



Michigan District
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

GET EQUIPPED for Effective Gospel Ministry

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near" (Isaiah 55:6 ESV).

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Marlene Herzog (Retired lay teacher and wife of Rev. Dr. John Herzog) who is undergoing tests today ...
Rev. Warren Paulson (Emeritus) who is hospitalized in ICU ... **For people who are suffering due to the California, Oregon, and Montana wildfires ... This week's congregations, schools, and ministries:** Shepherd's Gate, Shelby Twp.; St. Paul Community, Pontiac; Prince of Peace, Ortonville; St. Paul, Royal Oak; Hope, Warren.

District Podcast

INNOVATIVE MISSION MINISTRY PODCAST PROJECT 8:12



MICHIGAN DISTRICT
Innovative Missional Ministry
PODCAST

Jeff Heisner talks with Steve Gauss about Project 8:12, a ministry supported by the Michigan District in Southern Macomb County. Project 8:12 uses a personal development curriculum designed specifically to help individuals unbury their God-given gifts and talents for personal, professional, and spiritual growth. [Listen now >](#)

On the Blog

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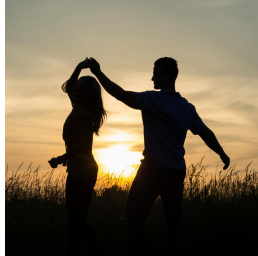
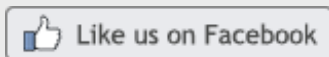
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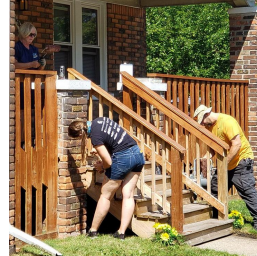
Submit News

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



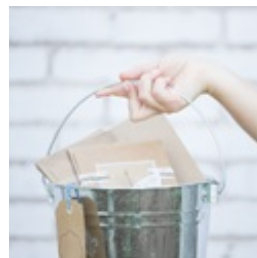
[Apologizing and Forgiving for Lifelong Harmony in Marriage](#)

by Dr. Randall Schroeder



[Step Out and Serve 2020 Edition](#)

by Jeff Heisner



Share your story [here](#).

Resource Library

COVID-19 EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESOURCE

In [this video](#), Michigan District, LCMS Parish Nurse Christie Hansard, RN, BSN covers Covid anxiety, warning signs for trauma and risk factors for children and staff, communication with parents, HIPAA issues, compassion fatigue, Christ-centered self-care, and more. The presentation, originally shared with the school staff at Immanuel, Macomb, is valuable for all church workers.

District News

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER AND RECEIVE FREE BOOKS

Heart Issues are Hard Issues | October 15, 2020



Please note the deadline for registering for the *Heart Issues are Hard Issues* in person or virtual conference to receive free books is today, September 15. The books include: *One Nation under God: Healing Racial Divides in America* (Haney); *Restoring Civility: Lessons from the Master: Your Path to Rediscover Respect* (Hunter & Swank); and *Christians in the Age of Outrage: How to Bring Our Best When the World Is at Its Worst* (Stetzer). After today, you can still register for the conference but we cannot guarantee that the

free books will be available. [Register now >](#)

ONE YEAR OF THE HYMNAL PROJECT



On September 15, 2019 we introduced ; [The Hymnal Project](#) --a collection of several updated hymn arrangements based on the original music, all available free of charge thanks to generous donors. This project has become a valuable resource to many congregations across the United States during the COVID pandemic. New hymns are being added regularly, so if you haven't visited the

website in a while, make sure to check it out! [Click here >](#)

SHARE WHAT GOD IS DOING IN THIS DIFFICULT YEAR



We serve a God who is in control of all things and provides for His people, so we have the privilege to be His ambassadors of mercy and care. We know that He has been at work in mighty (and also in small) ways in the middle of the craziness of 2020. **What have you seen Him do in and around your congregation?** Share your experience with us through the District [Storybucket](#) or [contact us](#) and the District Communications team will help you out! Let us encourage one another to look at things with eyes of faith.

CONNECT YOUR COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH LCMS MINISTRIES

The Michigan District has active campus ministries or local contacts on or near most college campuses across the state. Help your students find a church "home away from home." Visit [Campus Connect](#) and sign up today.

DISTRICT ARCHIVE ADVISORY BOARD

The Michigan District Archive exists to preserve and manage institutional, historic records about the Michigan District, LCMS, as well as its properties. The district would like to form an Archive Advisory Board. Board members will meet once or twice each year to advise the district and its archivists in preserving the story of our Lord's gracious dealings with His people in Michigan. If you are interested in the history of our Michigan District and would like to volunteer for the advisory board, or if you would like to nominate someone else, please submit name and contact information to Dr. Barbara Laughlin-Adler at archives@michigandistrict.org.

Other Ministry News

ONE SUNDAY. ONE VOICE. ONE CHURCH. LOVING LIFE.



Our work for Life continues! In October, churches across Michigan will speak with ONE voice about ONE topic: [Love Protects Life](#).

Various FREE resources will help you promote, inform, inspire, and activate your congregation this fall to engage, vote, and protect life during the general election. Why? Because being pro-life is biblically right, ethically sound, and constitutionally correct. If we love life,

then let's protect it. This is how you can participate: [Register at RTL.org/LOVELIFE](https://RTL.org/LOVELIFE), select a date in October, download free videos, web and social media tools, small group study, and more.

RETIRED TEACHERS LUNCHEON

September 28, 2020 | The Fortress Golf Course

All retired teachers are invited to gather at noon on Monday, September 28, 2020 at The Fortress Golf Course pavilion in Frankenmuth for a meal and fellowship. Masks are required (except for while eating) and social distancing protocol will be observed. If the weather does not permit meeting in the pavilion, the gathering will take place in Zehnder's Restaurant. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Karen Keup by sending an email to her at gklvbk@gmail.com.

COUNCIL OF LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSION FOCUS POSTPONED/FALL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE

September 28, 2020 | Mt. Calvary, Detroit

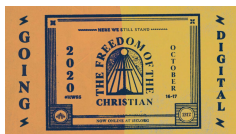
Plans to host the inaugural Council of Lutheran Women Mission Focus, a mission expo designed to inform attendees about service opportunities at member ministry organizations and encourage involvement, has been postponed to 2021. CLW will proceed with its fall meeting on Monday, September 28, 2020 using a hybrid format. Masks are encouraged and social distancing will be observed for those who attend the meeting at Mt. Calvary, Detroit. Please click on the [CLW website](#) for updates, details, and instructions to register in person or virtually. The deadline to register via Eventbrite is Thursday, September 17, or contact Candie Sionkowski at 734.323.8008 by September 23.

ST. MICHAEL LITURGICAL CONFERENCE CANCELLED

The St. Michael Liturgical Conference scheduled for Zion, Detroit (LCMS English District) on Monday, September 28, has been cancelled due to Michigan executive order #176, which limits attendance to 10 people. The 2021 conference is scheduled for Monday, September 27, 2021.

HERE WE STILL STAND 2020

October 16-17, 2020 | Digital Conference



On Friday and Saturday (October 16-17), 1517.org will bring you an online streaming experience focused on the Gospel truths reclaimed in the Reformation. Plenary speakers from across the United States will deliver unique messages focused on the theme The Freedom of the Christian. To learn more about the conference and register for this FREE online event, [click here](#).

BEST PRACTICES FOR MINISTRY PHOENIX CANCELLED

Best Practices for Ministry, which was scheduled for February 2021 in Phoenix, Ariz., is cancelled due to COVID-19 and the challenges of gathering 2,500 people in one place. Stay tuned for information on the 2022 conference.

E-classified

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

St. John, Fraser has an immediate opening for a part-time custodian. Please contact Ryan Gergely, Board of Trustees, at 317.908.1039 or gergelrc@gmail.com for further information and to arrange an interview.



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