



# THE CONVENTION DAILY

Michigan District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Monday, June 26, 2006

98th Michigan District  
Convention

Concordia University  
Ann Arbor

June 25-28, 2006

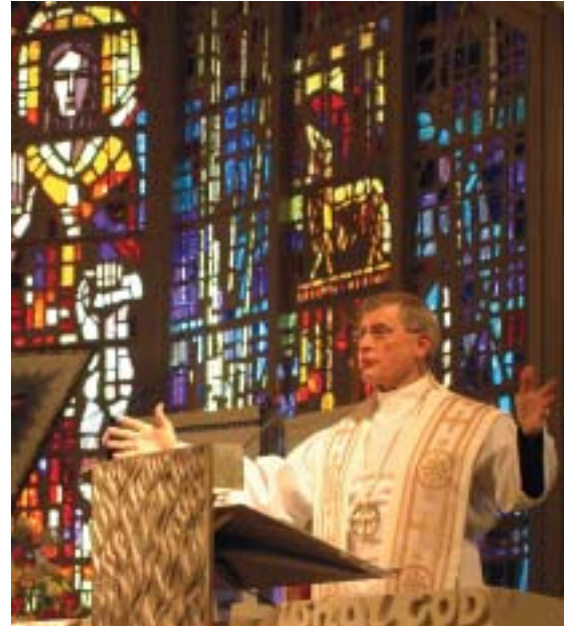
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## OPENING WORSHIP

The Chapel of the Holy Trinity was filled to overflowing on Sunday evening as the worshippers gathered to praise and give thanks through the sharing of the Word and Sacrament. The organ music, brass, and choir led the worshippers to join together and raise anthems of praise in the opening worship of the 98<sup>th</sup> Michigan District Convention.

The service opened with an inspiring processional with Synodical and District banners and crucifer as the congregation sang "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

In his message, Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, president of the Lutheran



Church - Missouri Synod, drew from the text of II Corinthians 5 where Paul states: *"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."* God is making His appeal to the world through us and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

We are God's ambassadors, by grace, living FOR Him in a world that is characterized by harsh words, provoked anger, abuse, addiction, separation, divorce, and man's inhumanity to man. We are fortified for this life through Word and Sacrament.

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**June 25, 2006  
1:00pm  
Registration Opens**

**June 25, 2006  
3:00pm  
Open Hearings  
Krieger Hall**

**June 25, 2006  
7:00pm  
Opening Service  
Chapel of the  
Holy Trinity**

## PREPARING FOR CONVENTION

Preparations. My mind has been on preparations this week. From waking up at 4 am wondering if all arrangements had been made for the placement of the tent for Monday evening to convincing maintenance that a 48” span from the front of one table to the front of the next table is really better than 46”. It just didn’t start this week, preparations have been going on for months.

I’ll admit it, I love convention. I was concerned early in the preparation process that the last convention would be a hard act to follow (wonderful worship, special speakers, etc). But people have really come through. There will be the familiar this year, but there is going to be some new and exciting things as well.

It amazes me what we have been able to put together - transforming the university campus into a convention center. Preparations from food, to exhibits, to worship, to celebrating the 125th have been made. This will be our home away from home for a few days.

This gets me thinking about our final home. The many rooms of our Father’s house. How much more majestic must this place be than anything we could dream of ourselves. But it is not about the “place,” its about Whose presence we will be in and who else is there with us.

Christ reminds us in John 14, “I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Yet, there are millions around us, friends and neighbors who do not know Jesus. Let’s pray that this convention will be a time to reflect on the Redemption provided to us through Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection - a time to be Refreshed as we gather together in Word and Sacrament - a time to recognize we are Ready, we have many tools and resources, most importantly the power of the Cross, to witness and to make known the Love of Christ. When He returns to take us home, may there be billions of others who know Him too. - *Chad Woltemath, Convention Committee Treasurer and Michigan District Director of General Services.*

## WELCOME TO CONVENTION!

The convention committee warmly welcomes you to Concordia University for the 98th 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. John Merrill, Chair

Caroline Krueger, Vice-Chair

Chad Woltemath, Treasurer

Nikki Winfree, Housing and Arrangements

Rev. Peter Nickel, Elections

Rev. Stephen Starke, Worship

Linda Ekong, Technology and Presentations

Debby Fall, Secretary and Publicity

Marshall Gibbs, Registration

Carol Cohrs, Ministry Tent

Barbara Hoffmeier, 125th Anniversary

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## THANK-YOUS!

Many organizations and groups have worked behind the scenes to provide services to convention.

Today’s thank-you’s go out to:

Michigan District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League and Lutheran Laymen’s League for the reception following Opening Worship.

Lutheran Trust for the convention notebooks.

**June 26, 2006**  
**9:10am**  
**Official Convention**  
**Opening**

**June 26, 2006**  
**9:45am**  
**Michigan District**  
**Presidential Address**

**June 26, 2006**  
**10:00am**  
**Election of**  
**District President**

**June 26, 2006**  
**10:45am**  
**Synodical President**  
**Kieschnick**  
**Addresses Convention**

### OPENING WORSHIP OFFERING

An offering of \$3,201.19 was collected at the Opening Service will go towards “The Future Is Now.” This is a three-year 125th anniversary thank offering of the Michigan District. The offering will be used for mission development and for the recruitment and support of professional church work students.

### CONVENTION INTERCESSORS

A Prayer Chapel has been set up in the Athletic Office on the North side of they gym. A schedule is posted on the door, 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 boxes located at the East entrances of the gymnasium.

**Monday Morning Schedule:**

- 9:00 Dana Naumann, Sandy Lenz
- 9:45 Kim McDonald, Rev. Norman Heintz
- 10:30 Sandy Lenz, Dana Naumann
- 11:15 Thomas McDonald

**Monday Afternoon Schedule:**

- 1:00 Rev. John Bush
- 1:45 Rev. Jim Nihiser
- 2:30 Dana Nauman
- 3:15 Christine Chauvin
- 4:00 Sandy Lenz/Dana Naumann
- 4:45 Paul Kruse

### Q & A WITH PRESIDENT KIESCHNICK

Inside your registration bags, you received a form 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 today.



*Rev. Dr. Joel D. Lehenbauer*

### THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY/ PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS

Convention discussion will center around the topic of “Office of the Ministry/Priesthood

of Believers” and will be presented by Rev. Dr. Joel D. Lehenbauer.

Dr. Lehenbauer was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana and spent his formative years in Fort Wayne, St. Louis, and Chicago Heights, Illinois. He attended Valparaiso University (Christ College) from 1976-1978, and graduated from Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Michigan with a B.A. degree in 1980. In 1984, he received the M. Div. Degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Following a year of graduate studies at the seminary, he was ordained into the ministry in 1985. He served as pastor of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Hillsdale, Michigan from 1985 until 1990. In January of 1991, Pastor Lehenbauer accepted a call to serve on the staff of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. He currently holds the position of Associate Executive Director of the CTCR.

Pastor Lehenbauer received his Master of Sacred Theology degree (S.T.M.) from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in May of 1991, and earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) from the seminary in November of 2004. He is a frequent speaker at pastoral conferences and other church gatherings and a contributor to various synodical publications.

Dr. Lehenbauer and his wife Hope have four children: Rachel, Anna, Adam, and Naomi.

**June 26, 2006**  
**1:25pm**  
**Rev. Joel Lehenbauer**  
**Office of the Ministry/**  
**Priesthood of Believers**

**June 26, 2006**  
**2:25pm**  
**President Kieschnick**  
**Q & A**

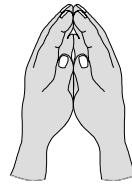
**June 26, 2006**  
**4:35pm**  
**District Staff**  
**Ministry Presentations**

**June 26, 2006**  
**6:00pm**  
**125th Anniversary**  
**Celebration**

### ATTENTION MUSICIANS

Monday Choir Schedule - Chapel	
Rehearsal	7:30 – 8:00am
Opening Worship	8:15 am
Rehearsal	8:15 – 9:15pm
Evening Worship	9:30pm

### NEW TO CONVENTION



A new worship dimension to convention has been added this year. Evening Prayer Services will take place on Monday and Tuesday at 9:30 pm. in the Chapel of the Holy Trinity.

### SNAPHOTS FROM SUNDAY



*Praise Team from Christ the Good Shepherd, Canton*



*Convention Vocal and Brass Choirs*



*The Hoffmeiers, in period dress, pose with opening worship attendees.*



*District Support Staff at Registration*

*Concordia University Housing Staff*





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May the convention be a source of inspiration, empowerment, and motivation to share the message of reconciliation to the world. *He died for all* is applicable in our lives inside and outside this church and Christ commits this message to us wherever He sends us. May we carry on Redeemed, Refreshed, and Ready.