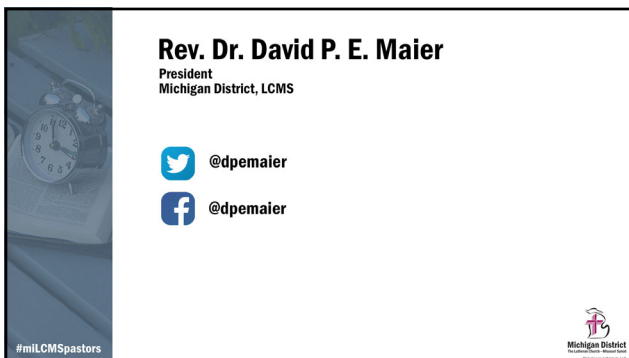




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President's Report

*"People of Hope ... Vigorously
Making Known the Love of Christ"*

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President's Report

*Our congregations, and the communities in which they live,
are filled to overflowing with people of HOPE!*

Great Commission Ministry

Great Compassion Ministry

Healthy Congregations

Healthy Church Workers

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New District Staff



Rev. Dietrick Gladden
Missionary at Large - Detroit
Deployed to
Mt. Calvary/Charity



Ms. Megan Schultz
Family Life Minister at Large
- A2E Detroit



Rev. James Richter
Missionary at Large - Grand Rapids
Deployed to The Vine

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New District Staff



Rev. John Rathje
Church Worker Mental
Health Support Coordinator



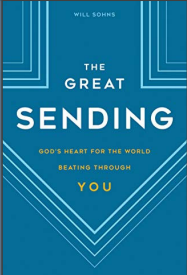
Rev. Ken Huner
Dean of Instruction / Michigan
School of Missional Formation

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Martin Luther and the Reformation ...

The *Solas* (alone):

Scripture Alone
Grace Alone
Faith Alone
Jesus Alone ... NOT
“Jesus and ...”

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Two Major Teachings (blessed discoveries)
that drove the Reformation:

- Justification by grace through faith alone ...
- The priesthood of **ALL** believers ...

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The world would no longer have to come to
Jerusalem and the priesthood ...
(centripetal – towards the center)

Rather, believers – royal priests unto God –
went out ... (centrifugal – out from the center)

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Rev. Galan Walther,
Assistant to the President
Congregation Mission and Ministry Facilitator
Southwest and Thumb Zones /
Family Ministries

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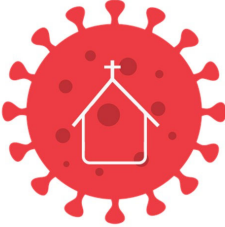


Mr. Ray Zavada
Assistant to the President, Development

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Ministry in the Midst of the Pandemic:

Insights for Mission and
Ministry


The results have been shared with the District's Board of Directors. Condensed versions of the themes will be shared in an up-coming series of articles in *Michigan Intouch* and as a series of podcasts.

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LCMS Calling Congregations

	<u>Sept 2019</u>	<u>Sept 2021</u>
Sole Pastors	380	364
Senior Pastors	71	53
<u>Assoc/Assist Pastors</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>54</u>
Total	503	471


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LCMS Congregations Statistics		
	<u>Sept 2019</u>	<u>Sept 2021</u>
Cong. Served P-T	428	534
New Starts	7	2
Cong. Closed	9	20


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MI District Calling Congregations		
	<u>Sept 2019</u>	<u>Sep 2021</u>
Sole Pastors	18	26
Senior Pastors	11	11
<u>Assoc/Assist Pastors</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	34	43


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MI District Statistics		
	<u>Sept 2019</u>	<u>Sept 2021</u>
Cong. Served P-T	37	36
New Starts	0	2
Cong. Closed	2	4

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Thought Leader Podcast



Innovative Missional Ministry

www.michigandistrict.org/podcast

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**Lutheran Bible Translators
Release the Living Water Project**

<https://lbt.org/messenger-fall-2021/>

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Church Worker Care

**Christie Hansard, RN, BSN
Mental Health Case Manager**

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IMPACTING THE WORLD FOR JESUS CHRIST
THROUGH SHORT TERM MISSIONS

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our mission

MOST Ministries provides short-term mission opportunities for individuals and congregations to help Lutheran pastors and missionaries throughout the world expand the local church through acts of service and witness.

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who we are



- Founded in 1989 by Gayle & Don Sommerfeld, members of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, MI
- 501 (c) (3) non-profit
- Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS
- Accredited Member of the U.S. Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Missions

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impact since
1989

6,287
Team
Members

535
Teams

52
Countries

241,969
Lives Impacted

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what we do

- Full-service, short-term mission agency
- Take care of *all the details* of international travel so team members can focus on growing in faith, serving others, and sharing the Gospel

- Collect nearly 150,000 pairs of donated prescription eyeglasses each year
- Our Ann Arbor mission center volunteers:
 - Sort and refurbish eyeglasses
 - Make witness materials
 - Prepare team supplies

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team projects

- Medical Clinics
- Eyeglass Clinics
- VBS
- ESL
- Construction
- Water Filters + Health & Hygiene Education
- Women's Ministry
- Sewing Skills
- Agriculture
- Other

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impact on team members

Long term, positive effects on team members:

- A better appreciation for how much God has blessed them
- A change in priorities that lead to greater spiritual growth
- A desire to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others
- An increased willingness to support Christian missions and ministries
- Thoughts of becoming a full-time missionary, pastor, or church worker

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how to get involved

1. Encourage members of your congregation to join or organize a MOST mission team
2. Set-up an eyeglass collection box at your church
3. Send groups to volunteer at MOST's mission center in Ann Arbor
4. Financially support and pray for MOST Ministries



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open teams

- Team Schedule and other information available at www.mostministries.org
- Videos & PowerPoint presentations available to share with your church



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contact us

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 Kelly Bone – Volunteer Coordinator & Business Manager
 Kaleigh Bone – Team Administrator & Communication Specialist
 Linda Thompson – Team & Administrative Support

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Church Extension Fund



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Here We Stand

Campaign Update

As of September 30, 2021



Here We Stand

\$8,887,561.82 – gifts, pledges, & goals
 \$8,669,988.09 – Cash Received
 which includes \$700,000 CEF Matching Funds
 \$160,893.51 – Outstanding
 Commitments


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Here We Stand

Campaign Update
As of September 30, 2021



Here We Stand

- 1,623 – Total Contributors
- 1,448 – Individual Contributors
- 175 – Congregations Contributing
- 49.3% – % of District Congregations
- 15,993 – Crafted by Truth Participants
- 2,813 – Completed Crafted by Truth


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Here We Stand

Campaign Update
Totals given/pledged to-date for:

- \$1,560,430.98 – Prof. Church Worker Scholarships
- \$3,881,681.17 – Innovative Missional Ministry
- \$1,221,284.98 – Michigan District Endowment
- \$2,167,484.46 – International Ministries



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Ministry Focus

ministryfocus.org

2022 Applications accepted beginning
October 31, 2021. Deadline December 31, 2021.
\$40,000 available from the Michigan District

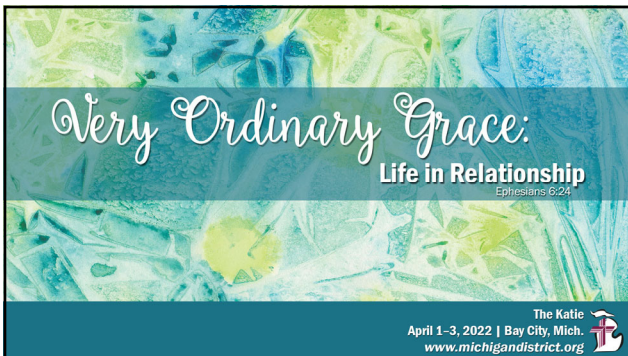


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Upcoming Events

South & East Pastors' Conference

May 3-4, 2022 | Frankenmuth, Mich.
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Upcoming Events

North & East Pastors' Conference

May 9-11, 2022 | Lewiston, Mich.
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Upcoming Events

West Pastors' Conference

May 16-17, 2022 | Traverse City Mich.
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1 Peter 1:1-9

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¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
 To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion
 in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and
 Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of
 God the Father, in the sanctification of the
 Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for
 sprinkling with his blood:
 May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

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³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
 Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused
 us to be born again to a living hope through the
 resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an
 inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and
 unfading, kept in heaven for you,

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⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

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⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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⁸ Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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