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Michigan District, LCMS presents

South & East Pastors' Conference

May 11, 2021 | Virtual Conference

Speaker

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Tuesday, May 11, 2021

8 a.m.	Zoom Opens / Fellowship
8:15 a.m.	Worship Rev. Bryan Schindel and Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier
8:55 a.m.	Session 1 - Model for Healthy Living - Assessment Wheel Mrs. Christie Hansard
9:40 a.m.	Breakout Rooms
9:50 a.m.	Q & A
10:05 a.m.	President's Report Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier
10:50 a.m.	Break
10:55 a.m.	Church Extension Fund (Video) Mr. Andy Sohn
11 a.m.	CUAA Report (Video) Rev. Dr. Ryan Peterson
11:10 a.m.	Session 2 - Model for Healthy Living - Clergy Mrs. Christie Hansard
11:55 a.m.	Breakout Rooms
12:20 p.m.	Announcements / Table Prayer / Lunch Break
12:50 p.m.	Devotion Rev. Michael Grannis
1 p.m.	Session 3 - Model for Healthy Living Worksheets Mrs. Christie Hansard
1:45 p.m.	Breakout Rooms
1:55 p.m.	Q & A
2:10 p.m.	Convention Overtures / Regional Business
2:25 p.m.	Closing Devotion
2:35 p.m.	Adjourn



CONFERENCE SURVEY

What did you think about this year's conference? Please tell us! A survey will be emailed to you following the conference. Please be sure to complete it and share how you have been encouraged, enriched, and refreshed. Thank you!

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GATHERING SONGJoyful, Joyful We Adore Thee *The Hymnal Project*

Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love!
 Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
 Praising Thee, their sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
 Drive the gloom of doubt away,
 Giver of immortal gladness,
 Fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
 Ever blessing, ever blest,
 Well-spring of the joy of living,
 Ocean-depth of happy rest!
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 Fountainhead of love divine:
 Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
 Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
 Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
 Stars and angels sing around Thee,
 Center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
 Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
 Call us to rejoice in Thee.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand before you?

All: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:

All: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained Servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above the heavens, we pray, leave us not without consolation, but send us the Spirit of truth, whom you promised from the Father; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD**Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8**

- ¹ For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.
- ² He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.
- ⁵ For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.
- ⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
- ⁷ On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
- ⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. Selah

GOSPEL John 17:11-19

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter, beginning at the 11th verse.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.[a] ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them[b] in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself,[c] that they also may be sanctified[d] in truth.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the LORD.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“WHERE GOD IS: There is Hope and Rest” | Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8

Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier

RESPONSE HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: ... Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION & SENDING SONG

Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessings

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Savior, when Your love shall call us,
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

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Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound:
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

ANNOUNCEMENTS | CONFERENCE INFORMATION**CLOSING HYMN**

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Easter Season Sending Words

Pastor: The joy of the resurrection be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

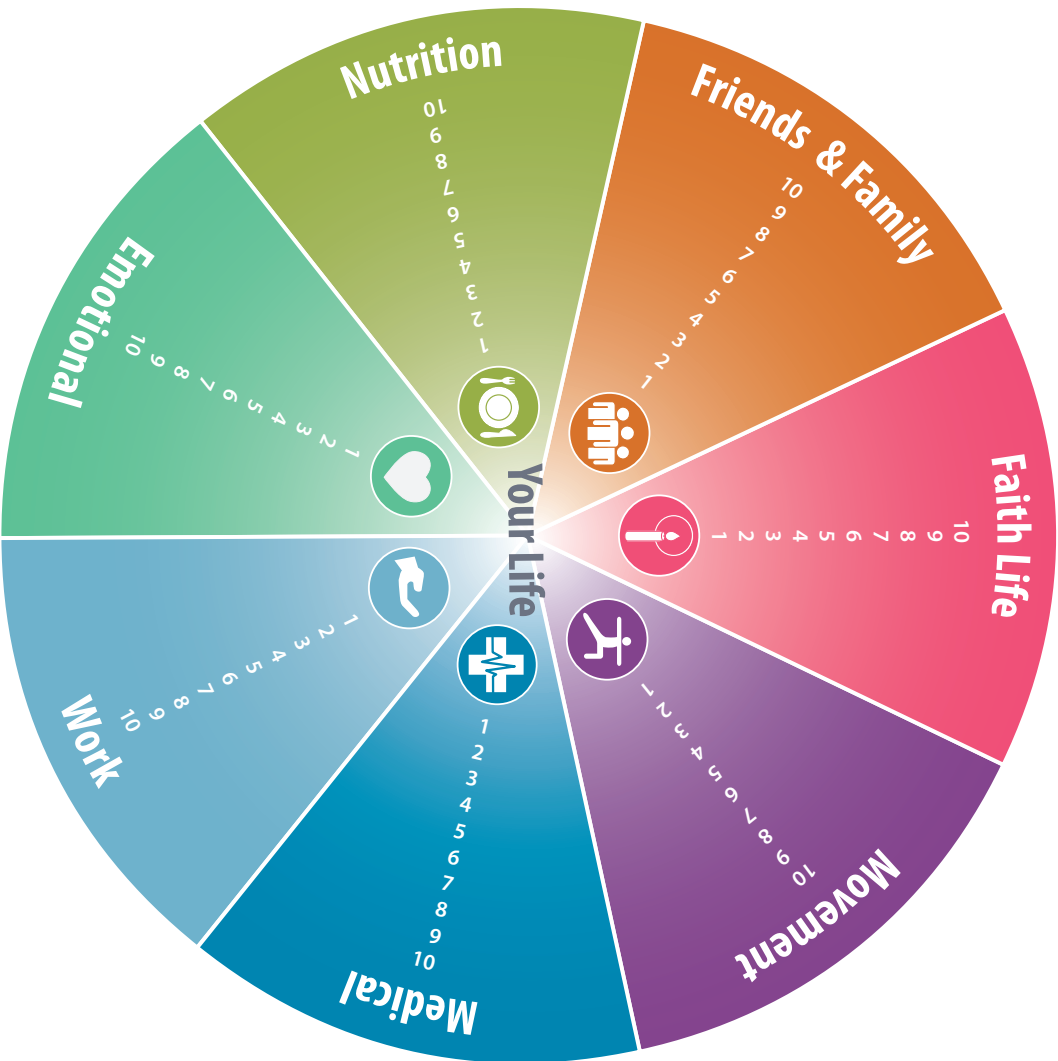
Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Pre Post

The Church Health Center Model for Healthy Living

Circle the number on the wheel that best describes your satisfaction in each of these areas (1- unsatisfied, 10- completely satisfied).
Connect the circles. What areas would you like to improve?



- Faith Life**
Building a relationship with God, your neighbors, and yourself.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- Movement**
Discovering ways to enjoy physical activity.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- Medical**
Partnering with your healthcare provider to manage your medical care.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- Work**
Appreciating your skills, talents, and gifts.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- Emotional**
Managing stress and understanding your feelings to better care for yourself.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- Nutrition**
Making smart food choices and developing healthy eating habits.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- Family & Friends**
Giving and receiving support through relationships.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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Calendar of Events

MAY 2021

- 12-13 Circuit Visitors' Conference
Frankenmuth
- 18 West Pastors' Virtual Conference
- 25 Board of Directors' Meeting
Immanuel, Grand Rapids
- 26-27 Intentional Interim Spring Conference
Michindoh Conference Center, Hillsdale

JULY 2021

- 23-25 En Gedi Music Festival
En Gedi Resort, Leonidas

AUGUST 2021

- 2-4 Principals' Conference
Higgins Lake
- 10 Early Childhood Directors' Conference
Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton
- 11 Early Childhood Conference
Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton
- 15-16 Board of Directors Retreat
Location TBD
- 31-9/1 Circuit Visitors' Conference
Ann Arbor

SEPTEMBER 2021

- 7-8 Emeriti Conference
Frankenmuth
- 24-26 Church Extension Fund Conference
Auburn Hills
- 27-30 Intentional Interim Fall Conference
Michindoh Conference Center, Hillsdale

OCTOBER 2021

- 10-13 All Pastors' Conference
Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire
- 19 Board of Directors' Meeting
Ann Arbor

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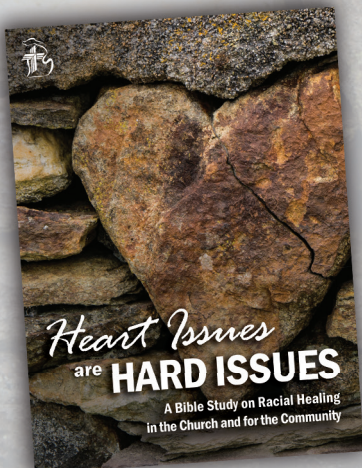
Individual Contributors: **1,388**

Bible verse: **Psalm 71:17-18**

*"O God, from my youth you have taught
me, and I still proclaim your wondrous
deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O
God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your
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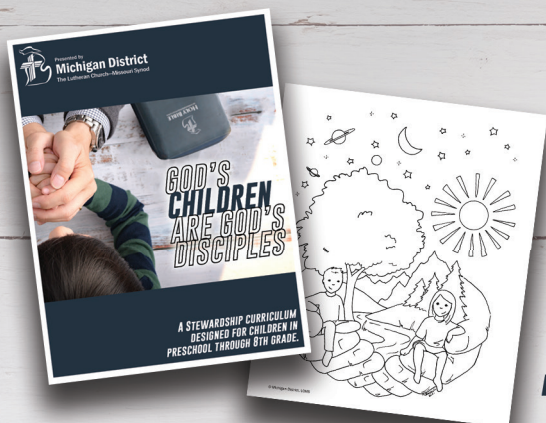
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