



Michigan District
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

GET EQUIPPED for Effective Gospel Ministry

"Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!" (Psalm 24:9-10 ESV).

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Michael and Allison Carr (Trinity, Utica) upon the birth of a baby boy, Levi Michael Carr, on Thanksgiving Day; grandparents are Paul and Jane Gusé (LHWL) and aunt is Andrea Dent (St. Paul, Bay City) ... **Rev. Steve Essenburg** (Missionary at Large, Detroit) who is hospitalized ... **The family, friends, and students of Professor Rev. Laokouxiang (Koy) Seying** (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis), who passed away on November 23 ... **The preschool student and family at Zion, Auburn** (Beaver) whose father was killed this week in an accident ... **Bruce Wurdeman** (brother-in-law to Chuck Strohacker, principal at Christ, Stevensville), who is recovering from a successful liver transplant surgery ... **The family and friends of Edward Kuznia** (Retired Lay), taught at St. Peter's, Richmond, who passed away on December 6 ... **Rev. Albert Bahr** (Emeritus) and **Mary and Dave Moehring** (Commissioned Emeritus) upon the death of their son/brother/brother-in-law, Seth Bahr, on December 12 ... **The family and friends of Sharon Hensler** (wife of Rev. David Hensler, Emeritus) who passed away on December 15 ... **The family and friends of Elaine Neisch** (wife of Rev. Waldemar, Emeritus) who passed away on March 13 ... **The family and friends of Lois Krause** (wife of Rev. Fred Krause, Emeritus) who passed away on October 20 ... **This week's congregations, schools, and ministries:** St. Paul, Caledonia; Bethel, Grandville; Southeastern District, Alexandria, VA; St. Paul, Albion; St. Mark, Battle Creek; Trinity, Berrien Springs; Immanuel, Bridgman; St. John's, Burr Oak.

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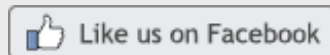
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Submit News

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



LIVE STREAMING CHRISTMAS SERVICES?

LUKE PROJECT 52 CLINIC



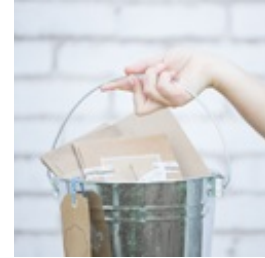
MICHIGAN DISTRICT
Innovative Missional Ministry
PODCAST

In this podcast, which was recorded during the Urban Ministry Conference in September 2019, Rev. Brad Garrison talks about the Luke Project 52 Clinic and its impact among mothers and babies in Detroit. [Listen here >](#)

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District News

END-OF-YEAR GIVING WILL CONCLUDE SOON



Don't miss the opportunity to support the *Here We Stand* Innovative Missional Ministries initiative by donating through the Christmas Appeal before the end of the year. CEF will match every donation by 10%. To donate, [click here](#).

LIVE STREAMING CHRISTMAS SERVICES?



If your church is planning to live stream Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services this year, please [fill out this form](#) by this **Thursday, December 19 at noon**. We will compile all the information and publish it in a blog on December 20. Thank you for providing this service!

RIGHT TO LIFE OF MICHIGAN TO SUBMIT PETITION SIGNATURES TO END DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION



A [Detroit News article](#) shares that Right to Life of Michigan will finish with more than 374,000 of the 340,047 valid signatures required by the Board of State Canvassers. Thank you Rev. Paul Clark (Lutherans For Life of Michigan and Michigan District Life Coordinator) and Rev. Dennis Matyas (St. Paul, Bay City) for your efforts in moving this proposal forward. If you have not signed the petition, and wish to do so, [click here](#). For more information, read this [related story](#).

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE PRE-RETIREMENT CONFERENCE?

January 10-11, 2020 | Holy Cross, Flushing

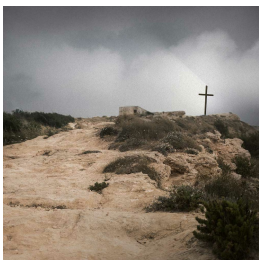


This conference is intended for all professional church workers and their spouses aged 55 and over as they prepare for their future retirement (whether it be three, five, or ten years down the road) and their next stage of ministry. Presenter Paul M. Snyder has more than 30 years of experience working for Concordia Plan Services as a Retirement & Benefit Educator. If you haven't registered yet, [do it now](#).

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR *MARCHING OFF THE MAP*

A conference for DCE/DFL/DCO, Deaconess, Youth, Worship Arts Leaders, etc.

January 27-29, 2020 | Maumee Bay Lodge & Conference Center, Oregon, OH



Children born after 2000 hold vastly different attitudes and behaviors toward learning and authority than previous generations. Add to that social media, emotional distress, relational stress, short attention span, fluid personal identity, connection yet isolation, and you will see the need for a different map than the one we grew up with and maybe even used in ministry. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this conference as together we study and discuss Tim Elmore's book, *Marching Off the Map*, and

its implications, insights, and strategies for ministry. Each participant will receive a copy of the book to aid in the conversation. [Register now >](#)

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting new orders or renewals for *Lutheran Witness* subscriptions has passed, but you can still get your information in to the District office before January 15, 2020. Subscription cost is now increased to \$13.60 due to the missed deadline. If you have misplaced your paperwork or have questions about the order process, please contact Donna Conrad at 888.225.2111 ext. 236 or donna.conrad@michigandistrict.org. If you do NOT have any subscribers, please still return the paperwork you received for our records. Thank you.

ENEWS WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 7

Due to the timing of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, *The Michigan Minute* enews will not be published over the next two weeks. It will resume on Tuesday, January 7. Please submit your prayers and announcements by [clicking here](#).

Congregation News

INSTALLATION OF NEW PASTOR AT ST. PAUL COMMUNITY, PONTIAC

Sunday, January 5, 2020 | St. Paul Community, Pontiac

Join St. Paul Community Lutheran Church in officially welcoming Rev. Christopher Jung as their new Senior Pastor. The Service will begin at 3 pm and will be followed by light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Clergy are invited to participate and wear red stoles. Please RSVP to Stpauloffice1133@gmail.com by January 2, 2020. For more information, [click here](#).

Community Calendar

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

[Blue Christmas Service](#)

Dec 18 | Bethel, Grandville

[Open House](#)

Jan 28 | Our Savior, Grand Rapids

[Spiritual Warfare in America](#)

Jan 11 | St. Paul, New Boston

[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-Classifieds

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHERS NEEDED

A Woman's Pregnancy Choice in Farmington Hills is looking for dedicated and compassionate volunteers who value women and their unborn babies. These volunteers would provide limited ultrasound exams confirming IUP, FHT & gestational age and go over pregnancy options with the client.

* Regular volunteer: Tuesday morning to start; add on Monday morning later.

* On-call volunteer: to provide back-up for our staff, and on-call sonography on occasion.

These are excellent opportunities for new grads or retired sonographers!

If interested, please contact: Salem Law at 248.471.5858 ext 112; Email: nurse@awpc4life.com

FULL-TIME HOUSEKEEPER SOUGHT

Wellspring Lutheran Services is seeking a housekeeper for its Livonia Woods location.

This position provides service excellence to the residents and staff by maintaining a clean, neat, and safe environment. A high school diploma or equivalent is preferred; prior housekeeping experience is helpful, but not essential. For more information or to apply, [click here](#).

BALDWIN ORGAN AVAILABLE

Baldwin organ available for free to any church. One key is broken.

Located in Williamston, Mich. If interested, contact Vicky

at vwort2@yahoo.com or 517.719.0664.



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