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Prayer Requests

Joanne Stevens (St. Paul, Bay City) whose husband passed away on February 21 suddenly from a heart attack ... **Mary Clark** (Detroit Urban Lutheran School, Detroit) whose father passed away on January 30 ... **Alice Appold** (mother of Rev. Robert Appold and Beth Krause) who is recovering from surgery ... **Rev. John and Kathrin Mueller** (Valley Lutheran High School, Saginaw) upon the birth of a grandson, **Zachary John Amen**. Parents are Seminarian Chris and Becky Amen ... **Janis Hessler** (Faith, Bridgeport) upon the death of her mother on February 14 ... **Kiersa Peerbolte** (St. Michael, Wayne) upon the death of her mother ... **Tim and Deborah Siekmann** (Trinity, Utica and Immanuel, Macomb) whose son, **Andrew**, was assaulted and suffered head injuries.

LWR Haiti Relief Requests Special Collection



The earthquake in Haiti has used up all of the resources **Lutheran World Relief** had in its warehouse. In order to replenish stock and continue to provide aid, two **special collections of quilts, soap and health kits** will take place in Michigan. St. John, Fraser (Saturday, April 17 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) and Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Howell (Saturday, April 17 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 18 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.). For more information, call Doris August 586.293.7777 or Pat Schuknecht at 517.552.7218.

Michigan District News and Events



President David P. E. Maier posted his new blog, Ash Wednesday (Beginning the Lenten Journey) - **May God Cleanse Us "Through and Through."** *So many translations or interpretations of the Bible exist today. As do many pastors, I love those versions that, although sometimes awkward in their English translation, most accurately reflect the original. It is then up to the reader and studier of the Scriptures to determine what the Holy Spirit was inspiring the Scriptures writers to pen in those sections for God's people to understand and apply to their life. The King James Translation of Psalm 51:2, if read correctly, is surely awkward, accurate, and anything but ambivalent. As the reader studies King David's sincere prayer of repentance, with the Holy Spirit's help and the sure voice of other Scriptures, the awkward rendering of the King James, once understood, is pregnant with meaning.* [Read more](#)

Congregations wishing to **apply for a seminary candidate or vicar for Spring 2010** must have its Call documents and Vicarage Agreements into the Office of the President by **March 1**. Please contact Julie Strobl at 888.225.2111 ext 233 for more information.



The Michigan District, in spite of the hard times, has a heart for missions similar to the Apostle Paul's. Read more in this issue of ***The Future is Now*** update.



The South and East Pastors' Conference will take place May 18 and 19 at Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth. Guest speaker, Joel Biermann from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will examine our role in church and society. He will start with Luther's distinction between the two realms and how the pastor inevitably straddles both realms. **Save the date and watch** for the March registration mailing. You will not want to miss this timely discussion!

The 2010 Katie Conference, under the theme "Building Each Other Up," will take place at The H Hotel in Midland on April 16-18. Terry Kieschnick, wife of LCMS President Gerald B. Kieschnick, will be the keynote speaker. Elaine Bickel will delight participants at the Saturday evening banquet, and Michigan District President David P. E. Maier will lead worship and preach on Sunday morning. The annual conference seeks to uplift, encourage, and renew wives and widows of Michigan and English District pastors, professors, missionaries, and vicars through a weekend filled with a variety of inspirational and relaxing opportunities. Registration is now open and the forms and the weekend agenda can be downloaded at www.michigandistrict.org/katie.



Congregational News and Events

The Lutheran Choralaires will be providing music for the Lenten mid-week service on Wednesday, March 3 at **St. Paul, Royal Oak**. A dinner will be held before the service at 6:00 p.m. The Lutheran Choralaires is an all male chorus with a talent for singing and a desire to bring the Good News of God's love to His people since 1947. They will be providing music for midweek Lenten worship services at various Lutheran churches throughout the Lenten midweek service season (February 24 - March 24). For more information, visit www.lutheranchoralaires.org.

Our Saviour, Armada is hosting an **Adult/Youth Bowling Outing** at Striker's Bowling Alley in Richmond on March 7 at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per team. For more information contact Kerri at 586.531.5959.

Faith, Troy will be holding a **couples retreat** from March 12-14 at the Thomas Edison Inn in Port Huron. The registration fee is \$110 per couple. The theme of this year's retreat is "Love never fails." For more information, contact the church office at 248.689.4664. Online registration is available at www.faithtroy.org.

Daryl Smith, from ***Voice of the Martyrs***, will be speaking at **Trinity, Clinton Township** on Saturday, **March 13** at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments are being provided courtesy of Trinity's Stephen Ministry. For more information, please call the church at 586.463.2921 ext 111.

What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' last supper have in common? Sergio Danon, with **Jews for Jesus**, will answer that question as he presents "Christ in the Passover" at **Cross of Christ, Bloomfield Hills** on Wednesday, March 17 at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call the church at 248.646.5886. All are welcome!

Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, will be presented by **Our Shepherd, Birmingham** on Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20 at 8:00 p.m. No tickets are required and a freewill offering will be taken. The production will also take place at the **Clawson Performing Arts Center** on Saturday, March 27 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for the 2:00 p.m. program and \$10 for the 8:00 p.m. This is the 16th year the congregation has presented this full-length musical featuring a cast of 57. The musical is intended for all ages. For more information and senior/student ticket rates, contact Bonni Mittelstadt at 248.770.1806 or bonnimittelstadt@mac.com or Stacy Carlson at 248.249.2596 or staceycarlson@comcast.net.

The Deacon & Pre-SMP Training Program will be offering the seminar on **Doctrine II** on Saturday, March 20, April 10, and May 1, at 8:00 a.m. at Trinity, Davison. The instructor is Dr. Bob Schultz. This is one of the required pre-seminary courses offered by the Michigan District for those interested in the new Specific Ministry Pastor Program (SMP). The student will review Law and Gospel, and then discuss growth in Christ, the sanctified life, good works, living in baptism and Holy Communion, life in the church, the position of other denominations and religions, and the joy of eternal life. The cost for three sessions is \$250. For more information, contact Chris Brown, Registrar, at 810.220.1798 or email chrissbrown282@yahoo.com.

The Prayerfully Consider Campus Visit will take place at **Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne** on March 24-27. If you have questions about the possibility of serving in the LCMS or would like more information on the possibility of serving as a pastor or deaconess, please consider attending. There is no fee for the visit and on-campus meals and housing will be provided free of charge. For additional information or to register online, please go to www.ctsfw.edu/pcv. Also at that site, you will find a downloadable poster that pastors and congregations can use to advertise this special opportunity.

Concordia Theological Seminary will be holding a **Confirmation Retreat** April 16-18. The retreat will be led by Rev. Brian Mosemann, Dean of Students at CTS. This Confirmation Retreat is for youth who are currently receiving confirmation instruction and will be a time to learn, rejoice, worship, and take part in other fun activities. The retreat fee is \$100 and includes on-campus housing and meals. For additional information or to register, please email Retreats@ctsfw.edu.

The **St. Joseph Trinity Trekkers** has scheduled trips to **Turkeyville** (April 23), **Amish Acres/Patsy Cline** (June 10). There will also be a six-day trip to the **Creation Museum in Kentucky** (October 25-30) which will include stops in Pigeon Forge, Great Smoky Mountains, and Nashville. For costs and more information, contact Richard Hackbarth at 269.983.5000.

Remember the great Bible Study at District Convention led by **Dr. Reed Lessing**? He will be back in the Michigan District this summer leading a class titled "Amos: Restore the Roar!" This continuing education course sponsored by Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, will be held June 28 through July 2 at **Our Savior, Grand Rapids**. Cost is \$125 for laity and retired pastors; \$225 for active pastors. Breakfast and lunch included. Free housing is also available on a first-come-first-serve basis. For more information, contact Pastor North Sherrill at 616.581.8353 or 7580pinepark@att.net. To register contact Concordia Theological Seminary Continuing Education at 260.452.2279 or continuinged@ctsfw.edu.

MOST/LWML Eyeglasses Mission Trip to Panama will be July 16-24. For more information, or to register, contact Carol Stuhr at castuhr@ccomupters.com.

Grace Place Lutheran Retreats and the Grace Place Shepherd Society of Michigan are offering a retreat for Michigan professional church workers and spouses. Retreat dates are August 2-6 at Mission Point Resort located on beautiful Mackinac Island. Registration fee is \$360 per couple. To register, go to www.graceplaceretreats.org and click on available retreats, or call Annette Woehlke at the Grace Place office at 314.842.3077 for more information. The retreat is limited to 20 couples.

MOST/LWML Women's & Children's Ministry Mission Trip to Guatemala will be November 12-20. For more information, or to register, contact Dee Veitengruber at dee.veitengruber@sbcglobal.net.

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FREE! Kingdom OneTouch **cassette tape duplicating machine** (and expander). High speed copies three cassette tapes from one master. You will need to pick the item up yourself or pay for delivery. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann at St. Michael, Portage at 269.327.7832.

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, March 1. Deadline for submission of information for consideration is end-of-business on Thursday, February 25.