



Here We Stand

O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hair, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

Psalm 71:17-18

HAVE QUESTIONS or need to meet to discuss participation? Would you like to have a presentation at your church? Call Ray or Linda at 888.225.2111.



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Michigan District, LCMS Here We Stand Update

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Here We Ride

by Rev Chris Garcia

My name is Rev. Chris Garcia and this is my third year as chair of *Here We Ride*. I am thankful for all of the 2019 participants in Bay City, as it was a wonderful event that we looked forward to building on in 2020. When Covid-19 restrictions changed our course last year, I was encouraged by all of you who participated virtually. This year we are getting back together in Bay City!

Will you join us for *Here We Ride* 2021? This event is an opportunity to go for a bike ride with brothers and sisters in Christ for the benefit of your local congregation, future church workers, and the Body of Christ across the world.



Last year we had participants from around the state ride their bikes all over Michigan and send us pictures of their ride. This year we welcome you to either join us in person for

the ride and fellowship in Bay City or get a group together in your neck of the woods and share pictures with us via social media.

The in-person event will take place the morning of Saturday, August 7, 2021. We will open with a time of prayer, go out for our rides, and come together for food and fellowship. This is not a race, so participants of all skill levels can enjoy the ride at their own pace and each person can decide their preferred distance to ride.

Immanuel and Zion Lutheran churches in Bay City will be hosting the event. Participants will be able to ride together from Zion along the Bay City trail system. The ride will loop around the city with options: a longer ride up

to the local state park (where you reach the Saginaw Bay) and a family-friendly ride that will allow riders to avoid bridges and stick to one side of the Saginaw River. No matter if your ride is 5 or 25 miles long, we will all get back together at Zion for food and fellowship. Volunteers will be stationed along the trail with water and snacks for you.



So come along for the ride! Sign up today to register for the event at michigandistrict.org/hereweride. Once you're registered, you can use our donations form to collect pledges. Donations will be split 50/50 between your local ministry and the ministries supported through the Michigan District's *Here We Stand* campaign.

Looking forward to hitting the trail with you!
Rev. Chris Garcia



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Campaign Progress

Over \$8.86 million in gifts, pledges, and congregational goals to date.

Congregation Highlights

We would like to thank Prince of Peace, Clare; St. Peter, Hemlock; and St. Johns, St. Johns for joining the campaign with their recent gifts.