



Michigan District
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

GET EQUIPPED for Effective Gospel Ministry

"We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4 ESV).

January 7, 2020

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Prayers

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. David Burgess (emeritus, St. Philips, Detroit), upon the passing of his wife, Carol, on Nov 10 ... **The family and friends of Rev. Bernhard W. Filbert** (Emeritus, former vacancy pastor at Bethlehem, Glen Arbor), who passed away on Nov 23, and his wife, **Alvera Filbert**, who passed away on Oct 3 ... **Cynthia Brown** (Zion, Harbor Beach), **Rev. Joshua Haller** (Grace, Fairgrove), and **Alicia Brown** (St. Matthew, Walled Lake), upon the death of their father, grandfather, grandfather-in-law Douglas Haller, on Dec 14 ... **This week's congregations, schools, and ministries:** St. Paul's, Centreville; North Dakota District, Minot, ND; Zion, Bay City; St. Paul, Pigeon; St. Paul, Millington; Trinity-St. James, Munger; St. Philip, Owosso; Bethlehem, Saginaw.

Podcast

CAMP RESTORE DETROIT



Innovative Missional Ministry

In this podcast, which was recorded at the Urban Ministry Conference, Rev. John Carrier and intern Bethany Mrosko talk about the needs, challenges, and the roots of Camp Restore Detroit. [Listen here.](#)

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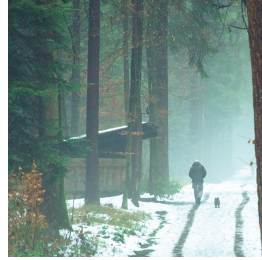
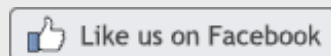
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Submit News

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



[Please or Thank You?](#) by Rev. Dennis Matyas



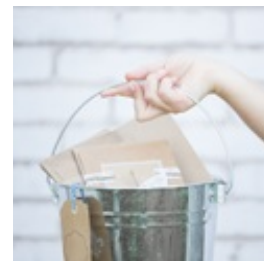
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District News

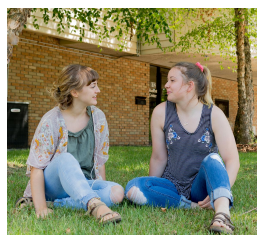
THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE TO THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Although the Christmas season is now behind us, there is still time to support the District's annual Christmas Appeal. To date about \$13,500 has been given to the appeal to support the Innovative Missional Ministries initiative of the *Here We Stand* campaign. If you

have not yet responded, please consider how you can help in expanding our impact on Michigan District mission and ministries. Please [click here](#) to read the Christmas Appeal and to see how you can respond.

CAMPUS CONNECT



The Michigan District offers college students the opportunity to continue their growth in faith through campus ministries across the state. [Click here](#) to connect your college-bound young person to these ministries. Please pray for our students and help them get plugged

into a congregation or campus ministry by sharing this [video](#) and announcement today!

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR VICAR OR SEMINARY GRADUATE

January 31, 2020

Congregations, please note the upcoming deadline to apply for a vicar or seminary graduate. For more information or to apply, contact Martha at martha.wohlfeil@michigandistrict.org or 734.213.3255.

START THE NEW YEAR WITH A NEW PLAN

Crafted By Truth Daily Bible 1 yr Reading Plan



As of December, there are 11,378 participants in the "Crafted By Truth" Bible Reading Program, a *Here We Stand* challenge to youth and adults upon the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Search for *Crafted By Truth* Reading program through the YouVersion Bible app or [online](#). It's never too late to start or restart reading the Bible.

MARCHING OFF THE MAP

January 27-29, 2020 | Oregon, OH



If you minister to children or youth, or their parents, you are invited to attend the DCE/DFL/DCO Conference. Deaconesses, Youth Leaders, and Worship Arts Leaders are also welcome. During the conference, we will study and discuss Tim Elmore's book, *Marching Off the Map*, and its implications, insights, and strategies for ministry. [Register now >](#)

HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO ATTEND LEGACY?

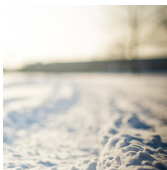
February 1, 2020 | Our Savior, Lansing



Legacy is a conference specifically designed for laypeople and church workers. Our hope is that attendees will receive Spirit-led encouragement and practical/biblical insight into the desire of God's heart for our children and grandchildren, and how we can be instruments of His grace. Download a [media kit here](#) to invite members of your congregation. [Register now >](#)

SNOW TIRE CONFERENCE - REGISTRATION DEADLINE APPROACHING

February 6-7, 2020 | Martin Luther HS, Lansing



A great conference is planned for February 6-7 at Martin Luther High School in Lansing. If you still need to register, please do so no later than January 17. If you are having issues with Title Funds, please contact [Travis Grulke](#). This conference is for Lutheran school principals and preschool directors. [Register now >](#)

THE KATIE - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

April 17-19, 2020 | DoubleTree by Hilton, Bay City



The Katie--a Michigan District conference for the wives and widows of pastors, deacons, and vicars--seeks to uplift the women God has chosen to be His hands and heart to the men He has called into the ministry. The theme for 2020 is "Very Ordinary Grace: Life in Relationship," based on Ephesians 6:24. [Register now >](#)

CIRCUIT VISITORS: SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SPRING CONFERENCE

May 6-7, 2020 | Garland Lodge & Golf Resort, Lewiston

Please note that this Michigan District spring conference will take place at a different location this year. Save the date and stay tuned for more information coming soon!

DEATH NOTICES

Over the past few weeks, we have been informed of several deaths through annual reporting forms and have included these individuals in the prayer section of the enews.

As it is our custom to send out email notifications with visitation and funeral arrangements, we ask that you please be sure to notify the Communications Department at the District Office. Please send an email to [Debby Fall](#) or call her at 734.213.3240 to share the news of the death of a church worker and/or spouse. It isn't necessary to have all the visitation and/or funeral arrangements when you call. Thank you!

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 20, 2020. Subscription cost has 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!

Congregation & School News

GOING GRACEFULLY: A BETTER END-OF-LIFE APPROACH

Saturday, January 11, 2020 | St. Mark, Norton Shores

Join St. Mark's on Saturday, January 11 from 1-4 p.m. as they host Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans for Life who will present end-of-life issues at this free event. The presentation will conclude with an Evening Prayer Service. For more information, [click here](#).

LUTHERAN SCHOOL LIBRARY WORKSHOP

January 23, 2020 | St. Peter, Macomb

School librarians are invited to attend a workshop that will present ideas and discuss best practices with those managing centers for reading and research. St. Peter, Macomb is hosting this event on Thursday, January 23, from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided. To register, send an email to [Lori Looker](#) no later than January 13. Once you register, Lori will contact you for more information.

2020 STAND FOR LIFE WALK & BABY SHOWER

January 25, 2020 | Immanuel, Bridgman

Join members of Immanuel for a walk and baby shower benefiting LifePlan locations in Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana. The event will take place on Saturday, January 25, beginning at 11 a.m. For more information, [click here](#).

Other Ministry News

JANUARY 2020 VISUAL FAITH BULLETIN RESOURCES

January Bulletins are Now Available!
Includes New Year's Day & Epiphany Services



January Children's Bulletins and Sermon Notes for Lectionary Series A are now ready and available to download on the Visual Faith Ministry website! The artists this month are Ann Gillaspie and Kim Gillman. Also available is a complete document with graphics only and additional JPG graphic options. Download at visualfaithmin.org/visual-church-year.

RETIRED LUTHERAN TEACHERS LUNCHEON

January 20, 2020 | Zehnder's Restaurant, Frankenmuth

All retired Lutheran teachers and their guests are invited to attend a luncheon at Zehnders' Restaurant in Frankenmuth at noon on Monday, January 20, 2020. The guest speaker will be Lori Milroy, retired Lutheran teacher and Saginaw area organizer for the Alaska Mission for Christ to Goodnews Bay. Along with photos and wearing a kuspuk, Milroy will share some of the challenges in witnessing to a vastly different culture. She has also written a resource manual for local congregations. The cost of the meal is \$13 (cash only). To make reservations, please contact Marsha at trost2260@gmail.com or 989.274.1781.

Community Calendar

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

[Spiritual Warfare in America](#)

Jan 11 | St. Paul, New Boston

[Stand for Life Walk & Baby Shower](#)

Jan 25 | Immanuel, Bridgeman

[Going Gracefully: A Better End-of-Life Approach](#)

Jan 11 | St. Mark, Norton Shores

[Open House](#)

Jan 28 | Our Savior, Grand Rapids

[Unplanned Movie Showing](#)

Jan 11 | St. Luke, Clinton Township

[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

SUMMER STAFF NEEDED

Camp Concordia, Gowen is now accepting applications for summer staff (cabin group counselors, kitchen staff, program support, etc). For more information and to apply, [click here](#).



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