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"For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken" (Psalm 62:1-2 ESV).

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Prayers

PRAYER REQUESTS

The family and friends of Mary Lou Prouty, who passed away on September 20 ... **Becky Hohnstadt** (St. John's, Adrian) and family, in thanksgiving for the birth of her first grandchild, Charlotte, on September 25 ... **This week's congregations, schools, and ministries:** Grace, Coopersville; Trinity, Bay City; St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth; St. Peter, Hemlock; Oklahoma District, Edmond, OK.

Podcast

CHURCH GOVERNANCE



THOUGHT LEADER
Thought Leader Podcast

There are some different models of church governance available to you and your ministry. Rev. Dr. Todd Jones with the Michigan District, LCMS helps you evaluate what type of governance can help your organization flourish. This episode of the *Thought Leader Podcast* also offers action steps to help measure your organization's policies and structure. [Click here](#) to listen. To subscribe to our podcasts, [click here](#).

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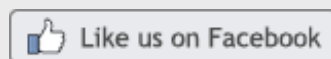
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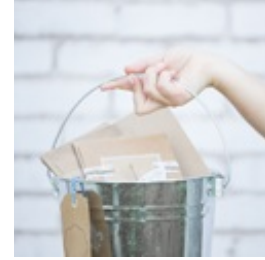
Submit News

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



[Deaf Ministry at Cross & Resurrection, Ypsilanti](#)

by Marliese Peltier



[Submit your story here.](#)



[Urban Ministry Conference](#)

by Ray Zavada

District News

PRE-RETIREMENT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN

January 10-11, 2020 | Holy Cross, Flushing



Please join us for the Pre-Retirement Conference at Holy Cross, Flushing. This conference is intended for all professional church workers and their spouses aged 55 and over as they prepare for their future retirement (whether it be three, five, or ten years down the road) and their next stage of ministry. [Register here >](#)

Other Ministry News

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF 2019 INGATHERING

October 4-16, 2019 | Various locations in Michigan and Ohio



Lutheran World Relief is collecting quilts, new soap, fabric kits, baby care kits, personal care kits, and school kits. For more information on what to include, where to drop off, and more, [click here](#).

LWML ANN ARBOR ZONE PEP RALLY

Put a little pep in your step! This annual fall get-together will be held at St. Paul Lutheran School in Ann Arbor (495 Earhart Road). Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 19, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Our speaker will be Rev. Gabe Kasper of University Lutheran Chapel (ULC) on "The Mission of God in a Secular Age." Join us for worship,

devotion, mission updates, and a look at how God wants to use us in today's culture. An ingathering of toys and school supplies for Operation Christmas Child will be taken (boys/girls ages 5-9 and 10-14). Registration is \$5/person and includes a tailgate-style lunch. For more information or to register, contact Linda Murdock at 734.417.7075 no later than October 17.

NEW BEGINNINGS



Seeing things in traditional ways and making decisions in known ways has the church in an endless cycle of fixing what seems to have gone wrong. What if the problems congregations now face are not the product of things gone wrong but rather of the world grown different? *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 a redefinition of your congregation's mission. Is your church ready for its new beginning? Contact Paul Wills at newbeginnings@mi-cef.org.

Community Calendar

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

[CUAA Alumni Homecoming 2019](#)

Oct 5 | Concordia University Ann Arbor

[Applefest](#)

Oct 5-6 | St. Paul's, New Boston

[Nelson's Chicken Dinner Fundraiser](#)

Oct 6 | St. Paul, Coldwater

[Kinderfest](#)

Oct 6 | St. Peter's, Eastpointe

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

Oct 7 | Fort Wayne, Ind.

[Best Practices for Ministry Heartland](#)

Oct 9-11 | Carmel, Ind.

[The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time](#)

Oct 10-13 | Concordia University Ann Arbor

[56th Annual Bloomfield Charity Antiques & Collectibles Show](#)

Oct 11-12 | Cross of Christ, Bloomfield Hills

[Trunk-or-Treat](#)

Oct 12 | Trinity, Utica

[Chili Cook Off](#)

Oct 12 | St. John's, Grand Haven

[Camp Restore Detroit Fundraising Dinner](#)

Oct 13 | St. Thomas, Eastpointe

[Rummage Sale](#)

Oct 17 | Trinity, Utica

[Harvest Fest](#)

Oct 18 | Lutheran Church of the Lakes, Addison

[Undergraduate Visit Day](#)

Oct 18 | Concordia University Ann Arbor

[LWML Ann Arbor Zone Pep Rally](#)

Oct 19 | St. Paul, Ann Arbor

[Hymn Festival](#)

Oct 20 | Grace, Auburn

[Detroit Lutheran Singers Fall Concert](#)

Oct 20 | Christ Our Savior, Livonia

[Luther: The Rock Opera](#)

Oct 21 | Our Shepherd, Birmingham

[Sauerkraut and Pork Supper](#)

Oct 24 | Trinity, Muskegon

[Oktoberfest](#)

Oct 25 | Emmanuel, Cadillac

[Practical Ideas VI](#)

Oct 26 | Faith, Bay City

[Ever Famous All-You-Can-Eat Potato Pancake Supper](#)

Oct 27 | St. Peter, Richmond

[Trunk-or-Treat](#)

Oct 30 | Trinity, Muskegon

[Trunk-or-Treat](#)

Oct 30 | St. Paul, Pontiac

[Lutherfest with The Michigan-Ohio Chorale](#)

Nov 3 | Emmanuel, Dearborn

["We're Here For You" Kreft Gallery Reception](#)

Nov 15 | CUAA

[Undergraduate Visit Day](#)

Nov 16 | Concordia University Ann Arbor

[National Rural and Small Town Conference](#)

Nov 14-16 | Minneapolis, Minn.

[Hearts - Hands - Voices Workshop](#)

Oct 19 | Valparaiso, Ind.

[True Girl: Pajama Party Tour](#)

Nov 17 | Shepherd's Gate, Shelby Twp.

[Craft Fair](#)

Oct 19 | Trinity, Traverse City

[Boar's Head Festival](#)

Dec 6-8 | Concordia University Ann Arbor

[The UFO Challenge \(Apologetic Conference\)](#)

Oct 19 | Emmanuel, Dearborn

[Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival](#)

Dec 12-15 | St. John, Fraser

[Craft Show](#)

Oct 19 | Grace, Monroe

[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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CAMP CONCORDIA SEEKS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Camp Concordia in Gowen, Mich. is currently seeking a camp professional who has background in Lutheran outdoors ministry/camping and desires to join the team as we lead Camp Concordia into the future. He/she may reside in a one-bedroom apartment on site, must be competent to lead with guitar and singing (summer programming and winter promotion), and have food service experience and minor repair skills. For additional information, [click here](#).



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