



Michigan District
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

GET EQUIPPED for Effective Gospel Ministry

"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen"
(Hebrews 11:1 ESV).

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Prayers

PRAYER REQUESTS

Michigan District Lutheran School Principals attending their summer conference this week ... This week's congregations, schools, and ministries: Grace, Auburn; Immanuel, Bay City; St. John, Sebewaing; St. Paul, Caro; Faith, Bridgeport.

Video Spotlight

CONNECT YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT TO A CAMPUS MINISTRY IN MICHIGAN



Back-to-school season is right around the corner and the Michigan District offers college students the opportunity to continue their growth in faith through campus ministries across the state. Whatever school in Michigan they may attend, there is a campus ministry or local congregation ready to welcome them. Connect your college-bound young person at michigandistrict.org/campusconnect. Please pray for our college-bound young people and help them get plugged into a congregation or campus ministry by sharing this [video](#) and announcement today!

[Drive Faith, Detroit](#)

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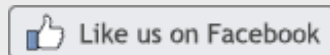
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Submit News

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



Podcast

CHURCH IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT



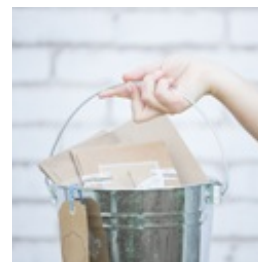
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Thought Leader Podcast

In this week's featured podcast, Rev. Dr. Todd Jones shares some best practices for getting volunteers to get out of the bleachers and onto the field. ([listen here](#)). You can see a full listing of our podcasts and subscribe [here](#).

On The Blog



[Camp Restore: The Best Vacation Ever!](#)

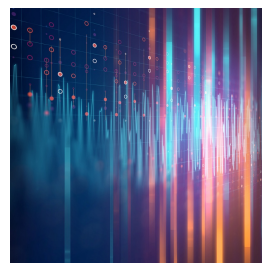


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District News

ALL PASTORS' CONFERENCE - MORE THAN SOUND BYTES

October 6-8, 2019 | Boyne Mountain Resort



In a culture of outrage, it is often difficult to take the time to listen and have healthy conversations. Come join us as we learn how to engage faithfully and reclaim conversations on sexuality, race, gender, mental health, and more. Keynote speakers include Rev. Dr.

John A. Nunes, Rev. A. Trevor Sutton, and Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Chitwood. Registration is now open. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

SAVE THE DATE – HIGH SCHOOL GATHERING "ANCHORED IN HOPE"

June 28-July 1, 2020 | Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island

Save the date for the Michigan District High School Gathering which will take place June 28-July 1, 2020 on Mackinac Island. More information coming later this year.

Congregation News

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE

August 25, 2019 | Immanuel, Leland

Immanuel, Leland is celebrating its 150th anniversary with guest preachers on Sunday, August 25. At 9 a.m. Rev. Robert Butler, former pastor of Immanuel, will lead the Divine Service. At 3 p.m. on the same day, there will be a Divine Service with brass quartet and festival choir. The preacher will be Rev. Peter Gregory, son of Immanuel. A full schedule of events can be found [here](#).

Other Ministry News

MEET CONCORDIA SEMINARY'S ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR

September 10-15, 2019 | Various Locations



You are invited to meet with Rev. Bill Wrede, Director of Admissions at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. to discuss seminary education and the path to becoming a pastor or deaconess. Please contact him at 314.505.7221 or wredew@csl.edu to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome. Download the [Michigan itinerary](#).

FAITH FAMILY REUNION ONE-DAY RETREATS

September 7, 2019 | St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

September 28, 2019 | St. Paul, Centreville



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 one-day retreat will discuss this important issue and introduce a ministry opportunity that churches can easily implement. For more information or to register, click [St. Lorenz](#) or [Centreville](#).

LOOK UP FAITH CONFERENCE ON MENTAL HEALTH

October 7, 2019 | Fort Wayne, Ind.

Advance your faith community's mental health awareness by attending the Lutheran Foundation's *2019 Look Up Faith Conference on Mental Health* at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne, Ind. on Monday, October 7. This one-day event will provide practical insights for the church and other faith-based organizations to promote mental wellness and reduce the stigma around mental illness. Hear from nationally recognized leaders, including Kay Warren of Saddleback Church, Warren Kinghorn of Duke Divinity School, and many others. Cost is \$30/person until September 1, \$40 afterwards. For more information, or to register, visit lookupconference.org.

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](#)
Aug 7 | Trinity, Gaylord

[Arnie Redeker Memorial Golf Outing](#)
Sep 15 | Pigeon Creek Golf Course, Grand

[HOPE Ministries Dementia Seminar](#)

Aug 8 | Trinity, Utica

[American Red Cross Blood Drive](#)

Aug 10 | St. Paul's, New Boston

[Euchre Tournament](#)

Aug 16 | St. John's, Grand Haven

[Trinity, Paw Paw Golf Outing](#)

Aug 23 | Heritage Glen Golf Club, Paw Paw

[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

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

Aug 25 | Immanuel, Leland

[LLL Retreat](#)

Sep 5-8 | Camp Arcadia

[Family Faith Reunion One-Day Retreat](#)

Sep 7 | St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

Haven

[Church Planter PowerWeek](#)

Sep 23-27 | Minneapolis, Minn.

[Germanfest TC](#)

Sep 27 | Trinity, Traverse City

[Family Faith Reunion One-Day Retreat](#)

Sep 28 | St. Paul, Centreville

[Look Up Conf. on Mental Health](#)

Oct 7 | Fort Wayne, Ind.

[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!

E-classified

ADULT DAY CENTER DIRECTOR

Living Word, Plymouth is seeking to hire a Director to manage the daily operations of *Simeon's Rest*, an on-site Christian non-profit Adult Day Center. The successful candidate will preferably possess skills in nursing with experience in gerontology or a similar field, as well as 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.

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.

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 WORSHIP COORDINATOR

Trinity, Muskegon is accepting resumes for a part-time Worship Coordinator. This individual will lead the contemporary and blended worship services musically, including recruiting and coordinating musicians, technical support, and worship. For a full job description, please [click here](#). For more information, contact the church office at 231.755.1292 ext. 12.

FULL OR PART-TIME ORGANIST

Trinity-St. James, Munger is seeking a full or part-time organist for 9 a.m. Sunday worship and Lent/Advent services. If interested, please contact Lisa Poirier at office@stjlmunger.org or 989.659.2506.

HANDBELL MUSIC

Zion, Kalamazoo has 35 songs and several instructional books available for handbell choirs with 2-octaves of bells. These songs are relatively easy (difficulty level from 1 to 2+), and perfect for choirs that are just starting or who don't have many ringers. Each song has a director's score and 6-10 scores for ringers. Additionally, Zion has 28 songs for larger (3-5 octaves), more advanced choirs (difficulty level 2+ to 4). Each song has a director's score and 10-11 scores for ringers. If you are interested in a list of available titles, please contact Greg Gerfen at ggerf1010@gmail.com.

NEEDED! 3RD GRADE *ONE IN CHRIST* TEACHER'S MANUAL

Peace, Shelby Township is in need of a teacher's manual for 3rd grade *One In Christ*. If you have the manual and can spare it, please contact Carol Stathakis at 586.731.4120 or cstathakis@peaceshelby.org.



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