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Prayer Requests

Rev. Mark and Judy Pflug (Lakeshore Lutheran, Spring Lake) upon the birth of a grandson, **Graham Mark**, on February 7. Graham has been hospitalized with severe digestive system difficulties ... **James Rush** (Peace, Flint) as he serves as a short-term English as a Foreign Language Teacher at Nozomi Lutheran Church in Niigata, Japan (see update at www.michigandistrict.org/m7.html#Overseas) ... **Roger DeMeyere** (Lutheran Special Education Ministries, Detroit) upon the death of his father ... **Rev. Richard Pape** (Christ, Milford) upon the death of his mother.

Michigan District News and Events



Registration is now open for the **Lutheran Adult Gathering** being held October 8-10, 2010. This event gives adults (single and married) the opportunity to hear from inspirational speakers and enjoy fellowship, recreation, and relaxation in a Christian atmosphere – surrounded by the grace, charm, and majestic beauty of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. The gathering theme, **Serving in His Presence Hands, Heart, and Feet**, is based on Colossians 3:23-24. Keynote speakers will be Rev. John H. Kieschnick, author of *The Best is Yet to Come*, and Dr. H. James Boldt, frequent lecturer and instructor. President of the Michigan District, LCMS Rev. David P. E. Maier will preach at the Sunday service and Mr. Thomas Czinder of St. Matthew, Walled Lake will serve as musician. A highlight of the gathering will be

the hilarious comedy of ventriloquist, Taylor Mason. Registration material is being mailed to each congregation and past participants this week! A registration brochure is available to download at www.michigandistrict.org/lag.

Congregation and Ministry News and Events

If you are relocating to another state, the LCMS is able to help you locate the closest Lutheran congregation or school. Visit www.lcms.org and use the “Locate a Congregation or School” tab on the upper right hand corner. Some cities, like Ft. Wayne, Indiana, have local websites that assist you (www.neilss.org/gm).

This is the LAST WEEK to order your FREE resources for Armed Forces Sunday. LCMS World Mission is pleased to offer free resources for your congregation to celebrate Armed Forces Ministry Sunday. Resources for 2010 include: a suggested sermon, a responsive prayer, and a theme bulletin insert. The order form is found at <http://www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=16277>. Be sure to order by Friday, February 19 to ensure delivery in time for Armed Forces Sunday which takes place on May 16, 2010. For further information please contact LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces at 800.433.3954 ext 1337 or lcmschaps@lcms.org.

This summer’s **LCMS 64th Regular Convention**, which will be held **July 10-17** at the [George R. Brown Convention Center](http://www.lcms.org/convention) in Houston, Texas, offers an exciting opportunity for exhibitors to showcase their products and services to approximately 3,000 attendees representing the 2.4 million members of the Synod. Exhibitors may include LCMS agencies, auxiliaries, recognized service organizations, LCMS National Contract Program vendors, and others whose products and service align with the doctrine and

practices of the LCMS and are of interest to LCMS church and lay leaders, pastors, staff, and members. Convention organizers welcome both returning and new exhibitors to the convention this year. **Exhibitor registration is open through March 31.** To submit an application form or to get more information, visit www.lcms.org/convention.

Celebrate Concordia Sunday, April 18. Concordia University System colleges and universities are a special gift to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. It has been said many times but it's worth repeating: A church body that teaches is a church body in mission! These colleges and universities help prepare individuals to serve the church as pastors, teachers, directors of Christian education and outreach, deaconesses, lay ministers, and directors of family life ministry, and parish music. They also prepare individuals to serve the community as Christian leaders in business, education, nursing, pharmacy, and numerous other professions. Free materials are available at <http://www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=14910>. For more information, visit www.lcms.org/universities or contact the LCMS Board for University Education at 800.248.1930 ext 1252 or Bue.info@lcms.org.

The Rhetoric of Truth Men's Retreat, sponsored by **Guardian, Dearborn's** Men's Ministry will be held at **Colombiere Conference** Center in Clarkston. The retreat will begin Friday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. and end Sunday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m. This retreat is designed for men of Guardian (high school age and older) and guests. The retreat includes Bible study and discussion to better understand how the men of the church work for God's purposes to grow in faith and build up the body of Christ. The guest speaker will be Rev. Anthony Creeden, Assistant Pastor & Youth/Education of Christ Our Savior, Livonia. For more information, visit www.guardianlutheran.org.

St. Matthew, Walled Lake is holding an **Interview Skills Workshop** on **Saturday, February 27** at 10:00 a.m. It will cover types and stages of interviews, preparation and research, and typical interview questions. There will also be an **Interview Practice Lab** held on Saturday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m. Prior attendance at the Interview Skills Workshop is required. The Practice Lab will give you a chance to practice answering interview questions. Please RSVP to Lorrie Wonfor at 248.366.8852 or lwonfor@comcast.net.

Deacon Matthew Steffen will be the guest speaker at **Hope, Warren's Men's Retreat** on Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13. His topic is "Wounded Healer" which will help men cope with stress, worries, and relationships. Matt is formerly from Hope, Warren and currently serves Camp Restore at Recovery Assistance, Inc. helping with the rebuilding damaged caused from Hurricane Katrina. Men, including young men of confirmation age, are invited to attend. The cost is \$40 which includes three catered meals and a retreat shirt. For registration or more information, please contact Marv Schaible at marvschaible@comcast.net or 586.573.7370 by Sunday, February 28.

Guardian, Dearborn's annual "Disability Awareness Sunday" will be held on Sunday, March 14 in both the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. Pre-service music will be provided by Mr. George Osius, an accomplished musician, using his one good hand. The scripture readings will be read by Miss Chris Schumacher, utilizing her Braille Bible. Everyone is invited. Guardian is handicapped accessible. For more information, contact Bob Dickhudt at BobISM@att.net.

The **Annual Meeting of Project Compassion Ministries** will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 21 at Huntington Woods, Huntington Woods. Agenda includes elections, review of 2009, and ministry plans for 2010. All are welcome and congregations are especially encouraged to send representatives. The meeting will also recognize two individuals: Mr. Tom Shulz (volunteer support) and Mr. Vince Passaiaqua (Mario's Restaurant in Detroit). Rev. Gerald Grimm will also be recognized upon his February retirement as Executive Director. Lite refreshments will be served. For more information, visit www.projectcompassion.net or call 313.897.7470 or 800.626.9622 or email projcompassion@aol.com.

You are invited to join **Faith, Bridgeport** at its "**Last Supper Living Dramatization**" on Saturday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday March 28 at 3:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the church office at 989.777.2600.

Grammy and Dove award winning singer/songwriter, **Cynthia Clawson**, will be performing at **St. Thomas, Eastpointe** on April 16 at 7:00 p.m. General admission tickets are \$15. For more information, please contact the church office at 586.772.3370.

The **Commission on Worship** has announced its first ever **Lutheran Songwriters' Conference** to be held at St. John Lutheran Church in Ellisville, Missouri on **April 22-23**. This conference is being held in order to learn from and encourage LCMS songwriters to develop sacramental and scripture-based songs for use within our church body. The program will include witness, testimony, and conversations from established LCMS recording artists, songwriters, and worship leaders who continue to shape the musical life of our congregations. A grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide **full scholarships** for 35 participants who register online by **March 10**. The scholarships cover all conference costs, including travel, lodging, and meals. For details about ideal candidates for the conference, how to apply, and a list of LCMS artists who will be presenting, go to www.lcms.org/songwriter.

Project Compassion Ministries Annual Spring Benefit Concert will be held on Sunday, April 25 at 4:00 p.m. at Outer Drive Faith, Detroit. Participating choirs include The Billy D. Brooks Memorial Lutheran Choir, the New Mighty Inspirations, and the Mosaic Singers along with others. Tickets are \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance. Seniors over 62 and full time students are also \$8. Children under 12 are free. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact PCM at 313.897.7470 or 800.626.9622 or ProjCompassion@aol.com.

God is calling...your church is calling...where will you go in 2010? It's the perfect time to start looking into options for a short-term mission trip this summer through **LCMS World Mission**. There is a great need for teams to serve in the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Slovakia this summer to lead English language camps. To search our opportunity database, visit www.lcms.org?2870. Additionally, there is a need for short-term teams to serve in Thailand. For more information on all available short-term service opportunities, please visit www.lcmsworldmission.org/service. If you know of an individual looking for a short-term service opportunity, volunteers are needed for theological education in Uganda, teaching conversational English in India, and coordination of short-term mission teams in Peru.

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Historic Trinity of Detroit has 42, 6 foot, **padded pew cushions available free for pick-up**. For more information, call 313.567.3100 or 800.268.3058.

Lost: 2 pectoral crosses that were last seen at the All District Pastors' Conference in October, 2009. They are very valuable and the owner would appreciate their return. Please contact the District Office at 888.225.2111 if you have any information.

Concordia University Ann Arbor has a **job opening** for a **Business Services Office Assistant - Front Desk**. Duties include servicing guests who visit, call, or email the campus and preparing reports, memos, letters, and other documents using word processing, spreadsheet, database, and presentation software. A detailed job description and information about how to apply can be found at www.cuaa.edu/Careers/Staff/5062.html.

Free Resource. A small group study guide for **The Manhattan Declaration** is available at www.flinchrist.org/Resources.htm.

All congregations and Recognized Service Organizations in the Michigan District are invited to submit information to be considered for publication in this weekly E-bulletin. You can do so by contacting Debby Fall at debby.fall@michigandistrict.org. Congregations are encouraged to reproduce or reprint the E-bulletin announcements in church bulletins and/or newsletters and can do so without prior permission.

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The next E-bulletin is scheduled for Monday, February 22. Deadline for submission of information for consideration is end-of-business on Thursday, February 18.