



# Michigan Minute

Weekly E-news and Events of the Michigan District, LCMS

People of Hope ... Vigorously Making Known the Love of Christ

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6 ESV).*

December 19, 2017

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## Prayers

### PRAYER REQUESTS

The family and friends of Elaine Grulke (mother of Rev. Galan Grulke, Emeritus, and grandmother of Travis Grulke, District Office, Ann Arbor) who passed away on December 18 ... **Deacon Mark Gawura** (First, Charlotte) who is recovering from injuries as a result of a fall ... **This week's congregations, schools, and ministries:** St. Paul, Lapeer; St. Matthew, Lexington; Good Shepherd, Chesterfield; Faith, Troy; Gethsemane, Rochester Hills.

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## On the Blog



[Holiday Family Challenge](#)  
by Miriam Yakimow



Submit your story [here](#).

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## District News

**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE MAIERS**

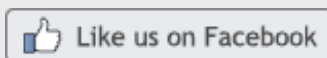


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### Submit News

To submit your prayer requests, news, events, and E-classified, [click here](#).



## A2E SEEKING SOCIAL WORKER SUPPORT



A2E will extend its Soft Skill Training to two eight-week sessions in 2018. Much has been learned by listening to the participants who have benefited from a Christ-presence in the work place. Through observations and conversations, we have learned that ongoing

emotional support is needed as it pertains to decision making, accountability, and crisis intervention. One of the ways to strongly enhance this outreach of transforming lives would be to provide experienced professional social work support. A2E would greatly benefit from having someone who has experience in identifying mental health issues, addiction issues, problem-solving issues, or providing life coping tracts. If you are an individual who would be willing to offer 3 - 5 servant hours a week, your expertise and generosity would be greatly appreciated. If interested, please contact Rev. Christopher Bodley at 321.947.3433 or [pastorbodley@aol.com](mailto:pastorbodley@aol.com).

## DISTRICT & CEF OFFICES CLOSED

The District and Church Extension Fund Offices will be closed for Christmas on December 25-26 and for New Year's Day on January 1.

# Congregation News

## THY WILL BE DONE PRE-LENTEN PREACHING WORKSHOP

January 20, 2018 | St. Luke, Ann Arbor



Lent is important; life is busy. We can help. The *Thy Will Be Done Pre-Lenten Preaching Workshop* will put resources into the pastor's hand to help invite their congregations to lean into God's will through worship and daily prayer during Lent. But more than that, the training provided at the workshop and reinforced through sermon manuscripts and outlines will help the pastor to expand his preaching repertoire. Reinvigorate your preaching and prepare for Lent, all at the same time. [Register today!](#)

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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.*

[4 Simple Keys to Productive Team Ministry](#)

Jan 3 | Gethsemane, Rochester Hills

[Open House for New Students](#)

Jan 23 | Our Savior, Grand Rapids

[Pre-Lenten Preaching Workshop](#)

Jan 20 | St. Luke, Ann Arbor

[Wild Game Dinner](#)

Jan 26 | Trinity, Utica

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## E-Classified

### LOW-COST SKI LODGING AVAILABLE

Emmanuel, Cadillac has a house available for group lodging, for a free-will donation only, just a few minutes from Caberfae or Crystal Mountain ski resorts. Bring your own food and bedding for a low-cost ski trip! If interested, please contact the office at 231.775.3261 or [bekki@emmanuelcadillac.org](mailto:bekki@emmanuelcadillac.org).

### CHURCH PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

St. Paul, Ann Arbor is hiring a new church Parish Administrator (office manager). The position is 32 hours/week, and requires the ability to use office equipment, design and create publications, maintain a database and produce a variety of reports (Microsoft Excel), maintain parish records, schedule and oversight of the facility, purchase supplies and equipment, and maintain calendars and schedules. Oral and written communication skills of a high order are needed, as well as excellent general computer knowledge. The successful candidate would enjoy working with a variety of volunteers and maintaining a cheerful work environment. If interested, please mail your resume to St. Paul Lutheran Church; 420 W. Liberty; Ann Arbor MI 48103 or email it to Pastor Neuendorf at [dneuendorf@stpaulannarbor.org](mailto:dneuendorf@stpaulannarbor.org).



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