"You are the light of the world ... Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14,16b ESV).

Prayers

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Daryl Etheridge (St. Matthew, Adrian and Blessed Savior, Blissfield), who will be transferred from hospital to rehabilitation therapy ... This week's congregations, schools, and ministries: St. Timothy, Otisville; Trinity, Port Huron; Our Redeemer, Washington; St. John, Rochester; Living Word, Lansing.

District Blog

Glory-Bound by Jeff Weiss

First the Stone by Deborah Hauser

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District News

MICHIGAN DISTRICT WEBINAR TODAY!
Tuesday, January 31, 2017 | 2 p.m. EST
You can still register for the webinar “How to Ramp Up to Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation” taking place this afternoon at 2 p.m. EST. Rev. Bill Wangelin, Rev. David Rufner, and Rev. Dr. Robert Kasper will share the why and how to connect to the District’s Here We Stand campaign, how to get your congregation involved in our Bible reading program Crafted Daily, Hearts for Jesus' Kids2Camp, Here We Stand Community Events, the October District-wide Worship Service, and more. To register, click here now! If 2 p.m. is not convenient, please note that you must be registered to receive recording and resource information.

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION
Monday, February 6, 2017 | St. Paul, Buchanan
St. Paul, Buchanan has been added as a location for the Michigan District Stewardship Committee’s presentation and training entitled “Tithes and Offerings.” The Buchanan session will be held on Monday, February 6, 2017. To reserve your spot, click here.

LET’S TALK MALE & FEMALE
Saturday, February 11, 2017 | Theological Conference

We are inundated with confusing messages on sexual freedom, sexual orientation, gender identity, and dysphoria. We are gearing up for this year’s Theological Conference and hope to see YOU there! We will learn from expert speakers on what our loving, caring God has to say to His creation in His liberating, life-giving Word, and how we can lovingly communicate the blessing of that truth. Please consider coming and inviting your friends, your youth group, and your congregation to come along. A video, PowerPoint slides, and bulletin inserts have been produced to assist you in easily sharing the conference taking place on Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Lansing, Mich. Register here today!

THE KATIE 2017 CONFERENCE
April 21-23, 2017 | For Pastors’, Vicars’, and Deacon’s Wives and Widows

The Katie Conference is a gathering of women--wives and widows of clergy (pastors, vicars, and deacons)--who have much in common, for a weekend of laughter, worship, prayer, and play. The atmosphere is genial, uplifting, and designed to leave you encouraged, reconnected, and blessed with new insights, new friends, and new energy! For more information, or to register, click here.

BE SURE TO REGISTER FOR FORTRESS
June 25-28, 2017 | High School Gathering

The theme verse for the 2017 Michigan District High School Gathering is 2 Samuel 22:2: “He said, ‘The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.’” Speakers, music, sectionals, and fellowship will provide everyone with additional skills and spiritual growth. This gathering is for anyone age 14 (or entering 9th grade in the fall of 2017) to age 20. You must be affiliated with an LCMS congregation. For more information, or to pre-register your group, click here.

Congregation News

GIRLS OF GRACE DANCE MINISTRY CONCERT

The Girls of Grace, a dance ministry of St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth invites you to their annual Worship Concert. Experience God’s grace, come and be refreshed and inspired as His love OVERFLOWS to you from the stage on Saturday and Sunday, April 22-23, 2017 at 3 p.m. at Saginaw’s Temple Theatre. Reserved Tickets are $10/person. For more information, visit the Temple Box Office by clicking here or calling 877.754.SHOW.
Other Ministries

LUTHER SCHOLAR GUARANTEE
The New Concordia Pre-sem Scholarship, the Luther Scholar Guarantee, assures promising pre-seminary students $20,000 per year for four years. Ten awards are available between the CUAA and CUW campuses. For more information, or to apply click here. Applications are due Feb. 1. Questions can be directed to Rev. Charles Schulz, Pre-seminary Director, at 734.995.7384.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES SUNDAY
Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) wants to be your partner in calling the lost and hurting back to the church; back to forgiveness and grace; back to God and His Word. LHM’s mission is to encourage and support you as you respond to God’s call to action. Learn how you and other congregation members can use LHM’s outreach training and resources by participating in Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday on February 5, 2017--or any Sunday of your choice. These outreach tools serve as the catalyst for partnering with the laity to empower them to be missionaries in their own communities. Go to lhm.org to find resources for this special Sunday. You can still order bulk quantities of the FREE brochures and offering envelopes for your congregation. For events being held after February 5, please allow two weeks for delivery when ordering materials.

IS YOUR MONEY DOING DOUBLE DUTY?
With the Michigan District Church Extension Fund (CEF), your money does have a double purpose. Your investment earns you interest as it builds churches and schools throughout Michigan. With your investment, you are part of a large number of investors who are building God’s Kingdom, providing “space and place” for the preaching and teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Come join us! For more information, visit mi-cef.org.

HOST FREE SCREENING OF NEW LUTHER MOVIE
The new full-length film, “Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World,” premieres on February 13, 2017 in St. Louis. Funded by a grant from Thrivent Financial, this entertaining new film brings to life the dramatic moments that shaped Luther, and it examines the universal questions he wrestled with, such as “Who am I?”, “What is my purpose?”, and “How do I get right with God?” Any LCMS congregation or organization can host a free screening at a movie theater in its community. There is no cost to you and the process is simple. To learn more, visit newluthermovie.com/lcms.

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

Lifetree Cafe
Feb 6 | St. Paul, Ann Arbor

Men’s Retreat
Mar 3-5 | Our Shepherd, Birmingham
An Evening at Our Place School Open House
Feb 10 | Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton

Being Mom & Dad Convention
Feb 11 | St. Matthew, Grand Rapids

Valentine Dinner Dance
Feb 11 | Prince of Peace, Farmington Hills

Financial Peace University
Feb 16 | Prince of Peace, Farmington Hills

Seeking Certainty: Reformation's Quest
Feb 16 | Concordia University Ann Arbor

Women's Retreat "Life is Looking UP!"
Mar 4 | St. Thomas, Eastpointe

Mom 2 Mom Sale
Mar 18 | Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton

Luther on the Six Days of Creation
Apr 4 | Concordia University Ann Arbor

Girls of Grace Overwhelming Love
Apr 22-23 | Temple Theater, Saginaw

E-Classified

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - ST. JOSEPH, MICH.
Trinity, Saint Joseph is seeking a part-time administrative assistant to join the school office staff. This position will develop into a full-time position in June, 2017. An ideal candidate would be warm and outgoing, a faith-filled follower of Jesus, a natural problem solver, have the gift of hospitality, and be detail-oriented. A full job description will be available upon request. Interested qualified candidates should email cover letter and resume to schooloffice@trinitystjoe.net.

CUSTODIAN/Maintenance POSITION
St. Trinity, Clarkston is in need of a custodian/maintenance person for approximately 25 hours a week. Requirements are basic knowledge of general maintenance, general cleaning, a valid driver's license, and pass a background check. Fingerprinting is also required. Pay is $14/hour. If interested, send prior work history and references to sttrinity@comcast.net.

PART-TIME SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST
Trinity, Sawyer is hiring a part-time secretary/receptionist. The person will report directly to the pastor and will provide assistance in the office with clerical, telephone assistance, and reception as well as support to the church staff. Thirty hours per week. For more information, contact the church office at trinity_lutheran@yahoo.com or 269.426.3937.

2017 LUTHERAN CAMP STAFF SUMMER POSITIONS
Lutheran Camps in Michigan and across the United States are interviewing for summer 2017 staff positions. Think of a college student or someone you know who has a love for Jesus, children, and the outdoors! For more information, click here.

PART-TIME MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER
Guardian, Dearborn has an opening for a part-time middle school science teacher beginning in August 2017. It would include teaching 5th-8th grade science, as well as some homeroom responsibilities. All interested individuals should contact Mr. Matthew Dummann at 313.274.3665 or principal@guardianlutheran.org for more information.

PART-TIME ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR
Hosanna-Tabor, Redford is looking for a part-time (10 hrs/wk) organist/music director. The congregation has both Traditional and Blended worship services. The ideal candidate will be proficient on a pipe organ and familiar with the liturgies and hymns of the Lutheran Service Book, as well as willing to play keyboard/piano as a part of our praise team. They would be responsible for playing for two services on Sunday mornings, as well as for seasonal services (Advent, Lent, etc.). This is a salaried position and is potentially eligible for a Call for the right candidate. Interested candidates should contact Pastor Paul Undlin at pastorpaul@hosannatabor.org or 313.937.2424 for more information.