



**Michigan District**  
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

GET EQUIPPED for Effective Gospel Ministry

*"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" (Psalm 133:1 ESV).*

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## Prayers

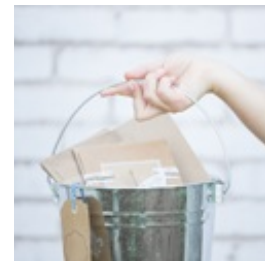
### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Matt Zavada** (son of Ray & Cindy Zavada, District Office) who is recovering from surgery resulting from a serious infection ... **Ruth Pollatz** (wife of Rev. Paul Pollatz, Emeritus), who underwent a heart procedure on May 30 ... **This week's congregations, schools, and ministries:** Immanuel, Wheeler; Cross of Christ, Bloomfield Hills; Lord of New Life, Midland; St. John, Brant; Minnesota South District, Burnsville, MN.

## On the Blog



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## District News



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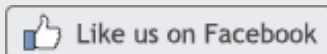
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Submit News

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



## SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICE AT MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY

Sunday, June 9, 2019 | 9:45 a.m.



Rev. Norm Koy and the praise team from Redeemer, Jackson will lead worship this Sunday in the Town Center Tent in Fan Plaza at 9:45 a.m. Parking and admittance to the worship service is free and there is still time to purchase discounted race tickets [here](#). \$5 of

each ticket purchased will go to support the [Here We Stand](#) campaign. See you Sunday!

## SPONSOR AN URBAN CHILD'S ATTENDANCE AT A SPORTS CAMP/VBS THIS SUMMER



The Acts 2 Enterprise (A2E) urban summer camp provides a week-long experience that encompasses both sports and VBS. These camps are offered at absolutely no charge to the children. Participants receive food, snacks, and beverages each day. In addition,

all supplies, sports equipment, VBS materials, t-shirts, and even transportation, if necessary, are provided. For this to take place, we need your support. Click [here](#) to donate and sponsor one or more children.

## CAMP RESTORE NEEDS 35 MORE VOLUNTEERS - DONATIONS COVER COSTS

June 23-29, 2019



The Big Week is coming quickly! 35 more volunteers are still needed in order to fulfill the camp's commitment to the community. Here is some exciting news: **Camp Restore Detroit (CRD)** is stepping out in faith and instead of charging you for your time, they are now simply taking donations to cover the cost.

Please consider joining CRD for an amazing week, June 23-29! For more information, contact Amy Fanta at 586.764.2285 or [register today](#).

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE

August 14, 2019 | Martin Luther High School, Lansing



We are excited for you to join us at our Michigan District Early Childhood Conference this summer! Dr. Rebecca Isbell will be our keynote speaker, focusing on "Nurturing the 4 C's in Young Children to be Creative Communicators, Collaborators, and Critical Thinkers." There will also be a variety of breakout sessions and a full day of learning, fellowship, and growing in our service of sharing the Gospel with the little ones and families God has called us to serve. Five clock hours are available for this

conference. [Register here](#) >.

# Other Ministry News

## 2019 FAITH FAMILY REUNION ONE-DAY RETREAT

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](#).

## NEW BEGINNINGS



**New Beginnings** is a resource from Church Extension Fund to serve those congregations in the context of the later stages of their life cycle, leading Michigan District congregations to invest in fresh, new and much-needed ministries to their community. **New Beginnings** is an opportunity for your church to assess your options for ministry and make bold decisions for the future. These decisions may include: redefinition of your congregation's mission, relocation, a restart, or parallel start. Is your church ready for its New Beginning? Contact Paul Wills at [newbeginnings@micef.org](mailto:newbeginnings@micef.org).

## LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE MEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP ARCADIA

September 5-9, 2019 | Arcadia, Mich.



Join us for a long weekend of study, fellowship, and recreation as together with Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz we explore putting our temporal Liberties to work for our Eternal Liberty in Christ. All laymen are invited. Membership in the Lutheran Laymen's League is not a prerequisite. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

## NATIONAL RURAL & SMALL TOWN MISSION CONFERENCE

November 14-16, 2019 | Minneapolis, MN



Registration is now open for the 2019 National Rural & Small Town Mission Conference, under the theme "Running With Endurance: Eyes Fixed On Jesus," which will address the blessings and challenges facing rural and small-town congregations. Scheduled plenary speakers are Rev. Todd Kollbaum, director, LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission; Rev. Dr. Harold L. Senkbeil, executive director of Spiritual Care, DOXOLOGY; and The Rev. Robert Zagore, executive director, LCMS Office of National Mission, who will lead the Bible study on the conference theme. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

## ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN-MICHIGAN: GENERAL CALL FOR GOODS



In only its first two months of regular operations, Orphan Grain Train-Michigan (OGT) has already prepared hundreds of boxes of humanitarian relief assembled at the OGT Center in Sebawaing. These goods include clothing, bedding, medical equipment, hygiene and school kits, and more. Early donations and gifts from individuals and congregations made the opening work possible. But now it is time for a general call throughout the church. Donations of clean serviceable clothing of all sorts (infant, children, adult) are welcomed. Medical supplies, bicycles in working condition, and blankets are also in the nature of primary goods needed. A much fuller list may be found online at [ogt.org](http://ogt.org) under the "Donate" button. Donated items may be delivered to the OGT-Michigan Center Tuesdays or Thursdays (9 a.m.-noon) or by special arrangement by calling 989.600.2264. The Orphan Grain Train-Michigan Center is located at 126 E. Main, Sebawaing. Already volunteers are actively preparing desperately needed relief supplies and aid for people world-wide.

# Community Calendar

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

[Community Food Giveaway](#)

Jun 5 | Trinity, Gaylord

[Panther Prowl Golf Outing](#)

June 8 | Peace, Saginaw

[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 - Roar!](#)

Jun 16-20 | Christ The King, Southgate

[VBS - Miraculous Mission](#)

Jun 17-20 | St. John, Grand Haven

[VBS - Roar!](#)

Jun 17-21 | Peace, Saginaw

[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

[VBS - ROAR!](#)

Jun 17 | Christ the King, Southgate

[Rummage Sale](#)

Jun 20-22 | Peace, Saginaw

[Rummage Sale](#)

Jun 20 | Faith, Bridgeport

[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 7 | St. Peter's, Richmond

[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

[Mustang Golf Challenge](#)

Jul 20 | Yankee Springs, Wayland

[VBS - Roar!](#)

Jul 22 | First Lutheran, Charlotte

[The Summit Worship Arts Conference](#)

Jul 24-26 | Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton

[En Gedi Music Festival](#)

Jul 27 | St. Pauls, Colon and Centreville

[LLL Retreat](#)

Sep 5-9 | Camp Arcadia

[Best Practices for Ministry Heartland](#)

Oct 9-11 | Carmel, Indiana

[Hymn Festival](#)

Oct 20 | Grace, Auburn

[National Rural & Small Town Conference](#)

Nov 14-16 | Minneapolis, Minn.

## [SUBMIT YOUR EVENT HERE](#)

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



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# E-classified

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - CONGREGATION MINISTRIES



The Michigan District, LCMS is seeking applicants for a full-time Administrative Assistant - Congregation Ministries. Responsibilities include supporting the Assistants to the President - Congregation Ministries, providing receptionist and hospitality support for the office, and processing of student aid applications. A job description is available [here](#). The ideal candidate would be proficient in Word, Excel, and PowerPoint and have database experience. The candidate should also be detailed, able to organize, a self-starter, and have excellent communication skills. Please mail cover letter, resume, and salary expectations to: Chad Woltemath; Michigan District, LCMS; 3773 Geddes Rd; Ann Arbor, MI 48105 or [chad.woltemath@michigandistrict.org](mailto:chad.woltemath@michigandistrict.org) no later than June 17, 2019.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR

St. Paul, Flint is searching for an Early Childhood Director. Candidate needs to be a certified teacher with emphasis on Early Childhood. A ZA Endorsement is preferred. For more information or to submit resumes, contact Mary Lynn Buck at 810.239.6733 or [mbuck@stpaulflint.com](mailto:mbuck@stpaulflint.com)

## COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Living Water, Whitmore Lake is seeking a Communications Coordinator who would report to the pastor and work alongside church staff, ministry leaders, and volunteers to support and communicate the mission of the church. The coordinator would tell the story of what God is doing through Living Water to everyone inside and outside the congregation, particularly focusing on the demographics of the unchurched. Click [here](#) for a full job description. If interested contact Laura Bowen at 734.426.4006 or [lbowen@livingwatermi.org](mailto:lbowen@livingwatermi.org).

## WORSHIP ARTS LEADER

Living Water, Whitmore Lake is seeking a Worship Arts Leader. This is a part-time position (approximately 10 hours/week). The Worship Arts Leader will collaborate with the Pastor to plan and execute the worship service. Responsibilities include planning appropriate music for worship services; recruiting, rehearsing with and directing the worship team, as well as leading congregational worship. The worship team includes both musical and visual groups. The Pastor will have primary responsibility for worship services. [Download job description here](#). For more information, contact Alex Barrus at [abarrus@gmail.com](mailto:abarrus@gmail.com) or Pastor Harrison Parker at [harrison@livingwatermi.org](mailto:harrison@livingwatermi.org).

## PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME RESOURCE ROOM TEACHERS NEEDED

Lutheran Special Education Ministries is seeking part-time and full-time resource room teachers for positions in Clinton Township, Rochester, Macomb, Monroe, and Westland. Applicants should have a valid Michigan teaching license and a certification/endorsement in special education. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at 734.748.5253 or [rschumacher@luthspec.org](mailto:rschumacher@luthspec.org). Click [here](#) for a complete listing of open positions.

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