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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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"Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward" (Matthew 10:42 ESV).

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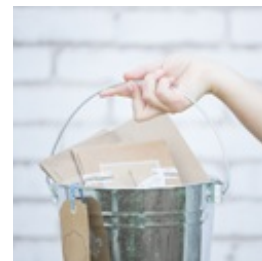
PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Mark & Monica Hetzner (St. Thomas, Eastpointe) upon the death of Monica's mother, Irene Bickel, on June 12 ... **Roy Kaiser** (Emeritus) who is in 24-hour care after an injury to his spine ... **Greg & Catherine Arnett** (St. Paul, Caro) upon the death of Greg's father ... **Rev. Lawrence (Lew) Witto** (Emeritus), who was diagnosed with COVID-19 and hospitalized in ICU ... **This week's congregations, schools, and ministries:** St. Mark's, West Bloomfield; Christ Our Savior, Livonia; Hosanna-Tabor, Redford; MOST Ministries, Ann Arbor; Ohio District, Olsted Falls, OH.

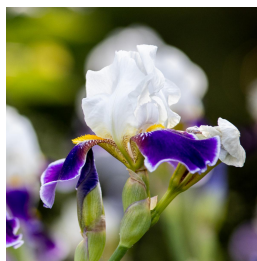
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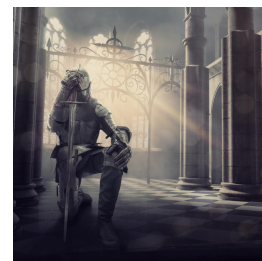
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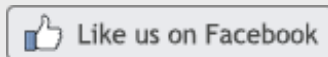
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Submit News

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



Resource Library

RACIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES

The District would like to share a list of LCMS resources, interviews, and discussions surrounding racial justice. As of today these include the following:

- Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier's [video](#) and [transcript](#) "Jesus Breaks Down Barriers."
- The Black Clergy Caucus' [statement on the death of George Floyd](#).
- A "Statement on the death of George Floyd and the ensuing riots" by Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison.
- KFYO interview, "Confronting Social Injustice and Loving Our Neighbors," with Rev. Roosevelt Gray and Dr. Steven Schave.
- Concordia Theology resources and Zoom discussion "[Lutheran Voices on Racism](#)" between Rev. Leopold Sanchez, Rev. Warren Lattimore, and Rev. Micah Glenn.
- June 19 LCMS Reporter article, "[Racism and the church: A time to listen.](#)"
- [One Nation Under God](#), by Rev. B. Keith Haney, a downloadable six-session study published by Concordia Publishing House.

District News

ARE YOU READY FOR *HERE WE RIDE?*

August 1-2, 2020



Here We Ride is a FREE bike-riding event that will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 1-2, 2020. You can join *Here We Ride* right at home on your local trails and in your neighborhoods. The event is entirely FREE for ALL PARTICIPANTS. However, participants (and families) are encouraged to collect pledges for the miles they will ride that weekend; 50% of the money raised will go to

the church/school/other ministry of your choice and the remaining 50% to the *Here We Stand* campaign initiatives. To make this event a little more fun, there will be prizes! Make sure to upload photos on social media using the hashtags [#milcms](#) and [#hereweride](#). For more information or to register, [click here](#).

2020 CONGREGATION PROFILE UPDATES DUE SEPTEMBER 1

It is time again to review and update your congregation's information for the *Lutheran*

Annual. Much of this information is also published on the LCMS Congregation Locator found on LCMS.org. You will go to the same LISN for congregation website, lc.lcms.org, and use the same login information you used earlier this year to submit your congregation's year-end statistics and lay leaders. Once there, select "Congregation Profile" from the navigation panel to view and update your congregation's information. For questions, or to receive a paper version of the form, email rosters.stats@lcms.org, or contact the LCMS Church Information Center at 888.843.5267. Thank you for providing your information. It assists a wide variety of ministry efforts at both the national and district level.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR DEACON/MAP/SMP CONFERENCE

September 13-15, 2020 | Camp Arcadia

The Deacon/MAP Continuing Education Conference will take place at Camp Arcadia, September 13-15. While we still don't have all of the details, we want you to [register right now](#). The \$50 non-refundable registration fee will get your name on the list of attendees and give you access to all materials and continuing education requirements (after completing a brief evaluation). After August 1, all those who are registered will receive further information on costs and conference schedule. You will then be able to choose whether to participate in person or virtually.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND AND DISTRICT OFFICE SERVICES

Church Extension Fund and the Michigan District office are OPEN to serve you. Because of COVID-19 concerns, **all in-person meetings need to be scheduled** by first calling to arrange an appointment time. Walk-in appointments are not allowed. All other business should be conducted by phone, email, or US Mail. If you have questions for Church Extension Fund, please visit mi-cef.org or call 800.242.3944. If you have questions for the Michigan District, please visit michigandistrict.org or call 888.225.2111.

For the most up-to-date information on other church, school, and ministries resources, visit the District's [pandemic resource page](#).

Other Ministry News

VA WEBINARS FOR CLERGY

The VA Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiative will be hosting the webinars "Suicide Prevention Training for Clergy" at 2 p.m. on [Wednesday, June 24, 2020](#) and "Presidents Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End the National Tragedy of Suicide" on [Wednesday, July 1, 2020](#) at 12:30 p.m. Click on the date to register.

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