



*"You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19b-20 ESV).*

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## Prayers

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Missionaries Roger and Amy James, serving in Sri Lanka, for good health and safe travels ... For all LCMS missionaries who are raising funds in order to remain in the field or be deployed ... Carol Williams (District Office, Ann Arbor), who is recovering from foot surgery ... The family and friends of Irene A. Beyer (widow of the late Rev. Elmer Beyer), who passed away on January 1 ... Rev. Paul and Melissa Tonn (Trinity, Reed City) upon the death of Paul's father, Fred ... The family and friends of Rev. Paul A. Koehneke (former pastor of Trinity, St. Joseph) who passed away on January 2 ... This week's congregations, schools, and ministries: Our Saviour, Westland; Cedar Crest, White Lake; Christ Our Savior, Livonia; St. Paul's, New Boston; Our Savior, Chelsea.

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## On the Blog



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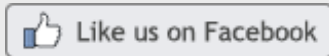


Submit your story [here](#).



### Submit News

To submit your prayer requests, news, events, and E-classified, [click here](#).  
Deadline to submit for the following week is Fridays at noon.



## District News

### FAITH FORMATION IN THE AGE OF THE SELFIE - PART 1

January 24, 2018 | Free Webinar



What effect does constant engagement with social media, often through our personal devices, have on faith formation? What are the challenges for faith formation in the Age of the Selfie? This webinar, with Chad Lakies, will explore the nature of how social

media and personal devices influence our lives in ways that deeply affect our faith. Part 1 will focus significantly on describing various cultural practices and habits that intersect with Christian spirituality in ways that are often perceived as benign but in fact may be detrimental. To register, [click here](#).

### INSTALLATION OF REV. DR. BRADLEY J YOPS

January 30, 2018 | Franklin Avenue Mission, Flint



The Michigan District, LCMS is pleased to announce the upcoming installation of Rev. Dr. Bradley J. Yops as Missionary-at-Large for the District in Flint, based at [Franklin Avenue Mission](#). The installation will take place on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 4 p.m. at Franklin Avenue Mission, 2210 N Franklin Ave; Flint MI 48506. Everyone is invited to come to the service and stay to experience the Franklin Avenue Diner. Over 150 guests are served every Tuesday and Thursday; a children's and medical ministry is also offered. No RSVP is necessary. Dress is casual.

### TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR LERT VOLUNTEER TRAINING

February 3, 2018 | St. John's, Adrian and February 10, 2018 | St. Paul's, Hillsdale



Adults and youth of all ages are encouraged to become part of the Michigan District Disaster Response by participating in one of two Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) trainings that will take place at St. John's, Adrian on Saturday, February 3, 2018 and on February 10, 2018 at St. Paul's, Hillsdale from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. These identical trainings will equip you to be an effective volunteer who can serve others in communities both near and far. Cost is \$35/person and includes training material, an LCMS volunteer

vest, and lunch. To register for St. John's, Adrian, [click here](#); to register for St. Paul's, Hillsdale, [click here](#).

## LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS STILL AVAILABLE

The deadline for submitting new orders or renewals for *The Lutheran Witness* subscriptions has passed, but you can still get your information in to the District office before **January 15, 2018**. Subscription cost is increased to \$13.60 due to the missed deadline. If you have misplaced your paperwork or have questions about the order process, please contact Donna Conrad at 888.225.2111 ext. 236 or [donna.conrad@michigandistrict.org](mailto:donna.conrad@michigandistrict.org).

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## Other Ministry News

### JANUARY VISUAL CHURCH YEAR CHILDREN'S & ADULT BULLETIN TEMPLATES AVAILABLE FREE!



Worship Bulletins for Kids & Adults Now Available

*Worship Notes for Kids* for January are free and available to [download here](#). These FREE bulletins are designed to engage children (preschool and up) through the entire service. Because they are listening for words spoken, they are learning the liturgy and biblical accounts. This resource also provides opportunities for family conversations and prayer requests throughout the week. *My Worship Notes* (for adults) are also now available to [download here](#). Both of these resources are following the Lectionary and will

be available for download each month. They are created by Visual Faith ministry team members. For more information about Visual Faith Ministry, [click here](#).

### MIDMICHIGAN HEALTH SPIRITUAL CARE SEMINAR

January 17, 2018 | Midland Evangelical Free Church

University of Michigan's MidMichigan Health in Midland is offering a [Spiritual Care Seminar](#) on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. The theme of the seminar is "Discovering Personal Peace." The event is free, although space is limited. Register online by [clicking here](#). For more information, contact Chaplain Roger Stauffer at [Roger.Stauffer@midmichigan.org](mailto:Roger.Stauffer@midmichigan.org).

### LUTHER SCHOLAR GUARANTEE DEADLINE

February 1, 2018



In addition to the automatic Luther Promise award which goes to all Lutheran students, Concordia University Ann Arbor has a few select "Luther Scholar Guarantee" awards for promising pre-seminary students. Application deadline for 2018 is Feb. 1. For more information and to apply click [here](#). Questions can be directed to Rev. Charles Schulz, Pre-seminary Director at 734.995.7384.

## LUTHERAN SINGLES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

May 17-20, 2018 | St. Matthew, Spring Lake

Lutherans Singles Association (LSA) is holding its biennial Conference at St. Matthew's, Spring Lake on May 17-20, 2018. Cost is \$150/person for the entire conference which includes: meals, a dinner-cruise, and program costs. Fee does not include sleeping rooms or breakfast. Daily room rates are Thursday \$25, Friday \$75, and \$50 for Saturday. Also scheduled is a Grand Haven Harbor Trolley Tour and the annual Kite Festival. Come and meet single adults from all over the country. When we aren't touring and eating - we will be attending Bible study and participating in service. A flyer can be downloaded on the [LSA Facebook page](#) or [lsalcms.org](#).

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## Community Calendar

*The following is a list of events happening in the congregations and schools of the Michigan District, LCMS and other ministries.*

[Parent Talk - Sexual Awareness](#)

Jan 10 | Cross of Christ, Bloomfield Hills

[American Red Cross Blood Drive](#)

Jan 23 | Lamb of God, Flint

[Spiritual Care Seminar](#)

Jan 17 | Midland Evangelical Free Church

[Wild Game Dinner](#)

Jan 26 | Trinity, Utica

[Pre-Lenten Preaching Workshop](#)

Jan 20 | St. Luke, Ann Arbor

[Parents of Prodigals One-day Retreat](#)

Jan 27 | St. Matthew, Grand Rapids

[Financial Peace University](#)

Jan 20 | St. Thomas, Eastpointe

[Evening at Our Place](#)

Feb 9 | Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton

[Open House for New Students](#)

Jan 23 | Our Savior, Grand Rapids

[Take Heart, Take Action](#)

Feb 24 | Our Savior, Lansing

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## E-Classified

### CAMP CONCORDIA NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR JR. COUNSELORS



As a Junior Counselor, you will spend up to 12 days volunteering at camp. They will be some of the hardest and best weeks of your life. You will serve and laugh and lead and love. You'll spend each week in hands-on training with a camper group, working with a college-age summer ministry leader, and helping behind the scenes to make this an incredible week for all attending. Kids will think you are the coolest person in the world, and you'll get to share in their life and their faith. You'll be mentored by our summer ministry staff and encouraged in your walk with Jesus Christ . . . and you'll get to be part of an unforgettable community. Junior Counselor [application information is available here](#).

### MINISTRY MANAGER SOUGHT

St. Thomas, Eastpointe is adding a Ministry Manager to its staff and is looking for applicants. The position is 30 hours/week and requires excellent oral, written, and electronic communication skills. The Ministry Manager will focus upon nurturing relationships in the congregation/community, and facilitating ministries with lay leaders and volunteers. The successful candidate will enjoy working with people of diverse ages and backgrounds to increase support, involvement, and effectiveness of STL ministries. The Ministry Manager will be asked to become a member of STL. If you or someone you know is interested, please mail resumes to St. Thomas Lutheran Church; 23801 Kelly Rd; Eastpointe MI 48021, or by email to Pastor Mark Hetzner at [pastormarkhetz@hotmail.com](mailto:pastormarkhetz@hotmail.com).

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