



# Michigan Minute

Weekly News and Events of the Michigan District, LCMS

GET EQUIPPED for Effective Gospel Ministry

*"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:14 ESV).*

January 22, 2019

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## Prayers

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Rev. John and Suzanne Straub** (Emeriti) and family, upon the death of Suzanne's mother, Carol Sweet, on Jan. 14 ... **The family and friends of Jack O. Schmidt** (District Office Custodian) who died in an automobile accident on Jan. 16 ... **Lynnè Johnson** (wife of Rev. Randy Johnson, District Office), who will undergo gallbladder surgery on Jan. 25 ... **Cindy Zavada** (wife of Ray Zavada, District Office), who is recovering from an emergency appendectomy ... **This week's congregations, schools, and ministries:** Hope, DeWitt; Living Faith, Marine City; Faith Tamil, Troy; Prince of Peace, Ortonville; Atonement, Dearborn.

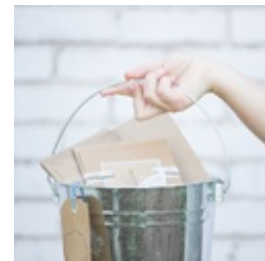
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## On the Blog



[How the Lord Provides Comfort](#)

by Paula Isakson



[Submit your story here](#)



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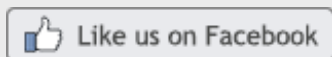
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#### Submit News

To submit your prayer requests, news, events, and E-classified, [click here](#). Deadline to submit for the following week is Fridays at noon.



## District News

### NYG T-SHIRT AND BUS PACKAGE SIGN-UP DEADLINES APPROACHING



The deadline to order the National Youth Gathering Michigan District t-shirts for your youth group has been extended until January 25,

2019. [Place order >](#)

Also, the deadline to sign up for the bus package is February 1. For more information and to sign up, [click here >](#).



### VICAR/SEMINARY GRADUATE APPLICATION

If your congregation is interested in obtaining an application for a vicar and/or Seminary graduate in 2019, please contact Martha Wohlfeil at 734.213.3255

or [martha.wohlfeil@michigandistrict.org](mailto:martha.wohlfeil@michigandistrict.org)

## HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE DCE/DFL CONFERENCE?

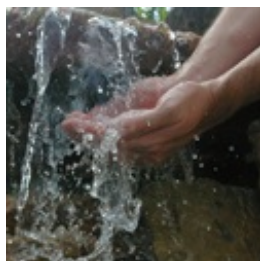
February 25, 2019 | Drury Inn, Grand Rapids



As we minister to others, we often neglect our own need for balance, for health, and for wellness. The Michigan District DCE/DFL Conference is your opportunity for a wellness check-up--spiritual, relational, emotional, physical, financial, vocational, and intellectual. DCE Jim Bradshaw and Pastor Gabe Kasper will guide us as we unpack each part of the 'Wellness Wheel.' Join us as we continue this much-needed conversation on Church Worker Wellness and work to create individualized strategies to help each worker to weather the storms of life and ministry. [Register here >](#)

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SOUTH & EAST PASTORS' CONFERENCE

May 7-8, 2019 | Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth



Have you ever felt that it is extremely difficult to motivate people? Have you struggled with discipleship and the third use of the Law in preaching? In this time of apathy in our nation and our world, we could be tempted to motivate with the Law; yet we know that only the Good News of Jesus and His gift of "lots of grace" motivates. Please save the date for the [South & East Pastors' Conference](#) to hear from Rev. Dr. Justin P. Rossow and Rev. Dr. David H. Petersen on how to share the message of "lots of grace"

to a world and church that needs to hear this Good News. Stay tuned for more information!

## LW/NEW SUBSCRIPTION OR RENEWALS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED

Deadline: January 25, 2019

The deadline for submitting new orders or renewals for *Lutheran Witness* subscriptions has passed, but you can still get your information in to the District office before January 25, 2019. Subscription cost is now increased to \$13.60 due to the missed deadline. If you have misplaced your paperwork or have questions about the order process, please contact Donna Conrad at [donna.conrad@michigandistrict.org](mailto:donna.conrad@michigandistrict.org) or 888.225.2111 ext. 236. Even if you do not have subscription renewals or new orders, please return the paperwork for our records. Thank you.

## Other Ministry News

### LWML PRAYER SERVICE



The 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Prayer Service, "God Cares For You," is designed to be used at any time, by large or small groups. This year's service, written by former LCMS Rocky Mountain District President Rev. Allen D. Anderson, is centered around the acronym "CARES" and based on Psalm 94:17-19: *"If the Lord had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence. When I thought, 'My foot slips,' your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up. When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul."* [Download prayer service here >](#)

### WELLSPRING LUTHERAN SERVICES NAMES NEW LEADERS



Sean de Four

Wellspring Lutheran Services announces two major changes to its leadership. Sean de Four has been named senior vice president and chief operating officer, while Tim Kalbfleisch has been named vice president of finance and business strategy. De Four came to Wellspring in 2017 to serve as chief operating officer for child and family services. In his new role, he will now



Tim Kalbfleisch

oversee statewide operations for child, family, and senior services. Kalbfleisch's promotion is an expansion of his role to include his past responsibilities as director of finance along with new areas of impact, including business analytics and assessment, evaluating new program opportunities, and managing growth projects as they occur. Both changes help advance the mission of Wellspring, which means embarking on the next 125 years of serving children, families, and seniors across Michigan.

### LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATOR/MISSIONARY AVAILABLE FOR VISITS



LBT missionary Becky Grossmann will be on furlough beginning in April and is available to visit congregations and small groups. She is currently involved with various translation projects in Liberia, particularly for the Gola, Dan, and Maan people. If you would like her to present mission work through Bible translation, please select several dates between April and December and send an email to her at [Becky.Grossmann@lbt.org](mailto:Becky.Grossmann@lbt.org). She will coordinate dates, times, and locations to work your group into her schedule.

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## Community Calendar

The following is a list of events happening in the congregations and schools of the Michigan District, LCMS and other ministries.

[Wild Game Dinner](#)

Jan 25 | Trinity, Utica

[Family Feud](#)

Feb 16 | Lutheran High North

["I Can Only Imagine" Movie Night](#)  
Jan 25 | Christ Our Savior, Livonia

[Fundraiser for Carlton Family](#)  
Jan 25 | Christ, Milford

[Rediscovering the Fundamentals of Good Instruction](#)  
Jan 26 | Lutheran High North, Macomb

[Bishop Lytkin of Siberia Visits](#)  
Jan 26 | St. Matthew, Spring Lake

[School Open House](#)  
Jan 29 | Our Savior, Grand Rapids

[Ladies Night Out with Amy Barnes](#)  
Jan 31 | Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton

[Be Constant in Prayer](#)  
Feb 2 | Our Savior, Lansing

[Super Bowl Party and Chili Cook-off](#)  
Feb 3 | Prince of Peace, Farmington Hills

[Faith Family Reunion Retreat](#)  
Feb 9 | Peace, Ann Arbor

[Walk on Water Winter Fest](#)  
Feb 9 | WSEC Auditorium, Chelsea

[The Doctrine of Scripture Seminar](#)  
Feb 16 | Hope, Dewitt

["I Can Only Imagine" Movie](#)  
Feb 17 | Faith, Bridgeport

[Best Practices for Ministry: Arizona](#)  
Feb 21-23 | Christ, Phoenix, Ariz.

[Mom2Mom Sale](#)  
Mar 9 | Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton

[Council of Lutheran Women Luncheon](#)  
Mar 19 | Burton Manor, Livonia

[Let's Go to Kindergarten](#)  
Mar 20 | Our Savior, Grand Rapids

[Girls of Grace Worship Concert](#)  
Apr 7 | Temple Theatre, Saginaw

[Faith Family Reunion Retreat](#)  
Apr 27 | St. Paul, Hamburg

[Faith Family Reunion Retreat](#)  
Jun 29 | Redeemer, Jackson

[Forts and Sorts Servant Event](#)  
June 16 | Youth Haven Ranch

## [SUBMIT YOUR EVENT HERE](#)

*Please note: you **must** have a **web link** to your event in order to be listed in the Community Calendar. Thank you!*

## E-classified

### ADULT DAY CARE CENTER DIRECTOR

Living Word, Plymouth is seeking to hire a Director to manage the launch and on going daily operations of an on-site Christian non-profit Adult Day Care Center to serve the Plymouth-Canton communities. The successful candidate and/or deaconess will preferably possess skills in nursing, with experience in gerontology or a similar field, management, organizational, and fundraising skills. The applicant must be a strong Christian of good moral character, hold pro-life Christian values and be active in a local church. If you are interested in serving in this compassion ministry, please direct your resume or questions to [sam.watters@livingwordcommunity.net](mailto:sam.watters@livingwordcommunity.net).

### SERVE AT CAMP CONCORDIA THIS SUMMER!



Camp Concordia's summer week-long camps offer a uniquely engaging environment where kids can unplug, develop life-skills, and grow a "sticky faith" they will carry into adulthood. As a summer staff, you will grow spiritually, strengthen your ministry skills, and be equipped for Christian service, whether you support behind the scenes or sing on the stage. We help equip you to find your calling to serve in ministry, the marketplace or governmental service. We want you to use your talents to impact the Kingdom

immediately! Go to [CampConcordia.org/employment](http://CampConcordia.org/employment) for more information.

### RISOGRAPH INK AND MASTERS

Emmanuel, Dearborn has 3 boxes of Risograph Masters (S3192) and 1 box of Risograph black ink (S4206) available for DONATION. If interested, please contact Sheryl at [emmanuelchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelchurchoffice@gmail.com).

### **FREE BURIAL PLOTS IN GLEN EDEN LUTHERAN MEMORIAL PARK**

Two sections, 1638 Gr 1 &2 Block 29, are available for free in Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia. If interested, please contact Karen at 303.717.4503 or [josiedoodle@aol.com](mailto:josiedoodle@aol.com).



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