



Michigan District
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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"Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare" (Psalm 40:5 ESV).

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Prayers

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Robert Appold (St. Matthew, Grand Rapids), Rev. Paul Appold (Trinity, Muskegon), and Beth Krause (Our Savior, Lansing), upon the death of their father on January 10 ... **The family and friends of Rev. Dr. Arthur W. Scherer** (LCMS Southeastern District President Emeritus) who passed away on January 10 ... **Rev. Todd Frusti** (Trinity, Davison) upon the death of his mother, Donna Frusti, on January 11 ... **Rev. Steve Essenburg** (Charity, Detroit), who is hospitalized ... **This week's congregations, schools, and ministries:** United in Christ, Flint; Holy Cross, Flushing; Christ, Goodrich; Faith, Grand Blanc; St. Mark, Flint.

Podcast

WEBSITE CONTENT



This week's Thought Leader Podcast is the third in a series designed to help your church online, and it challenges you to think about what your website is saying about your church. Rev. Dr. Todd Jones will help you prepare and upload better website content and improve your online presence. [Listen here >](#)

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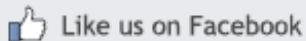
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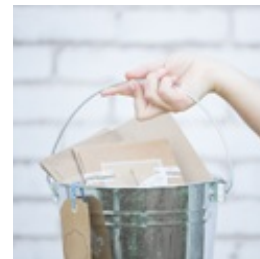
To submit your prayer requests, news, events, and E-classified, [click here](#). Deadline to submit for the following week is Fridays at noon.



[New Year's Evolution](#)
by Rob Kasper



[Legacy--Reclaiming a
Lost Generation](#)



Submit your story
[here](#).

District News

THE HYMNAL PROJECT - LENT AND EASTER HYMNS



The [Hymnal Project](#) has arrangements for 17 Lent and 12 Easter hymns available free of charge. Lead sheets and reference recordings are available, so whether you learn by reading or by hearing, you can easily implement these arrangements and modify for your context without cost. [Download music here >](#)

ANCHORED IN HOPE

June 28-July 1, 2020 | Mackinac Island



The District's High School Youth Gathering will take place this summer on Mackinac Island. Keynote speakers include Rev. Travis Hartjen, Brian Osborne, and Dani Tietjen. For a full list of presenters and their bios, [click here](#). To register, [click here](#).

Congregation News

CHRISTIAN LIFE IN AN AGE OF PERSECUTION

February 2, 2020 | Messiah, Grand Rapids



Messiah, Grand Rapids is hosting its annual *Spiritual Growth Seminar* on Saturday, February 8 from 9 a.m.- 12 noon. Dr. Peter Scaer, chairman of the exegetical department at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind., and founding member of Shepherds United, will be the guest presenter. Dr. Scaer's presentation will address the topic "Christian Life in an Age of Persecution: Warning, Comfort, and Courage from the Four Gospels." Cost is \$10/person (payable at the door), which includes registration, all materials, and continental breakfast. Please pre-register [here](#) no later than February 1.

Other Ministry News

INTERNATIONAL TEA PARTY

January 18, 2020 | Cross of Christ, Bloomfield Hills

The International Tea Party is celebrated on the third Saturday of January, yet the networking continues all year long by encouraging, developing friendships, and meeting the spiritual and social needs of many women. Join us on Saturday, January 18 as we celebrate cultures, talents, traditions, and tastes from around the world. \$10 donation at the door. [Purchase tickets >](#)

WORSHIP ARTS DAY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

February 7-8, 2020 | Concordia University Ann Arbor



High school students with an interest in leading worship are invited to join Worship Arts Day on February 7-8, 2020 at Concordia University Ann Arbor. Including an optional overnight with CUAA student chaperones, the immersive experience begins on Friday at 4:30 p.m. and concludes with a final worship for family and friends on Saturday at 3 p.m., allowing created ensembles to demonstrate what they have learned. This 24-hour workshop includes instrument- specific sessions, playing with ensembles, practicing songwriting, and meeting new friends. Learn more at blog.cuaa.edu/worship-arts-day-2020 or [register here >](#).

Community Calendar

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

[Red Cross Blood Drive](#)

Jan 17 | Lamb of God, Flint

[Open House](#)

Jan 28 | Our Savior, Grand Rapids

["Unplanned" Movie Showing](#)

Jan 18 | St. Luke, Clinton Township

[Christian Life in An Age of Persecution](#)

Feb 8 | Messiah, Grand Rapids

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

Jan 25 | Immanuel, Bridgeman

[Men's Retreat](#)

Mar 21 | Our Shepherd, Birmingham

["Unplanned" Movie Showing](#)

Jan 26 | St. Paul, Northville

[Flea Market](#)

Apr 23 | St. Paul's, New Boston

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