



Michigan District
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

GET EQUIPPED for Effective Gospel Ministry

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:5-7 ESV).

December 3, 2019

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PRAYER REQUESTS

C.J. Strohacker (son of Chuck Strohacker, Emeritus) who is undergoing 3 days of testing to see if he is a suitable candidate to donate part of his liver to his uncle, **Bruce Wurdeman**, former Executive Director of Lutheran Hour Ministries ... **The family and friends of Rev. Orval D. Mueller** (President Emeritus of the Southern District), who died on November 19 ... **Rev. Douglas Janetzke** (Emeritus) as he recuperates from hospital and rehabilitation stays and also upon the death of his brother ... **The friends and family of Irene L. Reimann** (widow of the late Rev. Fredrick Reimann), who passed away on Sunday, December 1; Irene is also the mother of Kristine DeBoer (Our Savior, Lansing) and Emily (Caleb) Abraham (Candidate and VLHS, Saginaw) ... **(This week's congregations, schools, and ministries:** Mount Calvary, Greenville; California-Nevada-Hawaii District, Livermore, CA; Bethel, Howard City; St. James, Montague; Our Redeemer, Muskegon.

Podcast

ACTS 2 ENTERPRISE



MICHIGAN DISTRICT
Innovative Missional Ministry
PODCAST

In this podcast, which was recorded during the Urban Ministry Conference in September 2019, Rev. Chris Bodley talks about Acts 2 Enterprise (A2E), a strategic and holistic urban outreach initiative of the Michigan District, LCMS.

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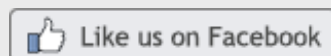
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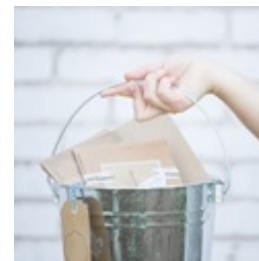
To submit your prayer requests, news, events, and E-classified, [click here](#). Deadline to submit for the following week is Fridays at noon.



On the Blog



[God at Work Through Volunteers](#)
by Dennis Ouelette



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District News

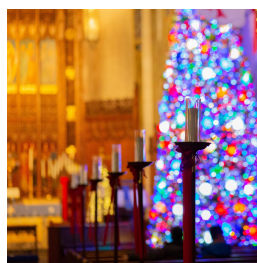
GIVING TUESDAY IS TODAY!



Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) throughout the day and hear from ministry leaders and those being served through the District's innovative missional ministries. Please consider supporting these ministries today. The Michigan District Church Extension Fund

matches 10% of all donations to this ***Here We Stand*** initiative. [Give now >](#).

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](#). We will compile all the information and publish it in a blog close to Christmas. Thank you for providing this service!

LEGACY: RECLAIMING A LOST GENERATION

February 1, 2020 | Our Savior, Lansing



Join us on Saturday, February 1 for Legacy: Reclaiming a Lost Generation. Our prayer--and the goal of this conference--is that we all develop the capacity to engage the culture as we also seek to retain our young people (children and grandchildren) through healthy

interactions under the blessing of our Lord. [Register here >](#)

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION DEADLINE APPROACHING

The deadline for submitting new orders or renewals for Lutheran Witness subscriptions is quickly approaching. All paperwork and payment is due to the District office by **December 15**. 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.

Congregation News

THUS FAR BY FAITH - CELEBRATING 145 YEARS

December 8, 2019 | East Bethlehem, Detroit

Come worship the Lord with members of East Bethlehem on December 8, 2019 as they celebrate 145 years of God's faithfulness. Worship begins at 10 a.m. followed by lunch. A special outreach offering will be taken. Save the date and put this on your prayer list! Pass on this information to former members and alumni! For more information, contact the church office at 313.892.2670.

Other Ministry News

SAVE TODAY



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Learning is an ornament in prosperity, a refuge in adversity, and a provision in old age. So is saving. Open a Dedicated Savings Account from Church Extension Fund today. For more information, contact your congregation representative or call 800.242.3944.

POBLO INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, December 15 | Redemption, Sterling Heights

You are invited to an evening full of Caroling in Fellowship. Singing will be in different languages as many ethnic groups are coming together. You are invited to sing in your heart language or in English. The caroling will be followed by food and fellowship at [Redemption, Sterling Heights](#). Join us!

SERVING THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF NORTHERN CANADA



A mission trip into northern Canada with LAMP Ministry can make a lasting impact on your life and the lives of the Indigenous people you serve. The work that the volunteers do is to encourage and support people in their walk with Christ, and the communities appreciate it very much. They (especially the children) anxiously await the team's return next year. If God has placed a call for missions on your heart, please call 800.307.4036, ext. 1 or email shelly@lampministry.org.

Community Calendar

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

[Boar's Head Festival](#)

Dec 5 | Bethlehem, Saginaw

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

Dec 12, 14-15 | St. John, Fraser

[Advent Tea](#)

Dec 6 | Hope, Warren

[The Carols of Christmas Concerts](#)

Dec 13-15 | St. Paul, Trenton

[Journey with Jesus](#)

Dec 6-7 | Christ, Milford

[Christmas Nativity Walk](#)

Dec 13-15 | Trinity, Muskegon

[Living Nativity](#)

[Christmas Cookie Sale](#)

Dec 6-8 | Immanuel (Frankentrost), Saginaw

[Boar's Head Festival](#)

Dec 6-8 | Concordia University Ann Arbor

[Santa Breakfast](#)

Dec 7 | Hope, Warren

[Christmas Bazaar](#)

Dec 7 | Immanuel, Wheeler

[Cookie Walk](#)

Dec 7 | St. John's, Grand Haven

[Christmas Concert with Righteous Through God](#)

Dec 7 | Immanuel, St. Clair

[The Lutheran Choralaires Christmas Concert](#)

Dec 7 | Historic Trinity, Detroit

[Detroit Lutheran Singers Christmas Concert](#)

Dec 8 | Historic Trinity, Detroit

[Annual Christmas Concert](#)

Dec 8 | Trinity, Utica

Dec 14 | Trinity, Traverse City

[Christmas Market and Open House](#)

Dec 14 | Historic Trinity, Detroit

[Country Christmas](#)

Dec 14 | St. Paul's, New Boston

[Craft and Vendor Show](#)

Dec 14 | St. Luke, Ann Arbor

[Valley Lutheran High School Choral Christmas Concert](#)

Dec 15 | St. John (Amelith), Bay City

[Lessons & Carols Service](#)

Dec 15 | St. John, Rochester

[Blue Christmas Service](#)

Dec 18 | Bethel, Grandville

[Open House](#)

Jan 28 | Our Savior, Grand Rapids

[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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DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR

Lutheran Heritage Foundation, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization, located in Macomb, Mich. is looking to fill an immediate opening for Database Administrator. Experience using church management or database management software programs and Microsoft Office is preferred. This is a 28-40 hour a week position depending upon candidate qualifications and prior work experience. Training will be provided. For additional information and to apply, visit LHFmissions.org/employment.



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