



Michigan Minute

Weekly News and Events of the Michigan District, LCMS

GET EQUIPPED for Effective Gospel Ministry

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13 ESV).

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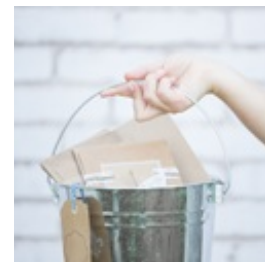
PRAYER REQUESTS

Aaron Rohde (Trinity, Reed City) and **Molly Rohde** (Candidate) upon the death of their mother/mother-in-law, Mary Ann Rohde, on January 17 ... **Students and teachers** as we celebrate Lutheran Schools Week this week ... **This week's congregations, schools, and ministries:** Christ, Boyne City; Trinity, Manistee; St. Peter, Three Rivers; St. John, Burr Oak; Southeastern District, Alexandria, VA.

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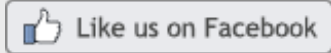
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Submit News

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



BE CONSTANT IN PRAYER - THIS SATURDAY!
February 2, 2019 | Our Savior, Lansing

If you have registered for the *Be Constant in Prayer* conference this Saturday, great! We'll see you there. If not, be sure to register to attend **on-site** or **Livestream** today! Join us and learn more about this gift from our heavenly Father. [Register here >](#)

2019 LCMS CONVENTION DEADLINES APPROACHING



Three important LCMS convention deadlines are approaching:
Feb 20, 2019 - nominating ballots for President, First Vice-President, and Regional Vice-President **must be received by this date**. Please refer to the nominations packet received by your congregation for specific instructions.
March 2, 2019 - Overtures are due to the Office of the President, signed by at least one officer of the congregation.
March 24, 2019 - Each congregation's (or multi-congregation parish's) presidential election voters (pastor and lay) must have been registered with the LCMS Office of the Secretary by this date. If your congregation does not have the form any longer, you will need to contact [Secretary Sias' office](#) to obtain another hard copy. This is not a form that can be downloaded. **If your congregation has NOT completed this form out you will have no voice in the election.** If previously registered voters need to be changed, this may be done (no later than June 15, 2019) by filling out the [Voter Update Form](#) or [Substitute Voter Form](#).

ATTN: CONGREGATIONS TREASURERS AND BUSINESS MANAGERS RECENT TAX AND OTHER REGULATORY CHANGES



A letter with various reminders about recent tax and other regulatory changes (including staff parking, sales tax, moving expenses) was shared with business managers and treasurers of Michigan District congregations this month. Others wishing to read the letter can [access it here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Chad Woltemath, Assistant to the President - Business / Finance at chad.woltemath@michigandistrict.org or 734.665.3791 ext. 239.

Other Ministry News

FEBRUARY 2019 VISUAL FAITH BULLETIN RESOURCES



February Children's Bulletins and Sermon Notes, Lectionary Series C, are now ready and available to download on the Visual Faith Ministry website! The artists this month are Karen Hunter and Valerie Matyas. Also available on the website is a complete document with the graphics only and additional JPG graphic options. [Download here >](#)

2019 FAITH FAMILY REUNION ONE-DAY RETREATS

February 9, 2019 | Peace, Ann Arbor

April 27, 2019 | St. Paul, Hamburg

June 29, 2019 | Redeemer, Jackson



Everyone has someone in their life who has strayed away from faith in Jesus Christ. How can we reach out not only to the prodigals but to their parents, family, and friends, who struggle to know what to do? It is important for them to know they are not alone. The Faith Family Reunion retreat will discuss this important issue and introduce a ministry opportunity that churches can easily implement. To register, or learn more, [click here >](#).

77TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT LLL CONVENTION

May 4, 2019 | Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth

Elaine Bickel will be the guest speaker at the banquet during the 77th annual Michigan District Lutheran Laymen's League convention at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth on May 4, 2019. The banquet begins at 5 p.m. **All ordained LCMS clergy and laypersons attending for the first time will be admitted free.** The theme of the convention banquet is "SENT, Bringing Christ To Everyone." To register, contact John Raffel at 616.894.2936 or john.raffel@gmail.com no later than April 29.

CONFERENCE ON CREATION AND EDUCATION IN THE LCMS

May 4, 2019 | Littleton, Colorado



Six independent nationwide studies have confirmed that over 60% of youth are leaving the church by the time they finish college! One of those studies, by America's Research Group, found that two of the biggest reasons millennials gave for leaving the church were: 1) the Genesis account of creation and 2) the age of the earth. Our youth are being bombarded with the teaching of evolution on a daily basis in our schools and universities! The Denver Society of Creation is sponsoring two conferences to open the discussion on these issues within the LCMS. The "Creation and Education in the LCMS" Conference will be held May 4, 2019 at Ascension Lutheran Church in Littleton, Colo. Michigan District President Maier will be one of the speakers. Early bird registration opens February 1, 2019. For schedule, pricing, and reservations, visit denversocietyofcreation.org.

Community Calendar

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

[School Open House](#)

Jan 29 | Our Savior, Grand Rapids

[Ladies' Night Out with Amy Barnes](#)

Jan 31 | Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton

[Elementary Chess Tournament](#)

Feb 2 | Lutheran High North

[Best Practices for Ministry: Arizona](#)

Feb 21-23 | Christ, Phoenix, Ariz.

[13th Annual Barnabas Benefit Auction](#)

Mar 2 | Our Savior, Marlette

[Mom2Mom Sale](#)

Mar 9 | Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton

[Be Constant in Prayer](#)

Feb 2 | Our Savior, Lansing

[3rd Annual Sportsman Dinner Education Fundraiser](#)

Feb 2 | Our Savior, Marlette

[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

[Ordination and Installation of Gary Lyvere](#)

Feb 10 | Our Savior, Midland

[Family Feud](#)

Feb 16 | Lutheran High North

[The Doctrine of Scripture Seminar](#)

Feb 16 | Hope, Dewitt

["I Can Only Imagine" Movie](#)

Feb 17 | Faith, Bridgeport

[Council of Lutheran Women Luncheon](#)

Mar 19 | Burton Manor, Livonia

[Let's Go to Kindergarten](#)

Mar 20 | Our Savior, Grand Rapids

[Sportsman's Dinner & Charity Auction](#)

Mar 23 | St. Martin, Birch Run

[Girls of Grace Worship Concert](#)

Apr 7 | Temple Theatre, Saginaw

[Faith Family Reunion Retreat](#)

Apr 27 | St. Paul, Hamburg

[Lutheran High School Baseball Night](#)

May 13 | Jimmy John's Field, Utica

[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!*

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ALLEN CHURCH ORGAN AVAILABLE FOR FREE



Available free of charge (interested party must remove) - older 2 manual, full pedalboard Allen Church Organ with 2 large speakers and 2 small speakers in good working condition. It has previously been used in a small church and would also be useful as a practice organ. For more information, contact Mel Machemer at mmachemer@stjohnfraser.org.

CAMP RESTORE - DETROIT LOOKING FOR SUMMER INTERNS

Camp Restore - Detroit (CRD) is looking for 2-4 college-age adults to intern this summer (June 1 through August 10). CRD needs help leading camp, guiding groups, cooking, and doing construction and blight removal projects. Interns get room and board, a monthly stipend, and an optional certificate demonstrating work experience in an urban setting. For more information, contact Amy Fanta at detroit@camprestore.org or call 313.527.3366.

LAMP LOOKING FOR MISSION TEAMS

[Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots](#) (LAMP) serves over 40 indigenous communities in remote areas of Canada. Currently, they have more communities than mission teams. If you or your congregation is interested in becoming involved or sending a mission team, contact Shelly at 800.307.4036 or shelly@lampministry.org.



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