



Michigan District
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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"The Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations" (Psalm 100:5 ESV).

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Dan and Linda Ramthun (Guardian, Dearborn) upon the birth of a grandson, William Jude ... **Josh and Sarah Kittelman** (Concordia University Ann Arbor) upon the death of Josh's father, Ross ... Participants and organizers (Immanuel and Zion, Bay City) of *Here We Ride*, taking place on August 3 ... **This week's congregations, schools, and ministries:** St. Peter, Sebawaing; Good Shepherd, Caseville; Good Shepherd, Cass City; Benton Harbor Outreach Ministry, Benton Harbor; Immanuel, Alpena.

Podcast

UNADDRESSED CONFLICT



MICHIGAN DISTRICT
Thought Leader Podcast

In this week's featured podcast, Rev. Dr. Todd Jones talks about best practices in handling conflict and how to be a proactive leader in these difficult situations ([listen here](#)). You can see a full listing of our podcasts and subscribe [here](#).

District News

FALL CIRCUIT VISITORS' CONFERENCE

September 4-5, 2019 | Peace, Ann Arbor
Join us as we gather with Rev. John Denninger, President of the Southeastern District, for a review of the 2019 Synodical Convention. Bible studies will be led by Rev. John Bookshaw. [Register here](#).

DEACON/PRE-SMP/MINISTRY ASSISTANT

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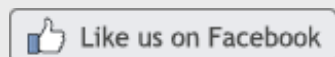
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Submit News

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



MINI-RECRUITMENT MEETINGS

Deacon/Pre-SMP/Ministry Assistant mini-recruitment meetings are geared towards men and women with the desire to serve their congregations, gain biblical knowledge, study Lutheran doctrine, and become better trained to provide qualified leadership under the direction of a supervising pastor. These meetings will take place August 17 ([Grace, Bruce Township](#)); September 14 ([Trinity, Lansing](#)); October 12 ([Outer Drive Faith, Detroit](#)); and November 23 ([SALT Church, Troy](#)). There is no charge to attend. For more information or to RSVP, contact [Rev. Dr. John Herzog](#) at 586.855.8421.

Congregation News

TOWNES INSTALLATION

August 11, 2019 | Bethel, Howard City
Upon his retirement from the US Navy, Rev. Richard A. Townes will be installed as pastor of [Bethel, Howard City](#) on Sunday, August 11, at 4 p.m. Pastors and licensed Deacons are invited to participate; please wear red stole. A dinner will follow the service. For more information, contact the church office at 231.937.4921 or Circuit Visitor [Rev. Jeff Wilhelm](#) at 616.754.4886.

NEXT LIFE FOUNDATION AND SCHOOL FOUNDERS TO SPEAK

August 14, 2019 | Crown of Life, Rochester Hills
August 15, 2019 | Trinity, Pinckney
This past January, [MOST Ministries](#) sent a team of 10 people, including 3 from Michigan, to the Next Life School in Mbuguni, Tanzania where they taught the tailoring students how to make feminine hygiene kits and assisted the carpentry students in renovating the school office building. Next Life Foundation and School is a vocational training school. It provides tailoring and carpentry classes for young people in a Christian environment, gently sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. On August 14 & 15, the Tanzanian and American founders, Laurence Laban and Patti Griffiths, will be speaking in Michigan. On August 14, at 7 p.m. they will be at Crown of Life, Rochester Hills and on August 15, at 6 p.m. for a "Meals with a Mission" at Trinity, Pinckney. Please come out on one of these evenings to hear more about this exciting ministry in Tanzania and how you can be a part of it. For more information, visit [nextlifefound.org](#) or contact Janelle Meckes at 989.450.9099.

Other Ministry News

PETITION DRIVE FOR DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION BAN

An opportunity is before us to ban the inhumane abortion procedure known as the D&E (dilation and evacuation) method. There is a petition to amend the partial-birth abortion ban by adding the D&E method ([read more about it here](#) and find a list of Michigan District congregations that have the petition in hand). This petition needs 400,000 signatures to become a bill and, if it does, it cannot be vetoed by the Governor! There are less than 180 days to collect the signatures, so please sign the petition soon and let others know about it as well. To order petitions, bulletin inserts, flyers, and other information, [click here](#).

COACHING AND MEDIATING THROUGH CONFLICT PRACTICUMS

August 19-22, 2019 | Seymour, Indiana

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Seymour, Ind. is hosting Ambassadors of Reconciliation's *Coaching and Mediating People Through Conflict Practicums*, August 19-22. Ambassadors of Reconciliation is an international ministry founded to help Christians and their churches in carrying out their peacemaking responsibilities as Christ's ambassadors. Their mission is equipping Christians and their churches for living, proclaiming, and cultivating lifestyles of reconciliation. For more information and to register, visit aorhope.org.

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

September 5-8, 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](#).

LSEM GOLF OUTING

September 13, 2019 | Cherry Creek Golf Club, Shelby Twp.

Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) is excited to announce its 14th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, September 13, 2019 at Cherry Creek Golf Club in Shelby Township. Register your team today or sign up as a sponsor of this event by [clicking here](#) or by contacting Marty Moro at 248.419.3390 ext. 105 or mmoro@luthsped.org. All proceeds from this event will benefit children with learning needs. To learn more about LSEM's mission, visit luthsped.org.

Community Calendar

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

[150th Anniversary with Rev. Paul Clark](#)

Aug 3 | Immanuel, Leland

[150th Anniversary with Rev. Peter Gregory](#)

Aug 25 | Immanuel, Leland

[Community Block Party](#)

Aug 3 | Lamb of God, Flint

[LLL Retreat](#)

Sep 5-8 | Camp Arcadia

[Community Care Day](#)

Aug 3 | Trinity, Jackson

[Arnie Redeker Memorial Golf Outing](#)

Sep 15 | Pigeon Creek Golf Course, Grand Haven

[Mel Ott Lutheran Night at Comerica Park](#)

Aug 5 | Comerica Park, Detroit

[Church Planter PowerWeek](#)

Sep 23-27 | Minneapolis, Minn.

[SpringHill Day Camp](#)

Aug 5-9 | Shepherd's Gate, Shelby Twp.

[Germanfest TC](#)

Sep 27 | Trinity, Traverse City

[Community Food Giveaway](#)

Aug 7 | Trinity, Gaylord

[HOPE Ministries Dementia Seminar](#)

Aug 8 | Trinity, Utica

[Euchre Tournament](#)

Aug 16 | St. John's, Grand Haven

[Understanding Korea: North and South](#)

Aug 24 | St. Lorenz School, Frankenmuth

[FREE Community Carnival](#)

Aug 25 | St. John's, Adrian

[150th Anniversary with Rev. Bob Butler](#)

Aug 25 | Immanuel, Leland

[Best Practices for Ministry Heartland](#)

Oct 9-11 | Carmel, Ind.

[Camp Restore Detroit Fundraising Dinner](#)

Oct 13 | St. Thomas, Eastpointe

[Hymn Festival](#)

Oct 20 | Grace, Auburn

[Practical Ideas VI](#)

Oct 26 | Faith, Bay City

[National Rural and 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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GIFT PLANNING COUNSELOR

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) Foundation, through a partnership with the Michigan Church Extension Fund (CEF), is seeking a faith-filled individual to serve as the CEF gift planning counselor, building upon the work and experience of Bill Burmeister. The ideal candidate will have exceptional people skills, strong financial acumen, be willing to travel, and demonstrate professional discretion and judgement when working with individuals sharing confidential information. This individual will form and maintain close working relationships with the executives and representatives of congregations and ministries across the Michigan District. He or she will personally visit LCMS members regarding their estate plans and work with them to consider gift plans that could benefit CEF, or the member's congregation, school or LCMS ministry of choice. Candidates must be a member of a LCMS congregation. Financial, estate planning or sales experience is helpful but not required. The position reports to the Foundation's Senior Vice President, Gift Planning. Interested candidates can learn more and apply at lcmsfoundation.org/jobs or contact Yvonne Henkelmann at Yvonne.Henkelmann@lcms.org.

PART-TIME YOUNG FIVES TEACHER

Trinity Lutheran Early Childhood Center in St. Joseph is seeking a part-time (approx. 30-35 hours a week) Young Fives teacher for the 2019-2020 school year, beginning on August 15. Applicants should hold a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education or Early Childhood Education and a valid Michigan teaching license--or be willing to work towards Michigan Certification. Candidates must also be able to pass a background check and be current in CPR and First aid or willing to become current. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Robyn Adams, Early Childhood Director, at robyn.adams@discovertrinity.org.

"ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SING" HYMNALS AVAILABLE

St. Matthew, Westland has 30 copies of All God's People Sing available for free. Please contact Tammy Barikmo at 734.425.0261 or tammyb@stmatthew.info to arrange for pick up.

RISO MACHINE

Gifts for all God's Children has a Riso machine and extra ink available for free. If interested, contact Patti Jacques at pjacques@giftsforallgodschildren.org or 248.933.7472.



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