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Prayer Requests

The Family and Friends of Kenneth Coy (brother of Audrey Allwardt of Our Shepherd, Birmingham and uncle to Rev. Paul and Carol Herter of Hope, Adrian) who passed away on February 24 ... **The Family and Friends of Louise Luebke Bolt** (mother of Jonathan Bolt of Living Word, Rochester) who passed away on February 21 ... **Rev. Theodore Beiderwieden** (Trinity, Arcadia) who is recovering at home from surgery ... **Steve Schwecke** (Lutheran High Westland) **Shirley Schwecke** (St. Michael, Wayne) and **Kathryn Schwecke** (Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton) upon the death of Steve's father (Shirley's father-in-law and Kathryn's grandfather), on February 26 ...

Michigan District News and Events



[This We Believe](#). One of the blessings of being a District President (I'm learning) is the privilege of being able to read books and other materials prior to their publication (with the opportunity also of being able to suggest and submit possible 'improvements'). President Hoesman shared one such resource with me in August of 2009 during a transition meeting. It is entitled [This We Believe ... click here to read more of President David P. E. Maier's newest blog](#).

Keynote speakers at the **Lutheran Adult Gathering** (October 8-10, 2010) include **Rev. John H. Kieschnick** and **Dr. H. James Boldt**. Kieschnick is presently a consultant for Capital Funding Services helping congregations open doors to spiritual, stewardship, and leadership growth. **Dr. H. James Boldt**, who has served Lutheran schools across the Midwest, now serves as an instructor for Teaching the Faith seminars. Entertainment includes professional comedian **Taylor Mason** who has been making audiences laugh for 24 years. He plays the piano, is a world-class ventriloquist, sings, does stand-up, writes jokes, and produces. Michigan District, LCMS President Rev. David P. E. Maier will preach during worship. Visit www.michigandistrict.org/lag for registration brochure and information for this signature event at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.



Congregation and Ministry News Events



*The following is an excerpt from LCMS President Gerald B. Kieschnick's February Pastoral Letter which is provided here as a valuable resource for parents regarding the issue of **Sex and Cell Phones**.*

He writes: "In last April's pastoral letter, I wrote to you about an activity that had become popular especially among teens and young adults -"sexting," that is, using cell phones and computers to share sexually explicit photos and videos of themselves with others. Internet access through "smart phones" has added online pornography to the threats facing young people today. The Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP) is a coalition of religious leaders who are concerned about the deleterious effects of pornography on the young, the not so young, and our society. As a member of the executive committee of RAAP, I meet monthly via telephone with other members to discuss ways to work together and with people in corporate America to engage in battle against pornography. Allow me, then, to call attention to a booklet co-sponsored by RAAP that may be helpful to your families. "Sex and Cell Phones," is a booklet meant to help parents protect their children from pornography and to help young people use cell phones and other technology responsibly." This booklet can be downloaded at <http://ilivevalues.com/cellphones/>.

[Click here](#) to read the entire pastoral letter which highlights Military chaplains, higher education, future church workers, words of advice for those planning mission trips, delegate meetings, God's gift of life, [This We Believe](#), Lutheran Church of Guatemala, and convention prayers.

Concordia University Ann Arbor announces its Master's Degree Programs in Education New Cohort starts this summer. Programs include Master of Science in Educational Leadership, Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction. Graduate Reading Courses will take place in Midland and Ann Arbor as well. For more information contact Office of Graduate Admission at 734.995.7521 or graduate.admissions@cuaa.edu.

The Lutheran Choralaires will be providing music for the Lenten midweek services at various Lutheran churches throughout Lent and Holy Week. They will be at St. Peter, Macomb (March 10); Grace, Redford Township (March 17); St. John, Fraser (March 24); and Historic Trinity (April 2 – Good Friday). You can find worship times and other information at www.lutheranchoralaires.org or by sending an email to lutheranchoralaires@gmail.com.

Rev. Roosevelt Gray, Jr., Director of Mission Services, Michigan District, LCMS will conduct a **People Friendly Church Workshop** on Saturday, March 13, at **Bethany, Detroit**. Rev. Gray writes: "God's Church is always a welcoming place for His people and strangers. This 'People Friendly' workshop will help congregations focus on some of the little things they can do to greet people with pleasure and hospitality in our congregations ... Come, learn and grow in the greatest pleasure ever given humanity, witnessing and telling the story about a God who loves, welcomes, and receives all through His Son and His Church. Learn what it means to be a "People Friendly Church" - Inviting - Welcoming – Assimilating new people into the body of Christ." The sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:00 p.m. A continental breakfast will be available and lunch will be served. Please register as soon as possible but no later than Tuesday, March 9 by calling the church office at 313.885.7721.

Faith, Grand Blanc is hosting the "Ultimate Date Night" with Jay & Laura Laffon on Saturday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance/\$32 for a four-pack in advance/\$12 per person at the door. For more information, visit www.ultimatedatenight.com or call the church office at 810.694.9351.

The Wind Symphony and Jazz Band of Lutheran High School South, St. Louis will perform a concert at **Christ Our Savior, Livonia** on Friday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. The Wind Symphony and Jazz Band, conducted by John Miller and Matthew Janssen are on their annual spring tour which brings the groups through Missouri, Indiana, and Michigan. The 65 member Wind Symphony will perform such works as Malcolm Arnold's English Dances for Band, On an American Spiritual by David Holsinger, and Highlights from West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein. The Lutheran South Jazz Band will also perform the sounds of some classic jazz greats like Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and others. Please contact Matthew Machemer for more information at 734.522.6830 ext 103. A freewill offering will be collected.

Do you serve, or would you like to serve, Spanish-speaking people in your community with the Gospel? Or are you planning a mission trip to Central or South America? If so, the **Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF)** has a free resource that will soon be available to you: the **Spanish edition of the Holy Bible, bound with Luther's Small Catechism**. To pre-order copies, visit the LHF website at [www.LHFmissions.org/Spanish Bible Poll](http://www.LHFmissions.org/Spanish_Bible_Poll), where you can also take a poll to help LHF decide how many copies of the Bible/catechism to print, in what version, in hardcover or soft cover. LHF's materials are provided at no charge to those who need them.

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Christ Our Savior, Livonia has 12 sets of VHS only tapes, 7 workbooks, resource CD/DVD, multimedia resource kit, campaign manual, and other material from **Rick Warren's 40 Days of Community, Better Together** that can be donated. For more information contact Jim Matusicky at jmatus@yahoo.com.

FREE Riso supplies (you pick up or pay postage): **St. Paul, Ann Arbor** has supplies remaining from a Riso duplicating machine no longer in use that cannot be returned to the manufacturer. Available: two full boxes of master rolls (#S-4250, Z type 30), three full boxes + half box of blue ink cartridges (Z type ink), three full boxes of black ink cartridges (Z type ink). For more information, contact the church office at 734.665.9117 or info@stpaulannarbor.org.

Mount Calvary, Detroit has many **used items** available including library books, a music series with CDs, accelerated reading books, desks/chairs, K-2 curriculum, old computers, pianos, and other assorted items. These items are available to anyone interested. For more information, contact the church office at 313.527.3366.

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 8. Deadline for submission of information for consideration is end-of-business on Thursday, March 4.