



# The Convention Daily

Michigan District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

99th Michigan District Convention

## Monday

June 29, 2009

*All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.  
Psalm 98:3b*

### Celebrate Jesus

Convention delegates and guests gathered for Opening Worship on Sunday evening in The Chapel of the Holy Trinity as they celebrated Jesus through Word and Sacrament. The organist, brass choir, and convention choir led the worshippers in stirring hymns of praise.



Michigan District President C. William Hoesman shared a message from Philippians 2, the theme verse of the convention: "... so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

The Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the church in Philippi while in prison, and this letter is written for us today as well. Each congregation in Michigan is encouraged to continue to 'Celebrate Jesus' in a world that, with increasing intensity, does not want to hear about Him. Worshippers were encouraged to remain focused and continue to reach out even though we do not understand why the world turns a deaf ear to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Through us, Christ is brought to a dying world.

### Monday Highlights

#### Ministry Tent

9:00 - 6:00

#### President's Address

9:45 - 10:05

#### Elections

10:05 - 10:30

5:10 - 5:25

#### Essay/Bible Study

11:00 - noon

#### Blue Ribbon Task Force

1:20 - 2:20

#### Floor Committees

3:30 - 4:00

4:05 - 4:35

#### Pig Roast

6:15

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2: 9-11

## Jesus Loves Michigan

Concordia University Campus and a blue sky was the perfect backdrop to the final rally of the *Ablaze!* Torch Relay: For the Heart of Michigan. Over 2,500 people have gathered at ten congregations since June 18 to share the Good News of Jesus Christ into the heart of Michigan. Each day, runners carried the same Good News along the highways and byways of Michigan.

Rallies featured noted youth speaker Rev. Bill Yonker or singer-songwriter David Paul Britton. Food, music, and activities were also a part of each rally.

The Torch Relay is part of the synod-wide *Ablaze!* challenge to bring the Gospel to over 100 million unreached and uncommitted people by 2017, the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation.

Last night, President Hoesman held high the Good News of Jesus as he carried the torch and spoke at the final rally. Participants enjoyed praise and worship music by David Paul Britton as a light supper was served.

An added feature this year was the design and production of a bookmark to be used as an evangelism tool. Bookmarks were given to



each congregation and the runners to distribute. One can be found in your convention registration packet and at the Michigan District Display in the Ministry Tent. The committee also produced a witness page, "Let's Talk About Jesus," which can be found at [www.ablazerelay.org/Joy](http://www.ablazerelay.org/Joy). This webpage shares Roadblocks to Joy (sin and

death) and The Solution which is found in Jesus Christ. It also contains links to Synod's "Who is Jesus," church locators, and other resources for those who are seeking faith in Jesus, new to

the faith, or growing in their faith.

The Torch Relay committee includes Rev. David Davis (Chairman), Ray Zavada, Jenna Szpara, Chad Woltemath, Debby Fall, and Allison Wolf. Mapping out the 515 mile Runner Route was Rev. Drew Gruenhagen and driving for the third year in a row was Rick Fisher. A photo gallery of each congregational rally is available at [www.ablazerelay.org](http://www.ablazerelay.org) and full coverage of the entire relay will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Michigan In Touch*.

If I could give you any gift,  
it would be the gift of **JOY!**  
Not just happiness but *real and genuine Joy!*



### Welcome to Convention!

The convention committee warmly welcomes you to Concordia University for the 99th Michigan District Convention. Every effort has been made for you to enjoy these three days. Many special speakers and activities will accompany convention business.

If you have questions please feel free to contact any of the following committee members.

*Rev. C. William Hoesman - District President*

*Julie Strobl - Vice Chair*

*Chad Woltemath - Treasurer*

*Wendy Eason - Ministry Tent*

*Barbara Walther - Housing/Arrangements*

*Rev. William Winter - Elections*

*Rev. Daniel Meckes - Worship*

*Linda Ekong - Technology and Presentations*

*Debby Fall - Secretary and Publicity*

*Rev. Paul Theiss - Registration*

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### Convention Intercessors

A Prayer Chapel has been set up in the locker area on the South side of the gym. A schedule can be found at registration, feel free to sign up for a specific time slot or just join the other prayer intercessors at any time. Walk-ins are welcome!

A prayer guide is available in the chapel and prayer requests can be submitted to the Convention Intercessors by placing requests in the box located at registration.

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12 ESV*

### Thank-you's!

**Church Extension Fund of the Michigan District** for providing the Convention Bags, Lanyards, Notepads, Water Bottles, and Monday Night Beverage.

**Eagle Communication, Inc.** for providing Audio Visual Support.

**Lutheran Trust** for providing the convention binders.

**Lutheran Benefits Group** for providing the *Ablaze!* Torch Relay Meal.

**OCE North America** for providing on-site copier needs.

**Thrivent Eastern Great Lakes Region** for sponsoring the Ice Cream Social Reception.

**Thrivent Michigan Region** for general convention support.

**Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan** for sponsoring the Monday afternoon snacks in the Ministry Tent.

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### Q & A with President Kieschnick

You received a handout for Questions to Synodical President Gerald Kieschnick. If you have a specific question that you would like considered please complete the form and return it to the Press Room before noon on Tuesday. He will be addressing the convention on Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

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### Convention Polo

Convention Polo shirts will be available for purchase beginning at noon today at the registration table in the back of the gymnasium. There is a limited quantity and sizes available. Cost is \$25.00 per shirt.

**Attention Musicians**

Tuesday Male Chorus Schedule - Chapel  
Rehearsal 5:00pm  
Evening Worship 6:30pm

**Snapshots from Sunday**

