



*"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!" (Psalm 67:1-3 ESV).*

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## Prayers

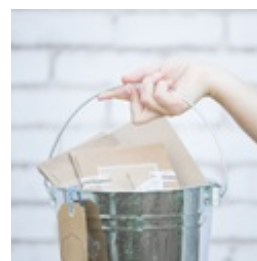
### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Rev. Paul (Emeritus) and Ruth Pollatz**, upon the death of Ruth's brother, David ... **Paul Neumeyer** (Immanuel, Macomb) and **Sarah Neumeyer** (Peace, Shelby Township) upon the birth of a son, **Isaiah Daniel**, on May 16 ... **The family and friends of Rev. Thomas N. Oie** (former Chaplain in the Michigan District) who passed away on May 12 ... **This week's congregations, schools, and ministries:** Bethlehem, Standish; Peace, Alma; St. Paul, Flint; Zion, Auburn; Zion, Hemlock.

## On the Blog



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## District News

### HWS SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICE - TIME CHANGE!

June 9, 2019 | Michigan International Speedway

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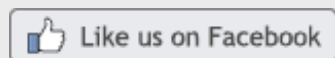
## Need Resources?

[Search our Online Library](#)



## 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.



**Here We Stand**

Please note that the start time for the *Here We Stand* Sunrise Worship Service has changed to **9:45 a.m.** For information about this special service, [click here](#).

## CONGREGATION STATISTICS -- FINAL DEADLINE

Synod has extended the final deadline for returning congregation statistics to **May 31**. Please be sure to have your statistics entered by that date. If you need your login information resent, please contact Synod at [rosters.statistics@lcms.org](mailto:rosters.statistics@lcms.org) or 888.843.5267. For any other questions, contact Jennifer Rumberger at [jennifer.rumberger@michigandistrict.org](mailto:jennifer.rumberger@michigandistrict.org) or 888.225.2111 ext. 262.

## POTENTIAL MAIL SCAM TARGETING CHURCHES

We would like to bring to your attention ongoing scams that seem to be targeting churches. A company sends out a document [similar to this](#) that looks like an invoice for internet hosting, telephone/website directory listings, etc. The documents often indicate "This is not a bill," or "This is not an invoice. This is a solicitation," but it takes some careful reading to notice it. Please be aware of this potential scam and remain diligent on ensuring legitimate vendors for all payment transactions.

## URBAN MINISTRY CONFERENCE - SAVE THE DATE!

**September 16, 2019 | Camp Restore Detroit**

Have you ever wondered or heard someone in your congregation ask, "What's going on in Urban Ministry?" We can assure you, God is doing some remarkable things through Michigan District Urban Ministry in Detroit, Pontiac, Flint, Benton Harbor, and other urban areas in Michigan. At this one-day Urban Ministry Conference, over 10 Michigan District ministry leaders, in TED Talk fashion, will share how these ministries are making great strides in transforming lives with the Gospel. You and/or your Great Compassion Ministry champions will be inspired to grow and engage in new ways to seek out and share the love of Christ with those in need. Watch for registration information coming soon and find out what's going on in urban areas of Michigan and how you can get involved in the work God is doing through His Church.

## LERT TEAMS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS IN DOWNRIVER AREA



Due to the flooding in the downriver area, some of our district congregation LERT teams have been working hard to assist families whose homes need to be repaired because of water issues. Trinity, Utica has been active in organizing volunteers. You do not need to be LERT certified to

assist. Please send an email to Paul Rogers at [pjrgolfer@att.net](mailto:pjrgolfer@att.net) if you are able to lend a hand in the coming weeks.

## FLOOD BUCKETS AND HYGIENE KITS FOR LERT



Our Michigan District LERT leaders are again asking our congregations and schools to assist with assembling Flood Buckets and/or Hygiene Kits and deliver them to one of our storage locations in Grand Rapids and Marine City. If you assemble your buckets/kits by July 12, there's a team available for pick up on the week of July 15. Bucket/kit assembling is a great multi-generational service project for your congregation and/or school. For directions on what to include in each kit, [click here](#).

## Other Ministry News

### IT'S NEARLY TIME ... TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT OF OUR SYNOD

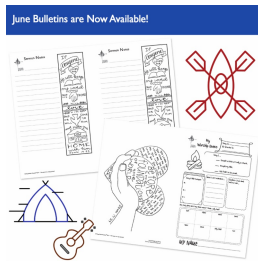


The process for electing the President of our Synod prior to the 2019 Synod convention is about to move forward. Following are six important reminders regarding the presidential election:

1. The LCMS Presidential election, conducted by Election-America, will take place by electronic ballot (via the Internet) between **June 22-25**, and if necessary, June 29-July 2.
2. About **one week prior to the election**, Election-America (E-A) will send (via U.S. mail) information to all voters regarding the voting process, the candidates, and the code numbers needed to participate.
3. **Your congregation should make certain** that your voter(s) will be available to participate. Accurate mail and email addresses are essential to receive this necessary election participation information. For a "Voter Update Form" go to [lcms.org/convention/nominations-and-elections/president](https://lcms.org/convention/nominations-and-elections/president) and follow the instructions on the form.
4. If one (or both) of your congregation's voters will be unavailable, it is important to inform the office of John W. Sias, LCMS Secretary, of your **substitutions**, using a "Substitute Voter Form" obtained at [lcms.org/convention/nominations-and-elections/president](https://lcms.org/convention/nominations-and-elections/president), also taking care to follow the instructions.
5. **Voters without computers** should plan to obtain the use of a computer and, if needed, assistance perhaps from a family member or the church office.
6. **Results of the June 22-25 ballot will be known almost immediately.** If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast, a June 29-July 2 second ballot will be necessary using the same participation information received by mail during the

week prior to the first ballot.

## JUNE 2019 VISUAL FAITH BULLETIN RESOURCES



June Children's Bulletins and Sermon Notes and Lectionary Series C are now ready and available to download on the Visual Faith Ministry website! This includes a bulletin/sermon notes for Ascension. The artist this month is Valerie Matyas. Also available is a complete document with graphics only and additional JPG graphic options. Download at [visualefaithmin.org/visual-church-year](http://visualefaithmin.org/visual-church-year).

## Community Calendar

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

### [Webinar: Lutheran Braille Workers](#)

May 23 | Rural and Small Town Ministry

### [Hymn Festival Featuring Dr. Jeffrey Blersch](#)

May 30 | Our Savior, Lansing

### [Red Cross Blood Drive](#)

May 30 | Christ, Milford

### [Car Wash](#)

Jun 1 | Christ, Milford

### [Community Food Giveaway](#)

Jun 5 | Trinity, Gaylord

### [Salute to Our Heroes Concerts](#)

Jun 8-9 | St. Paul, Trenton

### [Living Grace Luncheon with Pat Maier](#)

Jun 13 | Concordia University Ann Arbor

### [Forts and Sorts Servant Event](#)

Jun 16 | Youth Haven Ranch, Rives Junction

### [VBS - Miraculous Mission](#)

Jun 17-20 | St. John, Grand Haven

### [VBS - The Incredible Race](#)

Jun 17-21 | St. Matthew, Westland

### [VBS - ROAR!](#)

Jun 17-21 | St. Paul, Northville

### [VBS - ROAR!](#)

June 17-21 | Grace, Romeo

### [VBS - ROAR!](#)

Jun 17-21 | St. John's, Midland

### [Rummage Sale](#)

Jun 21 | Trinity, Traverse City

### [St. Paul, Trenton Music Ministry Golf Scramble](#)

Jun 23 | Lake Erie Metropark Golf Course, Rockwood

### [VBS - The Incredible Race](#)

Jun 23 | St. John's, Adrian

### [VBS - ROAR!](#)

Jun 24-28 | Immanuel, Bay City

### [THE BIG WEEK at Camp Restore Detroit](#)

Jun 23-29 | Mt. Calvary, Detroit

### [Faith Family Reunion Retreat](#)

Jun 29 | Redeemer, Jackson

### [VBS - Miraculous Mission](#)

Jul 8-12 | Christ, Milford

### [VBS - Miraculous Mission](#)

Jul 15 | Our Savior, Lansing

### [Christmas in July](#)

Jul 16 | Gifts for All God's Children, Rochester Hills

### [The Summit Worship Arts Conference](#)

Jul 24-26 | Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton

### [En Gedi Music Festival](#)

Jul 27 | St. Pauls, Colon and Centreville

## E-classified

### **WANTED: WINTER HOSPITALITY PASTOR OR DEACONESS**

Concordia Lutheran Church in Sarasota, Fla. prayerfully seeks a winter pastor or deaconess. Following Jesus, you would be leading us by welcoming worship guests, following up on guests and those drifting from worship, and discipling Concordia leaders in these tasks. Little or no preaching required. Serve November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020, 15 to 30 hours per week. Visit [ConcordiaSarasota.org](http://ConcordiaSarasota.org). For details about this ministry, compensation, and housing options, contact Concordia at 941.365.0844 or [concordia5@juno.com](mailto:concordia5@juno.com).

### **FREE STUDENT DESKS**

St. Thomas, Eastpointe has 40 student desks free to anyone willing to pick them up. They are front-loading standalone desks (no chairs attached or available). The desks measure 18.5 x 24.5. Please contact Linda in the church office at 586.772.3370 to arrange pickup.

### **KEYBOARD PLAYER/ORGANIST NEEDED FOR WORSHIP SERVICES**

St. Trinity, Clarkston is seeking a musician to play the keyboard for all worship services. Keyboard skills are a must; organ skills are preferred but not mandatory. For more information, please call 248.625.4644.

### **DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRY SOUGHT**

St. Mark, Battle Creek seeks a Director of Administrative Ministry to provide administrative leadership and support for the Lead Pastor, staff, and volunteer leadership of SMLC. This is a full-time, salaried position. [Click here](#) for a complete job description. Send resumes to [office@stmarkbattlecreek.org](mailto:office@stmarkbattlecreek.org).

### **FINANCE MANAGER SOUGHT**

St. Mark, Battle Creek seeks a Finance Manager to provide leadership, management, and support to ensure the financial health of the congregation and early childhood center. This is a part-time, salaried position. [Click here](#) for a complete job description. Send resumes to [office@stmarkbattlecreek.org](mailto:office@stmarkbattlecreek.org).

### **WORSHIP ARTS LEADER SOUGHT**

St. Mark, Battle Creek seeks a Worship Arts Leader to provide leadership, inspiration, and support for the worship life of the congregation and early childhood center. This is a full-time, salaried position. [Click here](#) for a complete job description. Send resumes to [office@stmarkbattlecreek.org](mailto:office@stmarkbattlecreek.org).

### **PART-TIME PRINCIPAL**

Trinity, Manistee is seeking a part-time Principal to help lead Trinity's school ministry for the 2019-2020 school year and beyond. This position is approximately 15 hours/week and involves working with the pastor and faculty, school curriculum, parents and students, and in promotion of the school in the community. Candidates with elementary educational and administrative experience, and an active member of an LCMS congregation, preferred. To obtain a detailed job description and to submit a resume, qualified candidates should contact the church/school office at 231.723.5149.

### **CHILDCARE DIRECTOR/TEACHER SOUGHT**

Christ the King Lutheran Church of Grosse Pointe Woods (English District) seeks an energetic, committed Christian individual faithful to the inspired, inerrant Word of God and certified in Early Childhood Development as Director/Teacher for its successful, Christ-centered preschool this fall. Familiarity with Lutheran Christian teachings is

important. Experience is desired; however, qualified new graduates are also welcome to apply. For more information, call 313.884.5090. Interested candidates should send resumes to: Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI or email to [dwyrock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwyrock@sbcglobal.net).

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