

## Attending Events Is A Good Way to Support Lutheran Organizations in Michigan

The Michigan District is blessed with many outstanding Lutheran Organizations within its geographical borders such as Church Extension Fund, Concordia University, and many Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs). These organizations are committed to serving the multiple needs and facets of our communities. They touch and enrich the lives of vulnerable children and families, children with special educational needs, and senior citizens as well as provide a variety of opportunities to share the Gospel with the unchurched within the District and throughout the world.

If you are not currently involved with one of these organizations by supporting them with financial gifts and/or talents, please prayerfully consider doing so. With this variety, undoubtedly there is sure to be one, or more, that matches your interests and will provide the charitable gifting and volunteer opportunities you seek.

An easy first step to becoming involved is to attend an event. Whether the activity is a fund raising event or simply a social gathering, much can be learned about its mission and ministry. You will not only learn about the specific ministry responsibilities and mission, you will meet some of the people who represent the ministry. This experience should give you the information you need to determine if the organization meets your needs as a donor and/or volunteer.

Upcoming events are often listed on their websites (visit the Ministry Section of [www.michigandistrict.org](http://www.michigandistrict.org) for a listing), or you can always call their offices for more information. Whether you enjoy a golf outing, an annual dinner, the *Ablaze!* Torch Relay, an auction, or some very creative and unique events, these organizations provide many varied and enjoyable ways to participate.

A creative and unique event coming soon is “An Evening of Laughter with Ken Davis.” (See page 5) The event will be held May 3, 2008 on the campus of Concordia University, Ann Arbor as a partnership event between the Michigan District and Concordia University, Ann Arbor for the purpose of helping to fund new mission congregation plants within the Michigan District and to provide scholarships to Concordia University students studying to become professional church workers.

The Lutheran Organizations & RSOs of the Michigan District are vital to sharing Christ’s Love. They are truly worthy of your support and involvement. Please prayerfully consider how you can help with your time, talents, and treasures.

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