



Michigan Minute

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

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

"I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations" (Psalm 89:1 ESV).

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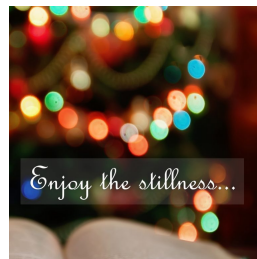
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Prayers

PRAYER REQUESTS

The family and friends of John Sturmfels (Commissioned Emeritus) who was called home on March 27, 2017 ... The family and friends of Beverly Feldkamp (Valley Lutheran High School, Saginaw) who passed away on December 22, 2017.

On the Blog



[There's a Place for Quiet](#)
by Monica VanDerWeide



[Why Santa Doesn't Not Visit the Parsonage](#)
by Dennis Matyas

District News

APOLOGETICS RESOURCES

Dr. James Pagels has written three resources clarifying and countering the drumbeat of secular humanists in terms of its story regarding evolution. Namely: 1) Resources in Apologetics - Basic Topical Content; 2) Lesson Plans for use in an Instructional Format; and 3) Touching Lives Through Apologetics, A Counseling Perspective. These can be downloaded from the [District website](#). Additionally, Dr. Pagels is available on a pro

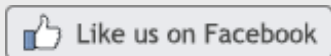


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bono basis to provide in-services to staffs or talk to school audiences. He can be contracted at jimpagels08@comcast.net or 517.552.8687.

DISTRICT AND CHURCH EXTENSION OFFICES CLOSED

The District and Church Extension Fund offices will be closed for New Year's Day on January 1.

Here We Stand

IMPORTANT ... IF YOU ARE 70 1/2 YEARS OLD OR OLDER, PLEASE READ



By making a year-end gift from your IRA, you can greatly assist the Michigan District, while benefiting yourself significantly as well. If you are 70 1/2 or older, you must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA. If this is your situation, please consider a gift to

the Michigan District's *Here We Stand* campaign. In fact, all charitable gifts made from your IRA, up to \$100,000 per year, do not need to be reported as taxable income if made directly to the Michigan District, or other 501(c)3 organization. You can meet your RMD requirement, or go beyond the RMD by making a larger gift, without having to report it as income. Both the Michigan District and you receive a wonderful benefit.

Simply contact your IRA Plan administrator and they can explain the specifics to you as to how to make an IRA Charitable Rollover gift, and how it will impact your specific circumstance. If you do not need all of your IRA income for daily living purposes, please consider this opportunity to impact the mission and ministries of the Michigan District through the *Here We Stand* campaign.

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

[Wild Game Dinner](#)
Jan 26 | Trinity, Utica

[Lansing Matinee Musical Program](#)
Jan 3 | Ascension, East Lansing

[Parents of Prodigals One-day Retreat](#)
Jan 27 | Grand Rapids

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CAMP STAFF POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Camp Concordia, an LCMS summer children's camp, is interviewing for kitchen staff, cabin counselors, and life-guards. Staff training is the first two weeks in June for weekly overnight camps that run for children ages K-12 June and July. For more information, please visit campconcordia.org/employment.



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