the last District Convention. Having built our new facility in 1997 at which time we opened our early childhood center, we expanded that program with a kindergarten and extended kindergarten program in 2002. In the fall of 2003 we simultaneously opened grades 1 through 8 at the new Living Word Lutheran School. Julian Petzold was called as principal of the school. Teachers Heather Volkman, Linda Sasse, Joel Springer, Kayla Luehmann, Jim Rolf, Sandra Reick, and Myron Reick currently serve along side of Kindergarten teacher Erin Miller and Early Childhood teachers Cheryl Rolf and Deborah McDonald. Living Word currently has 100 students in its early childhood center and 143 students in its elementary school. Worship attendance hovers around 305 with over 50% of the members participating in Bible study. With close to 5,000 homes being planned for building in surrounding Oakland Township in the next ten years, congregational goals include building a full-size gymnasium with appropriate recreational fields on adjacent property, and the remodeling of the multipurpose gym/worship area into a permanent sanctuary.

#### St. John, Rochester – Rev. Karl E. Galik

In keeping with our mission of "inviting everyone we know to experience the heart of God", St. John shares the following ministry highlights with the Michigan District:

- "GenerationG", a new generation multimedia worship service, was begun in September, 2003 and is held in St. John's Gym serving 250-300 weekly worshippers.
- "Praise in the Park", St. John's annual community worship, fellowship and outreach event, has been held in Rochester Park since 1996 and attracts over 1,000 worshippers.
- "Conversational English" and "International Cooking Classes" are just two of the activities the congregation offers as a part of the English as a Second Language (ESL)/People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO) program held at St. John since 2002. As a result of this community interaction, a new monthly International Worship Service, led by Pastor Arul Alexander and a dedicated group of lay leaders, started in the fall of 2005

and regularly serves 25 faithful worshippers. St. John's M.O.P.S. program also grew from a one to a two-day a month program with the influx of new ESL mothers.

- Members have teamed up and traveled to Mexicali Missions (2001-2005) and to Ensenada (2006) for community service, construction and VBS; to Hoonah, Alaska every year (since 2002) on a VBS mission trip for Christ to "experience the heart of God" with His children of the north; and locally to the Latino Mission Society Summer VBS program in Detroit.
- A Deacon program involving members Jim Boldt, Mike Sternemann and Chris MacCourtney was initiated in 2004 to assist the Pastors with worship responsibilities.
- St. John has had a strong Stephen Ministry program for 18 years with over 75 people trained, and 28 currently active.
- A Women's Ministry Weekend Retreat is planned for October 20-22, 2006 at the Colombiere Retreat Center in Clarkston.
- FaithWorks, a young adult program, was organized in 2005 with more than 25 young adults participating in weekly small group ministry focused on Bible study, fellowship and community service.
- Male Chorus members sang the National Anthem at Comerica Park for the Tigers (September 2004) and for the Detroit Shock (WNBA) at the Palace (August 2004).
- St. John Lutheran School students participate in the Future City regional and national contests and have been recipients of top awards for the past 10 years. They finished first in the State (January 2005 and 2006) and were invited to Washington, D.C., to compete in the nationals both years placing 6<sup>th</sup> in 2005 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2006.
- St. John has operated under a policy-based governance model since October, 2003 and is committed to being a learning community by regularly sharing best practices and lessons learned with other LCMS congregations.
- St. John has been blessed as a "first fruits tithing" congregation since 2002 contributing 5% of its offerings to the Michigan District/Synod and 5% for Detroit metro area ministries.

**Ordinations/Installations:** During the triennium the Rev. Luke R. Timm, Associate Pastor of Youth and Family, was ordained and installed (June, 2004); The Rev. Arul Alexander was called by All Nations Lutheran Church, Troy, deployed to POBLO, and placed at St. John (January, 2006); the ordination services of two sons of the congregation took place – The Rev. James Fleming (June, 2003) and The Rev. Jeff Perry (June, 2005).

**Retirements:** The Rev. Glenn Sattelmeier (June, 2004) and Mrs. Janice Brautnick (June, 2006).

**Anniversaries and Ministry Milestone Celebration(s):** The Rev. Dr. Richard L. Schlecht, former President of the Michigan District, emeritus pastor, and current member of St. John, celebrated 60 years in the pastoral ministry (April, 2005); The Rev. Glenn Sattelmeier celebrated his 40th anniversary (June, 2004); Mr. Timothy Grothaus, 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, celebrated 25 years in the teaching ministry (October, 2005); and families of St. John celebrated the school's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary (2003) at its First Annual Dinner Auction.

St. Stephen, Waterford – Rev. Douglas Stowe

Since the last district convention, the most noticeable changes at St. Stephen, Waterford, have been facility improvements. In 2003, construction began on an expanded lobby and an extended narthex. The project's centerpiece was a four-stop elevator. Other improvements included an expanded narthex, new sanctuary lighting, pew and sanctuary refurbishing, and new handicapped-accessible restrooms. During the summer of 2004, the landscaping was updated. In 2004, the congregation also restructured with the district's aid. St. Stephen adopted a policy-based governance structure in an effort to more clearly focus our ministry around major outcomes that the membership, through the Board of Directors, desires to achieve.

Over the last triennium, though, the main thing has remained the main thing, and St. Stephen has sought to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world at our doorstep and beyond, especially through worship and Christian education.

**Circuit #18 – Birmingham Circuit**

**Rev. Peter S. Nickel, Counselor**

Circuit 18, the Birmingham Circuit, consists of ten congregations. These congregations are located primarily in south Oakland County. One is found in Macomb County. The Circuit covers an area bounded on the south by Hazel Park, on the north by Troy, on the east by Warren, and on the west by Bloomfield Hills. In the ten congregations there are found some 6,800 baptized souls, 5,300 communicant members, two Christian Day Schools, and six pre-schools.

Word and Sacrament ministry is faithfully carried out at Trinity Lutheran Church in Berkley. That congregation is served by the Rev. Dr. David Prout.

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham is the largest congregation in the circuit. It is served by two Pastors, the Rev. Ray Scherbarth and the Rev. Carl Gnewuch. The congregation is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their school. They are presently making plans for the addition of an elevator at the church. In the past triennium Our Shepherd added a new school Principal, Janet McLoughlin, and a new Director of Outreach and Assimilation, Bob Meinert.

The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer also serves the Birmingham community. Pastors Randy Schlak and Cary Richert have been called to the congregation. Recently Redeemer had a columbarium built at their location. The congregation is proud to have three of its sons at the seminary preparing for the pastoral ministry. In the past triennium Redeemer has added new staff members Joanna Newman and Mark Wuggazer.

Cross of Christ, Bloomfield Hills is served by Pastors Jon Reusch, Steve Grafe, and Jim Ackerman. They have added another Sunday School experience called "Sonlight City." Cross of Christ has also recently added staff person, Dottie Reiher.

Hazel Park Lutheran Church, Hazel Park is served by Pastor Cory Fanning. Hazel Park Lutheran Church has added a

contemporary worship service. Under the Spirit's blessing, worship attendance and Sunday School attendance have grown dramatically.

The Rev. Peter Nickel is Pastor of Huntington Woods Lutheran Church, Huntington Woods. As the only church in Huntington Woods, the congregation continues to play a unique role in the city. To accommodate an ever growing membership, the church's parking lot has been expanded. The church also operates a large pre-school that continues to serve both congregation and community. Sharon Sweet was recently added as the church's new Director of Music.

Our Savior – Deaf has found a home at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham. The congregation is served by the Rev. Thomas Dunseth. It continues to reach out to the deaf of the tri-county area.

St. Paul, Royal Oak is pleased to welcome the Rev. Jeremy Schultz as its new pastor. The congregation is grateful to the Rev. Lawrence Witto who has faithfully served as interim pastor. The church and school look forward to providing a strong witness to the Gospel in the rapidly growing and fast changing Royal Oak community.

St. Augustine Lutheran Church, Troy has seen a "passing of the mantle" from father to son with the retirement of Pastor John Monson and the arrival of Pastor Paul Monson in early November of 2005. The church's pre-school has grown to 45 children. The congregation is "itching for change and is eager to grow."

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warren which is served by Pastor Alan Eisinger, in June of 2005 welcomed new Associate Pastor, the Rev. Matthew Canion. The congregation continues to reach out to the Warren community with its Food Pantry Ministry and its involvement in MCREST, a shelter for the homeless.

The Birmingham Circuit is also blessed by the wisdom and presence of seven retired pastors. They are Pastors Lorne Ruhl, Carl Mehl, Duane Wuggazer, Bill Grafe, Ron Guettler, Ralph Unger, and John Monson.

**Circuit #19 – Macomb South Circuit**

**Rev. John E. Merrill, Counselor**

Seven congregations comprise the Macomb South Circuit. They are: Bethlehem, Roseville - Rev. Jeffrey Fritz; Hope, Warren - Rev. John Duerr; Peace, Warren - Rev. Enwood Nevis; St. John, Fraser - Rev. John Merrill and Rev. Bradley Smith; St. Peter, Eastpointe - Rev. Michael Roth and Rev. Seth Hemme; St. Thomas, Eastpointe - Rev. Mark Hetzner and Rev. Samuel Grayl; Trinity, Warren - Vacant.

Bethlehem, Roseville (Pre-school)

Due to lack of children and financial difficulties our school was closed four years ago. After remodeling the whole facility to meet state codes, the school building was leased to Conner Creek Academy East for a middle school chartered by Ferris State University. The relationship with Conner Creek has helped Bethlehem turn the corner financially. We still maintain our own Pre-School. The Lord has

blessed the Pre-School during the last three years so that it has its largest enrollment ever. The major goal for the next year is to adopt programs that will help spread the Gospel and increase membership.

#### St. John, Fraser (Pre-school – Eighth Grade)

The last three years have allowed many things to take place at St. John. In July of 2003 we welcomed Rev. Bradley Smith and his family and installed him as our Associate Pastor. Over the last three years the mortgage was paid off and many upgrades to the facility have been made: new roofs, carpet, lighting and ceiling in the church, new computers in classrooms, school and church offices. St. John has also been the host to: multiple concerts sponsored through our Concert Series program, seminars with Dr. Louis Brighton, Dr. Bryan Salminen, and Dr. Gene Veith, a Women's Retreat in February of each year, a 90 hour Bible reading marathon, the MCREST (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) program each fall, and have begun what we hope to be an annual classic car show in September. We have been blessed with 142 years of God's grace and continue to rejoice in what God has done. St. John Lutheran School has updated its mission statement to help inform its families and recruit prospective students. Investment in 35 computers with the assistance of an interest-free loan from the Church Extension Fund helped to move the school forward utilizing technology. The school library has been completely refurbished including the addition of 1,000 new books and an automated library system. The Lord is glorified with the music program's choral and band programs. The school's band performed on the steps of the state capitol in Lansing and the school's Jubilate has received consistent superiors in choral presentations. Students have been regularly involved in mission projects that impact other children with Christ in the local and world community. The school has continuously shared the Gospel daily with its families since 1864.

#### St. Peter's, Eastpointe (Pre-school – Eighth Grade)

St. Peter's - Eastpointe is served by senior pastor Rev. Michael J. Roth and assistant pastor Rev. Seth Hemme. The principal of St. Peter's Lutheran School is Mr. John Kutz. The director of our pre-school is Mrs. Linda Hauschulz. In 2005 we celebrated our 160th anniversary. In addition to a vibrant ministry to our members we are looking for ways to reach into the community with the saving message of Christ. We are in the planning stages of building an Early Childhood Center which will include day care and pre-school for infants through school age children. With a long tradition of Gospel ministry in the community, St. Peter's looks forward to exciting opportunities to serve the Lord in the future. Our capital campaign for the new building program is: *Building on God's Blessings: A History of Grace - A Future of Hope*.

#### Saint Thomas, Eastpointe (Pre-school – Eighth Grade)

God blessed STL with two new leaders as the Rev. Samuel Grayl was installed in August 2004 and Mr. Roy Leidich as principal the following spring. Their partnership with Pastor Mark Hetzner enabled STL to a) work with the District in planting Living Hope of the Bay Lutheran Church, b) begin a monthly door-to-door outreach

program, c) introduce a PB&J program for families with very young children, d) offer Crown Ministry and Good Sense training in stewardship and e) continue to host the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST) for a week each July. STL School followed its final accreditation meeting with the addition of many after-school programs and a new playground (built with the help of the USMC). 50 Days Ablaze (fall 2005) spawned a mission trip to New Orleans and teams to coordinate servant events, greater community outreach and an expanded prayer ministry. Additionally three members of STL are enrolled in the Michigan District Deacon Training program.

#### Hope, Warren

Hope Lutheran Church in Warren, MI is celebrating her 40th anniversary in 2006. Fall festivities are planned to mark the occasion. Hope's ministry staff added three deacons on January 1st, 2006. Deacons Skip Bandemer, Matthew Steffen, and John Wulff completed the Michigan District's Deacon Training Program in December of 2005, and will work under the pastoral supervision of Rev. John M. Duerr. Summer of 2005 saw the completion of a half million dollar site renovation and parking lot expansion that will meet the parking and outdoor recreation needs of the congregation for years to come.

#### **Circuit #20 – Detroit East Circuit** **Rev. Arnold H. Brammeier, Counselor**

The members of the Northeast Detroit circuit are Peace Church, the Rev. John Straub, Pastor; Bethany Church, the Rev. Peter Brueckner, Pastor; Charity Church, the Rev. Steven Essenberg, Pastor; Mount Calvary Church, the Rev. James Hill, Pastor; Resurrection Church, the Rev. Scott Benjamin, Pastor; Epiphany Church, the Rev. Richard Robinson, Pastor; East Bethlehem Church, Deacon Asaph James; and Resurrection Church where the late Rev. Arthur Henne was pastor. Pastor Henne died in February 2006.

The Rev. Richard Hillenbrand, the former counselor of the circuit, accepted a call to Birch Run during the past triennium. The Rev. Arnold Brammeier (retired) was appointed to be counselor in his place. Also a member of the circuit is the Rev. Oliver Washington who, until recently, was deployed as a chaplain in Iraq.

Bethany Church and East Bethlehem Church maintain parochial schools. Mount Calvary Church closed their school in 2005. There are various head start, pre-school, tutoring, and other education programs at several churches.

Also the circuit is the home of Lutheran City Ministries which carries on a ministry to the least, last and lost in Detroit. It plants churches in the city also. This organization has been the catalyst for several models for continued ministry in the city.

The Rev. Steven Essenberg is called to Lutheran City Ministries as its director of Mission, but he also serves as pastor of two congregations: Charity Church and Nazareth Church on Detroit's West Side. The Rev. James Hill is called both to St. John Church on Detroit's West Side as

well as to Lutheran City Ministries. As part of his call to Lutheran City Ministries, he serves the Family of God congregation which meets in Southwest Detroit. The Rev. Hill also serves as the pastor of Mt. Calvary Church as noted above. The other model for filling the pastoral office is in use at East Bethlehem Church where Deacon Asaph James serves.

The circuit plans to continue exploring new models of continued ministry and presence in the city. Most of these have grown from grass roots necessity, but the experiences of several congregations may be organized for a new future.

**Circuit #21 – Detroit Central Circuit**  
**Rev. Mark A. Griffin, Sr., Counselor**

Berea Lutheran Church, Rev. Mark A. Griffin Sr., 7047 Tireman St, Detroit, MI 48204 313-834-5901

- 59<sup>th</sup> Church anniversary in Oct 2005
- Pastor Griffin's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary July 2005
- Installation of Parish Nurse in February 2006

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. David Eberhard, 1345 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, MI 48207 313-567-3100

- 155<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November 2005

Nazareth Lutheran Church, Pastor Steven Easenberg, 4321 Vicksburg, Detroit, MI. 48204 313-897-8622

- N/A

St. John Lutheran Church, Vacant, 4950 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit, MI., 48204 313-933-9360

- Installation of Pastor James Hill, Sept. 11, 2005.
- Ordination of pastor James Hill, Trinity Lutheran of Clinton Twp., Aug. 21, 2005.

St. Philip Lutheran Church, Rev. David Burgess, 2884 E. Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI., 48202 313-872-1010

- 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary in November 2005.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Vacant, 1235 Lawndale, Detroit, MI., 48209 313-841-7940

- N/A

**Circuit #22 – Detroit West Circuit**  
**Rev. Harold A. Avers, Counselor**

The congregations of Detroit West Circuit #22 are faithfully conducting word and sacrament ministry, some to smaller congregations, others with some growth, and others holding their own.

Greenfield Peace Lutheran Church closed its Day School in June of 2003, celebrated the 30 year pastorate of Rev. Harold Avers, and continues working with the same charter school in its building as Redford Lutheran Church.

St. Timothy Lutheran Church no longer has a full-time pastor and has continued operating a Day School.

Redford Lutheran Church continues Sunday Services and Bible Class with Rev. Steve Billings.

Evergreen Lutheran Church worships people from the community and has continued operating a small Day School with Rev. William Danowski.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church has continued reaching new members and will be calling a pastor to replace Rev. Turner who will be retiring.

Outer Drive Faith is blessed with a congregation aiming to broaden its outreach into the community, being served by Rev. Eddie Morales.

The pastors meet on a weekly basis for pericope study, prayer, and mutual support.

**Circuit #23 – Down River Circuit**  
**Rev. Harry N. Edenfield, Counselor**

The Down River Circuit consists of the following: Calvary, Lincoln Park (Intentional Interim: Karl Fuhlbrigg and Emeriti/Visitation: Albert I. Prouty); Christ, River Rouge (Vacant); Christ The King, Southgate (Senior Pastor - Terry Cashmer, Associate Pastor - Harry Edenfield, Associate Pastor - Jason Cashmer); Community, Flat Rock (Senior Administrative Pastor - David Gohn, Associate Pastor - Dan Lochner, Associate Pastor - Frank Martin); Mt. Hope, Allen Park - (Senior Pastor - Randy Johnson); Our Redeemer, Taylor (Vicar - Mr. Erv Hutter); St. John's, Taylor - (Senior Pastor - Vacant, Head Master/Associate Pastor - Richard Zeile); St. Paul, Trenton (Senior Pastor - John L. Bush, Associate Pastor - Todd Frusti); Trinity, Wyandotte (Senior Administrative Pastor - Kenneth M. Spence). At Large as Certified Pastor Counselor - Carl W. Waidelich

The following congregations operate preschool/day schools: Christ The King, Southgate - preschool/day school; Community, Flat Rock - preschool; Mt. Hope, Allen Park - preschool/day school; St. John's, Taylor - preschool/day school; St. Paul, Trenton - preschool.

Retirements: Pastor Steve Long-St. John's, Taylor-2003; Mrs. Marilyn Edenfield-Christ The King, Southgate-2003; Mrs. Linda Hubmeier-Christ The King, Southgate-2003

Installations: Mrs. Denise Dash-Christ The King, Southgate-2003; Mr. Aaron Scott-Christ The King, Southgate-2003; Pastor Frank Martin-Community, Flat Rock-2003; Pastor Dan Lochner-Community, Flat Rock-2004; Pastor Todd Frusti-St. Paul, Trenton-2003.

To the Kingdom of Glory: Pastor Sam Pranschke-Our Redeemer, Taylor-7/22/2004; Mrs. Linda Hubmeier-St. Paul, Trenton-8/01/2005.

The Death of A Brother: Pastor Sam Pranschke of Our Redeemer Lutheran in Taylor died on July 22, 2004, while vacationing with his family. The funeral was conducted on July 28 at Our Redeemer. The Downriver Circuit came together in Christ to help Pastor Sam's family. Donations, centered around a spaghetti dinner at Trinity, Wyandotte, came from circuit congregations, the Michigan District, and Thrivent Financial. Donations exceeded \$16,000. These

proceeds were used to help Mrs. Leslie Pranschke and their children purchase a home in Garden City. Leslie and the family still at home continue to worship at Our Redeemer.

#### Calvary, Lincoln Park

Calvary has been served by an interim pastor for the past 2 ½ years. The Rev. C. Reinke accepted a call to the Kansas City area in 2003. The congregation has changed considerably in the past few years. The school was closed in 2001. The membership has decreased and we have had to redo our constitution and reorganize ourselves, which we have done. We have stabilized our membership and we are leasing our school building to the Detroit downriver Head Start program, which helps us pay our mortgage on an addition completed in 1995. Hopefully in the not too distant future we shall be able to call a full-time pastor.

#### Christ, River Rouge

A small group of 15 to 20 faithful worship regularly at Christ Lutheran.

#### Christ The King, Southgate

Christ the King Lutheran Church in Southgate has been richly blessed in many areas, especially in the area of stewardship. Our worship attendance averaged 1267 in 2004 and 1245 in 2005. Our weekend Bible study attendance averaged 349 and 340 in those years. We also have 175 people in 15 home share groups. By the Spirit working in faithful members, we were able to give \$172,000 to district and synod in 2005 and \$37,200 to other missions directly. The congregational giving has exceeded expenses by more than one hundred thousand dollars for the past 15 years. Building expansion projects during that time have amounted to over four million dollars and in 2006, the present mortgage is under 200,000 dollars. "We are so blessed" and "to God be the glory."

#### Community, Flat Rock

Since the last Michigan District convention, CLC Flat Rock continued its history of growth and community involvement. Early in 2004, the year that it observed its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Community was recognized by the LCMS as one of Synod's top 30 congregations in confirming adult members. Over 200 adults joined the church in the past two years necessitating the moving of Sunday worship into the church's Life Center. Community's Helping Hands ministry experienced record demand for individual and family assistance. During this time, its Creative Learning Campus preschool program grew from 25 students to over 100. Pastors Frank Martin and Dan Lochner joined the ministry staff as associates to Administrative Pastor David Gohn.

#### Mt. Hope, Allen Park

This last year (2005) was a year of anniversaries for Mt. Hope. The day school's sixty-fifth anniversary was celebrated with a picnic on August 28. The congregation celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary in a special worship service with a dinner reception following on October 2. Mt. Hope added a Praise and Prayer Service in its 9:15 a.m. time slot. The congregation also participated in the 40 Days of Purpose program with participants receiving a certificate.

#### Our Redeemer, Taylor

Significant events during the past 3 years at Our Redeemer, Taylor, include the passing of Rev. Samuel Pranschke in July 2004. Rev. Pranschke was only 52, and leaves behind a wife, a son and three daughters. He was much loved and is dearly missed by the parishioners of Our Redeemer. In July 2005, Vicar Erwin M. Hutter, came to Our Redeemer to serve his year of vicarage. He and his wife Dawn and three children have been openly welcomed. His year of vicarage will end on July 14, 2006, and he will then be eligible for his first call. Our Redeemer looks forward to receiving a new pastor about the same time.

#### St. John's, Taylor

St. John's Lutheran Church and School of Taylor ended 2005 with 625 baptized members (478 confirmed) and an average weekend attendance of 207. Worship is 7p.m. Saturdays, 8a.m., 10:30a.m. Sundays and 7p.m. Mondays. The school enrolled 47 students in grades K-8 and another 19 in preschool. Pastor Stephen Long took a medical leave May 1 and retired August 1 after almost 13 years as our senior pastor. Associate Pastor Richard Zeile currently serves as both headmaster of the school and administrative pastor. During the summer, an ambitious project replaced the windows and light fixtures in the school, latest in a series of renovations that included replacing the church doors, tuck-pointing the church, new floors in the school, and protecting the stained glass windows of the church. New emphasis on Bible study for all church officers has been painful at first, but has helped set a new tone. This has included regular elder visits and evangelism outreach at the flea markets, dinners, and annual Family Fun Festival in May which attract many from the community on to our grounds.

#### St. Paul Lutheran Church, Trenton

Our mission trips have expanded to include leper colonies in India, ministering to the colony residents and their children. A group of St. Paul members spent a week on the Gulf Coast helping Lutheran congregations and their members who were affected by the hurricanes. Our congregation continues to provide English as a Second Language mission teams to the Czech Republic and construction teams to Yselta, Mexico. St. Paul provides financial support to the Southwest Mission in Detroit and has been instrumental in refurbishing the mission facilities. Our Fifty-Plus Group assists MOST Ministries in Ann Arbor by spending one day per month helping with the eye-

glass ministry. We also became a location for preparing eye glasses (grinding the lenses) for distribution through the various MOST mission trips. St. Paul Concert Series provides an excellent outreach to the unchurched in the downriver community through its many and various concerts. These concerts include nationally known Christian artists and St. Paul's own Concert Choir: Christmas, Palm Sunday, and Fourth of July Freedom Celebration and Picnic. A praise service was added in the summer of 2004 which brings our weekend worship services to four. Our congregation completed Forty Days of Purpose in 2004, which has resulted in an increase of small groups which meet regularly for Bible study and service to our congregation and the community. Our St. Paul Christian Preschool added an Early Five's class in September 2005. Through our Preschool many children are introduced to Jesus through the stories and songs as well as the loving, caring preschool staff. Our confirmation program went through changes which not only teach Lutheran Catechism and doctrine to our seventh and eighth grade students, but also gives them a stronger relationship with our parishioners and their Lord Jesus Christ. A mentoring program for the seventh and eighth graders has been an excellent tool by which they are becoming acquainted with and being supported by leaders of our congregation. They also serve during worship services by being either an usher or an acolyte. Students and mentors are encouraged to serve at church events (Birthday Party for Jesus, Easter Eggstravaganza) or local community service organizations (soup kitchens). Our Vacation Bible School program has reached five hundred children each year with 70% being non-members. Follow-up on the non-member families has resulted in many joining our congregation.

#### Trinity, Wyandotte

Trinity Lutheran Church will celebrate 145 years on April 26, 2006 (1861-2006). The details of our anniversary celebration the weekend of April 29 & 30 are yet to be announced.

#### **Circuit #24 – Monroe Circuit Rev. Karl A. Fuhlbrigge, Counselor**

There have been some interesting things happening in our Monroe Circuit, which is comprised of the following congregations: Grace, Trinity and Holy Ghost of Monroe; Christ the King of Lambertville; Immanuel of Ida; St. Peters of Petersburg, Christ Our Shepherd of Newport and St. John's of Waltz (New Boston).

All but one congregation have a pastor. Christ Our Shepherd in Newport is vacant and they are working with the District in planning for their future.

Three pastors (two of whom were graduates) came into our Circuit in the past three years. Two other pastors have moved on to different locations.

Three congregations operate elementary schools, and enrollment has fluctuated somewhat in these years, but all have continued in carrying out their mission of educating children.

In our congregations, a renewed emphasis of mission work involvement is happening. Trinity, Monroe, has a special mission emphasis, which supports a different mission outreach every three months and causes them to look beyond themselves. They also have a television video ministry for shut-ins and the community.

Holy Ghost of Monroe had a Mission Festival and Oktoberfest last fall to promote mission work as done by The Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

Dr. Gene Vieth was the presenter at our Circuit Convocation held at Grace last fall. His topic was "Where is God in Tragedy?" This event was well attended and very informative.

Grace of Monroe has been the driving force in two live dramas depicting the life of Christ. The first drama presented the Christmas story and the second was the Passion story. The cast of characters was from a number of congregations in the area and visitors came from the surrounding communities.

St. Peters, Petersburg has recently added a large fellowship hall to their building to accommodate larger groups and to make the facility handicap accessible. They hope to finish this project by the end of summer.

Our Circuit has three retired pastors in our midst who are willing to help whenever asked.

All in all, we have been blessed and guided by the hand of our loving God, who watches over us.

#### **Circuit #25 – Dearborn Circuit Rev. David G. Huber, Counselor**

The majority of our circuit's pastors continue to meet together on a monthly basis during each school year for a time of worship, study, discussions, mutual support, prayer (and lunch). On occasion, the attendance is expanded to include the principals of our Circuit's schools. A social gathering including spouses is also undertaken a time or two each year.

A goodly number of major changes have taken place within the congregations of the Dearborn Circuit during the last couple of years.

Atonement, Dearborn - In early 2003 the Rev. Albert Prouty became the intentional interim pastor at Atonement, guiding the congregation through a period of uncertainty to the point of being ready to call a new pastor. In May of 2004, due to declining enrollment, Atonement's school was closed after 78 years of service to the congregation and neighborhood. A special worship occasion celebrating the school's service was held in September of that year. By that time, Vicar Dan Muecke had arrived to begin a one-year convertible vicarage and assumed the role of Atonement's spiritual leader. In February 2005, Atonement called him to be their pastor and upon completion of his vicarage requirements, he accepted the call and was ordained and installed as Atonement's pastor July, 2005.



Emmanuel, Dearborn - The congregation and its school continue under the leadership of their pastoral team of Rev. Rod Zwonitzer and Joel Baseley. The congregation and its pastors have become known for their strong confessional stand and leadership. Involvement and leadership in providing ministry to the deaf has emerged in recent years.

Our Redeemer, Dearborn - After some difficult changes in pastoral leadership and the services of an intentional interim pastor, Redeemer has again become a strong congregation under the care of Rev. Dr. Dennis Berkesch. During the past couple of years, a long hoped-for renovation of the sanctuary was completed. The involvement of the congregation in the neighborhood and church at large has been increased with special projects for such things as food pantry, feeding the homeless, blood drives, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran Social Services, and the Lutheran Home-Livonia.

Guardian, Dearborn - After nearly two decades of leadership by the pastoral team of Rev. David Schrader and Rev. David Jung, last year (2005) brought great change to Guardian as Pastor Schrader retired and Pastor Jung accepted a call elsewhere. Earlier in the year, Guardian had also experienced the loss of their school's principal who departed to attend the seminary. The congregation is doing well at this time under the leadership of its intentional interim pastor, the Rev. Jack Mackowiak.

First Arabic, Dearborn Heights - After an upsetting loss of its pastoral leader three years ago, this congregation has been progressing now under its current shepherd, Deacon Wagih Girgis. They continue to worship, have Bible studies, etc. at the POBLO facilities. The services are televised. A weekly television program hosted by Pastor Girgis on an Arabic satellite network reaches 145 countries. Local outreach is resulting in some former Muslims being baptized. Rev. Girgis has completed a number of Lutheran seminary EIIT courses and is nearing time for the colloquy interview.

Our Master, Inkster - The steady decline in numbers and the aging of its membership has lead this congregation and its pastor, Rev. David Huber, to consider a change in facilities, the current complex now being too large to maintain and too expensive to operate. While the possible sale of the properties is being considered, the congregation is continuing its ministry and programs, but is sharing its complex with another congregation that assists with the maintenance and expenses.

Our Saviour, Westland - One truly major change for "the little church on the corner with the big heart" lead by Rev. Ed Einem came about through its partnership with Presbyterian Villages of MI and Lutheran Homes of MI in the construction of the Our Saviour Manor Senior Housing complex next to the church facility several years ago. Since then two residents of the Manor have been confirmed and received into membership. Weekly Bible Studies at the Manor that both residents and church members attend helps keep both growth in the Word and the discovery of new ministry opportunities happening. A Parish Nurse ministry was started that serves both the congregation and the Manor residents. A couple years ago the congregation

called Eric Stenson to serve, in addition to his Project Compassion work, as a Deacon assistant to Pastor Einem at Our Saviour. Last summer, the first VBS in a decade was held--and enjoyed by over 50 children--through the generous help of St. Michael (Wayne) in providing both financial and staffing assistance. Our Saviour hosted Our Master congregation last winter for Thanksgiving and Midweek Advent services, the latter preceded by fellowship suppers. These joint supper-services were deemed so enjoyable by both congregations that the format was repeated this spring for Lenten services.

St. Matthew, Westland - "Some assembly required" might describe the recent years at St. Matthew congregation and school. In August of 2002, a 1.5 million dollar building expansion was completed and Rev. Gary Headapohl retired as Senior Pastor. Associate Pastor Kurt Lambart was called and installed as the Senior Pastor shortly thereafter. Since then St. Matthew School has become able to offer single-grade classrooms for K-8 for the first time in its history. The school, currently under the leadership of Principal Richard Schumacher, celebrated its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005. The congregation celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup>. In late 2004, St. Matthew was able to return to having a second pastor with the installation of the Rev. Paul Pollatz in November.

St. Michael, Wayne - The congregation and its school have regrouped and are rebuilding under the leadership of their intentional interim pastor, the Rev. Karl Koch, following the resignation of their previous pastor. Bringing the congregation together to work and support the mission of the church has been a priority.

Christ the Good Shepherd, Canton - In its fast-growing, multi-ethnic community, CTGS congregation and its pastor, the Rev. Alexander Whitfield, have made changes in ministry priorities, format, and style in order to seek to establish contacts and mission opportunities in their neighborhoods.

Living Word, Plymouth - In February of 2005, the congregation and its pastor, Rev. Randy Duncan, experienced a major change--they dedicated their first church facility after a number of years of being "on the move." The congregation continues to be very outreach oriented in all of its programs and ministries. Being under Pastor Duncan's leadership, it's not a surprise that this includes cross-cultural work as well. What is a surprise (for some of us) is that he has been at work in our midst with POBLO and now Living Word for better than a dozen years.

**Circuit #26 – Kensington Circuit**  
**Rev. Terry A. Nelson, Counselor**

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church – Brighton – Dr. K. Frank Graves and Rev. Mark Milatz  
Rev. Mark Milatz was installed on Sunday, January 8, 2006. Shepherd of the Lakes has a preschool and a day school. Rev. Werner took a call to serve as Missionary-at-large in the New Baltimore, Michigan area, 2005.

Faith Lutheran Church – Highland – Rev. Terry A. Claus

Christ Lutheran Church – Milford – Rev. Richard E. Pape  
Christ has a preschool and kindergarten. Christ has started a Parent-Tot class.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church – South Lyon – Rev. Terry A. Nelson  
Cross of Christ has a preschool. Pastor Nelson celebrated 25 years in the pastoral ministry in 2005.

Cedar Crest Lutheran Church – White Lake – Rev. Paul Wargo  
Rev. Wargo celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the pastoral ministry in 2005.

St. Mark Lutheran Church – West Bloomfield – Rev. Allen D. Lunneberg  
St. Mark celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005. Rev. Lunneberg celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the pastoral ministry in 2004.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church – Walled Lake – Rev. Paul M. Moldenhauer and Rev. Dion T. Garrett  
St. Matthew has a preschool and a day school. Rev. Garrett was installed in July of 2004. Their International Ministry currently serves weekly 397 children and adults in 24 different classes. Their ministries will soon benefit from a \$3 million facility expansion/enhancement, supported by the Church Extension Fund.

St. Matthew – Wixom – DELTO Vicar Jason Scheler and Rev. Paul M. Moldenhauer  
Their Child Development Center and Preschool serves over 100 children.

Heart of the Shepherd – Howell – Rev. Galen Grulke  
Heart of the Shepherd dedicated their first building in 2005.

Peace Lutheran Church – Waterford – Rev. William D. Merrell  
Peace has a preschool. Peace is involved in the Family Friendly Network.

**Circuit #27 – Livonia Circuit**  
**Rev. Thomas M. Lubeck, Counselor**

The Livonia Circuit of the Michigan District consists of the following congregations: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Dearborn Heights - served by interim pastor Rev. Milton Schemm; Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills - served by Rev. John Meyer (includes a Lutheran School); Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Farmington Hills - served by Rev. Thomas Lange; Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church of Redford - served by Rev. Jonathan Manor (includes a Lutheran School); Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Northville - served by Rev. Thomas Lubeck and Associate Pastor Christopher Fairbairn (includes a Lutheran School); Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia - served by Rev. Luther Werth and Assistant Pastor Robert Bayer; Salem Lutheran Church of Westland - served by Rev. David

Zeuschner; and Grace Lutheran Church of Canton - served by Rev. Kirk Miller.

In 2005 the circuit rejoiced with Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church of Redford at the installation of Pastor Jonathan Manor.

Our circuit said farewell along with Hosanna-Tabor of Redford to Pastor Steven Eggers whom the Lord took home to glory in December of 2005.

**Circuit #28 – Milan Circuit**  
**Rev. Dale M. Kleimola, Counselor**

St. Thomas, Ann Arbor – Rev. Charles Schulz  
As the oldest congregation in the Michigan District, the members of St. Thomas rejoice in 164 years of God's grace. Rev. Charles Schulz was installed as pastor on June 26, 2005. Continuing a tradition of academics serving the congregation, Pastor Schulz also serves as a religion professor at Concordia University, Ann Arbor. Since Pastor Schulz already has a home in the area, the parsonage was re-dedicated as a "God's Workshop," a church house for use by the whole congregation.

Open Arms, Belleville – Rev. James Richter  
Open Arms Lutheran Church had their first worship service on September 9, 2002 and was received as a member congregation of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod on May 9, 2004. With great joy and praises to the LORD, we have every cause to thank God for the continuous growth in faith and numbers at Open Arms Lutheran Church. We have grown from 76 in 2003 to 135 in 2004 to about 197 in 2005. Over this same period the Lord has grown his kingdom through 19 adult baptisms, 16 child baptisms, 21 infant baptisms and 61 adult confirmations or reaffirmations of faith.

Emmanuel, Britton – Rev. James Balzer  
Over the past three years, Emmanuel has developed and expanded ministry in a number of areas. The congregation joined the *Family Partners Network*; has developed a ministry to senior members with *The Lunch Bunch*, ministers to moms and infants with *Toddlin' for Jesus*, and participate in a Saturday-after-Thanksgiving community program called *Holiday on the Ridge*. In addition Emmanuel hosted a Christmas Craft show in 2005. Emmanuel also expanded its physical plant with a 7,040 square foot addition of six Sunday School classrooms, youth room, nursery, library, elevator, offices, rest rooms and an enlarged narthex. A bell tower was also constructed and now holds the church bell salvaged from the congregation's first building. The Lord continues to bless Emmanuel as they seek to do His will and reach out into their neighboring communities.

St. Paul, Milan – Rev. Dr. Dale M Kleimola  
St. Paul Lutheran Church of Milan is found in a community that is primed for growth. Our greatest challenge is to prepare ourselves to welcome new families into our community. One of our key outreach events will be our 11<sup>th</sup> annual community open-house offered through an *Oktoberfest* celebration.

St. Paul, New Boston – Rev. Lee Cullen

In 2003, St. Paul Lutheran Church of New Boston celebrated their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. During the anniversary year President William Hoesman and Dr. Walter A. Maier III from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, were guest preachers. In addition, we celebrated our anniversary with various events scheduled throughout the year.

Christ Our King, Saline – Rev. Thomas Schroeder

God has greatly blessed His disciples at Christ Our King, Saline. In the last three years, God has opened door after door for more people to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. The congregation continues to be blessed with rapid growth in a growing mission field. We thank and praise God for the opportunity to be His partners in making an eternal difference in the lives of others. In the last years we have been blessed to be involved in:

- Short-term mission trips
- The addition of a full-time Youth Minister
- The completion of a major building expansion and renovation
- Ministry with cancer patients at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor
- Direct mission support to Venezuela and China
- Stephen Ministry
- An intentional discipleship curriculum
- The addition of a full-time Director of Adult Ministries

We rejoice and celebrate because of our glorious God and Savior.

Faith, Ypsilanti – Rev. Paul Richert

Faith Lutheran Church of Ypsilanti is a congregation of about 150 souls. We use the Lutheran Hymnal in our worship services, and follow the liturgy very closely. The male lectors read the Old Testament and Epistle readings as well as the Gradual responsively with the congregation. The Elders assist with the distribution of the Lord's Supper. Our choir of ten practices after worship, and sings in worship as often as they are prepared. Our Ladies Society meets once a month from September through May. Our Sunday and Wednesday morning Bible classes are quite well attended. We have been studying different editions of *The Lutheran Difference*. We are a very doctrinally minded congregation. The members are generally faithful in worship and are quite generous in Christian giving.

**Circuit #29 – Ann Arbor Circuit**

**Rev. Larry G. Courson, Counselor**

Congregations and Pastors: Cross and Resurrection, Ann Arbor (Rev. George O. Hamilton); Divine Shepherd, Ann Arbor. (Rev. Roger L. Williams); Peace, Ann Arbor (Rev. Larry G. Courson); St. Luke, Ann Arbor (Rev. Bryan K. Schindel); St. Paul, Ann Arbor (Rev. Donald O. Neuendorf and Rev. Michael W. Wentzel) – St. Paul Lutheran School, K-8; University Lutheran Chapel, Ann Arbor (Rev. David C. Winningham); Our Savior, Chelsea (Rev. Dale Grimm); St. Paul, Hamburg (Vacant); Trinity, Pinckney (Rev. Daniel J. McVey [Medical leave of absence]); Living Water, Whitmore Lake (DELTO Vicar Daniel J. Flynn)

The congregations of the Ann Arbor Circuit continue to strive to be faithful to the Lord's Words and commands, worshipping Him and reaching out to the people in the communities around them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Pastors in the Ann Arbor Circuit also meet with the Pastors from the Livonia and Milan Circuits for their monthly meetings.

St. Paul, Ann Arbor, was not chartered until 1908, but the congregation first began in August of 1906 when three University of Michigan students met for worship with Pastor Herman Brauer in a partially burned-out house. 2006-2008 marks the 100th anniversary of St. Paul's founding. Mrs. Susan Grese will retire from the teaching ministry in June 2006. In the past three years, St. Paul has sponsored mission trips to Biloxi, MS; Siberia; Macau, China; Panama; Cottbus, Germany; Lafayette, IN; and Red Lake, MN. Closer to home, St. Paul members provided water bottles to Ann Arbor Art Fair visitors, Christmas gifts to local families, and volunteers a week each spring and fall at a local family homeless shelter. We have begun a major 3-year campaign titled "God's Open Door" aimed at reducing debt and exploring local mission opportunities. To date, over \$1,250,000 has been pledged. St. Paul began holding worship at the school site (Earhart Road) on Sundays beginning in October, 2004 and added a second preschool (meeting in the school building) in June, 2005.

St. Luke, Ann Arbor - Rev. Bryan Schindel was installed as the Senior Pastor on January 8, 2006. Living Water Fellowship in Whitmore Lake, under the leadership of DELTO Vicar Dan Flynn, is a satellite ministry of St. Luke.

St. Paul, Hamburg, is in the midst of calling a new Pastor. Their former Pastor, the Rev. Mark Newman, accepted a call to the Oklahoma District in the fall of 2005.

Trinity, Pinckney - Pastor Timothy McVey is on medical leave. No decision has been made yet by the congregation on future pastoral leadership.

A team of volunteers from St. Paul, Ann Arbor; Peace, Ann Arbor; Christ our King, Saline; and students from Concordia University Ann Arbor went to Biloxi, Mississippi in March, 2006, to assist with clean up and rebuilding following Hurricane Katrina.

Rev. Larry G. Courson was appointed Circuit Counselor to fill the vacancy created when Pastor Newman took the call to Oklahoma.

**Circuit #30 – Jackson Circuit**

**Rev. David R. Gadbow, Counselor**

Hope Lutheran Church, 5625 West US 223, Adrian, MI 49221 – Rev. Paul Herter  
Lutheran Church of the Lakes, 8800 N. Rollin Hwy., Addison, MI 49220 – Rev. David Gadbow  
Our Savior Lutheran Church, 751 N. Maple Grove Ave., Hudson, MI 49247 – Vicar Troy Neujahr  
Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3637 Spring Arbor Road, Jackson, MI 49201 – Rev. William Roper

St. John's Lutheran Church, 121 S. Locust Street, Adrian, MI 49221 – Rev. Joel Sarrault  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 11151 US 12, Brooklyn, MI 49230 – Rev. Kelly Smith  
Trinity Lutheran Church, 122 W. Wesley, Jackson, MI 49201 – Rev. Douglas Krengel – Sr. Pastor  
Rev. Ray Thomas – Emeritus Pastor

Hope Lutheran Church, Adrian is in Lenawee County, southwest of Ann Arbor. It is the largest non-urban county in Michigan. HOPE, ADRIAN is one of a number of Michigan District congregations that minister within this county of 100,000 people. Demographics from 2002 tell us that there are about 19,000 souls without a church home that live within a five mile radius of our church. In 2006, HOPE is continuing on a path to become better equipped to reach those people with the Gospel. We are renewing a focus of Bible reading and prayer among our members. Next, we will become more involved with "Ablaze" in an effort to reach those 19,000 by A.D. 2017. Using resources such as "Ablaze" for Sunday themes and small group meetings, we pray that the Lord will help us accomplish the Great Commission where He has placed us!

Lutheran Church of the Lakes, Addison became a member of Synod on June 10, 1990. This congregation has always been Ablaze with passion for the Lord. Trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit the congregation has set the Ablaze goal of 2,006 Critical Events in 2006. To achieve this goal they are planning several "Critical Event events." They developed the slogan "CE squared = Life". Some CE events that have been planned for this year are a Valentine's Dinner, A Daddy Daughter Dance, Vacation Bible School, A Fish Fry, A Day in The Park, and Free Bake Sales (All baked goods given away free).

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Hudson, following a three-year vacancy, has been blessed to call a full-time minister. They have recently completed a process of reflection upon God's desire and design for ministry and will continue to implement the lessons that they learned. They have been blessed by receiving new members with a desire to serve and invigorated by a revitalization among their current members, as well.

Redeemer, Jackson has experienced some significant areas of growth in the past few years including successfully implementing a policy-based governance structure and paying off mortgage debt with a second capital campaign. The congregation seeks to continually examine and evaluate current ministry areas utilizing Ministry Analysis Teams to expand its ministry efforts to the Jackson community. The congregation continues to offer two distinct styles of worship and the worship team has had several outreach opportunities to the Jackson State Prison and the surrounding community. The Youth Group is embarking upon wide-reach outreach to inactive teens within the congregation and to the youth of the community. The congregation worked hand-in-hand with the community and continues to be deeply involved in Hurricane Katrina outreach. Redeemer collected over \$25,000 and sent three semi-trailer loads of donated food, hygiene, and clothing items within the first month after Katrina. They have also

sent two mission teams to work one-on-one with residents on relief efforts. Along with the current pastor, Rev. R. William Roper, the staff includes a Director of Discipleship, Worship Director, Media Director, and an Administrative Assistant/Office Manager.

St. John's Lutheran Church has been in Adrian for the past 158 years! Currently the congregation is in the process of building a new worship facility on a 16 acre parcel just north of Adrian. They hope to be in the new facility in time for Christmas worship. The congregation has been building on its history of blessings to be open to the future blessings that the Lord has led them toward. The congregation has a love for mission support, children's ministry, children's daycare/preschool, servant hood activities, depth of the Word, breadth of outreach to the lost.

St. Mark's, in the Irish Hills is currently in the planning stages for a Family Life Center where it may expand its rock music outreach program and provide needed space for community and congregational events. In December, their SADD/MADD benefit concert was reported on by 3 television stations, 4 radio stations and 3 newspapers and raised over \$2000 for the organizations. They are now in their second year of offering both TLH and Celebration Worship services and have had great response to the mid-day Services to accompany their evening Advent and Lenten mid-week Services. St. Mark's has been blessed with 6 years of increasing average Worship attendance as they focus on "inreach" to their people and outreach to all people. Soli Deo Gloria!

Trinity Lutheran Church, Jackson has been serving the Lord in the Jackson community since 1868. They have a pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade school. Pastor Doug Krengel, the sole pastor, has been blessed to have retired Pastor Ray Thomas head up the shut-in ministry.

#### **Circuit # 31– Petoskey Circuit** **Rev. Ted N. Turanski, Counselor**

Circuit #31 is comprised of the following congregations: Hope Lutheran Church, Bellaire - Rev. Raymond Parent; Christ Lutheran Church, Boyne City - Rev. Kenneth Bernthal; Bethany Lutheran Church, Charlevoix - Rev. Michael Teuscher; Trinity Lutheran Church, Gaylord - Rev. Todd Brunworth; Mount Hope Lutheran Church, Grayling - Rev. Steven Thiel; Shepherd in the Pines Lutheran Church, Harbor Springs - Rev. Thomas Garrison; St. Paul Lutheran Church, Kalkaska - Rev. Ted Turanski; St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mancelona - vacant; Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey - Rev. Douglas Kenny.

In addition to the above, our circuit family also includes Rev. James Haenftling, Emeritus, who assists at Kalkaska and around the circuit. Lay minister Donald Ritter assists at Boyne City and Mancelona. Rev. Bernard Filbert, Emeritus, from our neighboring circuit also assists at Mancelona. Lay worker Kenneth Bendick assists at Grayling.

Two years ago vicar Thomas Garrison, serving at Harbor Springs, was ordained. Also, about that time DCE Wayne King at Boyne City, entered Concordia Seminary at St. Louis.

**Circuit #32 – Traverse City Circuit**  
**Rev. Lawrence K. Matro, Counselor**

The Traverse City Circuit is located in northwest lower Michigan and includes Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties and those congregations that closely border them. The congregations and pastors of the Circuit are:

- Our Savior, Benzonia is served by Pastor Bob Bennett. Pastor Bennett is currently studying for his S.T.M. through CTS in Ft. Wayne.
- Grace, Elk Rapids is served by Pastor Don Nemece. His congregation has completed the building of a new sanctuary and renovation of its current building.
- Bethlehem, Glen Arbor is served by Pastor Paul Schneider. Pastor Schneider has been instrumental in establishing a “Food Pantry” in the southwest corner of Leelanau county.
- St. Paul, Good Harbor (Cedar) is served by Pastor Robert Wurst, Jr. and Pastor Ted Staudacher (Emeritus). Pastor Wurst has been closely involved in the Circuit mission work among the deaf.
- Redeemer, Interlochen is served by Pastor Timothy Mowry and DCE Jason Bauer. Jason has been very helpful in organizing Circuit-wide youth events.
- Immanuel, Leland is served by Pastor Lawrence Matro. A MOPS ministry has been recently begun there.
- St. Michael’s and All Angels, Traverse City, is served by Pastor Tim Brand. They have expanded their Day Care/Pre-School program.
- Trinity, Traverse City is served by Pastor Robert Zagore, Senior Pastor, Pastor Chad Hoover, Assistant Pastor and Pastor Chuck Webb, Assistant Pastor. Medical Missions and an expansion to their school are being worked on for 2006.

There were a number of changes within the Circuit in the past triennium:

- Pastor Chad Hoover, fresh out of Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN was installed at Trinity in June 2004.
- Mr. Jason Bauer was installed as DCE at Interlochen in August 2004.
- St. Johannes, Kingsley closed its doors after nearly 30 years of work in the area. In August 2005 Pastor Kelly Todd took a Call to Christ Lutheran in Goodrich, MI.
- Pastor Webb, formerly an Emergency Room Physician, was installed at Trinity in January 2006.

The Circuit Mission Council seeks to remain active. We had been supporting the mission in Kingsley. Once its doors were closed we looked elsewhere to share the Good News. We have been working to establish an outreach to the Deaf Community in the Grand Traverse

area. This work is being done through Trinity in Traverse City by Pastor Robert Wurst, Mark and Mary Denham and Pastor Tom Dunseth. Expansion of that work is being discussed. Also, some discussion has begun about trying to establish a mission in the Mayfield area (near Kingsley). However, this appears to be still in the brainstorming and planning stage.

Another major activity of the Circuit in 2005 was the establishing of the Northwest Michigan Chapter of Lutherans for Life. The initial event was held at Trinity and invited LFL Executive Director Rev. Dr. James Lamb to talk about Stem Cell Research.

The circuit attempts to meet on the second Tuesday of each month. The Pastor of the host congregation will usually lead a study or discussion of a contemporary or relevant topic. Each May we hold a joint meeting with the Petoskey Circuit. A special speaker is usually invited to address the group. We attempt to meet either at Christmas or during the summer for a social event that includes the wives and children.

There is one school in the Circuit, Trinity Lutheran School in Traverse City. All of the professional staff members (K-8 and the Administrator) are commissioned ministers. One unique aspect of the curriculum is that Sign Language is being taught by Pastor Wurst to all of the students! The Principal, Dr. Calvin Schmucker, reports: “I think the biggest item should be that we are having a ground breaking ceremony for our new Childhood Center during Lutheran Schools Week - Friday, March 10 at 10:00 AM. The new addition will include two new classrooms for Pre-Kindergarten for ages 3-4 and 4-5 with an early drop off at 6:30 AM. The expectation is that the new wing will be open for the fall of 2006. Included in the new addition will be a new church and school library and new school offices.”

As always, we look forward to having the members of LCMS congregations throughout Michigan visit us during the summer months!

**Circuit #33 – Manistee Circuit**  
**Rev. James E. Schroeder, Counselor**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Arcadia continues to enjoy its special relationship with Camp Arcadia, with the Guest Teachers from the Camp serving as Guest preachers on summer Sundays, but relying on its Deacon Ted Beiderwieden throughout the year. Ted is in his 10th year of service at Trinity, Arcadia. Trinity has carried out a number of building programs as they take loving care of their historic church buildings.

Emmanuel, Cadillac is enjoying its new church facility. They have grown numerically and spiritually since their building program. Their new worship center is inspiring in its majesty, yet comfortable and inviting. The educational wing offers large and small meeting rooms, encouraging fellowship. They enjoy the ministry of a Director of Christian Education, Will Smith, and offer preschool and day care as a community outreach. Pastor Paul Lauer left in

fall of 2005, but Rev. Bryan Salminen has accepted Emmanuel's call and expects to begin Service in June.

St. Johannes, Kingsley held its final service and disbanded in 2005. A rural location and dwindling membership led the members to reach a difficult but faithful decision to close. Being faithful in mission, they decided to sell the church property and donate the proceeds to Faith, Mesick, to fulfill their part of a joint ministry agreement to do what they could to share the Gospel for as long as possible. They donated their parsonage to Faith, Mesick, for use as a ministry center. Kingsley and the West Michigan area give thanks for the many years of ministry at St. Johannes. The members in closing pray that a new ministry will arise there once again in the future.

Faith, Mesick enjoys the ministry of Rev. Robert Low, a retired Pastor serving part-time, to meet the needs of her members. After St. Johannes, Kingsley closed, Rev. Kelly Todd continued to serve until he accepted a call to serve at Christ, Goodrich. When vacant, the people of Faith discovered that the Lord had sent them a retired Pastor who had moved back into his parents family home. Rev. Low serves, bringing Faith, Mesick the blessing of his many years of experience.

Trinity, Onekama saw her Pastor of over two decades, the Rev. Paul Pollatz, accept a call to Westland, MI. Trinity enjoyed the blessing of having an Intentional Interim Pastor through our District's excellent program of Interim Pastors. The Rev. Darowin Cordes of nearby Manistee was able to step in and continues to do so at this time. Trinity anticipates beginning call meetings some time in June. Trinity has begun a building renovation project, carrying out much needed repairs. Their interim ministry has seen a healthy growth in numbers and spirit and promises good things for Trinity's future.

Norwalk Lutheran Church of rural Onekama made a big change. They and Trinity Lutheran Church of Onekama decided to separate ways after decades of joint ministry as a yoked parish sharing a Pastor. While it was a bit of an emotional and faith challenge for Norwalk Lutheran and her leaders, they have risen to the occasion and see it now as an opportunity to chart their own course in ministry and to carry out programs with their part-time Pastor that fit their needs and bring blessings and growth to their members. Pastor William Dostert, a retired Pastor living in Mears, MI, some 40 miles south of Norwalk, commutes several days a week to carry out ministry. Pastor Dostert and Norwalk's members are excited to see growth and a spirit of independence growing as they work together for the Lord.

Trinity, Manistee continues to carry out its ambitious ministry of parish and school for the Lord. Rev. Dennis Rahn and Principal David Moehring lead Trinity's people in keeping on with this blessing-filled ministry. Saturday night services add opportunities for people to worship, while new member growth through Trinity's school continues to be a blessing. The ministry of several Vicars has strengthened the congregation, as has the music ministry of Teacher Mark Kirchenberg who celebrated a 25 year anniversary in 2005.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Ludington continues to grow and enjoy the Lord's blessings. Pastor Tom Boehne continues to lead them in outreach. They continue their ministry of traditional and contemporary worship. They keep on holding outreach events for the community that welcome hundreds to St. John's. Happily a member of our District and Synod, they enjoy the excitement and blessings of a doctrinally sound, Biblical Lutheran ministry that is faithful, flexible, mission-minded.

Peace, Ludington is part of a joint ministry yoked parish with Lighthouse Lutheran Church of Pentwater, MI. Pastor John Kayser serves Peace well, leading in worship, teaching, and visitation. Peace is looking into erecting a picnic pavilion to enjoy their beautiful site northeast of Ludington. Peace's loyal, dedicated members look for many more years of blessings as a parish and center of the Gospel in the future.

Lighthouse Lutheran Church, Pentwater has chartered, called a Pastor (together with Peace Lutheran of Ludington and the help of a first worker grant from District), and built a new church building. Pastor John Kayser came to Lighthouse in spring of 2004. The church building, long talked about at Lighthouse, has become a reality. Laborers for Christ and many members helped to raise this beautiful white frame worship center as a home for the Gospel in Pentwater. Services are being held in the new church, while a full Dedication Service is planned for May of 2006. Lighthouse has seen exciting growth and looks for many new members in her future!

Our Savior, Scottville has seen some changes over the past few years. After many discussions, prayers, and meetings, God's people reached a decision to end Preschool and Kindergarten ministry, mostly due to financial difficulties and competition from a largely free public school early childhood center. Our Savior has broken some new ground, beginning Saturday night contemporary services. The new style of the old Gospel has been a refreshing inspiration for many members with worship attendance actually increasing despite the decrease in population in economically challenged Mason County. Pastor Jim Schroeder continues to serve this parish in his 19th year of ministry.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Wellston continues to share the Gospel with her members and her community. Beautiful Savior has moved to a new location, the Wellston Grade School, to host its services. Beautiful Savior has received property on M-55 and is talking about putting up a permanent building. Pastor Gerald Schudlich continues to serve, even after serious by-pass surgery (with Rev. Low of nearby Mesick helping out).

#### **Circuit #34 – Big Rapids Circuit Rev. Robert D. Baerwolf, Counselor**

Our circuit consists of 7 congregations. They are: Grace, Baldwin (Rev. Stephen King); St. Peter's, Big Rapids (Pastor John Bookshaw); Living Hope Lutheran Fellowship, Fremont (Rev. Stephen King); Redeemer, Fremont (Rev. James Schouweiler); Chapel of the Lakes, Mecosta (Rev.

Robert Baerwolf, Vacancy Pastor); Trinity, Reed City (Rev. Dean Davenport); Christ, White Cloud (Rev. Richard Hoogerhyde)

#### Chapel of the Lakes, Mecosta

In July 2004, the annual Vacation Bible School attendance reached 105. In 1996, 40 children were enrolled in VBS and the attendance has grown steadily each year. The VBS staff is trusting in the Lord for the attendance record to be broken again in 2006 as they strive to reach children with the good news of Jesus' love in the community. In October 2004, the congregation approved complete revisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of Chapel of the Lakes. After their approval by the Michigan District Board of Directors, they went into effect June 1, 2005, when new officers, boards and committees took office. In 2005, the congregation approved another building expansion (\$300,000) with Griffith Builders, Lakeview, as the builders. Board of Stewardship, chaired by Dave Marasus, introduced a fund-raising program "Alive in 05" to raise monies to decrease the amount of the mortgage and save on future interest payments. Ray Chuhran served as chairman of the Building Expansion Committee and Curt Cowles, licensed engineer and member of the congregation, donated his time as the general contractor. The expansion included new roof, outdoor pavilion, enlarged kitchen with new appliances, working sacristy, new ushers' closet, enlarged multi-purpose room (with sound-proof, moveable wall for classroom space), two storage areas, choir room/classroom, quilting room/classroom, updated electrical/media connections, new carpeting in sanctuary, new vinyl tile flooring in kitchen, new ceramic tile in narthex and main entrance, and fresh paint throughout the building. In May 2005, a new steeple was added as the congregation's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift to the church. Steeple lighting was added by C.O.L.T. (Chapel of the Lakes Thrivent). On Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2005, exactly 39 years from the date of his ordination, Rev. Ray Pollatz retired. The Circuit Counselor, Rev. R. Baerwolf, became vacancy pastor. God has truly blessed His people at Chapel of the Lakes Lutheran Church and we pray for his continued guidance as we grow His church in Mecosta, Michigan.

#### Christ, White Cloud

Christ Lutheran of White Cloud is in the process of reviewing its vision and goals. Rev. Richard Hoogerhyde is the pastor. As we move in the new teachings and structure of Synod we are discussing and acting on change. The death of Brian Derks in Iraq last August still fills the hearts and minds of our congregation as ministry to his extended family continues. We are very blessed to have this family (three generations) as active supporting members of our congregation. We operate a pre school. Of the 21 children in our program, one is a member of this congregation. Sunday School for both our children and adults continues. Many in our congregation winter in a warmer climate. A large percentage of these continue to give their monetary gifts to Christ Lutheran from their winter homes. All that we have and all that we have accomplished flows from God our Father, who for the sake of His Son and the Holy Spirit working through Word and Sacrament, procures and dispenses good gifts through His people of this congregation.

#### Grace, Baldwin

Since August a feeling of excitement has taken hold at Grace Lutheran, Baldwin. Rev. Steven King is the pastor. Going against recent attendance history, the flight of "snowbirds" to Florida in the fall had little effect on overall attendance. Attendance in the fall and early winter has increased over recent years. Seven new members, along with two more from the next new member class, as well as four more former members returning by transfer, causes the congregation to give up prayers of thanksgiving to God for the growth of His Church! The people of Grace have responded enthusiastically to thoughts and ideas brought forward by the Planning Council. Among those ideas include a feasibility study of creating "Camp Baldwin – A Grace Place," a youth camp designed for use by small groups unable to utilize larger facilities. Grace, Baldwin, along with Living Hope Lutheran Fellowship, Fremont, having formed a dual parish, have stepped up their outreach efforts, obtaining jointly a non-profit bulk rate mailing permit. The initial theme of the extensive mailings from Grace will be "What Is Lutheranism?" The theme for Living-Hope mailings will be "What Is Praise and Worship?"

#### Living Hope Lutheran Fellowship, Fremont

Living Hope Lutheran Fellowship is a congregation of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod whose worship style has been labeled by others as "contemporary praise and worship." However, this style does not make them any less Lutheran in doctrine or practice. In many ways, Living Hope follows the doctrines of the early church more closely than many "modern" congregations. The people of Living Hope and the pastor, Rev. Steven King, are greatly excited, as negotiations are underway to relocate their worship site to Providence Christian High School. God has blessed this church mightily, as they look to move their worship to a new location, which is more highly visible in the community, and is less than two miles from the site being held by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund for their permanent church building.

#### Redeemer, Fremont

Great things have been happening at Redeemer, Fremont in the last three years. Rev. James Schouweiler is the pastor. With the Lord's blessing the attendance has grown 25%! They have added a second service to their worship times. This year will be a banner year. Beginning on May 7<sup>th</sup> they will hold a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with groundbreaking for their new addition. They are adding on to the narthex so that they might have more space for fellowship. They look forward to moving their front door to the ground level with an elevator to bring people to the upstairs worship area or the downstairs classrooms. A portico will also be added to protect people from inclement weather. A great deal of landscaping is also planned to help alleviate the water problems they now experience. Some renovations will take place in the sanctuary in order to help conserve heat in the winter time and air conditioning in the summer. Added to this, they will be undertaking major landscaping of the area around the lake which lies on their property. With God's blessings, they will be opening a path to the lake as well as making a walking path around it for people to enjoy God's great handiwork. A prayer garden and a gazebo will also be

added to this area. This work will begin in the spring of this year. "Isn't God good! To Him be the praise!"

#### Trinity, Reed City

Mr. Jim Smith was called to be principal in our school. Jim came at a crucial time for our school as there were challenges facing the school and congregation at the time. Rev. Dean M. Davenport was called to be pastor and was ordained and installed at Trinity on August 25, 2002. The Evangelism committee hosted a training seminar put on by district staff, inviting all congregations within the two circuit area to become better equipped in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Adult education and Sunday school classes have been blessed with increasing numbers. A common fellowship time with young and old alike, prior to the Bible study hour, is incorporated where fellowship, singing and prayers are offered together as a family. The financial picture of the congregation has improved resulting in a surplus over expenses. A future planning committee began discussion regarding the physical condition of the existing church building. Meetings were held with engineers and the congregation directed the committee to bring recommendations to the congregation to pursue a new building project. The building committee has been formed and has begun planning meetings. The congregation accepted the recommendation to move toward building and relocating our facilities. A member of the congregation offered for consideration a 28 acre piece of property where the church and school could be built. It was decided this would fit our needs. The day school continues to add students each year. Pastor Davenport accepted the assignment to serve a vacancy at Grace, Baldwin. A Stewardship Campaign was begun using Injoy Stewardship Services. The prayer vigil, park and pray and Bible studies, pointing out our calling as God's people in furthering the Kingdom of God, were well received and attended by congregational members. A Celebration Sunday for our stewardship campaign was held in November 2004. Through God's blessings we were able to announce to the congregation that \$1.4 million over three years was committed toward the building project. The Evangelism Committee is involved in community "Crossroads Festival", sharing the Gospel and information regarding the ongoing ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Groundbreaking for the new church took place June 26, 2005. All members present were encouraged to become involved in the process of Building in Faith for All Generations by pulling a one bottom plow through the ground at the new site on US 10. The congregation is involved in a stewardship focus, Purpose Driven Life, organized by Rev. Robert Baerwolf. Spiritual growth was experienced through all levels of the congregation as they were exposed to God's Word in worship, small group studies and fellowship events. Small groups continue to meet throughout the congregation, strengthening individuals in their faith and commitment to serve their Savior. Anticipation of the move and dedication to the new sanctuary in June 2006 has united the congregation under the common goal of securing the future of the church and school as vehicles of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ for generations to come.

#### **Circuit #35– Capitol Circuit** **Rev. Richard P. Laeder, Counselor**

Circuit 35 (Capitol Circuit) is comprised of sixteen ordained ministers. They are: Rev. Simon Ajak, Rev. David Davis, Rev. Travis Downs, Rev. Dr. Robert Schultz, Rev. James Keat, Rev. Amer Khan, Rev. Richard Laeder, Rev. David Maier, Rev. Roy Olsen, Rev. Timothy Olson, Rev. Dean Poellet, Rev. John Schinkel, Rev. Eldor Bickel, Rev. William Hill, Rev. Dr. Roy Schroeder and Rev. David Voorhees. These consecrated men of God desire growth in God's Kingdom and provide pastoral care to the 9 congregations of the circuit. Circuits 35 and 36 meet together for Winkels. The Pastors of these two circuits have a strong and long-standing collegiality. The church's mission of making disciples has been carried on faithfully these past three years. God be praised!

Rev. Simon Ajak has resigned his position with POBLO and has obtained other employment.

Four emeriti: Rev. Eldor Bickel, Rev. William Hill, Rev. Dr. Roy Schroeder, and Rev. David Voorhees have remained active in the circuit. Rev. Robert Schroeder has passed into glory. Several circuit pastors attended the funeral at Ascension.

Rev. Travis Downs, who is not currently assigned and is seeking a call, has been serving pulpit and visitation fill-in at Messiah Lutheran Church, Holt, while Rev. John Schinkel was on temporary medical leave of absence.

Rev. Dr. Robert Schultz has been serving as Intentional Interim Minister at Ascension Lutheran, East Lansing, since the resignation of Rev. Dr. Patrick Fodor in late 2004. The congregation is now in the call process.

Rev. David Davis at St. Luke, Haslett has lead the congregation through two "Forty Days" events. They are enjoying continued growth and are now preparing to add to the building.

Rev. Amer Khan, Living Word Lutheran, Lansing is located at 1601 Holmes Rd. where it is housed within Our Savior Lutheran facility.

Rev. Richard Laeder, Trinity Lutheran, Lansing is just holding their own financially. The average attendance at worship continues to decline as do offerings. Steps are currently being taken to find ways to revitalize the congregation, in either its current plant or some other.

Rev. David Maier and Rev. Roy Olsen, Our Savior Lutheran, Lansing are preparing to sell their property on Holmes Rd. and move the congregation into a new facility in the Grand Ledge area. They hosted a "Walk Through the Old Testament" seminar for the combined circuits and continue doing ministry with a day school and preschool.

Rev. Timothy Olson, First Lutheran, Charlotte has completed a major addition to the facilities and they have begun new ministries to serve the community and congregation.



Rev. Dean Poellet, St. Matthew Lutheran, Holt, is working hard to enhance the High school and day school ministries of the congregation. Rev. Poellet was the former pastor of St. Mark Lutheran, Mason. He was called to St. Matthew when St. Mark closed its doors. Financial problems have been dealt with by selling properties of the congregation. Rev. Poellet was married in July to Janice Mach, a teacher at St. Matthew.

Rev. John Schinkel, Messiah, Holt, has been on medical leave of absence for several months. He is now reestablishing himself in the congregation. There have been issues at Messiah that required help from a mediator/reconciler. Otherwise, the congregation has been growing and has added a major addition to the facilities.

God has been very gracious and long-suffering with us all. Though difficulties arise that militate against the healthy functioning of God's people in our circuit, God is good and the message of the Cross of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament ministry has been upheld faithfully. God be praised!

**Circuit #36 – St. Johns Circuit**  
**Rev. Jeffrey E. Heimsoth, Counselor**

God has blessed the congregations of this circuit in many ways. One blessing is the duration of the ministry of their pastors. The average tenure of the pastors is almost 14 years. God has provided many other blessings as the congregations carry out the ministry entrusted to them.

Calvary, Carson City

Calvary continues to grow accustomed to the sanctuary completed in 1997. The ministry seeks to develop growth in discipleship and worship. They have focused on teamwork to experience ministry as a family.

Good Shepherd, Delta Township

Good Shepherd has recognized the opportunity and the need to strengthen families. As they explore how this can best be done, they continue to look at possible ways to improve their facilities.

Hope, DeWitt

The members of Hope celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the past triennium. Looking ahead, they also are looking at possible building expansion.

St. Andrew, Portland

St. Andrew continues to offer a very strong pre-school ministry to the community. Their ministry has been blessed thru a family life ministry intern from CUA who served for six months. They are also part of a pilot program that seeks to focus the ministry on strengthening families.

St. Johns, St. Johns

God has blessed the ministry of St. Johns which is seen in a strong fellowship ministry. The voters recently agreed to staff a part-time position to work in the area of ministry to young people.

St. Paul, Fowler

St. Paul is dedicated to faithfulness to the Word of God and serving as God's voice to the community in which it serves.

St. Peter, Riley

God has blessed this congregation which celebrated its 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the past triennium. A building program completed in 2004 has provided new facilities for the Christian Day School and expansion of office space. St. Peter has been richly blessed by the addition of a Director of Youth Ministry shortly after the last convention. St. Peter's focus for ministry is defined by its devotion and proclamation of: Faith, Family and Forever.

**Circuit #37 – Tri River Circuit**  
**Rev. Fred C. Krause, Counselor**

The Tri-River Circuit meets together on the second Tuesday of each month beginning with September and ending with June, except during the months of October and February because of the larger pastoral conferences. Our monthly routine includes a worship service in which the Lord's Supper is shared, an hour for Bible study, lunch and then time for sharing, questions, etc. We meet at a different congregation each month; the host pastor conducts the service, and the previous month's host pastor leads the Bible study. One of our regulars is the English District pastor from Holy Trinity in Lakeview. Our December meeting is always held at Mt. Calvary of Greenville with lunch at a local restaurant hosted by the District CEF representative. Our Ascension Day celebration is always a joint circuit service again at Mt. Calvary, Greenville, because of its central location. We usually end the service with a balloon release outside along with the song "Lift Jesus Higher".

Bethel, Howard City is served by Pastor Alsen Wenzel. They are one of the larger congregations in the circuit. Their preschool has been functioning successfully for a number of years. Normally they celebrate worship with a contemporary service on Saturday evening as well as a more traditional service on Sunday morning.

Good Shepherd, Lowell is served by Pastor Joe Fremer. Recently they finished a building program that included office and Sunday School space. Their sanctuary was not changed. Their worship is traditional using mostly TLH. Pastor Fremer is also serving as the Vacancy pastor for Holy Cross of Belding.

Holy Cross, Belding has been vacant since September 2005 and is currently served by Pastor Joe Fremer as their vacancy pastor. Pastor Jacobson moved to North Dakota hoping to lead a segment of a "ranching" ministry in Montana. At the present time Holy Cross is awaiting the completion of the deacon training of Jason Dillingham with the expectation that he will take over the pastoral duties of the congregation.

Hope, Stanton is currently sharing in a dual parish arrangement with the English District congregation in Lakeview pastored by Pastor Larry Sheppard. Both congregations are happy with the present arrangement.

Mt. Calvary, Greenville is served by Pastor Jeff Wilhelm who was installed just a couple of years ago, coming from a mission congregation in Florida. The congregation conducts a flourishing preschool.

Resurrection, Sand Lake is a refocusing congregation. In July of 2004 a newly graduated pastor was ordained and installed. Subsequently, he left quite suddenly after only a few months. Currently the congregation is served by Pastor Fred C. Krause who had served them as part-time pastor for six years from 1998-2004. They conduct a thriving preschool. Worship is both contemporary and traditional. The local Boy Scout troop meets on a weekly basis in their building. On March 12<sup>th</sup> the congregation enjoyed a presentation by Jews For Jesus entitled "Christ In The Passover."

St. John, Ionia is served currently by Pastor David Bogda. The congregation is experiencing new life and hope in mission and ministry. The day school that they had operated for many years was closed prior to Pastor Bogda's arrival, but they are attempting to start a preschool. Worship is traditional; beside the normal Sunday service they were conducting a Wednesday evening service.

**Circuit #38 – Muskegon Circuit**  
**Rev. Dennis L. Lassanske, Counselor**

Faith Lutheran Church, Whitehall - Rev. Michael Kroll, pastor  
Over the past three years the congregation has continued to develop the health ministries, with the leadership of our Parish Nurse and our Health Cabinet. They have provided health education to the congregation and community. This group has also partnered with area hospitals to offer workshops and clinics. The youth of Faith have actively participated in national and state youth gatherings. They praise the Lord that their Sunday School and Adult Education ministries continue to thrive, growing at the rate of 15% each year. It has been their privilege to host numerous concerts for various groups that share their message of God's love. The Lord continues to bless them with more and more opportunities to serve Him in this place and we thank Him for all His blessings.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & West Shore Lutheran School & Pre-School, Muskegon - Rev. Robert Conradt, pastor  
The congregation committed over \$400,000 dollars to their bold step forward through the program "In Faith ... We Grow". The result of those commitments was a building expansion program which included a new fellowship hall, 5 Sunday School rooms and new kitchen and nursery area. The project included a new roof and remodeling of the existing office and reception area. This new space has provided opportunity for the formation of men's and women's leagues which support the mission of the church and meet in the new facility. They have reduced Sunday morning to one service, with Saturday evening worship, as the Lord continues to provide opportunities for growth and outreach. The membership continues to be supportive financially and is involved in the joint parochial school ministry of West Shore Lutheran School with 23 paid staff,

on the campus of Trinity, Muskegon, that reaches over 180 children from Childcare and Pre-School, including Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Saint James Lutheran Church, Montague - Rev. John W. Brooks, pastor  
The congregation continues to develop new ministries including a Volunteer Mission team with trips to West Virginia and North Carolina with focus on home repair for the poor and hurricane relief. Men's ministry has used a generational canoe trip in the wilderness to build relationships. The worship service at St. James has incorporated a multi-media ministry into worship and sermon illustrations and is in the process of developing a bell choir. They have had the privilege of sending and supporting two men and their families at Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne through regular gifts and a monthly freewill offering. The midweek Christian education program has been enhanced for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders with revolving cycle events – Bible study, memory, craft & music and fellowship. The congregation continues to be blessed with members involved in the ministry and mission of the Lord.

Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Nunica - Rev. William Lahrman, pastor  
Even though St. Luke has completed its 104<sup>th</sup> year of existence, the congregation is still in her beginning stages. The congregation has established its Core Values and a mission statement that has made way for a new and refreshing way of looking at the mission and ministry of the church. The Lord has blessed the congregation through the purchase of more connected land during the past six years. This will provide ample room for a future building program and community outreach. Presently the congregation is working on various aspects of its vision to implement and the realization of the Great Commission in their area. The congregation continues to be supportive of their pastor and 125 families of the congregation.

Saint Mark Lutheran Church, Muskegon - Rev. Mark Zimmerman, pastor  
The congregation has continued to experience several advances in ministry. These include the Minister of Youth and Family, Scott Faith, who continues his excellent work in leading the ministry and Bible studies. St. Mark has been blessed with a Deacon Trainee, Alexander Koppel, who gives added assistance in wide and varied areas of the ministry. The Stephen Ministry Program continues to expand with 11 Commissioned Stephen ministers and 8 trainees preparing this year. St Mark has embarked on the "Journey of Faith" and renovation and expansion project with over a half of a million dollars in commitments from the congregation. The major renovation has provided the congregation with a new fellowship hall, kitchen and classrooms as well as major changes to existing office and group space. Spiritual growth opportunities in Bible Study and midweek WOW program (Witness on Wednesday) continue to flourish. The congregation has been blessed with numerical and financial growth of 5+% each year. The congregational prayer is that God will continue to guide, protect and bless the work of the Lord in the future as He has so graciously done in the past.

Saint Stephens Lutheran Church, Shelby - Rev. John Schwartz, pastor

There have been a couple of highlights here at St. Stephens. First we now have a Parish Nurse program in full swing. Susan Schwartz has put her Health Cabinet together and is currently working on a few projects for the congregation. We have already done blood pressure screenings and are currently involved in a medical education program among the members of the congregation on how we can help other members. The Parish Nurse program is being welcomed by the congregation. In September of 2005 the congregation began a drive to pay off their mortgage. "We had roughly \$20,000.00 left to pay, and our payments had been lagging behind for some time." The members, guided by teaching during Bible studies and sermons, reached their goal in 7 months of paying off the mortgage. The congregation continues to serve in the rural area with a faithful witness and fellowship opportunities.

Trinity Lutheran Church & Trinity Lutheran School & Pre-School, Conklin - Rev. Mark Oswald, pastor

The congregation celebrated in 2005 the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and highlights included the return of former pastors and teachers throughout the year and special gifts for mission work. Since 2003, the congregation has been celebrating the dedication of an added narthex to the sanctuary and the addition of a new office area, family life center and additional rooms. The opening of a new Pre-school program has highlighted the use of this new facility. The addition of Ivan Beebe as principal has provided new leadership and focus to the school ministry. The congregation continues to see the opportunities for their church and school ministry in this developing rural area of western Michigan. The congregation and school ministry continue to seek the Lord's blessing on their pastor, leaders, and members as they continue to work and expand the mission of the church.

Trinity Lutheran Church & West Shore Lutheran School & Pre-School, Muskegon - Rev. Dennis Lassanske, pastor

The congregation continues to actively be a church with a purpose, focused on worship, fellowship, discipleship, service and mission. Growth in the variety of worship styles and times, expanded Bible study groups, parenting classes, and service projects have enhanced the ministry. Key to this increased involvement has been the congregation's commitment to short term mission experiences, local service projects, and growth in spiritual discipline. The primary outreach event continues to be the live nativity walk which annually attracts almost 1,000 visitors and involves over 150 members the weekend before Christmas. The direction of ministry is being challenged thru involvement in the Family Friendly Network to be a more family supported ministry with the goal of nourishing an integrated faith. The church's mission has been supported by adding Barb Rudick to the staff in Outreach & Caring Ministry that includes the restart of the Stephen Ministry program. The congregation is grateful for the blessings of leadership, spiritual growth, and mission involvement that continues to drive God's mission and ministry forward in Christ. The membership continues to be supportive financially and is involved in the joint parochial school ministry of West Shore Lutheran School with 23 paid staff, on the campus of Trinity,

Muskegon that reaches over 180 children from Childcare and Pre-School, including Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**Circuit #39 – Holland Circuit**  
**Rev. Phillip A. Baerwolf, Counselor**

St. Paul writes to his friend Philemon and says this: "I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you have refreshed the hearts of the saints" (Philemon 4-7).

What awesome words of greetings to share with all of you brothers and sisters in Christ throughout His Church as together we rejoice in what God is doing in our midst. While the past three years have seen many challenges and even some troubling moments, we in the Holland Circuit rejoice in the faith that is being shared, in the Christ who is being made known, in the love we are able to offer to one another.

In the next few paragraphs we share with you some of the ups and downs that have come our way but rest assured that with Nehemiah, "the joy of the Lord is our strength!" Together we were blessed to welcome Mr. Gary Thies to our Circuit Convocation held in August of 2005. He told us about the amazing work being done by LCMS World Missions in reaching so many more with the greatest news of all. We enjoyed a chicken barbecue and potluck to which the Muskegon Circuit was also invited.

For some churches in our circuit it has been a period of transition as both **Christ Our Savior, Holland** and **St. Matthew, Spring Lake** have worked through the call process during a time of pastoral vacancy. The prayers of the members of **Christ Our Savior** were answered when the Rev. John Schleicher accepted their call to serve as their pastor and we thank the Lord for his blessed work in that corner of the kingdom. By the time this report is printed, God will hopefully have blessed the faithful at **St. Matthew** with a new pastoral candidate due to graduate from the seminary this spring. Under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Mark Yeager, the Spring Lake congregation underwent some dramatic changes to their sanctuary as it is now a bright, open space ready made for worship. They also renovated their fellowship area and successfully opened a preschool which is bursting with children, with plans to increase space for more kids.

For the faithful of **Zion, Holland** and **St. John's, Grand Haven** these last few years have seen opportunities to live out the great commission by going on mission trips, as both congregations sent teams to assist in the Servant's Heart ministry of Guatemala City, Guatemala. **Zion's** emphasis has been on discipleship as they celebrate, learn and serve in Jesus' name. Their children's ministry and preschool continue to reach many young ones with the love of Christ. Pastor John Westra helps to shepherd a dynamic group of committed followers of Christ and their Upper Room theater and music ministry continues to be innovatively

exploring new ways to tell the story of Jesus and His love. While Pastors Haupt and Baerwolf are privileged to serve a congregation at **St. John's**, which is undergoing a mission and vision process that seeks to push us out of their comfort zone to reach people for Christ. This congregation has actively been working in the mission field also, sending a youth team each year to northern Mexico and servant events stateside and an adult team on a construction mission trip to Maracay, Venezuela. Their Day School recently began a day care for before and after school assistance to working parents and their church is a part of the Family Friendly Partners Network.

**United, West Olive** saw some exciting changes this past year as their church underwent some renovations. This congregation continues to care for and love one another as Christ directs us, as well as reaching out to others. Pastor Joel Hoyer leads the Lord's flock at **Grace, Coopersville**. They are committed to "make more and better disciples by sharing Jesus' love." Blessed by God with a strong and growing core of young families, Grace has been a "grace place" where the love of God has flowed through the water and Word of Baptism to many infants and the congregation is experimenting with an innovative approach to small group ministry. **Grace** also seeks to be a strong presence in the Coopersville community, opening their facilities for a massive rummage sale each year that raises much needed funds for caring, social organizations. Pastor Glenn Shelton guides the ark that is **Lakeshore Fellowship, Ferrysburg**. They actively seek to glorify God and transform the lives of His people through a small group ministry, exciting youth activities, mission trips to Honduras and other places, and dynamic worship. Pastor Shelton is currently on sabbatical receiving a Lilly grant to provide him and his family a time of refreshment and renewal.

The Holland Circuit, with all of you, celebrates and thanks the Lord for all the blessings He has given to us. We thank God for the partnership in the Gospel which we share with all of you in the Michigan District and we pray that God uses each of our congregations to reach just one more for Jesus!

**Circuit #40 – Grand Rapids North Central Circuit**  
**Rev. Terry E. Hoese, Counselor**

Circuit Congregations: Immanuel, Grand Rapids - Rev. Timothy Verity; Messiah, Grand Rapids - Rev. Terry E. Hoese; Mt. Olive, Grand Rapids - Rev. Sean Rippey; Our Savior, Grand Rapids - Rev. David Fleming & Rev. Benjamin Mayes; Redeemer, Grand Rapids - Rev. Rodney Otto; St. Peter, Rockford - Rev. Mark Love; St. James, Grand Rapids - Rev. James Blain; St. Matthew, Grand Rapids - Rev. Robert Appold.

Since the last District Convention, three pastoral vacancies were filled: Rev. Mark Love to St. Peter, Rockford; Rev. Robert Appold to St. Matthew, Grand Rapids; and Rev. Timothy Verity to Immanuel, Grand Rapids. Rev. Rodney Otto also accepted the call to serve as Vacancy Pastor at Redeemer.

Immanuel and St. James Lutheran Churches jointly operate a Lutheran elementary school as well as Our Savior Lutheran Church. The same congregations are also part of the West Michigan Lutheran High School Association. A number of parishes without Lutheran Day Schools offer weekday religious instruction. Immanuel, Messiah, Our Savior, St. James, St. Matthew, St. Peter operate preschools.

The Circuit Forum met several times to discuss the starting of a mission congregation in the Alpine Township - Comstock Park area, and recommended to the District that one be started. In spring of 2005 Rev. Mark Bowditch was called by the Michigan District to serve as church planter in the Alpine Township - Comstock Park area, and installed on July 17. Family of Christ Lutheran Church organized and was chartered on February 26, 2006. Weekly worship services began on Palm Sunday, 2006.

Ministry to the Middle-Eastern ethnic community began in conjunction with POBLO at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Afzal Masih from Pakistan served as the ethnic missionary. In March 2005 the ethnic ministry center was moved to Messiah. Deacon Masih was ordained into the Holy Ministry on May 15, 2005. The first known Muslim in Grand Rapids to embrace Christ was baptized on August 28, 2005. Since then two more have been baptized.

Immanuel Lutheran Church is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The congregation has also approved a plan for a new facility.

The pastors of the circuit meet regularly with the Grand Rapids South Circuit for worship, Bible study, study of the Lutheran Confessions, presentation of timely topics, casuistry and circuit business. In addition, a number of circuit pastors meet weekly for an exegetical study of one of the texts for the coming Sunday.

**Circuit #41 – Grand Rapids SW Circuit**  
**Rev. Thomas F. Meyer, Counselor**

Bethel, Grandville - Pastor Glenn Kopper - Continues special ministry to Bethesda residents and are planning evangelism outreach to the neighborhood.

New Hope, Hudsonville – Pastor Darryl Andrzejewski – With CEF they have purchased land next to their current property and have plans to add on to their current facility to provide classroom space.

Good Shepherd, Middleville – Pastor Anthony Sikora – Continuing studies of their facilities and are exploring the possible start of a preschool/day care center. Pastor Sikora celebrated his fifth year in ministry and at Good Shepherd.

St. Paul, Caledonia – Pastor Robert Gerke – The congregation said farewell to Assistant Pastor David Ziehr who accepted a call. The congregation also completed an addition to the facility.

Holy Cross, Jenison – Pastor Scott Sommerfeld – Pastor Sommerfeld is new over the past triennium. They are

currently planning on adding an Associate Pastor. A major focus is on family ministry.

St. John, Jenison – Pastor James Metcalf – Emphasis is on study of God's Word. They continue their outreach to the students at Grand Valley State University. Pastor Metcalf celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> year in the pastoral ministry.

St. Mark, Kentwood – Pastor Tom Meyer – Vicar Matthew Both is a Sudanese man currently involved in the ministry to a growing number of members of this culture. The Elementary school has expanded in numbers and now includes all grades.

Journey of Faith, Byron Center – Pastor Bob Barber – This new congregation is just beginning as a partnership with the District and St. Mark, Kentwood. They expect to start worship this Fall.

**Circuit #42 – Battle Creek Circuit**  
**Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann, Counselor**

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Albion – Rev. James Waddell, pastor  
St. Paul Lutheran in Albion continues to press on in faithful ministry from their beautiful facility. Pastor Waddell has been published numerous times in theological journals and has a new book out through The Edwin Mellen Press entitled, "The Struggle to Reclaim the Liturgy in the Lutheran Church: Adiaphora in Historical, Theological and Practical Perspective." Now nearing a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, he is an adjunct professor for Concordia University, Ann Arbor. With the full support of his elders he is working to effect greater unity and harmony within the parish.

Christ Lutheran Church, Marshall – Rev. David Boedecker, pastor  
Christ Lutheran, located on the northwest end of Marshall, maintains a lively ministry and an active daycare/pre-school that fills their building daily. In the last triennium Pastor Boedecker celebrated 25 years in the ministry and was featured in their local newspaper as an out of the ordinary pastor who is well loved by his people.

Zion Lutheran Church, Marshall – Rev. Roger James, pastor  
Zion Lutheran Church is a historic downtown church in Marshall that continues its grand traditions of fine worship, a Germanfest, and a Christmas time "Streets of Bethlehem" production that welcomes a large number of people from the community. In the last few years Pastor James has enjoyed the addition of a Deaconess program to their ministry but more recently she has taken a call so this position is currently vacant.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Battle Creek – Rev. Gary Siefert, pastor and Deacon Vicent Iqbal, POBLO missionary  
The pastor and congregation of St. Paul have benefited greatly from their involvement with the PLI program. They have found renewed mission fervor through partnership with POBLO and are facing well the challenges of a basically inner city ministry. Pastor Siefert has found the

congregation's Board of Elders to be a great support in the face of congregational challenges and through his wife's recent bout with cancer.

St. Mark Lutheran Church, Battle Creek – Rev. Carl Schneider, senior pastor; Rev. Rob Nelson, associate pastor and George Bruick, DCE  
St. Mark Lutheran, located in the more suburban west side of Battle Creek, is one of the most visionary and fastest growing churches in the Michigan district. An extensive new addition to their building in 2003 made room for a very successful pre-school/day care called "Our World for Children," a new worshipping congregation in their gym called "Higher Ground," and most recently "Cross Creek Lutheran School" that is through 4<sup>th</sup> grade for 2006-2007. In the last triennium they have called to their teaching staff Cara Keup. Plans are underway to move the "Higher Ground" congregation and the day school by the fall of 2007 into a new building to be constructed on 42 acres of land that they have purchased off Beckley Road.

Redemption Lutheran Church, Battle Creek – Rev. Karl Strenge, pastor  
Redemption Lutheran is located on the far northwest side of Battle Creek in a fairly depressed area. Nevertheless they are persevering in ministry and mission and are optimistic about the future. Pastor Strenge is doing a fine job of leading them in his first call out of the seminary and is very well liked by his people. A couple years ago they rejoiced together in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the congregation.

Zion Lutheran Church, Kalamazoo – Rev. Tim Seeber, senior pastor; Rev. Mark Couch, WMU campus pastor; Rev. Larry Brelje, semi-retired pastor and Christopher Drager, DCE  
Zion Lutheran, on a wooded hill near downtown, is the beautiful "cathedral" of Kalamazoo. With the conversion of their gym into the "Blends" coffee house and the addition of a Jazz service, made possible by their gifted music minister, Pete Prochnow, they are adding to their distinction for the fine arts. Pastor Seeber has the longest tenure of any of the active pastors in our circuit and has managed to keep going strong in spite of several associate pastoral calls from the congregation being returned and his recent recovery from a successful cancer surgery. Pastors Couch and Brelje are able help with preaching and Bible classes, but Pastor Couch is also full time with the campus ministry, which is funded in part by the congregation and in a diminishing part by the Michigan District.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kalamazoo – Rev. David Sidwell, pastor  
Immanuel Lutheran is steadily growing in quality and quantity to the point that they are no longer on District subsidy. Thanks to the capable leadership of Pastor Sidwell, they have made a number of improvements in their ministry, especially as they have gained insight from a number of Natural Church Development surveys. They continue to serve the deaf community in Kalamazoo and have recently made some improvements to their building, including a new sound system and new siding on the north side.

St. Michael Lutheran Church, Portage – Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann, senior pastor and Jon Forster, DCE Intern  
St. Michael, at 45 years old, is the only LCMS congregation in the growing Kalamazoo suburb of Portage. In the last few years the congregation has increased its average worship attendance by about 50 people, undergone considerable renovation of its 10 acre site, and added a 22,000 square foot addition which, among other things, accommodates St. Michael Lutheran School and Christ for Kids Childcare Center (pre-K and day care). The school will offer K-5 in 2006-07 and is the first and only Lutheran school in Kalamazoo county (and now the only Christian school in Portage). The current school principal will soon be eligible to be called by the congregation, and plans are underway also to call an additional teacher and a DCE. St. Michael also hosts Covenant Senior Day Program which recently celebrated its tenth anniversary.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Paw Paw – Rev. Mark Whittaker, senior pastor and Kevin Otrahlik, DCE  
Trinity has successfully effected a pastoral transition as the former senior pastor, Bill Weiss, took a call, leaving behind then associate pastor Mark Whittaker. Pastor Whittaker initially came to southwest Michigan in order to serve Trinity's mission congregation, Family of Christ in Mattawan but eventually this congregation was assimilated into Trinity and now Trinity has called Pastor Whittaker to be their senior pastor. Trinity has a fine Lutheran Day School that provides a loving Christian learning environment through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

St. Peter Lutheran Church, Three Rivers – Vacant  
St. Peter is the only congregation in our circuit at this time that is without a pastor. They have extended two calls that have been declined and are currently engaged in a process to extend another. During the vacancy, they have increased their level of lay leadership and have managed to pay off their debts and make some much needed repairs on the building. They remain a viable ministry that longs for a pastor that would give them new life and direction.

**Circuit #43 – St. Joseph Circuit**  
**Rev. David E. Weiss, Counselor**

The following are a list of the congregations that make up Circuit 43 and the pastors currently serving those congregations.

Trinity, Berrien Springs - Pastor Gary Miller  
Pastor Miller recently joined our circuit, coming from the Ft. Wayne, Indiana area. Trinity is also one of the congregations in our circuit that support a Lutheran Elementary school

St. Paul, Buchanan - Pastor Tom Nowak  
Pastor Nowak has served St. Paul for 9 years. Currently St. Paul is actively involved in ministry to the deaf community in Southwest Michigan.

Immanuel, Bridgman - Vacant  
Immanuel has just completed a year under the guidance of an Intentional Interim pastor. They have recently begun the call process and are looking forward to issuing a call.

They are also one of the congregations in the circuit which supports a Lutheran Elementary school.

St. Paul, Cassopolis - Pastor David Weiss  
Pastor Weiss has just completed his 9th year of service at St. Paul. Two years ago St. Paul's preschool and daycare became financially self sufficient. This ministry continues to grow as the congregation reaches out to Cassopolis and surrounding communities. St. Paul is also served by a part time Parish Nurse.

Salem, Coloma - Pastor Allen Sreffling  
In the spring of 2005 Salem completed one year of intentional interim ministry and requested a candidate from the seminary. Pastor Streffling was ordained and installed in July of 2005. Salem continues to prosper under his care.

Trinity, Glendora - Pastor Tom Brazinsky  
Trinity is also one of our circuit congregations that completed a successful year of healing under the guidance of an intentional interim pastor. Upon completion of the program a call was issued to Pastor Brazinsky. Pastor Brazinsky came from Rockford Michigan and continues to faithfully serve Trinity.

Prince of Peace, New Buffalo - Pastor Daniel Woodring  
Pastor Woodring has faithfully served Prince of peace for 4 years. He is also currently serving as the visitation pastor at Trinity in St. Joseph.

St. Paul, Niles - Pastor Carl Bassett  
Pastor Bassett came to the Niles congregation from the Chicago area. Along with his duties at St. Paul, Pastor Bassett also serves the church as an institutional chaplain and a chaplain for the FBI. St. Paul's is currently in the planning stages of a building program.

Trinity, St. Joseph - Pastor Tom Batsky  
In March of 2006 Trinity completed one year under the guidance of an intentional interim pastor. Currently Trinity is in the process of calling a Senior Pastor. Trinity is also one of the 5 churches in our circuit that supports a Lutheran Elementary school. Trinity is currently in the process of calling a principal for their school as the current principal is retiring.

Trinity, Sawyer - Pastor Ken Schaeffer  
Trinity is one of two congregations in our circuit to have the service of a vicar. Vicar Ben Roberts came to Trinity from our St. Louis seminary and will be returning in August to complete his 4th year. Trinity is also one of the congregations in our circuit that supports a Lutheran elementary school.

Christ, Stevensville - Pastors Philip Quardokus and Brad Kelly – Vicar Michael Boyer  
Christ recently called candidate Brad Kelly from the St. Louis seminary to become its new associate pastor. Christ also has the privilege of participating in the vicarage program. Vicar Boyer came from the Ft. Wayne seminary and will also be returning in the fall to complete his 4th year of study. Christ is also one of the 5 churches in our circuit that supports a Lutheran Elementary school.

The St. Joseph circuit meets regularly during the months of September through May. We also gather annually to celebrate the Reformation.

**Circuit #44 – South Central Circuit**

**Rev. L. Daniel Johnson, Counselor**

The South Central Circuit ministers in a primarily rural and small town setting. While a person may picture scenes of quiet country life and church going attitudes, the challenges are actually quite real. The church-going Christian is in the minority. Estimates of non-church attending residents range upward from 75%. Rural poverty, declining populations, lack of work for those seeking employment and family upheaval continue to be challenges that face individuals and churches in south central Michigan.

However, the church has not given up and continues to address hardships and changing social realities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The circuit includes two parochial schools, and many other children's outreach ministries. Circuit churches have also taken advantage of close proximity to Concordia

Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne by employing field workers, vicars, seminary professors, and supply preachers from the seminary. The seminary has been instrumental in helping us to meet the transitional needs of rural Michigan.

Our Congregation Ministry Facilitators have also been very helpful as the churches not only strive to meet the challenges of survival, but strive to grow in mission and ministry. For, while change is hard, persistent efforts have produced growth both spiritual and numerical in many of the churches. Building programs and plans for building have been completed and are underway. Important to note as well, is the healthy length of pastoral tenure in the circuit. The people of God are truly supportive and caring for their pastors as they serve.

In the years ahead the circuit will be continuing to work in the areas that we have been given in the Lord's harvest field. Rural ministry and effective evangelism are not mutually exclusive ideas. Outreach to an increasingly diverse and scattered population will continue to challenge and inspire many ideas for ministry. May God grant us His grace to be faithful and His presence to sustain us.

## MINISTRY CORE VALUE #1

### Intentional Mission Development

Under the Gospel Imperative of the Great Commission, the Michigan District values the planting and development of new congregations and mission societies which result in the generation of a new audience for the Gospel by bringing the message of Jesus Christ to the unchurched and dechurched populations within the State of Michigan. This core value will summon the District to give priority to such activities as:

- A. Planting new mission congregations
- B. Partnering with mission societies and RSO's
- C. Assisting local congregations and RSO's to call missionary personnel
- D. Calling and deploying missionary personnel to specific mission fields
- E. Multiplying, equipping (through appropriate agencies), certifying and placing lay missionary personnel
- F. Providing support for existing urban, ethnic and transcultural ministries, and church planting
- G. Continual environmental scanning (demographics) and interpretation of the Michigan mission harvest field
- H. Encouraging every district congregation to be mission minded and culturally relevant so as to honor Christ and reach the lost.
- I. Encouraging and assisting congregations to support and be involved in the world mission efforts of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

### MISSION PLANTING



As a result of the Great Commission to *Go! Make disciples of all the nations*, plus riveted focus on the #1 Core Value of the Michigan District ... *Intentional Mission Development* ...exciting things are happening in *mission planting*.

Two to five new missions are proposed to be planted each year in the Michigan District.

New missions are planted in the Michigan District in one of three ways: (1) The Michigan District designates a mission field and calls a Missionary Pastor who is assigned to a specific community to plant and develop the new mission (2) A local congregation sponsors the planting of a new mission: Often called the "Mother-Daughter Model", the congregation calls and deploys the Mission Planter, while the Michigan District provides subsidy for staffing and programming (3) Mission Societies such as *Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society*, *LATINO*, *Lutheran City Ministries*, *POBLO*, plus Circuit Mission Action Councils, plant new missions with subsidy and support from the Michigan District.

Since the 2003 Convention, eight new mission endeavors have been planted or in process of starting. The Michigan District has called two Missionary Pastors, partnered with one mission site and partnered with two mothering congregations to plant new missions in targeted communities:

1. Rev. Lynn Witt (Family of Christ, Imlay City) 2004
2. DELTO Vicar Dan Flynn (Living Water, Green Oak Township) 2004
3. Rev. Mark Bowditch (Family of Christ, Alpine) 2005
4. Rev. Robert Barber (Journey of Faith, Byron Township) 2005
5. Rev. Paul Werner (Living Hope, New Baltimore) 2005



6. Missionary to be called by Messiah, Midland (Freeland) 2006
7. Urban, Cross Cultural New Mission (Metro-Detroit) 2006
8. Incarnate Word, (Rochester Hills, Ephphatha Mission Society) 2004

Within the next three years, the Michigan District looks to call or partner with District congregations to plant up to 6 new missions in specific communities in the state.

Through the LCMS's Ablaze Initiative, the Michigan District will seek to plant new Urban and Cross Cultural mission-minded congregations.

In addition to mission starts 1-7 above, the following missions are currently still receiving mission subsidy from the Michigan District:

1. Open Arms, Belleville
2. Shepherd in the Pines, Harbor Springs
3. Heart of the Shepherd, Howell
4. Paradise, Paradise
5. Peace, Ludington/Lighthouse, Pentwater

The District continues to study every county and circuit in the State of Michigan for emerging opportunities in mission planting. We seek your help and partnership in this endeavor in identifying possible sites for new mission starts in the reasonable near future.

Surely these are days of exceptional opportunity to move ahead in planting new missions. *Starting new mission congregations is still one of the most effective methods under heaven for reaching lost people with the good news of Jesus Christ!*

## URBAN AND CROSS CULTURAL MISSIONS/MINISTRIES

The Great commission reminds and commands the church to “*Make disciples of all Nations\Ethnic groups*” – as part of that disciple making work of the Michigan District, a diverse population of people is being served with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and lives are being changed for kingdom living.

The Michigan District is multi-cultural and multi-ethnic in our desire to share the good news about Jesus Christ. We address Urban, Cross-cultural, and Specialized mission work under the Michigan District Core Value #1: *Intentional Mission Development*.

Missions and Ministries opportunities are highly supported through resources and development, as we seek to plant new urban congregations and missions, as well as support congregations and ministries in challenging and changing urban and metro communities.

An aggressive mission plan is designed to mobilize this critical aspect of intentional mission development within the urban, cross-cultural and specialized context by supporting and partnering with congregations, and calling mission workers:

Urban, Cross Cultural Congregations, Missions and Ministries subsidies:

1. All Nations, Messiah, Grand Rapids
1. All Nations, Troy
2. Battle Creek Ethnic Mission, St. Paul, Battle Creek
3. Benton Harbor Lutheran Outreach Ministries, Benton Harbor
4. First Arabic, Dearborn
5. International Fellowship Mission, Rochester Hills
6. Living Word, Lansing
7. Lutheran City Ministries, Family of God, SW Detroit
8. St. Mark Sudanese, Kentwood
9. St. Michael/Our Savior Hmong, Richville/Lansing
10. St. Paul International, Pontiac

District’s Urban and Deaf Ministries Missionaries-at-Large

1. Rev. Thomas Dunseth  
MAL, Deaf and Hearing Impaired ~ Michigan District
2. Deaconess Teresita Rodriguez  
MAL, Hispanic ~ Michigan District

Through these subsidies the district serves ethnic groups including: Afghan, Arabic, Asian Indian, Hispanic, Hmong, Iraqi, Lebanese, Pakistani, and Sudanese.

## MINISTRY CORE VALUE #2

### Networking Congregations

The Michigan District values collaborative, interdependent and coaching relationships. Such networking provides a positive pathway to expansion of congregational mission and ministry. To this end, vital linkages between congregations shall be established, providing a forum for such mutually beneficial functions as:

- A. Effective community outreach
- B. Diffusion of innovation
- C. Access to resources
- D. Process consulting, planning and decision making
- E. Healthy congregational systems
- F. Congregational self-study, evaluation and planning
- G. Affirmation of congregational uniqueness
- H. Pastoral, staff and lay leadership development

### *ABLAZE!*



During the last triennium the Michigan District has continued its involvement in the Synodical *Ablaze!* movement. The goal of *Ablaze!* is to have our church body involved in 100,000,000 "Gospel contacts" by the 500th anniversary of the posting of the 95 Theses in 2017, the Reformation. Rev. David Davis of St. Luke, Haslett, was appointed District Coordinator of *Ablaze!*. Keith Minda, Linda Hollman, Thom Garrison, Carol Harris, Paul Lantz, and David and Pat Siems agreed to work as a task force for the effort.

The task force has focused on the following:

- Encourage congregations to develop a system to count, share and report Gospel contacts.
- Encourage congregations and individuals to develop an environment of greater spiritual discipline.
- Provide congregations with information about *Ablaze!* related information and activities.

For more information about the *Ablaze!* Challenge for spiritual discipline email [ablaze@michigandistrict.org](mailto:ablaze@michigandistrict.org). To sign up as a partner organization to count, share and report Gospel contacts, see the LCMS web site.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Communication Department of the District continues to implement and develop three avenues of communiqué. These avenues cover the professional church workers and laity of the District. The weekly **E-bulletin** reaches all of our 380 congregations, over 1,500 professional church workers and lay leaders, and just over 50 laity. *Michigan In Touch*, the official publication of the Michigan District, reaches 39,000 readers and continues to include news and events in congregation, circuit, and regional areas. Each issue has a ministry focus and the articles reflect the work of the District and its congregations. The District has been blessed with many willing and able writers. The staff continues to strive for relevant and timely issues at the congregation level. This year we are launching a new **website** that enables congregational leaders to gain information on District ministries, outreach, resources, news, and on-line registration for events and seminars. There are opportunities to link with directories from Synod and other ministries. Innovative features of the new website were developed to bring a more professional image, user-friendliness to the viewer, easier access to information, and to continue a Christian presence on the Internet.



A new communication resource is to assist committees and task forces with their PR needs for events, seminars, and workshops. The District can be as involved as the needs of these groups warrant and have done complete PR campaigns for a number of District events and others, such as the Lutheran Adult Gathering.

In this era of information, technology and rapid communication, the District continues to seek ways of best communicating for the building and extending of God's Kingdom. Ultimately, all of our communication is based upon the desire to share the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. All of our communication and public relations efforts have that as both its foundation and its ultimate goal.

## DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS

During the Triennium prior to the last convention, the District staff had been formed into teams to address district ministries, especially to achieve the Board of Directors' Outcomes. The team structure was an overlay on top of the existing organizational chart, with team meetings serving as forums for communication and collaboration about District ministry. Recognizing the strengths the team structure brought to the operations of the District and hoping to expand the concept to include other non-staff committees and ministries of the District, the Teams were re-organized and the organizational chart redrawn into three departments plus the Office of the President.



By definition, the President is responsible for all activities of the staff, but certain things are appropriately handled only by the President. The **Office of the President** holds primary responsibility for items including:

- Ecclesiastical Supervision
- Synod Roster Processing - Ordained Workers
- Synod Relations

District Staff assigned to the Office of the President are:

- C. William Hoesman, President,
- Harry Henneman, Assistant to the President,
- Caroline Krueger, Executive Assistant,
- Julie Strobl, Administrative Assistant

The **Mission Services Department** is the department primarily responsible for the "Outreach Mindset" outcome and coordinates ministry including:

- New Mission Starts
- Urban and Cross Cultural Missions
- Specialized Ministries (such as Deaf, Hispanic, and Campus Ministry)

Evangelism and Apologetics (including District *Ablaze!* efforts)  
Alternate Paths to Ordination (used by many of the non-traditional ministries and mission starts)  
World Missions

District Staff assigned to the Mission Services Department are:

Roosevelt Gray, Director of Mission Services  
Jan Westphal, Administrative Assistant  
Mark Bowditch, Missionary-at-Large  
Paul Werner, Missionary-at-Large  
Thomas Dunseth, Missionary-at-Large - deaf  
Teresita Rodriguez, Missionary-at-Large - Hispanic  
David Winningham, Campus Pastor U of M  
David Davis, District *Ablaze!* coordinator

The **Member Services Department**, intentionally structured to coordinate services to the members of the District (congregations and rostered professional church workers), is the department primarily responsible for the other three outcomes. Its ministries include:

Outcome 2 - *Professional Church Workers*  
Training and Recruitment  
Roster status processing - commissioned workers  
Continuing Education and Church Worker Conferences  
Worker Care

Outcome 3 - *Relationship Building*  
General Relationship Building  
Congregation and PCW Ethics

Outcome 4 - *Resourced Congregations*  
Call Lists for Commissioned Workers  
Congregation Ministry Facilitators  
Family Life  
School Ministry / Superintendent of Schools  
Church Business Office Resources  
Stewardship  
Standing Committee on Mental Illness  
Parish Nurse Council  
Intentional Interim Ministry  
District Lending Library  
Christian Care (including Chaplaincy and Disaster Response)

District Staff assigned to the Member Services Department are:

Peter Larsen, Director of Member Services / Congregation Ministry Facilitator  
Jennifer Rumberger, Administrative Assistant  
Bruce Braun, Superintendent of Schools  
Mary Wagoner, Administrative Assistant  
Rebecca Hicks, Administrative Assistant  
Galan Walther, Congregation Ministry Facilitator / Family Life  
Richard Wolfram, Congregation Ministry Facilitator / Stewardship  
Warren Paulson, Executive Chaplain / Intentional Interim Ministry  
Julie Nielsen, Chaplain – U of M

The **General Services Department**, while not primarily responsible for any of the outcomes, supports the outcomes and the other Departments through:

Convention Administration  
Fiscal Office and Human Resources  
Communications and Public Relations  
Information Systems  
Risk Management and Legal

Development  
Property Management  
District Archives

District Staff assigned to the General Services Department are:

Chad Woltemath, Director of General Services / Business Manager  
Donna Conrad, Assistant to the Business Manager  
Carol Cohrs, Events Coordinator  
Debbie Austin, Hospitality / Receptionist  
Debby Fall, Communications Director  
Linda Ekong, Art Director / Webmaster  
Barbara Prough, Lutheran Witness  
Jack Schmidt, Facilities  
Jonathan Hodges, Facilities

The **District Ministry Cabinet** is composed of the President and the Director of each department and meets weekly to coordinate the mission and ministry of the District. The departments meet on an as-needed basis, while the entire Executive Staffs of the District and Church Extension Fund meet monthly for staff in-service and Bible study.

## THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

Included with this report is a summary of the annual cycle of *Lutheran Witness* subscription and promotion services. From this you will see that we have contact with each congregation in the Michigan District at least twice a year (November and March). Most congregations have contact with us several times during the year with additions, changes of address and cancellations.

We encourage every congregation to make subscriptions to the *Lutheran Witness* available to every member. Many congregations no longer have a blanket subscription, but members should be encouraged to read the *Lutheran Witness* since it is the official publication of our Synod. Perhaps the best way is to assign the job of congregational subscription manager to someone within the congregation and put notices in the bulletin or newsletter after the November mailing, encouraging members to subscribe and to give their subscription monies to this person. In that way, all the names and money can be forwarded to me at the same time and you will be able to use the congregational rate which is one-half that of individual rates. Several ideas for promotion come to mind – a subscription could be given to each couple married; each adult confirmed; each graduate of high school and college; the religious editor of the local newspaper; all elected officers of the congregations.

It is a privilege to serve the Lord in this capacity by helping the congregations of our District maintain an up-to-date subscription listing for the *Lutheran Witness*. If I can be of any help in promoting the *Lutheran Witness* in your congregation, do not hesitate to contact me.

### Annual Cycle of Subscription and Promotion Services

*November* - Computerized renewal notices and directions for renewal are sent to all congregations – subscribers and non-subscribers. Rates for the year and deadline dates are also announced in this mailing. Assistance is offered to each congregation through bulletin inserts or envelopes upon request.

*December* - Personal letters are sent to individual subscribers. Letters suggest renewing through local congregation at a reduced cost.

*January* - Late renewal notices are sent to all congregations who have not yet returned a computer list. Notices announce final deadline around the first of February.

*February* - Cancellation notices are sent to all congregations who have had subscriptions and have not yet responded to previous notices.

*March* - Computerized proof lists are sent to all congregations for corrections, additions, and cancellations. Letters sent to congregations who have had no subscriptions for two years or more, encouraging them to have a bulk subscription for the remainder of the year at a reduced cost.

During the remainder of the year the Subscription Manager is involved with processing the changes sent in each month.

### PLEASE REMEMBER

*Lutheran Witness* subscriptions are to be processed through the local congregation. These names are then to be sent to the *Lutheran Witness* subscription Manager for the Michigan District. It has come to my attention that a few congregations are no longer following this procedure and the individuals are dealing directly with Concordia Publishing House at a considerable increase in cost to the subscriber!

Barbara Prough

District Subscription Manager

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## PARISH NURSE HEALTH MINISTRY

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish Nurse/Health Ministry Council of The Michigan District - Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is committed to actively encouraging, supporting and developing Parish Nurse/Health Ministry Council Ministries throughout The Michigan District - Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

### STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY WE BELIEVE...

- ◆ God has called us as Christians...to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick (Luke 9:2).
- ◆ Health is the integration of body, mind, spirit and relationships.
- ◆ Jesus Christ is the only Savior of all people and the Redeemer of the totality of each person (Luke 7:19-23).
- ◆ Christians are called by Christ to exhibit in word and deed His compassion and care for those in need (Luke 6:36, Matt. 14:14, Mark 1:40-41).
- ◆ Stewardship of God's creation calls Christians to promote a Lifestyle that cherishes human life and sustains Christian hope (Matt. 12:11-13, Matt 6:25-34).
- ◆ That Christ, the great physician, gave us the model of wholistic wellness, and Parish Nurse/Health Ministries are an ideal avenue for faith communities to reclaim and reaffirm their role of being concerned with the whole person.
- ◆ Parish Nurse Ministries recognize that health is the integration of body, mind, spirit and relationships.
- ◆ That by actively encouraging, supporting and developing congregational Parish Nurse/Health Ministries throughout The Michigan District - Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, congregations contribute to the Christian care of all people.

### FUNCTIONS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH MINISTRY

**Education** – Promotes, develops, and facilitates educational programs promoting wellness and health for all individuals at all age levels within the congregation.

**Consultation** – Consults with church staff, organizations, the church school, community resources, other groups and individuals on health issues that relate to the wellness of the whole person.

**Personal Health Counseling** – Counsels on health matters within areas of professional competence, upon personal request, or referral by the pastoral or teaching staff.

**Health Resources** – Develops a library of health information and health care resources appropriate to the needs of the congregation.

**Advocacy** – Facilitates access to adequate health care for all, especially for the medically under-insured or indigent members of the congregation.

**Christian Lifestyle** – Defines, models and promotes Christian lifestyle in the membership of the congregation.

**Voluntary Care-giving** – Recruits, organizes, trains and places volunteers into care-giving situations.

**Home Health Visitations** – Provides home-health visitation upon request to offer support from fellow members of the Body of Christ, to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to encourage compliance with medical regimens and adoption of healthy lifestyle behaviors.

**Community Liaison/Referral** – Recognizes the healing resources of various health agencies in the community and, as appropriate, refers members to them.

**Corporate Congregational Health** – Monitors the physical, mental, emotional and relational health of the membership of the congregation and makes suggestions or appropriate referrals where areas of need or improvement are identified.

**Primary Responsibility**

- ◆ To promote health.
- ◆ The Parish Nurse does not dispense or administer medications.
- ◆ The Parish Nurse does not perform invasive procedures (i.e. dressing changes, injections, catheterization, tube feedings).
- ◆ The Parish Nurse does not duplicate existing home health care services and community health programs.
- ◆ The Parish Nurse seeks to collaborate with those resources so that clients may obtain appropriate health and social services.

**IN SUPPORT OF CORE VALUE #3: NETWORKING CONGREGATIONS**

The PN/HMC has expanded congregational ministry in the area of parish nursing and health ministry.

- ◆ Currently the Michigan District-LCMS has 70 congregations with PN/HM's, with 69 active parish nurses and 2 Health Ministers. 58 Registered Nurses have completed a Parish Nurse Preparation Course.
- ◆ Support group meetings are held 2-3 times a year, to provide networking opportunities and continuing education.
- ◆ Initiated discussions to help reactivate the Parish Nurse Preparation Course at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The purpose of this course is to provide participants with information, skills, experiences, and tools to develop their roles as Parish Nurses. The content of this course is taken from the curriculum endorsed by the International Parish Nurse Resource Center, St. Louis, Missouri. The Director of this program is Mary Lou Temple, MS, Nursing, RN, Parish Nurse.
- ◆ Two Parish Nurses, Catherine Lick MSN, RN and Michell Porisch, RN have served as Health Advocates in the Michigan District. They promote health and wellness for professional church workers and have taken an active role at various conferences providing health screenings and health information.
- ◆ Michell Porisch, RN is also an advisor and resource person for the "Worksite Wellness Project" at the District office.
- ◆ Informational articles are placed in the *Michigan In Touch* Magazine and other Lutheran publications.
- ◆ Speakers available upon request at conferences and in congregations.
- ◆ A "Parish Nursing" display board is provided to local congregations and presented at numerous conferences.
- ◆ Maintaining a resource library at the District Office.

**MENTAL ILLNESS AND BRAIN DISORDERS COMMITTEE**

The Michigan District Continuing Committee on Mental Illness and Brain Disorders is a group of professional and lay-persons from Michigan District, LCMS congregations who are committed to addressing the needs of persons with serious mental illness and the support of their care givers since 1992. The Committee has equipped professional church workers and congregations with resources in their ministries to and with persons with serious mental illness. We have empowered individual persons struggling with this disease to more fully participate in the life of their own congregation. The Continuing Committee is the only LCMS District sponsored group in Synod, meeting twice a year at the Michigan District Office for planning, budget review and reports from members of the committee as well as communication and updates from the Lutheran Network on Brain Disorders. The Committee has collected, authored and distributed information on serious mental illness at District Conventions, Pastors Conferences and Synodical Conventions. The Rev. Barton Gray is currently serving as Chairperson.

Recently the Committee completed review of a Manual on mental illness for Pastors. The manual is scheduled for publication on CD and in printed form before the District Convention. Copies are to be available at the Michigan District Committee on Mental Illness display.



### The Committee encourages Pastors to:

- Pray a general prayer for all people affected by mental illness and use an appropriate liturgy during October Mental Illness Awareness Week
- Give permission to people in a sermon to seek appropriate medical help.
- Refer people to NAMI ([www.NAMI.org](http://www.NAMI.org)) and competent medical care.
- Become familiar with the resources of Pathways to Promise, ([www.pathways2promise.org](http://www.pathways2promise.org)) and support its outreach to clergy.

### As Lutherans, our Faith in our Savior Jesus Christ

- Does not depend on how we feel, it depends on what the Word of God says and what the Means of Grace do (forgive and save us).
- Mental Illness is not divine punishment for sin or a lack of religion or poor parenting.
- In faith, we can step out to reach those people who need our help. Our God promises us he will bless that work, in fact he has already prepared it for us to do (Ephesians 2:10).

The Michigan District Continuing Committee on Mental Illness and Brain Disorders intends to continue its vital ministry by God's grace for the next triennium and beyond as we seek to help individuals and families cope with mental illness.

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT ARCHIVES

By Barbara Laughlin Adler, LTD, PhD  
LCMS Michigan District Archivist

### Archival Mission Statement

Our archival mission is to collect, preserve, and make available institutional records about the history, leadership, administration, congregations, and people of the Michigan District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The Lutheran church in Michigan has a rich history to preserve; we are blessed that our district finds its preservation an important task.

To accomplish our mission, the archive maintains a collection of historical materials aimed at preserving the history of the Michigan District for future reference and research. This collection includes proceedings from past district conventions, minutes of district board meetings, financial reports, personal papers and correspondence, past issues of the *Michigan Lutheran & Michigan In Touch*, photographs, and files on significant events in Michigan congregations.

### Archive Location, Access and Use

The archives are located in a secured room in the Zimmerman Library on the campus of Concordia University in Ann Arbor. Access to the archival holdings is by appointment only. During the past two years, a number of researchers have been accommodated; we have procured records for President Hoesman and district administrators; congregational historians have used the archive to find information for anniversary booklets or celebrations; archival photos were copied for use in fundraising. Recently, the district 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee has found material in the archive useful in planning the festivities for the 2006 convention.

A large number of inquiries regarding genealogical information have been answered by phone, post, or by email during the past two years. Most inquiries are looking for baptismal, marriage, or burial records. The Michigan District Archives does not maintain family history records. Such inquiries should be made to the appropriate congregation, or in the case of disbanded congregations, to the Concordia Historical Institute in St. Louis (<http://chi.lcms.org>)

The use of the archives for historical research about Michigan is welcomed and encouraged. Access must be granted by the district archivist (not by the Concordia University Library Staff). The district archivist can assist those congregations that are preparing to celebrate a major anniversary. Guidelines are available, and we are ready to share any historical material that we might have in the archives.

### **Staffing**

Barbara Laughlin Adler, PhD; archivist since August 2001.

Kathleen Graham, BA in Library Science: assistant archivist since September 2002.

We attended two archive conferences during the previous year: the Midwest Archive Conference in Chicago in April 2005, the CHI Archival Conference in St. Louis in October 2005; also in October, our assistant archivist participated in a Records Management Workshop in Ann Arbor, sponsored by the Midwest Archives Association. These conferences provided further education in managing and preserving archival records and photos. We plan to continue our education in archive management and preservation through future workshops and classes.

For the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary Celebration, we are preparing a booklet which will summarize the historical highlights of Lutherans in Michigan. The booklet will be distributed to convention delegates and visitors in June 2006.

### **Report on Goals set in 2003**

Below are some of the goals for 2003-2006, and their current status:

1. We are delaying the plan to microfilm *The Michigan Lutheran* collection, as the cost of this process would be in the range of \$10,000 – far beyond our budget. We may look into creating alternate copies in the future, as the collection is quickly deteriorating from acid and aging. It would be a true loss to Michigan District History if these publications were lost completely.
2. We are making progress in creating a more “user-friendly” space for researchers who visit the archive. Sections of space have opened up through the diligent work of our assistant archivist, Ms. Graham. Much needed space has been cleared.
3. The pictorial collection is more organized, but very few of the historic photographs were properly identified when placed in the archive. We hope to display some of them at the 2006 convention, where attendees may recognize people or places in the photos.

### **Improvements 2003-2006**

Since the last convention, we have made several improvements in the archive collections. During the past three years, Ms. Graham has begun organizing and labeling many of the files and collections.

Listed here are a few of the more significant improvements:

- created an Excel spreadsheet which lists our holdings
- files and cabinets have been relocated and labeled more clearly
- collections of books, periodicals and scrapbooks from congregations have been reorganized on the shelves
- many files and collections have been transferred to acid-free folders and boxes.
- Duplicate materials have been discarded, creating more room for incoming materials

### **Affiliations**

The district archive is affiliated with The Concordia Historical Institute, which holds a biennial Conference on Archives and History. This conference is designed especially for district and LWML archivists, but congregational archivists and historians would certainly benefit from attending. Individuals and congregations are encouraged to become supporting members of CHI. They may subscribe to *CHI Quarterly* which publishes a broad assortment of articles dealing with Lutheranism in America.

We are also affiliated with and maintain files for each congregation of the district. A brochure titled *A Handbook for Church Archivists* is available to congregations. The brochure offers helpful tips to congregational archivists who are charged with collecting and maintaining church records. The brochure also reminds congregations to submit to the

district archive the following types of materials: congregational histories, special installations, dedications, anniversary booklets, worship folders, pastoral biographies, and any significant press clippings. These materials may be sent directly to the archives at the address below, or they can be sent in care of the archive, to the district office.

Congregations that permanently disband are required by the synodical handbook (Bylaw 3.207j) to transfer all records (registers of official acts, minutes, and other historical materials) to the Concordia Historical Institute. This may be done by forwarding these materials to the district archives. If you know of any such records, please contact us with the information.

### **Your Congregational Archives**

We strongly recommend that each congregation of the district have its own archivist/historian who is charged with preserving the history of the congregation. We would like to maintain a listing of all the congregational archivists/historians throughout the district so that we can better coordinate with them and assist them whenever possible. If this individual is just getting started, we can provide them with some initial training resources.

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Please complete and submit the following form (either by post or by email) to help us establish this listing:

Name and Community of your Congregation:

Your Congregational Archivist/Historian:

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email address:

Return to: Barbara Laughlin Adler, Archivist  
Michigan District-LCMS  
Concordia University  
4090 Geddes Road  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105  
(734) 995-7402

Or email: [adlerb@cuaa.edu](mailto:adlerb@cuaa.edu)

## MINISTRY CORE VALUE #3

### Providing and Supporting Professional Church Workers

The Michigan District values assisting congregations and professional church workers and to this end will provide quality staff support services such as:

- A. Coaching for staff configuration and/or expansion
- B. Development of relevant and appropriate ministry descriptions
- C. Assisting congregations to identify staff candidates
- D. Church worker support, health and encouragement
- E. Assisting in the management of conflict

### RECONCILERS

St. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5 that we who are in Christ have become new creations, reconciled to God through Christ, and given the ministry of reconciliation. As stated in Synodical Bylaw 1.10, "The heart and center of all Christian conflict resolution is the justification of the sinner through grace in Christ Jesus. Biblical reconciliation of persons in conflict begins with God's truth that we are all sinners who have been reconciled to God through the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. Christ's 'ministry of reconciliation' is one of the church's foremost priorities."

The Michigan District currently has three Reconcilers. They are: Rev. Gary Bender, Ms. Dee Ann Mulligan and Rev. Dale M. Kleimola. As this report is written, there is one Reconciler vacancy. In accord with Synodical Bylaws, the Circuit Counselors will be solicited for candidates to fill this vacancy. Please include these Reconcilers in your prayers as they serve in this capacity.

It is our prayer that the Lord of the Church bless this reconciliation process, that the Spirit of Christ at work within His body would bring about reconciliation and peace.

### CHAPLAINCY

Michigan District Chaplaincy flows from the Good News in Christ Jesus and Christian compassion to those who are hurting. We seek to have chaplains both in strategic areas and in cooperation with local pastors and congregations. In most instances our chaplains are on staff and serving as Director of Pastoral Care at the institutions where they are serving, with endorsement through the District.

Chaplains currently serving are:

Carl DeMeritt, Covenant Hospital, Saginaw  
Edward Einem, Project Compassion Inc., Compassionate Care Communities in Holt, Livonia, and Saginaw  
Gerald Grimm, Project Compassion Ministries, Detroit and other areas  
Joel Kaiser, Lutheran Home, Frankenmuth  
Michael Martin, Cooper Street Correctional Facility, Jackson  
Julie Nielsen Schmidt, University of Michigan Hospitals, Ann Arbor  
Roger Stauffer, Mid-Michigan Medical Center, Midland

Joint chaplaincies with congregations and pastors are:

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Pastor Timothy Verity, with Pastor Gordon Goltz, Lou Witt and others, serving area medical and correctional facilities  
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Milan, Pastor Dale Kleimola, area correctional facilities  
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Saline, DCE David McNiell, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ypsilanti

During this past triennium, Chaplain Wayne Zirzow of correctional facilities in Adrian was called home by the Lord and Chaplain Jon Mau discontinued serving at the Federal Correctional Facility in Milan.

In addition, individuals from more than seven other congregations are providing volunteer jail and prison ministries

Emeriti chaplains are Dwain Gade, James Moehring, Donald Neiswender, Ray Thomas, and David Voorhees.

Warren Paulson, Emeritus, serves part time as District Executive Chaplain, with responsibilities also in Christian Care, Deacon and Intentional Interim Ministry. He is assisted by the various committees, including the Chaplaincy Standing Committee:

Mark Hill, advocacy  
Julie Nielsen Schmidt, education  
Joel Kaiser, Clinical Pastoral Education  
Dale Klimola, publicity

In addition chaplains serve as contact people keeping him informed of developments in various chaplaincy fields:

Hospitals, Carl DeMeritt  
Extended Care, Gerald Grimm  
Corrections, Michael Martin  
Fire, Police, Disaster Chaplains, Roger Stauffer  
Pastoral Counselors, Luke Stephan

A particular goal was made possible this past triennium through a grant through the St. Lorenz Family Advisory Committee from the Leona M. Geyer Trust and a gift from St. John's Lutheran Church in Ionia. It provides funding toward tuition for the first quarter of Clinical Pastoral Education for those considering chaplaincy, as well as for pastors, deaconesses and others who would like to increase their pastoral care skills. Interested persons should contact Executive Chaplain Warren Paulson.

### COMMISSION ON MINISTERIAL GROWTH AND SUPPORT

The mission of the Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support (CMG&S) [formerly named Commission on Ministerial Health] is to enrich the whole person health (emotional, spiritual, physical, financial and relational) of professional church workers (PCW) through promotion, education, referral assistance and advocacy. Two of our on-going major efforts are the sponsoring of Health Advocates (see report elsewhere in this section) and conducting pre-seminary interviews. New/current projects of the commission include:

- Encouraging all PCW's to participate in a Good Sense Workshop by providing a \$15.00 rebate to all who attend.
- Providing counselor resources for PCW's through the District web page.
- Collaborating with Grace Place Lutheran Retreats to offer week-long wholistic health retreats for clergy and other PCW's.
- Researching the needs of Veterans of the Cross.

We also have served in an advocacy role in response to questions regarding recognition of PCW anniversaries and changes in the Concordia Plans. As we look to the future, topics include conflict in congregations (and how it affects PCW's), assisting PCW's through key transition times in their ministry and a survey evaluating the use of the book (It only Hurts on Monday) that we sent to every congregation a few years ago.

## COMMITTEE ON DEACON QUALIFICATION



The Committee on Deacon Qualifications (CDQ) functions under the direct supervision of the District President. The mission of the CDQ is to “recommend candidates for the Office of Deacon to the District President, who then issues a license so that those candidates might serve a congregation.” To fulfill this mission, the CDQ conducts the following activities.

For a man to become a candidate for the Office of Deacon, he must be appropriately equipped. To this end, the CDQ established the Deacon Training Program. The program is designed to offer thirteen seminars (courses), each requiring a minimum of 24 contact hours with the instructor as well as homework and/or fieldwork, and when the candidate completes all the work required, he receives a “pass.” These seminars are presented at two levels. The first level is for “deacon students,” and they study Old Testament, New Testament, Doctrine I, Doctrine II, and Office of the Deacon. The second level is for “deacon interns,” and because of seminar requirement of practical experience, are often mentored. These seminars are: Care-giving, Leadership Skills, Lutheran History and Polity, Marketing, Teaching the Faith, Worship, Greek, and Homiletics. The main instructors are: the Rev. Dr. Robert J. Schultz, Dr. Ron Jahnke, and Dr. Jim Boldt. Presently about 75 men are in the training program. Anyone is welcome to take the seminars.

When a man has completed his education, he presents his “ministry description” and the CDQ interviews him. The CDQ then recommends him for the Office of Deacon. Unless unusual circumstances apply, the District President grants him the license after his commencement from the program. He must have a situation in which to serve and a supervising pastor to provide oversight and guidance. The 26 deacons of the district are presently serving in small rural churches, as church planters, in ethnic ministries, as assistants to pastors, and in inner city ministries.

To support deacons in their ministry, the CDQ offers a yearly conference for encouragement and spiritual growth. Supervising pastors and deacons have a yearly conference to strengthen their team ministry. The CDQ members - Rev. Dr. Robert J. Schultz, Dr. Ron Jahnke, Dr. Jim Boldt, Ms. Chris Brown, Rev. Warren Paulson, Deacon Bill Storm, Deacon Ted Beiderwieden, and liaison district secretary Julie Strobl - are honored to serve God in this way.

## HEALTH ADVOCATES

The Health Advocate Committee of the Michigan District supports Core Value 3: promoting wholistic well-being among Lutheran professional church workers, their families and congregations. Working under the Ministerial Health Committee, the Health Advocate Committee plans wholistic health presentations, activities, and materials for Lutheran professional church workers. It is the goal of the Committee that modeling healthy living through activities such as: exercise, good food choices, and stress management, will aid church workers in honoring God through good stewardship of their bodies, minds, and relationships.

Current committee members are: Chairperson: Parish Nurse Catherine Lick-Faith, Troy; Parish Nurse Michell Porisch-St. Luke, Ann Arbor; Teacher Caroline Klausmeier-Retired; and Keith Mueller- St. John, Rochester.

2004-2005 Pastors' and Teachers' Conferences:

- Pedometers, First Aid Kits, Health Brochures and Journals were distributed
- Over 300 blood pressures taken along with health counseling regarding healthy living behaviors.
- 150 Flu shots were given at the Teachers' Conference
- Demonstration of Heimlich Maneuver
- Healthy snacks provided—apples and bottled water

## INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTRY

Interim refers to a time between. It is the time between what has been and what will be. In congregations, it is the time between resident pastors. It is a time following saying good-bye to a pastor who no longer serves the congregation, letting go of his ministry and getting ready to say hello to another pastor. It is a time of uncertainty between the past and an unknown future. It is a time of anxiety, anticipation and hope.

The good news is that rather than just maintaining itself and urgently seeking a new pastor, this in-between time provides an opportunity for renewal, congregational development and spiritual growth. It is a period when a congregation can come to a better understanding of its ministry, grow in effectiveness and commit to faithfulness in mission with the new pastor it calls under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Further, when a congregation becomes vacant the entire church rises to assist it. The circuit counselor coordinates ministry, the congregational ministry facilitator assists with the self study and the District president prepares the call list. All are available for consultation. In addition, dozens of congregations during the past three years have chosen the option of an intentional interim pastor for the time between resident pastors. Thirty five District pastors have received introductory training for serving congregations with intentionality during an interim and are involved in continuing education events twice a year. In addition, most of them have taken 60 hours training conducted either at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana or in connection with the South Wisconsin District, or other places, and completed six months of monitored field work; being recognized as having completed basic education according to national standards. Pastors from some other Districts have also participated in these extended courses facilitated by Warren Paulson, who is recognized in our Synod and beyond for his experience and special training in this area. As a result, the Indiana and South Wisconsin Districts have established programs similar to Michigan, with Warren Paulson conducting their introductory training of potential interim pastors and principals. The Michigan District and Indiana District are now jointly conducting training of Intentional Interim Pastors and Continuing Education Contact Hours are given to it by Concordia University, Ann Arbor. Because of the recognized need for providing greater assistance to congregations during vacancies and seeing that it is a prime time for renewal there is an increasing use of specially trained intentional interim ministers throughout Synod.

Retired pastors and principals, or other pastors of the Michigan District who may be available and who would like to know more about this ministry or participate in it should contact Warren Paulson, Director of Interim Ministries. Congregations which would like to know more about this ministry or would like to consider it when they face an interim should also contact him.

## STUDENT AID

The Michigan District Student Aid program is designed to provide financial assistance to members of Michigan District congregations preparing for full time church work at one of the institutions of the Concordia University System or one of the Seminaries of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.

The Michigan District is thankful for the blessings bestowed upon it by our Lord through Carl Middeldorf, who served on the Student Aid committee for 23 years before entering his heavenly home in July of 2005. Carl was responsible for the administration of the student aid program for most of those years and spent countless hours corresponding with students.

Over the past triennium, Carl had been coordinating his efforts with the President’s Advisory Council on Endowments, which manages the Student Aid Endowment Fund, to increase the amount of student aid available and update the student aid policies of the District. Following Carl’s death, day to day administration of the Student Aid program shifted to the District Staff, and now rests with the Member Services Department of the District. The President’s Advisory Council on Endowments now establishes the guidelines for the disbursement of the Student Aid Funds, in consultation with the Member Services Department.

In Carl’s report to the 2003 convention, he mentioned the need to increase the student support from the 2003 level of \$50,000. We are pleased to report that the student aid increased to \$100,000 for both the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 academic years (approximately \$17,000 is from restricted gifts and interest and \$83,000 from the District’s general budget). We hope to continually increase that level of aid through continued support of the Student Aid Endowment, including the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thank Offering, *The Future is Now*.

For the 2005-2006 academic year, 210 students were awarded aid, on an increasing scale from \$215 for a freshman to \$930 as a Sem IV student, with Ann Arbor students getting \$15 extra per year. The breakdown of students follows:

<b>Institution City</b>	<b>Fresh-man</b>	<b>Sopho-more</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Senior</b>	<b>Sem I</b>	<b>Sem II</b>	<b>Sem III</b>	<b>Sem IV</b>	<b>Deaconess</b>
Ann Arbor	20	13	4	17					
Austin	1								
Irvine				1					
Mequon	5	11	10	5					
River Forest	9	9	11	9					
Selma			1						
Seward	1	2	1	6					
St. Paul	1		1	1					
Fort Wayne					9	7	1	3	2
St. Louis					13	13	14	9	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>

For the 2006-2007 academic year, the District is moving towards a three tier grant structure, with Seminary students in the highest tier, Concordia–Ann Arbor students in the second tier, and all other students in the base tier. The application deadline has been moved to June 1 and a Pastoral Verification Form is now required as part of the application process. Complete details and application forms can be found on the District’s website at [www.michigandistrict.org](http://www.michigandistrict.org) under Student Aid.



## MINISTRY CORE VALUE #4

### Support for Families

The Michigan District values ministry to Christian and non-Christian families, recognizing that the family is the central unit of Christian nurture. The District will provide resources to congregations designed to establish, support and strengthen the family in Christ and will facilitate events to complement the role of families.

### FAMILY LIFE



Strengthening the Christian family according to God's design in Holy Scripture continues to be a significant challenge in ministry. The changing values, lifestyles and priorities espoused in present-day society bring tremendous pressure on individuals and families, husbands and wives as well as parents and children. Gathering Christian families around Word and Sacrament where they receive the tremendous blessings God has for His people in His Son, Jesus Christ, continues to be the goal toward which the Michigan District strives in the area of family life, that District congregations may be resourced for ministry so that the lives of many be blessed both now and in eternity.

Ministry opportunities and resources with individual congregations seeking to give support for families have been provided by the Congregation Ministry Facilitators as they have worked with their assigned congregations. In addition, several task forces and standing committees, involving over 71 professional church workers and laity, have provided more formal opportunities for professional and lay leaders to be better equipped to carry out family ministry in their local congregations.

In the past triennium, the following opportunities under the broad heading of "Family Life" were sponsored or supported by the Michigan District:

#### Family Ministry

- 19 Michigan District congregations are participating in the first *Family Friendly Partners Network* process. This fee-based process assists congregations in their intentional focus of equipping parents and marriages in the faith that they might teach and model the Christian faith to the next generation. Ben Freudenburg of Concordia University – Ann Arbor is providing the process training. 49 congregations attended the informational meeting in May, 2005. The next Family Friendly Partners Network opportunity will be offered in 2007.
- Special Friends Camp, a summer camp for the mentally impaired, was held annually at Camp Copneconic near Fenton, Michigan, in June, involving 43 participants and 21 staff.
- Partnered with Concordia University – Ann Arbor in hosting
  - *Family Ministry Forum* August 21, 2004, involving 72 participants from 40 congregations
  - *Family Connections*, a quarterly gathering of family, youth and/or children's ministry workers and students in the Family Ministry study program at Concordia University, since the fall of 2004.
  - *Family Ministry Symposium* October 15, 2005, involving 74 participants from 31 congregations.

#### Children's Ministry

- Four regional workshops for those involved in children's ministry were attended by 111 participants from 46 congregations.
- Two Children's Ministry Consultants were trained and are available to assist congregations in evaluating and refocusing their ministry to children and their families. An additional six consultants will be trained by 2007. Contact the District office for further information.

### Youth Ministry

- Partnered with Concordia University – Ann Arbor in hosting the *National Youth Christian Leadership Conference* July 7-10, 2003.
- “*God’s Works*,” a District-wide Servant Event was held at St. Ignace July 20-25, 2003 involving 61 participants from 5 congregations.
- Coordinated and encouraged the 1650 youth and adult participants representing 112 congregations from Michigan to the “*Beyond Imagination*” LCMS National Youth Gathering in Orlando, Florida, July 24-28, 2004.
- “*Island Dreams*” District Senior High Youth Gathering at Mackinac Island June 26-29, 2005 involving 1125 participants from 77 congregations.
- Three District Junior High Youth Gatherings were held at Concordia University – Ann Arbor in late summer involving 995 participants from 40 congregations.
- Annually sent four youth and adults to St. Louis to receive peer ministry training; these youth then train the District Lutheran Youth Fellowship board, who are available to lead peer ministry youth events in congregations or circuits.

### Singles Ministry

- “*Climbing Mountains*” singles conference October 4, 2003.

### Adult Ministry

- “*Changed in His Presence*,” Lutheran Adult Gathering October 10-13, 2004 on Mackinac Island involving 400 participants from 108 congregations.

### The Future

Families, as they always have, come in all sizes, shapes and configurations. The Church, God’s Family, gathered around Word and Sacrament, has the unique opportunity to provide support for all families. In the next triennium, the Michigan District will continue to provide resources for congregational use and encouragement for professional and lay leaders providing support for families within congregations and opportunities for celebrating support for families, through:

- The on-going service of Congregation Ministry Facilitators.
- Print and audio-visual resources available through the Michigan District library.
- Resources and links on the Michigan District web site.
- A second Family Friendly Partners Network opportunity in 2007.
- A youth worker’s conference being planned for the fall of 2006 or spring of 2007.
- Consultants equipped to assist congregations in the areas of Children’s Ministry and Youth Ministry.
- Older adult ministry resources and opportunities.
- “*C+H+O+S+E+N*,” LCMS National Youth Gathering in Orlando, Florida July 28-August 1, 2007.
- “*Thankful in His Presence*” Lutheran Adult Gathering, October 12-14, 2007 on Mackinac Island.
- The District Senior High Youth Gathering on Mackinac Island June 22-25, 2008.

## MINISTRY CORE VALUE #5

### Lutheran Schools, Preschools and Child Care Centers

The Michigan District values the discipling of children through Lutheran schools and preschool/child care centers in the spiritual formation and local mission outreach. To this end, such educational agencies will be supported through quality support services which include such activities as:

- A. Professional growth through in-service workshops and conferences
- B. Accreditation and State certification
- C. Encouragement and on-site support visits
- D. Conflict intervention
- E. Liaison with State and/or private educational agencies

### LUTHERAN EDUCATION IN THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, EARLY CHILDHOOD

The picture to the right is a great illustration of the ministry shared with 20,273 students on a daily basis. Between the Preschool to High School years these students learn about the hands of God, which are lovingly placed around them and were used to create humankind in His image. They daily learn about the hands of Jesus which were nailed to the cross in our place and who bore the burden for our sin. They learn about how the Holy Spirit calls them through baptism. The students are challenged to lead a sanctified life that expresses God's love to others through how we use our hands, hearts and life to praise Him. They witness over 1,333 adults who are involved in the various aspect of Lutheran Education and model the faith by giving students a helping hand. We are blessed to be part of a system which uses the Concordia University System to train future teachers and administrators in the faith and the teachings of the LCMS.



#### High School Education

There are currently nine locations around the Lower Peninsula where students are challenged academically, physically and most important spiritually during the high school years. The students to the right are part of the 2006 Metro Conference Wrestling Champions found at Lutheran High School Westland. These students are offered learning experiences in both the classroom and outside the classroom through music, drama and athletics. They daily wrestle with rising costs, a secular culture and original sin. They recognize the grade that changes sinners into saints, which allows them to be adopted through our baptism and made an heir of heaven. The largest Lutheran High School in Michigan has around 649 students at Lutheran North in Macomb. Smaller schools are found at East Bethlehem in Detroit, West Michigan Lutheran High School in Kentwood and Central Lutheran High School in Holt. Leadership for these schools is provided by Rev. Dr. John Herzog, (LHSA) Dr. John Brandt (Valley Lutheran, Saginaw) Carlyn Roth (East Bethlehem) Dave Siefker (Detroit Urban) John Engebrecht (West Michigan, Grand Rapids) George Lemke (Central Lutheran, Holt).



#### Early Childhood Education

How students learn is still one of life's greatest puzzles! Over 163 centers throughout the state help families in teaching their children about the world we live in and the God who placed us here. Julian Petzold (Living Word, Rochester Hills) and Judy Williams (Trinity Early Childhood Center in Clinton Township) serve as District consultants in this area. Julian was recognized by the Lutheran Education Association as their 2006 Administrator of

the Year. These centers give practical definition to the words of Matthew 19:14 “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.” Often these programs are multi-faceted including daycare, infant care and programs for toddlers and parents. The Michigan District is blessed with a Cabinet of seven individuals who provide leadership and training for our directors.

### **Lutheran Elementary Schools**

Currently 91 elementary schools offer a Lutheran Education between Kindergarten and eighth grade. Children learn academics (Lutheran Schools rate High in the Nations Report Card Assessment Program) but also learn about service. In this past year students donated over \$47,000 to the Alaskan Mission Society, over \$100,000 to ministries affected by Hurricane Katrina and countless amounts to local ministries from Traverse City to Sturgis. Lutheran Schools have a reputation for academic excellence, spirit filled teachers and many extra-curricular opportunities. Many challenges face us; funding, declining demographics, educational competition and others but we remain rooted in scripture and serve as a ministry of congregations telling those in our community about Jesus.



## MINISTRY CORE VALUE #6

### Locally Supported Ministry to Special Fields

The Michigan District values ministry into special mission fields through congregational and cluster-based outreach. In addition to calling and deploying mission developers for specific and appropriate mission fields, the Michigan District will provide appropriate resources and funding support as local congregations and ministry agencies sponsor such ministries and call ministry staff.

### CHRISTIAN CARE

There are many facets to Christian Care as reports show on Parish Nurses and Mental Illness. In addition Synod's Lutheran World Relief Department makes available to congregations Domestic Grants for serving communities in their area.

The Immigration and Refugee Services Committee is a collaborative mission and ministry effort of District, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services and People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO). This committee meets around encouraging congregations in supporting immigrants and refugees who are being resettled in Michigan. This is a mission and loving opportunity the Lord places at our door step.

Information on Domestic Grants and Refugee matters may be obtained by contacting Warren Paulson at the District Office.

### KATRINA RESPONSE SUMMARY AND UPDATE

The Southern District through LCMS World Relief assigned seven congregations and one high school to the Michigan District:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Meridian, MS  
Bethel and Trinity, Point Clear and Mobile, AL  
Christ, Chalmette, LA  
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Biloxi, MS  
St. Stephens, New Orleans,  
St. Paul, Hammond, LA  
Lutheran High School, Metairie, LA.



Each region of the District was assigned two congregations. (Metro East and West were combined as one region.) Michigan District Schools took responsibility for the High School. **Regional Coordinators** were assigned for each ministry. Congregations were asked to identify **congregation coordinators**. A web page was established on the District website for Katrina information.

To date, 85 congregations and 23 schools have contributed \$138,170.29 to distribute. Of that amount \$30,000 is part of a matching grant from LCMS WR. It does not include money or in kind gifts given directly to congregations. It does not include funding for trips. The above does not reflect assistance given to additional congregations by District congregations in terms of money, trips, or in kind gifts. It also does not reflect assistance given by non-LCMS congregations through the District. In addition, congregation involvement has resulted in renewed interest in local community needs.

## CURRENT STATUS

Four of the seven congregations we were assigned are fully operational. Our District focus will now concentrate efforts on these three congregations:

**Christ, Chalmette, LA**

**Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Biloxi, MS**

**St. Stephens, New Orleans, LA**

and **Lutheran High School, Metairie, LA** who need our continued support.

## Modified Infra-structure

In order to better serve our three assigned congregations we are establishing three teams each consisting of a **Coordinator** and three support people in the areas of **trips**, **communications**, and **gifts** such as money or gift cards. These teams will interface with the site coordinators at the assigned congregations. As such, our regional emphasis will now give way to a need based emphasis inclusive of all four ministries.

The team is in place for Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Biloxi under the direction of **Coordinator Heidi Fowler-Henzi**. We are looking for additional volunteers to assist **Coordinator Karla Leidecker** and minister to Christ, Chalmette in the three areas named above. Also, additional volunteers are needed to assist **Coordinator** (at this time a volunteer is needed for this position too) and minister to St. Stephen, New Orleans.

Efforts to assist at Christ, Chalmette and St. Stephen, New Orleans have been held up due to infra-structure issues in the Parishes where they are located. As those situations clarify our opportunities to assist will grow.

## Disaster Response for the Michigan District

Another of the outcomes of our Katrina response effort is the ground work for establishing a general District disaster response plan. This plan will involve three areas of emphasis:

- Communication by email/web
- Regional Coordinators
- Congregation Coordinators

Every congregation should identify an individual willing to serve as coordinator whose primary role will be to serve as an information conduit to the congregation. In the months ahead this plan will be further developed.

## SPECIAL MINISTRIES

The special mission and ministry field of the Michigan District presently include: Campus and Deaf Ministry.

Outreach to these special mission fields is addressed by the District's Core Value #7: *Locally sponsored ministry to special mission fields*. The District continues to affirm the effectiveness of special ministries in three ways; those that are rooted and deployed from local congregations, those that are collaborative relationships with local congregations and circuit mission councils through the District's subsidy and mission grant programs and those that have called Missionary Pastors and Workers by the Michigan District.

A list of the Michigan District's special mission and ministries:

## DEAF MINISTRY

Deaf Ministry in the Michigan District is served by a full-time Missionary-at-Large, Pastor Thomas Dunseth. Pastor Dunseth also serves as pastor of Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church located at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Birmingham, MI. Pastor Dunseth has started a number of satellite Deaf Ministries in the district. He is available for consultation, leadership development and assisting district congregations to launch local ministries to the deaf.

Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society establishes new congregations for the hearing with a primary mission outreach to the hearing impaired/deaf.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

**University Lutheran Chapel at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor** is served by a full-time Campus Pastor, Rev. David Winningham, called and supported by the district and the University Chapel Alumni Association. This ministry meets for worship and ministry activities at University Lutheran Chapel - a facility owned and maintained by the Michigan District.

**Western Michigan University Kalamazoo - Solid Grounds Campus Ministries** is served by Rev. Mark Couch, as full-time Campus Pastor and Associate Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Kalamazoo, with partial district subsidy. Sunday worship is at Kanley Chapel on the campus of Western Michigan University. Student sponsored spiritual and fellowship activities are held at the Solid Grounds Ministry Center, a facility owned and maintained by the Michigan District.

**Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant** is operated as a satellite ministry (town-gown campus ministry) of Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant. This ministry features a mixture of students, university personnel and local residents, worshipping together in a splendid facility that is owned and maintained by the Michigan District.

**Ferris State University Campus Ministry** is a partnership campus ministry of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Big Rapids and the Mission Circuit Council of the Manistee and Big Rapids Circuits. This ministry presently meets at St. Peter. The Old Campus Chapel has been sold and a new site will be identified for the future.

**Lake Superior State University Campus Ministry** - Rev. Charles Burhop, Pastor of St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Sault Ste. Marie, serves Lake Superior State University Campus Ministry. Pastor Burhop leads worships and ministries both on the campus and congregation.

## WINGS

“Working in Nations as God’s Servants”, generally known as “WiNGS” was a ministry conducted jointly by the District and MOST Ministries. It was developed in 2001 to encourage churches to become directly involved in sending members on mission trips. The first trip was sent in April 2002.



The program was concluded this fiscal year due to funding challenges for the District which had provided funds to help MOST add staff to cover the additional trips. Over the 4 years in which WINGS operated, a total of 32 teams involving 533 people visited a total of 12 countries to help carry out the Great Commission.

MOST Ministries continues its ministry of working with churches and individuals to send them to LCMS mission fields and can be contacted directly by churches.

## MINISTRY CORE VALUE #7

### Financial Development for Congregations, District and Synodical Ministries

Recognizing that congregational, District and Synodical ministries will benefit from all legitimate sources of funding support, the Michigan District values financial development through such God-honoring strategies as:

- A. Utilizing the Michigan District development officer(s)
- B. Establishing ministry endowments/ foundations
- C. Maintaining fiscal Integrity
- D. Maximizing the use of resources
- E. Determining the spending plan of the District based on Board of Directors' Outcomes

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It pleases the District Board of Directors to be able to bring to the 98th convention a favorable report – a report which bespeaks of an outpouring of blessings afforded by God. During the past three years, the Board has worked very hard at using Policy Based System of Governance that had been put in place. A highly qualified staff led by a dynamic and creative President was a joy with which to work. By and large, even during a time of decreasing fiscal expectations, the ministry of the District grew and expanded.

The Board met faithfully five times each calendar year in the past triennium. The Board at each meeting: 1) Heard a report on the state of the District and Synod from the President; 2) Took care of the routine matters of the District in its Consent Agenda; 3) Worked on establishing, reviewing, and interpreting the plans of our District in its Governance Agenda; 4) Monitored the work of the District staff including reviewing all of the policy manual components; 5) Annually reviewed all parts of the Policies on Self Governance; 6) Accepted reports from the treasurer, secretary, circuit counselors, Church Extension Fund, and other active committees of the board; 7) Heard a major presentation at each meeting on a “Big Issue” affecting our District; 8) Received monthly financial reports and yearly audit reports; 9) Planned for the 2006 District Convention and 10) Worked on any other business brought before the Board.

Here are a few of the general topics the Board has dealt with.

1. The Board has authorized the establishment of the 125th Anniversary Thank Offering under the theme of “The Future is Now”. The Board was pleased with the campaign video which has been produced. Jack Kidwell, with assistance from Liz Ruediger, was appointed campaign manager after Rev. Dean Wachholz took a call. The Board members have also personally led the way by making a three year pledge and giving the first years gift to the campaign.
2. The board was pleased that Dr. Tom Ahlersmeyer was elected and installed as President of Concordia University Ann Arbor.
3. The Board established the minimum base salary for new educators graduating in 2006 to be set at \$25,000 plus benefits. The beginning pastoral candidates salary to be set at \$35,000 plus benefits and an adequate automobile allowance.
4. The Board has revised the District Outcomes to match the present ministry activities in our District.
5. The Board received a report on our District’s involvement in the Katrina Relief Response. CMF Rick Wolfram led the District response. To date 74 congregations and 18 schools contributed \$130,371.41 to distribute. This does not reflect any direct assistance. In the future the District is planning a Director of Disaster Response from the District. This will include: communication by e-mail/web; regional coordinators and congregation coordinators.
6. The District Staff has reorganized their structure. There are now three departments: Member Services (Pete Larson, director), Mission Services (Roosevelt Gray, director), and General Services (Chad Woltemath, director). These three leaders become a District Ministry Cabinet meeting weekly with President Hoesman.



7. The Board officially extended a call to Bruce Braun to become Superintendent of Schools.
8. The Board has prepared a memorial to the Convention to allow the Board of Directors, at its discretion, to decide on the disposition of the EMU property. The proceeds of the sale will be used to support the ongoing campus ministry programs of the District.
9. The Board is writing a Limitations Policy that would require the President to operate in a manner that would keep at least two months of the District share of congregation receipts as a reserve fund.
10. The Board established a committee to write four memorials to present to the District Convention. The four memorials are: A.) Ethics: 1 - Code of Ethics for Professional Church Workers. 2 - Code of Relationships to other churches in the District and Synod. B.) Encourage use of District's Salary Guidelines. C.) Conflict - to encourage congregations to become aware of conflict and to use District Personnel to work on conflicts early in the process. D.) Synod - to encourage churches and people to work together with a positive attitude.

The Board of Directors continues to operate under four critical targets. here are key items of activities under each of the four targets of the Board.

## I. OUTREACH MINDSET

- A. Rev. Gray presented a big issue topic on Urban Strategies.
  1. Nine deacons from POBLO were studying at Fort Wayne Seminary.
  2. A new urban ministry start in Benton Harbor and considering one in Pontiac.
  3. Deaconess Rodriguez continues work with Spanish and started up a Latin American Mission Society.
  4. The biggest need in Urban ministry is people and money. Partnerships with other churches needs to take place.
  5. Southfield, Oak Park and Ferndale now have a high African American population and no Lutheran Churches.
- B. Three congregations are engaged in planting a new daughter congregation with seven other potential churches to follow.
- C. Eight new mission/ministries were started in 2003 in Atlanta (Lewiston); Muslim Outreach Ministry; Immanuel, Grand Rapids; Green Oak Twp.; Sudanese Ministry in Kentwood and Lansing; Afghani and Asian Indian Ministry in Lansing; Deaf Ministry in Rochester Hills; and Multi-Ethnic Ministry in Troy.
- D. 10 Wings trips in 2003 and 10 in 2004 to mission fields.
- E. Our churches supported the Venezuelan Lutheran Church.
- F. The board authorized the establishment of a designated account for the Deacon Training Program.
- G. The Board called Rev. Roosevelt Gray to be Mission Director for the District including church planting and supervising all subsidized congregations, DELTO and EIIT. This caused a realignment of the other CMF's to cover the District.
  - CMF #1 AWA 0-175 in Circuits 7-30 Plus Evangelism
  - CMF #2 AWA 0-175 in Circuits 1-6 and 31-44 Plus Stewardship
  - CMF #3 AWA 176-360 Plus Family Life
  - CMF #4 AWA 351+ Plus Intentional Mission Wings and Executive Administrator
- H. Established an *Ablaze!* Task Force for Michigan. This task force was set to follow our Tell the Good News Model.
- I. In 2004 four new starts of congregations: a) Family of Christ, Imlay City; b) Living Water Fellowship, Green Oak Township; c) Incarnate Word, Rochester; d) St. Paul International, Pontiac.
- J. The Board of Directors called Rev. Mark Bowditch to serve as Missionary at Large in Alpine Township, Grand Rapids.
- K. The Board of Directors Called Rev. Paul Werner to serve as Missionary at Large in the New Baltimore area.

## II. PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKERS

- A. The Board each year reviewed and established minimum salary guidelines for our District.
- B. At Concordia University's request, a representative from our Board of Directors now serves as an advisory member to the Concordia Board of Regents.
- C. 80 principals and 45 early childhood directors were further equipped for evangelism by Rev. Michael Meissner at the 2005 Snowtire Conference.
- D. Several Lay teachers are taking a colloquy through CUE Net.

- E. The District has presented both pastors and teachers several seminars, conferences and educational opportunities for professional growth and enrichment of their ministry.
- F. The District hosted a retirement gathering and farewell for George Locke.
- G. An All Professional Church Worker's Conference in Michigan is being planned for the Fall of 2007.

### III. RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

- A. The Board established a committee to work with Concordia University Ann Arbor to support their effort to keep Concordia open and monitor action from our Synod concerning Concordia. The Board was developing a good working relationship with Acting President Ahlersmeyer.
- B. The Board has tried to work with the Board of Directors of Synod and our Synodical President concerning all the issues that have occurred in the past three years. Our Board has been in communication with both the Board and the President. Our Board's goal has been to bring unity to our Synod.
- C. The Board authorized a feasibility study for a potential 125th Anniversary Thank Offering Campaign. The Board after hearing the results authorized a 125th Anniversary Campaign and established a 125th Anniversary Campaign Committee. The final results of the committee are to be presented to this Convention.
- D. The Board transferred the Camp Mahn Go Tah See Endowment Fund to an endowment fund controlled by Lutheran Retreat Ministry Association.
- E. A Task Force was created to write a Code of Ethics for Professional Church Workers. This document will be presented to the Convention.
- F. The Board reviewed the Umbrella Core Values and Ministry Core Values which permeate everything we do in the District and our specialized areas of ministry.
- G. A Big Issue studied by the Board was "Congregational Conflict". Conflict is inevitable. Managing it is the problem. There are five levels of conflict. Our main conflicts in the District center around the following: a) Worship issues, b) Finances especially with schools, c) Staff personalities and people management skills, and d) Vision of the leaderships of the churches. The CEF has offered to help pay some of the expenses to congregations who need to bring in outside consultations. This topic continues to be an important issue for congregations and our CMF's.
- H. Our CMF's have recently received training from Alban Institute in understanding and managing conflict.

### IV. RESOURCED CONGREGATIONS

- A. A Task Force was formed to write a Code of Ethics for Congregations. This Code included: a) treatment of professional church workers by congregations, b) relationships between and among the congregations of District and c) a sense of what it means to be part of District and Synod. This Code is to be presented to the Convention.
- B. A Big Issue studied by the Board was on Youth Ministry/Family Ministry. This topic was presented by CMF Galan Walther and Professor Ben Freudenburg. The presentation included: a) What is Family Ministry? b) What's happening in Family Ministry? c) Concordia's Family Life Ministry Program and d) Some Future Presentations. The Board encouraged a program to be developed for the District and offering congregations to become involved.
- C. The Board authorized the President to hire part time assistance to: a) Case Manager for Ecclesiastical Discipline Cases both in Michigan and nationally for the COP, b) Telephone and e-mail follow ups to the many messages received, c) Meet with all pastors who are looking for calls and present important information to the President.
- D. The Board had a special one day meeting to:
  1. Monitor the President's (staff) progress to date on the existing Outcomes and Indicators.
  2. Review Outcomes and Indicators for possible additions, changes and deletions.
  3. Set a process for the BOD to do a better job of regularly reviewing Outcomes and Indicators.
  4. Discussion of the Board having a Chairman of the Board.
  5. Developing a process to better initiate new Board members after their election.
- E. The Board with the staff hosted a special event dinner to say thank you to the forty congregations that contribute the most to our District and allow interaction between these congregations.
- F. A Big Issue presentation to the Board was the topic Funding Schools - Challenges facing congregations with schools and new approaches for funding. The Ministry Plan versus the Budget

has become a key topic. The Board encouraged congregations to maintain active Lutherans schools and to look at all possible sources of funding.

- G. The Board received a report on the new “Faithful Sowers Network”. The Board supports this new endeavor and encourages congregations to use Faithful Sowers. The purpose of Faithful Sowers is to educate, motivate, and generate Planned Giving and Estate Planning.
- H. The District entered a partnership with Concordia University called “Family Friendly Partners Network.”
- I. The District has received a large amount of information and has had many dialogues concerning Synod’s Workers Benefit Plans attempts to increase involvement and participation in their medical plans. The Board has taken no official action. The Board continues to review information they receive. The Board encourages all congregations to study this topic in detail and to know what is best and how it effects their own church workers.
- J. Over 24 family ministry workers participated in three Family Ministry connections. 71 family ministry workers attended the first annual Family Ministry Forum.
- K. A networking group of congregations using Policy Based Governance has been established.
- L. District campus ministries are accessing creative resources to enhance their ministry and sharing it with District congregations.
- M. Six new stewardship program ideas were shared with CMF’s for their awareness and recommendation to congregations as needed.
- N. Treasurers’ Conferences, Treasurer’s Manuals and other business office resources are provided to treasurers as needed.
- O. The District’s Website is maintained with resources available to congregations.
- P. In 2005, primary services asked for and given were: a) Assistance with the Call/Vacancy transition process - 51 congregations, b) Conflicts - 36 congregations, c) Strategic and operational planning - 35 congregations, d) Natural Church Development - 24 congregations, e) Governance - 10 congregations, and f) Mission Renewal Consultations - 6 congregations.
- Q. Fifteen Boards of Education underwent training with District Staff on functions and rules.
- R. 241 congregations were provided resources in 2005, a 2% increase over the previous 12 months.

## CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

The year 2006 marks the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your Church Extension Fund in the Michigan District. Our Articles of Incorporation recite on June 18, 1901 *“the Michigan District of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states, limited to Michigan, being a religious denomination in this state desiring to create a corporate Board of Trustees to take, hold, invest, sell and otherwise manage and control property . . . did at a regular meeting of said Synod held at Frankenmuth, Michigan . . .”* voted to establish what is known today as the Church Extension Fund of the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

The Church Extension Fund certainly has great reason to join in *Celebrating God’s Faithfulness* as He has provided the necessary funds for CEF to assist congregations in the expansion of their facilities where God’s word can be preached and taught. The chart below illustrates the decadal growth of the Church Extension Fund in Michigan, back to 1940 when assets of the Fund totaled less than \$1 million!

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Loans</u>	<u>Investor Deposits</u>	<u>Net Assets (Equity)</u>
2005	\$243,360,423	\$186,096,614	\$205,506,528	\$37,629,745
2000	\$159,356,535	\$119,409,796	\$134,974,001	\$23,709,779
1990	\$76,332,377	\$54,569,650	\$60,996,999	\$15,188,712
1980	\$28,626,075	\$23,481,342	\$21,412,722	\$6,931,679
1970	\$17,923,700	\$16,805,392	\$14,715,193	\$3,208,507
1960	\$9,435,500	\$8,136,845	\$7,978,818	\$1,438,156
1950	\$1,732,526	\$1,492,700	\$1,096,547	\$598,782
1940	\$751,478	\$681,389	\$380,983	\$323,832

Since the last District Convention in 2003, the total assets of the Church Extension Fund finished that year at \$212,051,354. As of December 31, 2005, the assets of the Fund totaled \$243,360,423 representing an increase of approximately 15%. During this same time frame, investor deposits grew \$29,460,000, totaling \$205,506,528 at the end of 2005. Loans receivable increased approximately 17% from year-end 2003 to year-end 2005. Year-end totals from the past three years are shown below:

<u>Loans Receivable</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Congregations	\$140,820,825	\$131,176,044	\$118,638,599
Congregations-housing	\$26,557,657	\$26,348,794	\$22,132,639
RSOs & Schools	\$13,881,644	\$15,317,401	\$14,764,181
RSOs & Schools-housing	\$1,744,637	\$1,602,007	\$1,205,418
Other	<u>\$3,091,851</u>	<u>\$2,620,312</u>	<u>\$2,931,781</u>
<b>Total Loans</b>	<b>\$186,096,614</b>	<b>\$177,064,558</b>	<b>\$159,672,618</b>
 <u>Investor Deposits</u>	 \$205,506,528	 \$190,733,615	 \$176,046,749
 <u>Net Assets (Equity)</u>	 \$ 37,629,745	 \$ 35,584,692	 \$ 31,640,162
 <u>Total Assets</u>	 \$243,360,423	 \$230,457,381	 \$212,051,354



Michigan District of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT ENDOWMENT

The Michigan District Board of Directors authorized the creation of an Endowment Fund to receive gifts to assist in the fulfillment of the Vision and Mission of the District. The Endowment is designed to support the key ministries of the District through unrestricted and restricted fund gifts. The unrestricted portion is for general projects in the District that align with the core values of the District. Additionally, there are two restricted funds. One is for the support of Intentional Mission Development within the Michigan District. The other is to provide scholarship opportunities for Michigan District students preparing for full time church work.

The President's Advisory Council was formed to oversee the Endowment Fund. This seven member committee provides their talents to assist the District staff with the oversight of the Endowment for the District. The council reviews the assets according to an investment policy, implements plans for marketing ideas and oversees distribution of the payouts. Additionally, the committee members have advised in various ways on the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign "The Future is Now."

As a perpetual endowment of the Michigan District, this fund is prepared to receive gifts during your lifetime or at your death to fulfill the purposes named above. Those gifts may include but not limited to:

Bequest from Will or Trust	Retirement Plan Gifts
Beneficiary Designations	Insurance Gifts
Charitable Remainder Trusts	Charitable Lead Trusts
Gift Annuities	Stock Gifts
Real Estate Gifts	Cash Gifts

If you wish to provide a gift to the Endowment, please contact the District Office for assistance.

### 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THE FUTURE IS NOW



The Michigan District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod is a network of Lutheran congregations and ministries that are interdependent, dynamic, effective and growing in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This network of congregations, which now exceeds 375 individual mission outposts still seeks to fulfill those early purposes of pioneer pastors which were discipling the saved and evangelizing the lost. The Michigan District is here to assist the congregations to achieve goals and objectives that individually they could not accomplish. The mission, still today as it was 125 years ago, is to bolster congregations and their ministry, to encourage them and equip them to disciple the saved and evangelize the lost.

The Board of Directors of the Michigan District-LCMS, as the caretaker of the vision and mission of the District, has determined that two of the long term goals for the congregations of the Michigan District should further what our forefathers started in the early 1800's. Those goals, which are the basis of the 125th Anniversary Celebration, are:

- ◆ Intentional Mission Development
- ◆ Recruiting, Supporting and Deploying Professional Church Work Students

"The Future is Now" provides a unique opportunity for the congregations and members of the Michigan District to bestow a wonderful thank offering for the blessings received from our Lord. Each of us should rise to these continuing challenges, and make a difference for the future that can only happen through shared purpose and common goals.

The goal of "The Future is Now" campaign for the Michigan District-LCMS is to raise \$10,000,000. This campaign will directly support two of the district's outcomes:

- ◆ Intentional Mission Development \$5,000,000
- ◆ Recruiting, Supporting and Deploying Professional Church Work students \$5,000,000

The Michigan District Board of Directors, through individuals and the local congregations, seeks your assistance in the fulfillment of these outcomes for the District through the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The celebration is designed to praise God for the opportunity and impact of ministry over the last 125 years and to provide His people a way to return thanks for the abundant blessings they have received, thus ensuring that the legacy begun so many years ago will be here for future generations.

### Intentional Mission Development

To disciple the saved and evangelize the lost has been a consistent message throughout the history of the Michigan District and its congregations. While our efforts to date are commendable, there are still people who do not know of the life-changing, saving grace of Jesus. Rev. Paul Werner, Missionary-at-Large for the Michigan District in 2005, summarized these thoughts when he said, "After 125 years we've far from reached the people of Michigan. There are so many unchurched folks who don't know Christ, they would be lost forever unless we reach them with the Gospel." The 125 year history of the Michigan District is about bringing people to Jesus!

With the enormous need for mission starts and in response to the 125 years of blessings that God has bestowed on His people, the Michigan District seeks to raise \$5,000,000 to begin ten additional mission starts over the next five years, begin one urban mission start, and place funds into the Michigan District Endowment Fund for Mission Development. With your help, these new mission starts will be a reality.

### Professional Church Worker Support

The Michigan District has a wonderful history of men and women who have answered the call of Matthew 9:37-38, "Then he said to his disciples 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" In 2004, almost 200 Michigan District professional church work students attended our seminaries, universities, and colleges. Yet President Hoesman has repeatedly stated "The need for Professional Church Workers at this time in the history of the Church cannot be overstated." Rev. Galen Grulke from Heart of the Shepherd, Howell echoes those words, "With more mission churches being planted and those reaching out to those that do not know Jesus Christ, we need more and more full time church workers." While we clearly need additional students, the financial support to assist those who have answered the call in past years has been far below the cost of tuition and expenses. In the past five years the support has averaged approximately \$400 per student. "The Future is Now" campaign seeks to address these financial issues.

There is an anticipated shortfall of workers due to the additional outreach opportunities of synod-wide mission development, retirements and death. The Michigan District, through your support, wants to turn the tide for the next five years to encourage more men and women to follow the call the Lord offers. The goal is to raise \$5,000,000 to substantially increase the financial support offered to professional church work students and to add to the Michigan District Endowment for Professional Church Workers.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer, President of Concordia University Ann Arbor recently offered this observation, "Without the support of the Michigan District it would be difficult for a number of these young people to attend a Concordia. The result of that is empty classrooms, empty pulpits, ministry that needs to be done and cannot be accomplished because we have not prepared the workers for the Church. All of us have a stake in this. This is all of our responsibility, to equip and send workers into the field."

In grateful thanksgiving for the blessings of our merciful God, we ask you, the members and congregations of the Michigan District, to consider these requests:

- ◆ Pray for the ongoing work of the District and its congregations as they disciple the saved and evangelize the lost in this state through the two goals of this campaign.
- ◆ Consider a generous, sacrificial commitment to the campaign over and above the regular giving that you provide to your local congregation.
- ◆ Seek out ways in which you may assist the Michigan District in this campaign and the goals that have been summarized here.

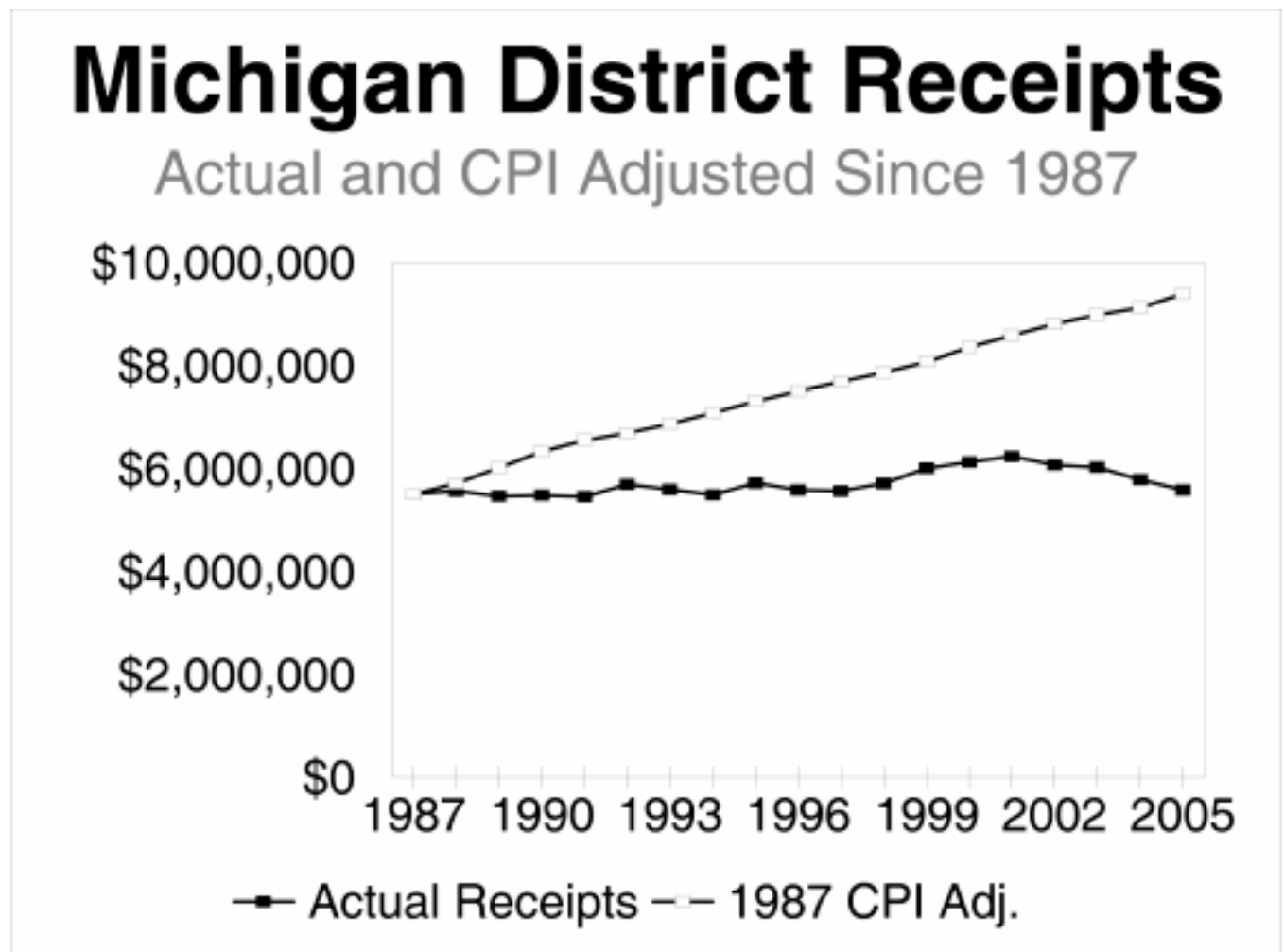
The stewardship of the gifts that God has bestowed on you is your response to the many blessings provided to you. The sharing of these and other blessings that God has provided needs to be a regular part of our lives. This Thank

Offering Campaign is an opportunity for the members of the Michigan District congregations to show their support of these ambitious goals and objectives set forth by the Board of Directors.

### FINANCIAL/CONGREGATION CONTRIBUTIONS

Unrestricted contributions from congregations to be shared between District and national ministries have decreased each year since 2001 from a high of \$6,242,383 to the 2005 (fiscal year ending 1/31/06) level of \$5,578,421. Giving from congregations asking that their entire mission contribution be used within the District have risen from \$151,165 to \$245,092 during the same period. The net effect is \$570,035 less in unrestricted giving from congregations over a four year period. Pledges for congregations for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2007 indicate an additional decrease of over \$225,000 for the current fiscal year. Overall, that means approximately \$421,000 per year less for national ministries and \$374,000 per year less for District ministries than was available in 2001.

From a historical perspective, congregation remittances have returned to the 1987 levels in real dollars. In comparison, the Consumer Price Index rose about 71% over that same 18 year period. That equates to a shortfall of approximately \$3,800,000 in today's dollars which is not available from Michigan District congregations for Synodical and District Mission and Ministry. The accompanying chart compares the actual congregational remittances for national and District ministries compared to the 1987 receipts adjusted by the Consumer Price Index.



**Michigan District LCMS**  
**Unrestricted Cash Received From Congregations**

	2004 Confirmed Membership*	Unrestricted Cash Contributions*			2005 Giving Per Confirmed	
		2003	2004	2005		
<b>Circuit 1 - Mackinaw Straits</b>						
500101	Cheboygan, St. John Lutheran Church	250	6,900.00	1,588.50	2,400.00	9.60
500102	DeTour Village, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church	15	500.00	0.00	1,000.00	66.67
500103	Drummond Island, Drummond Island Lutheran Church	97	1,850.00	2,200.00	2,500.00	25.77
500104	Engadine, Bethlehem Lutheran Church	146	3,000.00	5,151.81	4,437.06	30.39
500105	Germfask, Grace Lutheran Church-Germfask	86	4,125.29	4,684.60	5,295.14	61.57
500106	Hawks, Faith Lutheran Church	154	4,500.00	4,525.00	5,017.00	32.58
500107	Kincheloe, St. Paul Lutheran Church Of Kinross	29	720.00	840.00	850.00	30.34
500108	Rogers City, Immanuel Lutheran Church	214	8,336.00	7,409.00	8,130.00	42.66
500109	Newberry, Trinity Lutheran Church	98	250.00	560.00	560.00	5.71
500110	Onaway, Holy Cross Lutheran Church	186	1,020.00	1,020.00	1,020.00	6.14
500111	Rogers City, Peace Lutheran Church	336	10,208.50	8,562.87	7,846.88	23.35
500112	Rogers City, St. John Lutheran Church	545	9,904.15	11,428.05	10,940.50	20.07
500113	Rogers City, St. Michael Lutheran Church	263	5,532.95	5,946.24	5,728.13	21.78
500114	Sault Ste. Marie, St. Barnabas Lutheran Church	47	4,386.00	2,155.00	4,503.00	95.81
500115	Paradise, Paradise Lutheran Church	17	877.00	910.00	902.00	53.06
<b>Circuit 2 - Alpena</b>						
500201	Alpena, Immanuel Lutheran Church	1202	26,915.97	18,920.00	39,970.00	33.25
500202	Harrisville, Faith Lutheran Church	29	3,588.46	3,887.90	1,457.10	50.24
500203	Herron, St. Paul Lutheran Church	300	15,865.00	13,460.00	14,735.00	49.12
500204	Hillman, St. John Lutheran Church	400	11,500.00	11,499.96	11,551.63	28.88
500205	Lewiston, Bethlehem Lutheran Church	288	13,387.68	15,942.00	15,108.00	50.70
500206	Ossineke, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	100	3,563.00	4,089.00	3,608.00	36.08
500207	Posen, St. Paul Lutheran Church	25	1,200.00	900.00	1,200.00	48.00
500209	Mio, Living Water Lutheran Church	51	1,355.10	926.96	1,082.70	21.23
<b>Circuit 3 - Timberline</b>						
500301	Au Gres, St. John Lutheran Church	229	10,484.00	11,690.04	3,032.12	13.24
500302	Glennie, Our Savior Lutheran Church	27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
500303	Hale, St. Paul's Lutheran Church	352	8,050.00	8,400.00	7,700.00	21.88
500304	Oscoda, Trinity Lutheran Church	282	24,785.54	16,077.00	16,514.00	58.56
500305	Prescott, Faith Lutheran Church	365	33,500.00	30,750.00	21,250.00	58.22
500306	Standish, Bethlehem Lutheran Church	267	5,434.00	5,642.63	5,534.00	20.73
500307	Tawas City, Zion Lutheran Church	393	11,435.00	11,075.00	6,033.00	15.35
500308	Whitemore, Good News Ministries Lutheran Church	115	3,457.48	3,556.55	3,459.33	30.08
<b>Circuit 4 - Gladwin</b>						
500401	Clare, Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church	198	2,517.00	3,875.00	5,132.00	25.92
500402	Gladwin, Our Savior Lutheran Church	481	16,931.77	15,360.06	16,236.72	33.78
500403	Harrison, St. Luke Lutheran Church	237	5,500.00	4,500.00	6,275.00	26.48
500404	Houghton Lake, St. John Lutheran Church	420	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	17.14
500405	St. Helen, Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church	178	1,300.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	6.74
500406	West Branch, St. John Lutheran Church	253	7,940.14	0.00	7,985.74	31.56
<b>Circuit 5 - Midland</b>						
500501	Alma, Peace Lutheran Church	91	4,770.00	6,785.00	4,800.00	52.75
500502	Auburn, Grace Lutheran Church	523	38,276.00	33,330.00	41,683.00	79.70
500503	Auburn, Zion Lutheran Church	1143	52,844.48	52,683.24	57,913.07	50.67
500504	Midland, Messiah Lutheran Church	1361	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	7.35
500505	Midland, Our Savior Lutheran Church	114	3,050.00	3,720.00	5,040.00	44.21
500506	Midland, St. John's Lutheran Church	1332	60,750.00	57,000.00	44,750.00	33.60
500507	Mount Pleasant, Zion Lutheran Church	382	6,416.63	7,416.66	4,999.82	12.75
530508	Mount Pleasant, Christ The King Lutheran Chapel	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	
500509	Sanford, St. Paul Lutheran Church	449	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	1.11
500510	Wheeler, Immanuel Lutheran Church	461	9,616.64	13,424.54	12,812.11	27.79
500511	Midland, Lord Of New Life Lutheran Church	44	290.00	873.00	1,038.00	23.59
<b>Circuit 6 - Bay City</b>						
500601	Bay City, Faith Lutheran Church	980	49,108.67	63,315.00	62,953.00	64.24
500602	Bay City, Immanuel Lutheran Church	1703	17,500.00	0.00	6,666.68	3.91
500603	Bay City, St. John Lutheran Church	661	27,160.35	20,089.35	19,275.75	29.16
500604	Bay City, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church	603	19,822.50	23,593.50	22,938.00	38.04
500605	Bay City, Zion Lutheran Church	1488	56,884.94	69,241.58	60,255.48	40.49
500606	Essexville, Pilgrim Lutheran Church	518	5,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	11.58
500607	Bay City, St. Paul Lutheran Church	778	60,552.07	68,641.81	62,429.86	80.24
500608	Pinconning, St. John Lutheran Church	591	16,250.00	15,416.00	18,326.00	31.01
<b>Circuit 7 - Thumb East</b>						
500701	Bad Axe, Our Savior Lutheran Church	603	13,050.00	12,250.00	14,700.00	24.38
500702	Kinde, St. Peter Lutheran Church	123	5,718.53	6,202.55	5,735.37	46.63
500703	Minden City, Trinity Lutheran Church	222	7,502.00	6,977.50	5,967.00	26.88
500704	Harbor Beach, Zion Lutheran Church	450	25,395.24	10,756.60	2,202.36	4.89
500705	Palms, St. John Lutheran Church	145	6,773.00	6,928.00	6,898.00	47.57
500706	Port Hope, St. John Lutheran Church	606	5,548.50	7,192.50	10,361.98	17.10
500707	Port Sanilac, St. John Lutheran Church	160	6,569.44	5,787.98	6,577.12	41.11
500708	Sandusky, Peace Lutheran Church	350	8,344.00	3,000.00	961.71	2.75
500709	Marlette, Our Savior Lutheran Church	299	12,700.03	12,700.07	12,700.00	42.47



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		2003	2004	2005		
<b>Circuit 8 - Thumb West</b>						
500801	Sebewang, St. Peter Lutheran Church	152	7,098.00	6,583.00	6,538.00	43.01
500802	Caseville, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	169	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	18.18
500803	Cass City, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	412	16,471.53	19,324.00	13,750.00	33.37
500805	Sebewang, St. John Lutheran Church	249	7,357.50	6,909.29	5,018.75	20.16
500806	Pigeon, St. Paul Lutheran Church	365	7,174.00	6,342.00	5,295.00	14.48
500807	Sebewang, Immanuel Lutheran Church	953	72,052.08	80,463.75	64,750.40	67.94
500808	Unionville, St. Paul Lutheran Church	468	20,523.41	41,661.97	15,651.00	33.59
500809	Fairgrove, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	316	4,488.62	8,259.92	5,253.84	16.63
<b>Circuit 9 - Frankenmuth</b>						
500901	Caro, St. Paul Lutheran Church	602	39,851.87	28,468.00	29,742.80	49.41
500903	Frankenmuth, St. Lorenz Lutheran Church	3999	436,574.50	420,000.00	378,278.24	94.59
500904	Millington, St. Paul Lutheran Church	1362	38,630.53	38,780.88	39,110.40	28.72
500905	Munger, Trinity-St. James Lutheran Church	534	7,850.68	6,136.50	6,249.78	11.70
500906	Reese, Trinity Lutheran Church	876	37,229.12	30,833.08	27,178.50	31.03
500907	Richville, St. Michael's Lutheran Church	1308	75,272.05	70,040.12	79,858.56	61.05
500908	Saginaw, Immanuel Lutheran Church of Frankenrost	610	38,709.88	29,624.69	28,945.52	47.45
<b>Circuit 10 - Saginaw</b>						
501001	Bridgeport, Faith Lutheran Church	572	34,859.12	37,509.29	34,034.15	59.50
501002	Hemlock, St. Peter Lutheran Church	1143	35,217.65	31,272.48	32,277.50	28.24
501003	Hemlock, Zion Lutheran Church	544	12,207.87	21,400.00	23,000.00	42.28
501004	Owosso, St. Philip Lutheran Church	103	1,191.63	1,550.04	1,116.67	10.84
501005	Saginaw, Bethlehem Lutheran Church	1233	58,891.62	43,600.00	43,939.00	35.64
501006	Saginaw, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	731	18,125.00	14,156.00	12,433.50	17.01
501007	Saginaw, Messiah Lutheran Church	249	0.00	500.00	400.00	1.61
501008	Saginaw, Peace Lutheran Church	1595	119,898.67	117,500.00	126,058.31	79.03
501009	Saginaw, Holy Cross Lutheran Church	768	51,587.59	53,444.69	55,159.52	71.82
501010	Saginaw, Redeemer Lutheran Church	268	8,088.25	8,178.85	7,849.53	29.29
501011	St. Charles, Nativity Lutheran Church	54	5,725.00	6,041.00	6,536.00	121.04
501012	Saginaw, St. Mark Lutheran Church	362	5,000.00	7,000.00	3,250.00	8.98
<b>Circuit 11 - Flint North</b>						
501101	Birch Run, Christ Lutheran Church	441	7,749.73	10,830.16	11,483.90	26.04
501102	Birch Run, St. Martin Lutheran Church	518	5,000.00	30,610.09	24,968.23	48.20
501103	Clo, Messiah Lutheran Church	1294	48,582.84	60,555.00	58,625.00	45.31
501104	Flint, Christ The King Lutheran Church	18	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
501105	Flint, United In Christ Lutheran Church	218	8,500.00	6,020.83	6,249.98	28.67
501106	Flint, Our Savior Lutheran Church	162	6,000.00	4,950.00	7,600.00	46.91
501108	Flint, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church	1148	37,000.00	47,550.00	25,500.00	22.25
501109	Flushing, Holy Cross Lutheran Church	459	30,290.00	8,574.87	4,458.33	9.71
<b>Circuit 12 - Flint South</b>						
501201	Burton, Pilgrim Lutheran Church	209	3,000.00	3,460.00	0.00	0.00
501202	Fenton, Trinity Lutheran Church	582	12,843.00	13,000.08	14,239.20	24.47
501203	Flint, Peace Lutheran Church	204	11,594.60	13,705.48	13,691.10	67.11
501204	Flint, Redeemer Lutheran Church	211	8,400.00	11,450.00	5,400.00	25.59
501205	Goodrich, Christ Lutheran Church	239	9,919.72	7,542.82	13,535.13	56.63
501206	Grand Blanc, Faith Lutheran Church	1580	87,590.88	87,868.00	75,244.96	47.62
501207	Holly, Gethsemane Lutheran Church	27	1,191.71	200.00	0.00	0.00
501208	Linden, Hope Lutheran Church	343	9,273.00	6,529.00	6,639.23	19.36
501209	Ortonville, Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church	78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
501210	Swartz Creek, Newlife Community Lutheran Church	293	0.00	10,611.59	0.00	0.00
<b>Circuit 13 - Lapeer</b>						
501301	Davison, Trinity Lutheran Church	813	20,115.23	21,358.54	17,078.71	21.01
501302	Dryden, Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church	324	15,143.43	14,423.99	15,071.49	46.52
501303	Flint, Calvary Lutheran Church	126	7,196.00	9,808.00	6,116.00	48.54
501304	Flint, St. Mark Lutheran Church	692	25,000.00	41,800.00	33,200.00	47.98
501305	Lapeer, St. Paul Lutheran Church	1108	38,230.00	30,600.00	30,000.00	27.12
501307	North Branch, New Life In Christ Lutheran Church	86	2,230.00	3,200.00	2,850.00	33.14
501308	Ossville, St. Timothy Lutheran Church	312	16,367.00	16,257.00	21,445.50	68.74
<b>Circuit 14 - Port Huron</b>						
501401	Algonac, First Evangelical Lutheran Church	250	3,666.67	4,666.70	4,000.00	16.00
501402	Armada, Our Saviour Lutheran Church	337	968.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
501403	Fair Haven, St. Peter Lutheran Church	134	1,093.00	677.00	678.00	5.06
501404	Goodells, Hope Lutheran Church	17	400.00	400.00	400.00	23.53
501405	Lexington, St. Matthew Lutheran Church	480	4,875.00	4,500.00	4,125.00	8.59
501406	Port Huron, Faith Lutheran Church	909	9,489.85	18,710.00	21,883.00	24.07
501407	Port Huron, Trinity Lutheran Church	903	20,297.48	20,335.00	20,509.41	22.71
501408	Richmond, St. Peter's Lutheran Church	1123	8,194.00	27,033.90	15,268.19	13.60
501409	St. Clair, Immanuel Lutheran Church	979	30,903.50	27,896.65	24,268.00	24.79
501410	Memphis, St. Andrew Lutheran Church	191	12,257.28	14,586.76	14,053.95	73.58

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<b>Circuit 15 - Macomb North</b>						
501501	Clinton Township, St. Luke Lutheran Church	1253	1,500.00	12,000.00	0.00	0.00
501502	Clinton Township, Trinity Lutheran Church	1452	48,361.35	46,600.00	59,800.00	41.18
501503	Macomb, Immanuel Lutheran Church	2351	4,330.00	0.00	20,000.00	8.51
501504	Macomb, St. Peter Lutheran Church	2147	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	18.63
501505	New Baltimore, Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church	112	6,000.00	2,800.00	3,500.00	31.25
501506	New Baltimore, Christ Lutheran Church	136	2,400.00	2,400.00	900.00	6.62
501507	New Haven, St. John Lutheran Church	223	493.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
521508	New Baltimore, Living Hope of the Bay Lutheran Church		0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Circuit 16 - Macomb Northwest</b>						
501601	Romeo, Grace Lutheran Fellowship	450	24,441.72	25,192.93	33,801.86	75.12
501602	Shelby Township, Peace Lutheran Church	389	1,811.73	2,979.50	0.00	0.00
501603	Sterling Heights, Redemption Lutheran Church	291	8,300.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	18.56
501604	Sterling Heights, St. Paul Lutheran Church	258	700.00	700.00	700.00	2.71
501605	Troy, Faith Lutheran Church	3038	25,000.00	21,250.00	15,000.00	4.94
501606	Utica, Trinity Lutheran Church	3213	5,000.00	28,500.00	21,080.00	6.56
501607	Washington, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	448	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	26.91
501608	Shelby Township, Shepherd's Gate Lutheran Church	836	42,000.00	42,000.00	51,750.00	61.90
501609	Dearborn Heights, All Nations Lutheran Church	124	748.32	475.00	250.00	2.02
521610	Imlay City, Family of Christ Lutheran Church		0.00	0.00	391.33	
<b>Circuit 17 - Oakland North</b>						
501701	Clarkston, St. Trinity Lutheran Church	506	26,675.00	18,854.00	9,300.00	15.60
501702	Lake Orion, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	490	23,200.73	23,664.20	24,744.12	50.50
501703	Oxford, Holy Cross Lutheran Church	232	7,000.00	7,731.95	13,000.00	56.03
501704	Pontiac, St. Paul Lutheran Church (Closed 2003)		779.81	0.00	0.00	
501705	Rochester Hills, Crown Of Life Lutheran Church	328	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
501706	Rochester Hills, Gethsemane Lutheran Church	176	5,750.00	6,650.00	4,800.00	27.27
501707	Rochester, Living Word Lutheran Church	321	10,088.56	17,589.74	17,923.10	55.84
501708	Rochester, St. John Lutheran Church	2078	91,739.22	95,322.64	98,273.16	47.29
501709	Waterford, St. Stephen Lutheran Church	704	6,000.00	2,000.00	575.00	0.82
511710	Rochester Hills, Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word		0.00	0.00	0.00	
521711	Pontiac, St. Paul International		0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Circuit 18 - Birmingham</b>						
501801	Berkley, Trinity Lutheran Church	86	8,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	52.33
501802	Birmingham, Our Shepherd Lutheran Church	1334	8,897.64	17,401.84	0.00	0.00
501803	Birmingham, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer	1064	86,671.17	63,650.54	66,946.57	62.92
501804	Bloomfield Hills, Cross Of Christ Lutheran Church	635	106,526.50	83,178.00	61,750.00	97.24
501805	Hazel Park, Hazel Park Lutheran Church	144	6,000.00	1,000.00	2,900.00	20.14
501806	Huntington Woods, Huntington Woods Lutheran Church	300	7,773.54	12,971.78	9,445.00	31.48
501808	Royal Oak, St. Paul Lutheran Church	993	4,670.93	29,563.88	30,933.44	31.15
501809	Troy, St. Augustine Ev. Lutheran Church	118	7,130.80	6,300.00	5,775.00	48.94
501810	Warren, Holy Cross Lutheran Church	588	9,200.00	16,267.00	18,862.00	32.08
<b>Circuit 19 - Macomb South</b>						
501901	Eastpointe, St. Peter's Lutheran Church	1251	7,657.00	2,989.00	4,460.49	3.57
501902	Eastpointe, St. Thomas Lutheran Church	1039	24,702.85	19,194.63	26,205.07	25.22
501903	Fraser, St. John Lutheran Church	1167	108,025.72	108,035.32	83,654.73	71.68
501904	Roseville, Bethlehem Lutheran Church	294	1,700.00	1,500.00	6,000.00	20.41
501906	Warren, Hope Lutheran Church	688	43,200.00	43,200.00	39,600.00	57.56
501907	Warren, Peace Lutheran Church	262	11,869.74	7,087.23	0.00	0.00
501908	Warren, Trinity Lutheran Church	350	600.00	600.00	400.00	1.14
<b>Circuit 20 - Detroit East</b>						
502001	Detroit, Bethany Lutheran Church	254	9,008.80	8,455.55	6,253.00	24.62
502002	Detroit, East Bethlehem Lutheran Church	164	5,031.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
502003	Detroit, Charity Lutheran Church	59	0.00	225.00	0.00	0.00
502004	Detroit, Epiphany Lutheran Church	97	7,222.00	6,200.00	6,836.00	70.47
502005	Detroit, Mount Calvary Lutheran Church	147	440.00	3,120.00	2,175.00	14.80
502007	Detroit, Peace Lutheran Church	185	2,817.75	2,904.26	181.00	0.98
502008	Detroit, Redemption Lutheran Church	47	500.00	200.00	100.00	2.13
502009	Detroit, Resurrection Lutheran Church	99	4,002.16	5,636.00	11,549.83	116.66
<b>Circuit 21 - Detroit Central</b>						
502101	Detroit, St. Philips Evangelical Lutheran Church	378	1,759.00	1,727.00	1,750.00	4.63
502102	Detroit, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church	1422	2,511.00	2,121.00	3,779.48	2.66
502103	Detroit, Berea Lutheran Church	172	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	5.81
502104	Detroit, Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church	22	4,147.00	4,296.00	3,330.00	151.36
502105	Detroit, Nazareth Lutheran Church	48	0.00	0.00	147.84	3.21
502106	Detroit, St. John Lutheran Church	147	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
502107	Detroit, St. Stephen Lutheran Church	122	2,350.00	2,350.00	2,400.00	19.67
<b>Circuit 22 - Detroit West</b>						
502201	Detroit, Evergreen Lutheran Church	147	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
502202	Detroit, Greenfield Peace Lutheran Church	390	7,689.00	8,113.00	8,137.00	20.86
502203	Detroit, Holy Cross Lutheran Church	307	400.00	400.00	200.00	0.65
502204	Detroit, Outer Drive Faith Lutheran Church	377	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
502205	Detroit, St. Timothy Lutheran Church	123	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
502207	Detroit, Redford Evangelical Lutheran Church	171	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	23.39

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<b>Circuit 23 - Down River</b>					
502302	Flat Rock, Community Lutheran Church	631	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
502303	Southgate, Christ The King Lutheran Church	1248	156,000.00	165,000.00	172,000.00
502304	Taylor, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	123	2,038.67	2,170.00	1,824.00
502305	Taylor, St. John's Lutheran Church	541	5,530.00	4,005.74	4,056.25
502306	Trenton, St. Paul Lutheran Church	1361	61,783.71	65,840.03	74,486.14
502307	Wyandotte, Trinity Lutheran Church	653	24,467.00	22,206.00	23,827.00
502308	Allen Park, Mount Hope Lutheran Church	300	7,052.00	5,427.00	4,858.00
502309	Lincoln Park, Calvary Lutheran Church	786	12,036.25	11,082.50	18,391.00
502310	River Rouge, Christ Lutheran Church	40	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Circuit 24 - Monroe</b>					
502401	New Boston, St. John Lutheran Church	958	55,686.00	54,095.00	56,353.00
502402	Newport, Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church	65	2,848.53	3,187.60	680.00
502403	Monroe, Grace Lutheran Church	675	41,067.10	28,561.07	37,551.13
502404	Monroe, Holy Ghost Lutheran Church	498	19,217.87	17,988.60	23,186.06
502405	Monroe, Immanuel Lutheran Church	375	21,141.95	18,000.00	10,000.00
502406	Monroe, Trinity Lutheran Church	1840	98,068.57	112,205.84	101,431.00
502407	Lambertville, Christ The King Lutheran Church	156	6,750.00	6,200.00	2,257.00
502408	Petersburg, St. Peter Lutheran Church	374	4,865.00	2,963.00	4,396.00
<b>Circuit 25 - Dearborn</b>					
502501	Dearborn, Alonement Lutheran Church	222	1,797.00	841.27	385.00
502502	Dearborn, Emmanuel Lutheran Church	946	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
502503	Dearborn, Guardian Lutheran Church	1032	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
502504	Dearborn, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	217	831.00	2,493.88	6,981.00
502505	Inkster, Our Master Lutheran Church	119	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
502506	Wayne, St. Michael Lutheran Church	462	7,833.90	822.00	997.50
502507	Canton, Christ The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	115	3,500.00	7,500.00	7,000.00
502508	Westland, Lutheran Church of Our Saviour	38	1,200.00	1,300.00	2,350.00
502509	Westland, St. Matthew Lutheran Church	1028	9,000.00	9,000.00	13,500.00
502510	Plymouth, Living Word Lutheran Church	121	0.00	0.00	0.00
512511	Ypsilanti, Asian Indian Lutheran Church		0.00	0.00	0.00
512512	Dearborn Heights, First Arabic Lutheran Church	24	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Circuit 26 - Kensington</b>					
502601	Brighton, Shepherd Of The Lakes Lutheran Church	1379	81,166.67	79,410.63	70,005.00
502602	Highland, Faith Lutheran Church	319	22,005.00	25,000.00	23,666.67
502603	Milford, Christ Lutheran Church	405	12,108.02	12,932.47	13,109.48
502604	South Lyon, Cross Of Christ Lutheran Church	297	8,500.00	9,950.00	10,541.67
502605	White Lake, Cedar Crest Lutheran Church	118	1,443.00	1,644.00	1,571.00
502606	West Bloomfield, St. Mark's Lutheran Church	259	0.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
502607	Walled Lake, St. Matthew Lutheran Church	1722	198,225.00	211,113.00	182,235.00
502608	Waterford, Peace Lutheran Church	436	11,943.00	1,000.00	0.00
522609	Wyom, St. Matthew Lutheran Mission		63,441.00	67,212.00	38,117.00
502610	Howell, Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church	155	10,211.00	12,358.00	13,950.00
<b>Circuit 27 - Livonia</b>					
502701	Westland, Salem National Lutheran Church	165	2,750.00	3,000.00	2,100.00
502702	Farmington Hills, St. Paul's Lutheran Church	542	8,044.05	3,750.46	9,761.58
502703	Farmington Hills, Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church	269	28,030.20	29,234.41	35,739.55
502704	Northville, St. Paul Lutheran Church	522	8,000.00	7,083.31	9,000.00
502705	Livonia, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church	1134	15,500.00	18,166.67	16,137.49
502706	Redford, Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church	422	3,000.00	1,500.00	0.00
502707	Dearborn Heights, Immanuel Lutheran Church	252	0.00	0.00	0.00
502708	Birmingham, Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf	54	0.00	0.00	0.00
502709	Canton, Grace Lutheran Church		9,900.00	9,000.00	0.00
<b>Circuit 28 - Milan</b>					
502801	Britton, Emmanuel Lutheran Church	347	11,035.75	13,478.08	14,437.74
502802	Saline, Christ Our King Lutheran Church	506	36,542.56	33,740.00	39,228.00
502804	Ypsilanti, Faith Lutheran Church	142	4,000.00	4,000.04	4,016.63
502805	Milan, St. Paul Lutheran Church	266	10,662.50	3,368.78	0.00
502806	New Boston, St. Paul's Lutheran Church	433	19,080.28	20,112.38	17,271.21
502807	Ann Arbor, St. Thomas Lutheran Church	76	825.00	825.00	975.00
502808	Belleville, Open Arms Lutheran Church		5,364.17	9,938.51	21,904.77
<b>Circuit 29 - Ann Arbor</b>					
502901	Ann Arbor, Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church	81	6,581.11	4,858.15	4,662.68
502902	Ann Arbor, St. Luke Lutheran Church	1233	101,079.81	72,777.01	60,226.64
502903	Ann Arbor, Peace Lutheran Church	178	23,904.95	25,136.04	15,741.20
502904	Ann Arbor, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church	1007	84,593.00	71,571.00	87,805.00
532905	Ann Arbor, University Lutheran Chapel	12	1,000.00	800.00	800.00
502906	Chelsea, Our Savior Lutheran Church	293	15,607.02	16,795.77	17,389.67
502907	Hamburg, St. Paul Lutheran Church	474	33,797.00	30,710.00	30,996.00
502908	Pinckney, Trinity Lutheran Church	106	0.00	5,975.18	3,000.00
502909	Ann Arbor, Cross & Resurrection Lutheran Church	69	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
522910	Whitmore Lake, Living Water Fellowship		0.00	0.00	0.00

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<b>Circuit 30 - Jackson</b>						
503001	Adrian, Hope Lutheran Church	232	16,709.31	21,149.10	19,938.54	85.94
503002	Adrian, St. John Lutheran Church	551	32,575.26	25,385.62	23,826.00	43.24
503003	Brooklyn, St. Mark Lutheran Church of the Irish Hills	287	4,000.00	7,800.00	6,600.00	23.00
503004	Hudson, Our Saviour Lutheran Church	145	7,657.70	8,932.00	9,716.91	67.01
503005	Jackson, Redeemer Lutheran Church	482	43,391.95	31,237.11	37,365.07	77.52
503006	Jackson, Trinity Lutheran Church	1194	61,521.14	42,476.80	32,779.03	27.45
503007	Addison, Lutheran Church Of The Lakes	303	20,582.00	17,195.69	17,799.04	58.74
<b>Circuit 31 - Petoskey</b>						
503101	Bellare, Hope Lutheran Church	100	3,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
503102	Boyne City, Christ Lutheran Church	400	24,924.29	22,509.00	21,735.00	54.34
503103	Charlevoix, Bethany Lutheran Church	165	5,954.00	6,285.00	9,214.50	55.85
503104	Gaylord, Trinity Lutheran Church	302	14,753.75	15,001.66	12,022.42	39.81
503105	Grayling, Mount Hope Lutheran Church	272	14,813.40	15,954.35	15,745.28	57.89
503106	Kalkaska, St. Paul Lutheran Church	247	5,061.80	4,568.68	5,000.00	20.24
503107	Mancelona, St. Matthew Lutheran Church	38	860.00	860.00	500.00	13.16
503108	Petoskey, Zion Lutheran Church	331	13,000.00	12,670.00	20,030.00	60.51
503109	Harbor Springs, Shepherd In The Pines Lutheran Church	51	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	58.82
<b>Circuit 32 - Traverse City</b>						
503201	Benzonia, Our Savior Lutheran Church	138	1,200.00	1,950.00	625.00	4.53
503202	Elk Rapids, Grace Lutheran Church	103	1,800.00	2,200.00	2,480.00	24.08
503203	Cedar, St. Pauls Ev. Lutheran Church (Good Harbor)	111	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
503204	Glen Arbor, Bethlehem Lutheran Church	90	3,600.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	57.78
503205	Interlochen, Redeemer Lutheran Church	315	3,300.00	3,750.00	4,200.00	13.33
503206	Leland, Immanuel Lutheran Church	231	14,920.62	9,176.67	8,000.00	34.63
503207	Traverse City, St. Michael's & All Angels Lutheran Church	210	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	9.52
503208	Traverse City, Trinity Lutheran Church	1102	58,020.16	38,371.22	31,206.84	28.32
803210	Kingsley, St. Johannes Lutheran Church (Closed 2005)	50	360.00	120.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Circuit 33 - Manistee</b>						
503301	Arcadia, Trinity Lutheran Church	171	4,500.00	5,100.00	4,800.00	28.07
503302	Cadillac, Emmanuel Lutheran Church	335	20,523.05	18,480.00	18,480.00	55.16
503304	Ludington, Peace Lutheran Church Of Ludington	23	900.00	1,050.00	1,650.00	71.74
503305	Manistee, Trinity Lutheran Church	598	8,500.00	12,750.00	8,500.00	14.21
503306	Mesick, Faith Lutheran Church	68	1,440.00	1,800.00	1,080.00	15.88
503307	Onekama, Norwalk Lutheran Church	112	350.00	350.00	200.00	1.79
503308	Onekama, Trinity Lutheran Church	314	1,000.00	500.00	1,971.00	6.28
503309	Scottville, Our Savior Lutheran Church	692	13,000.00	13,000.00	10,000.00	14.45
503310	Wellston, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church	20	473.00	279.00	887.00	44.35
503311	Ludington, St. John's Lutheran Church	216	4,442.11	4,976.64	5,217.84	24.16
503312	Pentwater, Lighthouse Lutheran Church	27	721.60	1,227.32	1,855.43	68.72
<b>Circuit 34 - Big Rapids</b>						
503401	Baldwin, Grace Lutheran Church	81	843.00	110.00	0.00	0.00
503402	Big Rapids, St. Peter Lutheran Church	633	2,516.99	3,586.59	3,332.19	5.26
503404	Fremont, Redeemer Lutheran Church	207	13,441.54	13,307.68	13,964.79	67.41
503405	Mecosta, Chapel Of The Lakes Lutheran Church	213	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	18.78
503406	Reed City, Trinity Lutheran Church	415	5,249.35	6,499.98	2,166.66	5.22
503407	White Cloud, Christ Lutheran Church	170	4,725.00	4,331.25	4,725.00	27.79
503408	Fremont, Living Hope Lutheran Fellowship	16	0.00	0.00	2,600.00	162.50
<b>Circuit 35 - Capitol</b>						
503501	Charlotte, First Lutheran Church	400	7,781.33	5,160.19	2,481.11	6.20
503502	East Lansing, Ascension Lutheran Church	231	4,595.50	3,462.50	3,077.00	13.32
503504	Haslett, St. Luke Lutheran Church	508	32,935.25	34,745.00	37,210.00	73.25
503505	Holt, Messiah Lutheran Church	390	25,665.39	21,175.26	16,950.42	43.46
503506	Holt, St. Matthew Lutheran Church	245	4,877.53	9,490.31	10,205.92	41.66
503507	Lansing, Our Savior Lutheran Church	1081	9,040.31	18,441.86	30,753.80	28.45
503508	Lansing, Trinity Lutheran Church	241	10,429.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
503509	Leslie, Grace Lutheran Church	129	6,698.63	5,369.89	9,846.53	76.33
803510	Mason, St. Mark Lutheran Church (Closed 2004)		960.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
523511	Lansing, Living Word Lutheran Church		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Circuit 36 - St Johns</b>						
503601	Carson City, Calvary Lutheran Church	108	3,200.00	3,300.00	0.00	0.00
503602	Dewitt, Hope Lutheran Church	230	3,999.95	3,999.95	2,000.04	8.70
503603	Fowler, St. Paul Lutheran Church	125	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
503604	Portland, St. Andrew Lutheran Church	188	16,162.69	16,077.35	13,160.16	70.00
503605	St. Johns, St. John Lutheran Church	326	21,100.00	18,500.00	18,600.00	57.06
503606	St. Johns, St. Peter Lutheran Church	465	27,300.00	24,978.10	27,749.36	59.68
503607	Lansing, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	259	10,541.63	11,083.37	12,000.00	46.33
<b>Circuit 37 - Tri-River</b>						
503701	Belding, Holy Cross Lutheran Church	159	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	18.87
503702	Greenville, Mount Calvary Lutheran Church	334	8,900.00	10,178.66	8,607.78	25.77
503703	Howard City, Bethel Lutheran Church	240	4,500.00	4,460.00	4,000.00	16.67
503704	Ionia, St. John Lutheran Church	207	4,000.00	3,999.63	4,800.00	23.19
503705	Lowell, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	124	7,320.00	7,976.00	7,668.00	61.84
503706	Sand Lake, Resurrection Lutheran Church	176	7,143.58	4,050.00	0.00	0.00
503707	Stanton, Hope Lutheran Church	117	550.00	550.00	550.00	4.70

**Michigan District LCMS**  
**Unrestricted Cash Received From Congregations**

	2004 Confirmed Membership*	Unrestricted Cash Contributions*			2005 Giving Per Confirmed		
		2003	2004	2005			
<b>Circuit 38 - Muskegon</b>							
503801	Conklin, Trinity Lutheran Church	483	19,500.00	16,500.00	6,500.00	13.46	
503802	Montague, St. James Lutheran Church	555	9,088.00	9,187.00	9,000.00	16.22	
503803	Muskegon, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	428	8,250.00	8,937.50	7,562.50	17.67	
503804	Muskegon, St. Mark Lutheran Church	550	27,900.00	25,900.00	18,041.69	32.80	
503805	Muskegon, Trinity Lutheran Church	558	21,620.00	17,775.00	15,000.00	26.88	
503806	Nunica, St. Luke Lutheran Church	247	14,079.00	14,529.50	13,307.50	53.88	
503807	Shelby, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church	197	5,474.00	6,400.00	5,973.00	30.32	
503808	Whitehall, Faith Lutheran Church	192	12,750.00	15,350.00	12,000.00	62.50	
<b>Circuit 39 - Holland</b>							
503901	Coopersville, Grace Lutheran Church	245	8,840.00	2,000.00	14,240.00	58.12	
503902	Spring Lake, Lakeshore Lutheran Fellowship Church	346	29,892.59	32,648.39	36,048.70	104.19	
503903	Grand Haven, St. John Lutheran Church	901	35,589.45	33,190.59	48,143.37	53.43	
503904	Holland, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church	234	7,988.70	10,853.72	10,922.47	46.68	
503905	Holland, Zion Lutheran Church	402	35,675.00	35,646.00	38,970.00	96.94	
503907	Spring Lake, St. Matthew Lutheran Church	185	7,975.91	11,231.48	11,720.00	63.35	
503909	West Olive, United Lutheran Church	150	3,014.00	1,722.00	819.50	5.46	
<b>Circuit 40 - Grand Rapids North-Central</b>							
504001	Grand Rapids, St. Matthew Lutheran Church	218	9,305.00	17,900.00	18,431.51	84.55	
504002	Grand Rapids, Immanuel Lutheran Church	610	26,000.04	25,833.37	24,083.00	39.48	
504003	Grand Rapids, Messiah Lutheran Church	314	18,332.87	18,893.23	17,070.99	54.37	
504004	Grand Rapids, Mount Olive Lutheran Church	257	3,250.00	250.00	2,070.00	8.05	
504005	Grand Rapids, Our Savior Lutheran Church	363	14,793.00	9,738.00	9,996.00	27.54	
504006	Grand Rapids, Redeemer Lutheran Church	103	2,541.85	4,530.33	4,739.17	46.01	
504007	Grand Rapids, St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church	335	17,000.00	5,080.00	5,416.63	16.12	
504008	Rockford, St. Peter Lutheran Church	329	23,397.41	19,889.37	19,123.21	58.13	
524009	Alpine Township, Family of Christ Lutheran Church		0.00	0.00	0.00		
524010	Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids International Missions		0.00	0.00	0.00		
<b>Circuit 41 - Grand Rapids Southwest</b>							
504101	Caledonia, St. Paul Lutheran Church	595	15,600.00	15,595.26	21,980.00	36.88	
504102	Grandville, Bethel Lutheran Church	205	3,408.29	3,208.26	3,958.33	19.31	
504103	Hudsonville, New Hope Lutheran Church	195	5,349.49	6,031.56	8,219.61	47.28	
504104	Jenison, Holy Cross Lutheran Church	1097	8,000.00	9,166.63	9,146.68	8.34	
504105	Jenison, St. John Lutheran Church	192	4,889.00	5,128.00	4,017.00	20.92	
504106	Kentwood, St. Mark Lutheran Church	587	47,909.06	10,000.00	32,226.29	54.90	
504107	Middleville, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	106	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
524106	Byron Center, Journey in Faith Lutheran Church		0.00	0.00	0.00		
524109	Kentwood, St. Mark Sudanese Ministries		0.00	0.00	0.00		
<b>Circuit 42 - Battle Creek</b>							
504201	Albion, St. Paul Lutheran Church	537	14,958.26	16,205.10	16,709.45	31.12	
504202	Battle Creek, St. Mark Lutheran Church	471	24,130.00	13,685.00	20,000.00	42.46	
504203	Battle Creek, Redemption Lutheran Church		1,800.00	0.00	0.00		
504204	Battle Creek, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church	715	12,400.00	12,400.00	6,000.00	8.39	
504205	Kalamazoo, Immanuel Lutheran Church	155	5,457.41	4,964.40	6,901.97	44.53	
504206	Kalamazoo, Zion Lutheran Church	899	14,565.73	15,428.23	16,341.48	18.18	
534207	Kalamazoo, Solid Grounds Lutheran Student Ministries	24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
504208	Marshall, Christ Lutheran Church	134	10,338.92	10,365.49	11,233.72	83.83	
504209	Marshall, Zion Lutheran Church	452	11,195.60	15,398.68	15,253.17	33.75	
504211	Paw Paw, Trinity Lutheran Church	1024	32,500.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	29.30	
504212	Portage, St. Michael Lutheran Church	660	20,083.33	21,052.50	21,744.50	32.95	
504213	Three Rivers, St. Peter's Lutheran Church	286	4,226.25	2,500.00	2,565.00	8.97	
524214	Battle Creek, Higher Grounds Lutheran Church		0.00	0.00	0.00		
<b>Circuit 43 - St Joseph</b>							
504301	Berrien Springs, Trinity Lutheran Church	614	15,000.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	
504302	Bridgman, Immanuel Lutheran Church	612	29,166.66	22,916.67	28,238.33	46.14	
504303	Buchanan, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church	129	2,221.52	1,488.57	1,522.67	11.80	
504304	Cassopolis, St. Paul Lutheran Church	115	5,750.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	26.09	
504305	Coloma, Salem Lutheran Church	285	1,746.00	4,088.00	5,302.00	18.54	
504306	Buchanan, Trinity Lutheran Church Of Glendora	380	8,700.00	9,105.25	8,564.50	22.51	
504307	New Buffalo, Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church	102	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
504308	Niles, St. Paul Lutheran Church	435	5,625.00	6,197.00	10,833.33	24.90	
504309	St. Joseph, Trinity Lutheran Church	2138	20,015.00	52,500.00	42,500.00	19.88	
504310	Sawyer, Trinity Lutheran Church	557	14,173.70	2,000.00	9,078.81	16.30	
504311	Stevensville, Christ Lutheran Church	1115	54,813.14	12,458.76	15,915.14	14.27	
<b>Circuit 44 - South Central</b>							
504401	Burr Oak, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church	173	5,040.00	5,500.00	6,230.00	36.01	
504402	Centreville, St. Paul's Lutheran Church	180	4,983.38	4,422.77	6,705.20	37.25	
504403	Sturgis, Salem Lutheran Church	10	174.00	120.00	120.00	12.00	
504404	Coldwater, St. Paul Lutheran Church	346	10,083.33	12,833.26	4,583.35	13.25	
504405	Colon, St. Paul's Lutheran Church	117	5,600.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	41.03	
504406	Hillsdale, St. Paul's Lutheran Church	262	3,750.00	3,750.00	500.00	1.91	
504407	Quincy, Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church	45	0.00	500.00	675.00	15.00	
504408	Sturgis, Trinity Lutheran Church	849	14,936.00	17,692.76	16,000.00	18.85	
504409	Union City, Our Savior Lutheran Church	161	4,766.71	4,033.33	2,400.00	14.91	
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>			<b>170,359</b>	<b>6,233,671</b>	<b>6,047,466</b>	<b>5,623,413</b>	<b>34.18</b>

\* Notes Contribution amounts include gifts given for Synod/District ministries and those given for Michigan District only ministries. Confirmed Member numbers compiled from 2004 parochial report filed with Synod, or most recent data available.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Our Mission Statement

*The purpose of the District Stewardship Committee is to serve the Church by promoting Stewardship resources. It will articulate Biblical Stewardship Principles and review and recommend resources to the congregations for their Stewardship programming.*

### Committee Members

Rick Wolfram – District Rep.	John Duerr (9/30/07)
Cheryl Hammond – Secretary (9/30/08)	Charlene Heins (9/30/06)
Larry Rockensuess – Chair (9/30/07)	(Vacant) (9/30/08)
Ron Chewning – (9/30/06)	Mary Smith – (9/30/07)

Below is a listing of what the Stewardship Committee of the Michigan District-LCMS has been involved in during the past three years:

Stewardship Logo Contest: An open invitation was given to all Lutheran Schools to participate in designing a logo for our District Stewardship Website. Sarah Rummell of St. Lorenz school in Frankenmuth was selected as our winner. She, her teacher, Miss Michelle Block, and her classmates were treated to a pizza party. All participants who entered the contest were given certificates of appreciation.



DSLCL – Tempe, Arizona: The District continues to participate in the annual get together with other districts, Synod personnel, and Seminary personnel to discuss various ways of articulating Stewardship strategies. Two representatives of the Committee attend each year.

Yearly District Stewardship Expos: In the fall of 2003, three separate sites were used for our annual Stewardship Expo. Grayling, Warren and Granville were the sites that hosted our guest speakers in Stewardship training. It was decided by our committee to switch to a Spring date so that congregations would have time to consider implementing some ideas gleaned into their Stewardship emphasis, especially if it is held in the Fall of the year.

The next Stewardship Expo was held April 23, 2005 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing on the Michigan State University campus. 72 people representing 30 congregations came to the 7-hour workshop expo which featured various guest speakers. Topics included “Personal Money Management-Faith and Finances,” “Sanctified Stewardship-Is It Lutheran,” and “Growing Through Stewardship to Discipleship.”

The date for the 2006 Expo was April 29, once again at the Kellogg center and was titled “Blessings and Consecrations.” The 2007 Expo, titled, “Stewards of the Feast to Come” will be held April 28.

John E. Herrmann Award: This award, once given by the Synod, is now given annually by the Michigan District in memory of Rev. John E. Herrmann of Synod’s most honored Stewardship disciples. Each Fall, every congregation receives nomination forms to submit for consideration of any individual or group that has exemplified daily stewardship living in their church or community. These forms are to be returned by October 15. Once received, the Committee then reviews each submission and selects a winner and, starting two years ago, a runner-up. The winner’s congregation receives a \$1000 gift to be used to further stewardship principles in their church. Everyone who is nominated is thanked and acknowledged by the Committee. Past winners and runners-up are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
2004 (Co-Winners)	Walter Baggelman - Our Savior, Marlette & Bill White - Faith, Grand Blanc	n/a
2005	Mary Smith - Peace, Detroit	Wendell McIver - St. John, Taylor
2006	Ron Chewning - Our Shepherd, Birmingham	David Marasus- Chapel of the Lakes, Mecosta

*Respectfully submitted in the Name of Our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
Larry H. Rockensuess, Sr., Chairman - Michigan District Stewardship Committee*

## OVERTURES

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1 COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS  
2 OVERTURE NUMBER: 1-01  
3 SUBJECT: To Encourage LCMS Congregations to Embrace Inclusive Policies  
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5 WHEREAS the United States is not as homogeneous as it used to be but over the last twenty  
6 years has experienced a great influx of immigrants from around the world which has changed the  
7 demographics in our areas of influence, and  
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9 WHEREAS the United States has further experienced changes in our economy, job-shifting and  
10 more recently experienced natural disasters which have displaced families and left many spiritually  
11 discouraged, and without the economic means necessary to support themselves and their families, and  
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13 WHEREAS our communities are the recipients of many of those transitioning to life in America  
14 or to new states and cities as well as many who have been here for generations and have not yet received  
15 the Gospel, and  
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17 WHEREAS Jesus breaks all racial, cultural and economic barriers through His death and  
18 resurrection, and  
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20 WHEREAS Jesus commands His church to make disciples of “all nations,” (Matthew 28:18-  
21 20), and therefore it is reasonable to expect that Christian churches in the United States would be an  
22 integration of God’s people, of all different ethnic backgrounds, genders, ages, and socio-economic  
23 classes worshipping God together, and  
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25 WHEREAS our country is blessed with one of the largest number of Christians in the world,  
26 but at the same time experiences a glaring separation of its citizens every Sunday morning in its churches,  
27 and  
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29 WHEREAS it is disappointing that most of our LCMS congregations are similarly divided and  
30 at the same time losing ground because of a failure to make an intentional effort toward evangelism to all  
31 people as the main core value and center piece of our mission, and  
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33 WHEREAS our LCMS, which is blessed with the absolute biblical truth, can not preach the  
34 Gospel and get involved in the struggle against injustice, poverty and disease with true sincerity to the  
35 rest of the world until we seek inclusion of all the people in our communities within our churches, and  
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37 WHEREAS it is inadequate simply to say that, “we are working on it,” or “the differences in  
38 culture, social economics or ethnic preferences make it necessary for the people to operate separately,”  
39 and that these things are in fact rationalizations in defense of what is biblically wrong, and  
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41 WHEREAS our apparent exclusivity could be viewed as a bad witness to the non-Christian  
42 world, and we can not be effective ambassadors for Christ abroad if we cannot embrace inclusive policies  
43 here at home, therefore be it  
44

45 RESOLVED that the 2006 Convention of the Michigan District encourage each of the  
46 congregations of the Michigan District to pray for the Holy Spirit to help them intentionally embrace all  
47 socio-economic, ethnic and cultural groups in their communities, and be it further  
48

49 RESOLVED that we reaffirm that Jesus’ death and resurrection has broken all barriers and that  
50 it is our solemn duty as LCMS congregations, equipped with the absolute biblical truth, to ensure that  
51 we not only preach inclusion and outreach but also practice it daily, and be it further  
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53 RESOLVED that LCMS congregations be encouraged to address the issue of inclusion in order  
54 to demonstrate that we truly believe that the Gospel is for everyone, and be it finally  
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1           RESOLVED that our LCMS congregations address the issue of inclusion at all levels and come  
2 up with specific intentional strategies to engage and seek out all people in our respective communities.  
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4                           Saint Michael Lutheran Church  
5                           Portage, Michigan  
6                           David Johnson, Executive Director  
7                           Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann, Senior Pastor  
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS  
2 OVERTURE NUMBER: 1-02  
3 SUBJECT: To Encourage Pastoral and Congregational Experience in  
4 International Mission Work  
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6 WHEREAS Jesus sent his disciples out into the world (Matthew 28:18-20), and  
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8 WHEREAS our church body has its roots and heart in worldwide evangelization, and  
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10 WHEREAS many have learned much from an international mission experience, and  
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12 WHEREAS Mission Opportunities Short Term (M.O.S.T.) is an excellent sending agency  
13 located in the Michigan District, and  
14

15 WHEREAS pastoral leadership is crucial for congregational development, therefore be it  
16

17 RESOLVED that the 2006 Convention of the Michigan District encourages each of the  
18 District's congregations to enable through financial support its pastor(s) to participate in an international  
19 short term mission experience during the next triennium, and be it further  
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21 RESOLVED that the District Board of Directors be encouraged to enable through financial  
22 support each of the Called District workers to likewise participate in an international short term mission  
23 experience during the next triennium, and be it finally  
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25 RESOLVED that each of our congregations be encouraged to help send at least one team made  
26 up of the congregation's members on an international short term mission experience during the next  
27 triennium.  
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29 Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church	St. Luke Lutheran Church
30 Livonia, Michigan	Haslett, MI
31 Phil Krauss, Chairman	Emily Lyons, Acting Secretary
32 Sandy Keil, Secretary	Scott Walkowicz, Chairman
33 Rev. Luther Werth, Senior Pastor	Rev. David Davis, Pastor

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1 COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS  
2 OVERTURE NUMBER: 1-03  
3 SUBJECT: To Encourage Each of Our Congregations to Register for Ablaze  
4 Tabulation Project  
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6 WHEREAS our church body has its roots and heart in worldwide evangelization, and  
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8 WHEREAS we have been presented with a bold challenge to share the Gospel with  
9 100,000,000 people between now and 2017, the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Posting of the 95 Theses, and  
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11 WHEREAS we already count many things in our congregations, District and Synod, and  
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13 WHEREAS we count what counts, and the saving of lost people adds great joy in heaven (Luke  
14 15:7), and  
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16 WHEREAS we have committed to walk together by being part of the Lutheran Church-  
17 Missouri Synod, therefore be it  
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19 RESOLVED that each of our congregations be encouraged to develop a system by which  
20 Gospel contacts made by members in that congregation can be counted, and be it further  
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22 RESOLVED that each of our congregations be encouraged to improve methods within the  
23 congregation to equip and encourage members to make more Gospel contacts, and be it further  
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25 RESOLVED that any of our congregations that have already registered as partners in Ablaze be  
26 commended for their leadership, and be it further  
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28 RESOLVED that each of our congregations that has not done so be encouraged to register on  
29 line as a partner in Ablaze, and be it finally  
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31 RESOLVED that delegates from congregations not presently registered be most evangelically  
32 encouraged to do so in the Ministry Tent before the end of the 2006 Convention.  
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St. Luke Lutheran Church  
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Emily Lyons, Acting Secretary  
Scott Walkowicz, Chairman  
Rev. David Davis, Pastor

1 COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS  
2 OVERTURE NUMBER: 1-04  
3 SUBJECT: To Encourage Implementation of Ethical Guidelines as Adopted by  
4 the Board of Directors  
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6 WHEREAS one of the major outcome goals of our Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-  
7 Missouri Synod is that “Michigan District congregations and professional church workers demonstrate  
8 respect, trust, and support for each other ... as they engage in interdependent ministries,” and  
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10 WHEREAS the way congregations and professional church workers conduct themselves in their  
11 contacts and transactions with one another greatly affects relationships between them, and  
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13 WHEREAS there has long been a felt need to encourage one another to be Christ-like in  
14 attitude and action in our dealings with one another and to incorporate that into a formalized  
15 Professional Church Worker Code of Conduct and Congregational Code of Conduct, and  
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17 WHEREAS such codes have been prepared for both congregations and professional church  
18 workers, and  
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20 WHEREAS most professions have a code of ethics that are subscribed to by the members of that  
21 profession, therefore be it  
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23 RESOLVED that the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod receive with  
24 gratitude the ethical guidelines that have been developed, and be it further  
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26 RESOLVED that the congregations, professional church workers, and circuits of the Michigan  
27 District devote sufficient time to study and reflect upon these guidelines, and be it finally  
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29 RESOLVED that the congregations and professional church workers of the Michigan District  
30 commit themselves to implementing these guidelines in their lives and ministry together.  
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS  
2 OVERTURE NUMBER: 1-05  
3 SUBJECT: To Encourage Spiritual Leadership of Convention Delegates  
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5 WHEREAS the delegates, voting and advisory, of the Michigan District are leaders in their  
6 congregations, and  
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8 WHEREAS Dr. Luther in his Large Catechism (15-19, Tappert) challenges believers to develop  
9 specific spiritual disciplines and practices, and  
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11 WHEREAS God invites us into His word and promises great things through it (John 8:31-32),  
12 and  
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14 WHEREAS God invites us to prayer and promises great things through it (Matthew 7:7-8), and  
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16 WHEREAS God wants us to put our trust in Him and to follow no other gods (Matthew 6:19-  
17 34), and  
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19 WHEREAS God wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (I  
20 Timothy 2:4), therefore be it  
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22 RESOLVED that all of the delegates assembled in Convention be encouraged to take the lead in  
23 their respective congregations in the area of spiritual discipline, and be it further  
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25 RESOLVED that each of the assembled delegates be encouraged to read the entire Bible  
26 annually, and be it further  
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28 RESOLVED that each of the assembled delegates be encouraged to pray at least one half hour a  
29 day, and be it further  
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31 RESOLVED that each of the assembled delegates be encouraged to give a full tithe to Jesus  
32 through the local congregation, and be it further  
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34 RESOLVED that each of the assembled delegates be encouraged to intentionally cultivate a  
35 relationship with four un-churched people, and be it finally  
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37 RESOLVED that each of the assembled delegates be encouraged to encourage others to do the  
38 same.  
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41	Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church	St. Luke Lutheran Church
42	Livonia, Michigan	Haslett, MI
43	Phil Krauss, Chairman	Emily Lyons, Acting Secretary
44	Sandy Keil, Secretary	Scott Walkowicz, Chairman
45	Rev. Luther Werth, Senior Pastor	Rev. David Davis, Pastor
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS  
2 OVERTURE NUMBER: 1-06  
3 SUBJECT: To Petition the Synod to Discuss Issues with Mutual Respect  
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5 WHEREAS in this fallen world, differences of opinion among sincere Christians are to be  
6 expected, and  
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8 WHEREAS such differences of opinion might even be welcomed as an opportunity to carefully  
9 review what God's Word says about a subject, and  
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11 WHEREAS our witness to the world is affected by the way we conduct ourselves when we have  
12 a disagreement with a brother or sister in Christ, and  
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14 WHEREAS the early Church provides a model in Acts 15 for settling disputes without resorting  
15 to charges and accusations, and  
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17 WHEREAS there are many who have strongly held opinions on disputed matters in our synod,  
18 and  
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20 WHEREAS all are equally eager to be about the mission of the church, and  
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22 WHEREAS an enormous amount of time, energy, and money has already been expended in  
23 debating these matters, and  
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25 WHEREAS our synod has committed itself to theological convocations to discuss the disputed  
26 matters, therefore be it  
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28 RESOLVED that everyone involved in discussing these issues seeks to understand, articulate,  
29 and accurately represent the position of others with no exaggeration, acrimony or misrepresentation, and  
30 be it further  
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32 RESOLVED that, whenever possible, the example of Acts 15 and the admonitions of Matthew  
33 18 be carefully followed in all our disagreements, and be it further  
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35 RESOLVED that we each individually re-commit ourselves to carefully preserving the true  
36 Gospel while at the same time energetically spreading the saving Gospel, and be it finally  
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38 RESOLVED that our Michigan District in convention memorialize the synod to put these  
39 resolutions into effect church-wide.  
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS  
2 OVERTURE NUMBER: 2-01  
3 SUBJECT: To Present and Promote Lutheran Service Book in the Michigan  
4 District  
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6 Background Over the past seven years the Synod, through its Commission on Worship, has been  
7 preparing a new hymnal and service book for the congregations. At the 2004 Convention of the Synod  
8 the delegates passed the resolution “To Accept *Lutheran Service Book* as an Official Service Book and  
9 Hymnal of Synod” by a substantial margin. The final “*Resolved*” of 2004 Resolution 2-03A stated  
10 “*Resolved*, that congregations and other entities of Synod be encouraged to participate in the  
11 introductory process for the new hymnal.  
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13 WHEREAS The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod in Convention has reviewed, received, and  
14 accepted the *Lutheran Service Book* and *Agenda* as an official service book and hymnal of the Synod, and  
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16 WHEREAS a complete introductory process for these worship materials has been planned for  
17 usage in all of the districts of the Synod in the coming months, therefore be it  
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19 RESOLVED that the Michigan District in Convention receive these worship materials with  
20 thanksgiving and affirm the participation of the District in the introductory process coordinated by the  
21 national Commission on Worship, and be it finally  
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23 RESOLVED that each congregation of the Michigan District give thoughtful and prayerful  
24 consideration to utilizing the *Lutheran Service Book* and its supporting materials in its worship life in the  
25 coming months and years.  
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28 Bay City, Michigan  
29 Dale Wieck, President  
30 Kim Mehl, Secretary  
31 Rev. Stephen P. Starke, Pastor  
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS  
2 OVERTURE NUMBER: 2-02  
3 SUBJECT: To Encourage Congregations to Use the District Compensation  
4 Guidelines for Their Workers  
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6 WHEREAS one of the major outcome goals of our Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-  
7 Missouri Synod is that “The Michigan District has a sufficient number of Ministers of Religion-  
8 Ordained and Commissioned to meet the needs of its congregations and ministries. These workers have  
9 a personal relationship with Christ and are filled with integrity and joy, are well respected *and supported*  
10 *financially* (emphasis added),” and  
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12 WHEREAS there is a need to treat the professional church workers in the Michigan District in  
13 a fair and appropriate manner in all things, including financial compensation, and  
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15 WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Michigan District has approved and issued salary  
16 guidelines for use by district congregations and itself uses these guidelines in setting compensation for  
17 called district staff and  
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19 WHEREAS the Board of Directors has established minimum salary levels for congregations  
20 calling a professional church worker from a Concordia University or Seminary, therefore be it  
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22 RESOLVED that the Michigan District in convention strongly support and encourage  
23 congregations to use district compensation guidelines when establishing compensation for their workers.  
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS  
2 OVERTURE NUMBER: 2-03  
3 SUBJECT: To Encourage Congregations and Professional Church Workers to  
4 Become Educated on Dealing With Conflict  
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6 WHEREAS one of the major outcome goals of our Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-  
7 Missouri Synod is that “Michigan District congregations and professional church workers demonstrate  
8 respect, trust, and support for each other and for District and Synod as they engage in interdependent  
9 ministries,” and  
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11 WHEREAS conflicts between and among congregations and professional church workers are  
12 counter to the achievement of that goal, and  
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14 WHEREAS such conflicts are on the increase, and  
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16 WHEREAS our witness to the world is affected by the way we conduct ourselves when we have  
17 a disagreement with a brother or sister in Christ, and  
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19 WHEREAS we know that the real Enemy is not our fellow Christians, but Satan himself, and  
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21 WHEREAS protracted conflicts are emotionally draining for all involved and deflect needed  
22 resources from ministry, and  
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24 WHEREAS the Michigan District desires to assist congregations to identify conflict in the early  
25 stages and to effectively manage these conflicts to the glory of God and the welfare of our neighbor,  
26 therefore be it  
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28 RESOLVED that the congregations of the Michigan District be made aware of and be  
29 encouraged to make use of available district resources (such as Circuit Counselors, Congregation  
30 Ministry Facilitators, and others who have been trained in Christian conflict resolution), and be it  
31 further  
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33 RESOLVED that congregations of the Michigan District seek to educate themselves about the  
34 stages of conflict, the characteristics of conflict in each stage, and effective approaches to dealing with  
35 conflict at the various stages, and be it further  
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37 RESOLVED that program committees of circuit and district conferences of professional church  
38 workers be encouraged to help with that education by including a topic on conflict resolution on their  
39 agendas in the next triennium, and be it finally  
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41 RESOLVED that this information be shared at the congregational level through special  
42 workshops, regular meetings, etc. with the prayer that increased understanding would enable those  
43 congregations to deal with conflict in a manner that leads to a beneficial and God-pleasing conclusion.  
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS  
2 OVERTURE NUMBER: 2-04  
3 SUBJECT: To Increase Financial Support for LCMS Seminaries  
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5 WHEREAS Article III of the Constitution of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (the  
6 “Synod”) includes support of seminarians as a key objective, and  
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8 WHEREAS the seminaries are critically necessary to the Synod and its member congregations,  
9 and financial support of seminaries results in direct and indirect financial and other support of  
10 seminarians, and  
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12 WHEREAS the seminaries have increased tuition charges to seminarians because of increased  
13 costs of operation of the institutions, and  
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15 WHEREAS seminary enrollment is higher when the financial burden for seminarians is  
16 affordable, and  
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18 WHEREAS many members of the Synod’s congregations are unaware of the financial plight of  
19 the seminaries and the consequent negative impact of high tuition costs on enrollment, and  
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21 WHEREAS members of Synod congregations make direct contributions to many LCMS  
22 agencies which provide a significant portion of total revenues of those agencies, and  
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24 WHEREAS the seminaries do not have sufficient income to cover current costs or sufficient  
25 funds for capital improvements and cash reserves, therefore be it  
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27 RESOLVED that the Synod encourage its member congregations and individual members of  
28 those congregations to make direct contributions to the seminaries, and be it further  
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30 RESOLVED that the Synod encourage its member congregations to recruit groups of volunteers  
31 known in each congregation as Gabriel Messengers; and that the volunteers undertake a program of  
32 disseminating information and encouraging direct contribution to the seminaries by Synod’s member  
33 congregations and by individual members of their respective congregations, and be it finally  
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35 RESOLVED that the seminaries implement a procedure for regularly reporting to Gabriel  
36 Messengers 1) all contributions from congregations and from individual members of the Synod’s  
37 congregations, 2) the financial results of operations of the seminaries and 3) enrollment statistics.  
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40 Haslett, MI  
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42 Emily Lyons, Acting Secretary  
43 Scott Walkowicz, Chairman  
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS  
2 OVERTURE NUMBER: 2-05  
3 SUBJECT: To Give the Board of Directors the Option of Selling the District  
4 Property at Eastern Michigan University  
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6 WHEREAS the 1997 District convention has directed that no campus ministry property be sold  
7 until the campus ministry report has been delivered to the Board of Directors, and  
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9 WHEREAS the District owns a building and land at 812 Ann Street, Ypsilanti near Eastern  
10 Michigan University (the site), and  
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12 WHEREAS the Board of Directors adopted the campus ministry report recommendations  
13 relating to Eastern Michigan University which included 1) retaining the site, 2) maintaining the site and  
14 leasing to suitable groups, 3) extending the covenant agreement with International Student Ministries,  
15 and 4) seeking a covenant agreement with St. Luke Lutheran Church of Ann Arbor for North American  
16 Students, and  
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18 WHEREAS the District has leased the site to various ministry groups over the last decade and  
19 has had covenant arrangements with both International Student Ministries (whose usage has decreased  
20 over the years) and St. Luke Lutheran Church (whose usage has terminated), and  
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22 WHEREAS Campus ministry at Eastern Michigan University can take place through  
23 coordination with local congregations and the campus ministry at the University of Michigan in Ann  
24 Arbor without the need for this particular building, and  
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26 WHEREAS the building does now and will, over time, require maintenance items that will  
27 require the expenditure of District resources on items that will not further the direct ministry outcomes  
28 of the Michigan District as outlined by the Board of Directors, therefore be it  
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30 RESOLVED that the District in convention authorize the Board of Directors, at its discretion,  
31 to sell the property owned by the District at 812 Ann Street in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and be it further  
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33 RESOLVED that the proceeds of the sale be used to support the ongoing campus ministry  
34 program of the District.  
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS  
2 OVERTURE NUMBER: 2/06  
3 SUBJECT: To Transfer Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Howell,  
4 Michigan from Circuit #26 to Circuit #35  
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6 WHEREAS Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church, as a mission congregation of Shepherd of  
7 the Lakes in Brighton, was assigned to their Circuit – the Kensington Circuit #26, and  
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9 WHEREAS all of the churches in the Kensington Circuit #26, except for ours and Shepherd of  
10 the Lakes in Brighton, are east of U.S. 23, and  
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12 WHEREAS Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church is now an official member of the Lutheran  
13 Church–Missouri Synod with a more westerly mission emphasis toward Fowlerville, Williamston,  
14 Okemos and Lansing, and  
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16 WHEREAS we believe that Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church in Howell, Michigan, will  
17 be more effective in her ministry by being realigned with LCMS churches in those areas, therefore be it  
18

19 RESOLVED that we request our Michigan District to realign Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran  
20 Church in Howell, Michigan, to be part of the churches in the Capitol Circuit #35.  
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Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Howell, Michigan  
Rev. Galen Grulke, Pastor  
Mr. Michael Szafranski, President

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