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Prayer Requests

James Rush (serving short-term as an English-as-a-Foreign Language Teacher at Nozomi Lutheran Church in Niigata, Japan via the Japan Lutheran Church (NRK) and LCMS World Mission) and also for the **students**; those who are open to learning more about God, and those who are new to faith. Praise be to God for the **many people** who have become part of God's kingdom as a result of coming to the school and interacting with Japanese and American Christians ... **Diane Kleimola** (wife of Rev. Dale Kleimola, Emeritus) who is hospitalized with complications from cancer.

Michigan District News and Events



Energize Stewardship Education in your Church: The Michigan District Stewardship Committee is encouraging pastors and stewardship leaders to focus on four stewardship priorities for 2010. For more information, please click [here](#).

National Lutheran Schools Week is underway! Lutheran schools throughout the United States are celebrating Lutheran education and finding ways of sharing that in their communities this week, March 7-13. Under the theme, **"Securing Each Child's Future – For a Lifetime of Service,"** schools will celebrate and share in a variety of ways. LCMS congregations operate the largest Protestant parochial school system in America. Recent school statistics show that the LCMS has 2,444 schools with an enrollment of 255,176 students (PS – 12th grade). LCMS schools focus on educating the whole child; physically, mentally, and spiritually.

National Lutheran Schools Week 2010



Securing Each Child's Future—For a Lifetime of Service
"There are various of service, but the same Lord." 1 Cor. 12:5



The North & East Pastors' Conference on-line registration is now available at www.michigandistrict.org/nepastors. On May 4-5, at The H Hotel in Midland, pastors will meet to explore effective ways congregations can connect with youth under the theme, **"Youth Ministry, Our Failure and our Future."** As youth ministry involves many people in the congregation, volunteer and professional youth workers are also invited to attend. The book "Youth Ministry 3.0" by guest speaker Mark Oestreicher will be sent free to each registrant. The committee hopes that this year's conference will be a tool for pastors and youth

workers to plan for exciting and life changing youth ministry that will *grow and yield a hundredfold*. Visit the website to view a video of the author and find other recommended pre-conference reading. The deadline to register is April 1. A

Professional Youth Worker Conference is being planned to follow the Pastors' Conference (May 5-6 at the same location). Information will be forthcoming!



One of the things we love about the Michigan District's ***The Future is Now*** campaign is that we won't be around to see the full results ... [read more](#) from Bruce Braun, Superintendent of Schools for the Michigan District.

Congregation and Ministry News and Events



Camp Concordia News!!! Upcoming events include: April 23-24 Chili Cook Off/Spring Fling /Camp clean-up weekend; June 12 Camp Golf Outing; Synodical Servant Events (June 13-18 - Day Camp Outreach to Montcalm area youth and June 27- July 2. Much needed work projects at camp); and in conjunction with Holy Cross, Belding's "Rock The Hilltop" event on July 24, Swen & Dean will be at the camp's Summer Celebration on July 25. For a complete list of camp opportunities or more information, visit www.campconcordia.com or email director@campconcordia.com.

March 31 is the deadline to save \$50 on a week of camp.

Call now to schedule a ladies event with Nancy Cohen! Nancy can host an **Apple of His Eye Friendship Tea Party** at your next women's group, circle meeting, retreat, or Bible study. To make a reservation or for more information, please contact The Apple of His Eye Mission Society at 888.512.7753 or visit www.appleofhiseye.org. This Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS boldly declares Y'shua as Messiah to Jewish people and Gentiles and equips the church to do the same!

"Sheila" was baptized on October 18, 2009. Her life story is a testimony that God is faithful to answer those who call upon Him in faith, whatever their level of Bible knowledge happens to be." **LCMS World Mission** is pleased to share this link to a "Good News from the field" story regarding **POBLO** in the Michigan District. To read the story, [click here](#).

Christ the King, Southgate will be holding a concert featuring the **Choir and Strings of the Lutheran High School of Saint Charles County, Missouri**. The concert will be performed at the 5:00 p.m. on March 13. The program will include pieces by Hans Leo Hassler, Jean Berger, Jackson Berkey, and Keith Hampton. A free will offering will be received at the end of the service. For more information call the church office at 734.285.9695 or visit www.ctk-church.org.

Immanuel, Bridgman will host the simulcast of **"Dave Ramsey LIVE"** on Saturday, March 13 from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. This Total Money Makeover Seminar is \$15 per person or \$20 per couple. Advance tickets are required and can be made by calling 269.465.6031. Light refreshments will be provided.

The instrumental ensembles of St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth will offer the special performance, **"Let Every Instrument Be Tuned for Praise"** on Sunday, March 14 at 4:00 p.m. A new work for wind ensemble, by Jonathan Mueller, former Director of Parish Music at St. Lorenz, will be premiered. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be gathered. For more information, contact Dr. Scott Hyslop, Director of Parish Music at 989.652.6141 or shyslop@stlorenz.org.

The Detroit Lutheran Singers invite you to attend their Spring 2010 concerts presented on Sunday, March 14 at 3:30 p.m. (St. Michael, Wayne) and at 7:30 p.m. (St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham). They will also perform on Sunday, March 21 at 3:30 p.m. (St. Paul, St. Clair Shores) and at 7:30 p.m. (Faith, Livonia). Tickets are \$10 (adult) and \$7 (seniors and students) and are available at the door. For more information, visit www.detroitlutheransingers.com.

Trinity, Clinton Township will have a time of resource sharing and encouragement for DCOs and others serving in outreach ministries on Tuesday, March 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please plan to bring resources you've discovered and/or updates on what you're doing. For more information contact Sue von Fange at 586.463.2921.

Hope, Warren will be presenting a new **Passion Play, "The One Whom He Loved,"** at 7:00 p.m. on March 25 and 26. Join Hope for a dramatic look at Jesus' life from the perspective of the Apostle John, with moving music. Free tickets are required for admittance. To reserve a ticket call the church office at 586.979.9055.

A retirement celebration for **Richard Mahler** of St. Paul, Royal Oak will be held on Saturday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Club. Tickets are on sale at the church or school office for \$16. For information please call 248.546.6555.

Gifts For All God's Children will be holding **Easter Fairs** on March 27th at A.L. Holmes Elementary, **Bethany, Redemption, and East Bethlehem Lutheran Churches in Detroit.** Volunteers are needed to paint faces, decorate eggs, serve lunch, help with games, etc. If you would like to volunteer please contact Jo at 248.340.0861 or jszamzow@comcast.net. At the fairs, Easter baskets will be given out to preschool through teen age children. If you would like to donate items for the baskets or help assemble them please contact Carlyn Roth at 586.978.9349 or rothjc@wowway.com.

St. Luke, Ann Arbor will host the **Ann Arbor LWML Zone Spring Rally** on March 27 from 9:30 until noon. Women are invited to hear Carly Stevens of MOST Ministries speak on the water purification project in Nicaragua. The cost is \$5 and an item for hygiene kits in rural villages. Lunch will be served. On April 17, St. Luke will also be hosting a free event titled **Practical Strategies: A Toolbox for Home, School and Church** with Barbara Newman, national speaker and consultant on special needs for CLC Network. The sessions will highlight Autism Spectrum Disorders and ideas for children with a wide-variety of disabilities. For more information contact Carly Parker at 734.971.0550 or cparker@stlukea.org.

Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne Easter Choral Vespers will take place on Wednesday, April 7 (Christ the King, Mt. Pleasant), April 8 (Trinity, Reese), and April 9 (Christ the King, Grosse Point Woods). For more information, visit www.ctsfw.edu.

Vivo Sinfonietta, a spring concert will be held at the **University Lutheran Chapel, Ann Arbor** on April 17 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will feature the world premiere of Spring Strains for solo soprano and chamber orchestra by Vivo Sinfonietta's Composer in Residence, David Biedenbender. Following the concert, an Afterglow including Q & A with conductor Brett Koval Luginbill and composer David Biedenbender will be held at the Common Cup. Tickets are \$15 or \$5 for students and will be available at the door. For more information please go to www.vivoa2.com.

Living Water, Whitmore Lake MOPS will host its annual **Sisterhood Spring Tea** on April 18 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Barnstormer banquet facility in Whitmore Lake. Dr. Kathy Koch will present *Miracles Matter: Be Who You Are Supposed To Be*. An auction and elegant full buffet luncheon will follow. Tickets start at \$15 each. To make a reservation, please contact Nancy Deeb at 734.646.1429. Dr. Koch will also be giving a free presentation entitled *How am I Smart? A Parent's Guide to Multiple Intelligences* at Whitmore Lake High School Auditorium on April 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Faith, Troy will be hosting the **"Iron Sharpens Iron National Men's Equipping Conference"** on Saturday, May 22. Men ages 13 and older are invited to attend. Keynote speakers will include Johnny Parker and Carey Casey. Pre-registration tickets for groups are as low as \$39. Student tickets are \$29 per person. For more information or to register contact Vision4Men at 810.625.0291 or go to www.vision4men.org.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis will be hosting **Vocatio, a visitation event for high school youth** from June 19 -24. The event is designed to identify, inform, and encourage youth with respect to church work vocations. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in a servant event and attend an event in the St. Louis area such as a St. Louis Cardinals game or the Munny outdoor musical theater. The \$50 registration fee includes lodging and meals. For more information on *Vocatio*, or to request a registration form, contact the Admissions Office at 800.822.9545 or admissions@csl.edu.

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne will be holding three **organist workshops**. The first workshop titled, "Beginning Improvisation," will be held June 14-18. The second workshop, titled, "Organist Primer," will be held June 21-25. The third workshop, titled "Level 1," will be held July 12-16. The workshops are for both new and experienced organists. For more information or to register online please call 260.452.2224, e-mail OrganWorkshops@ctsfw.edu, or go to www.ctsfw.edu/organist.

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A Mom2Mom Sale will be held on Saturday, April 10 in the **St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth** school gym from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The entry fee is \$2. Table rentals are available at \$15 each. This includes 6-foot table, space around table, and large item area. For more information or to reserve a table, please contact Coleen Hetzner at 989.652.0295.

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 15. Deadline for submission of information for consideration is end-of-business on Thursday, March 11.