



Michigan District
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

GET EQUIPPED for Effective Gospel Ministry

"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Philippians 2:1-4 ESV).

September 22, 2020

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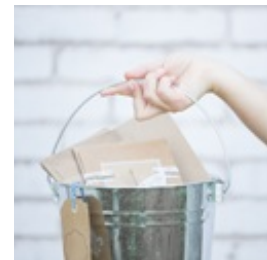
Rev. Warren and Virginia Paulson (Emeritus), as Warren is now home under hospice care ... **For people who are still suffering due to natural and other disasters** (derecho in Iowa, fires in the West Coast, hurricanes in the South, floods in Midland) ... **This week's congregations, schools, and ministries:** Mount Hope, Allen Park; Grace, Monroe; St. Matthew, Walled Lake; Immanuel, Dearborn Heights; Good Shepherd, Lansing.

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[Iowa Storm Recovery Efforts](#)

by Mark Halvorson



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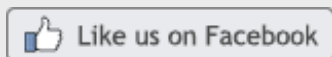
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Submit News

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



ATTENTION CONGREGATIONS AND SCHOOLS

Directory Update Forms due by September 25, 2020

A Michigan District Directory Update Sheet was mailed to all congregations, schools, and organizations in August. The update sheets enable us to maintain the most current information in our database. If your congregation has a school, please pass the sheet along to the school office after the church office has completed their portion. The Directory Update Sheet is due back by Friday, September 25, 2020. For any questions regarding the form, please contact Jennifer Rumberger at 888.225.2111 ext. 262 or jennifer.rumberger@michigandistrict.org.

HEART ISSUES ARE HARD ISSUES

October 15, 2020 | Various Locations and Livestream



Pastors and Commissioned Church Workers, join us to learn more about being a light to the world as we move forward in these tenuous times of racial healing. Speakers include Ed Stetzer, Keith Haney, Victor Belton, Kent Hunter, and Tracee Swank. For more

information and to register, [click here](#) >.

DISTRICT ARCHIVE ADVISORY BOARD

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.

Congregation News

JESUS AND YOU ... COPING WITH COVID

September 30, 2020 | Livestream Event

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused anxiety, depression, loneliness, thoughts of suicide, fear, and yes, dislike of others. Want to learn positive ways to cope with the impact of this pandemic in your daily life? Plan to join us at Shepherd's Gate, Shelby Twp. for a FREE one-session livestream event on September 30 at 10 a.m. [Sign up today!](#) You will receive a link via email when it gets close to the event date.

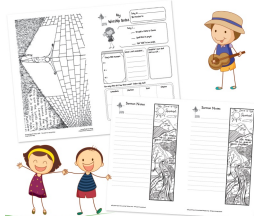
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ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF QUILTS

Orphan Grain Train--Michigan, located in Sebewaing, continues to receive and distribute quilts, blankets, clothing, and medical equipment without restriction. Quilts are among the most appreciated items. If the LWR ingathering sites are not conveniently located, consider donating to the [Orphan Grain Train](#) in Alpena, which is now being stocked for further Christian humanitarian aid worldwide. Another shipment is planned for this fall to Central America. For information about donating quilts or other goods, contact Branch Manager Pastor David Reed at 989.600.2264.

OCTOBER VISUAL FAITH BULLETINS NOW AVAILABLE

October Bulletins are Now Available!



Visual Faith Ministries invites you to use and share its Visual Church Year - October [Children's Bulletins](#) and [Sermon Notes](#) for Lectionary Series A with your church and families. Our artists this month are Kristen Fittje and Elizabeth Warren. You can download these FREE resources and more at visualfaithmin.org/visual-faith-resources.

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 reservations, please contact Marsha at 989.274.1781 or trost2260@gmail.com. Cost is \$13/person, cash only.



PRESIDENT FERRY ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT

Rev. Patrick T. Ferry, Ph.D., president of Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor, has announced he will retire at the end of the 2020-21 academic year. [Read more >](#)



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