

# THE INFORMER



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Hark the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting; Who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.  
Who will answer gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me."

The Bible gives us several examples and illustrations of the lives our heavenly Father wants us to live. Jesus' parables are filled with stories which illustrate the need for faithfulness, diligence, and trusting obedience. As those who have been saved from the condemnation of sin, we have a very unique message to share with the world. We're called to share the love of God revealed through His Son Jesus Christ. We're called to share the good news of forgiveness.

If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment's dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.

The forgiveness we've received as the children of God is the same forgiveness our heavenly Father desires to share with all the lost in His creation. Who could be better to share it than we who have received that forgiveness and now live in it? We're rarely asked to provide a theological explanation for what we believe, but we regularly run into people who desperately need to know that God has provided for them a way out of the shame and guilt they feel.

If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God commands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.

People are desperate for something to believe in... something to hope for beyond the lies of politicians, the deceptions of advertising, and the emptiness of sin's promises. People are desperate to be valued... not as a vote to be gotten or money to be had or influence to be exerted... but valued for themselves; simply for the persons they are. That is exactly what our heavenly Father does: He loves us as ourselves. We receive that love and belonging through forgiveness and we're invited to share that forgiveness.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"  
While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

What can we do? What does Jesus send us out to do? He sends us out to *live* in the forgiveness we've been given. To demonstrate that forgiveness: to share it and rejoice in it and bless those around us with it. This is the radical joy of our God! This is the peace which passes our understanding! This is the blessing we've been given through our Savior Jesus Christ. This is the blessing which can transform our entire world, and we get to be a part of it!





# The Elders' Corner



Michigan District Convention 2018



June 24<sup>th</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup>

As mentioned last month, our Michigan District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod will meet in Convention next month. Gary Carr has volunteered to act as the Lay Delegate for St. Peter, Fair Haven and Pastor Hoerr will serve as the Clergy Delegate.

The Michigan District is currently comprised of forty-four separate circuits. Proposed action at the upcoming Convention includes splitting a few of the existing circuits into two separate circuits. Our own Circuit #14, the Port Huron Circuit, which includes St. Peter, Fair Haven, is among the circuits being consider for splitting. The goal of these circuit changes is to increase the Michigan District's influence in Synodical activities. The number of Synodical voting delegates is set by the number of circuits in each District. This proposed splitting would add more Michigan delegates to the Synodical Convention.

The Convention Workbook included the report of the Michigan District which described the ministries and activities our Michigan District has been supporting with personnel and financial resources. These ministries and activities are as follows:

## **District Critical Target #1 – Great Commission Ministry**

The "Great Commission Ministries" referred to by the District include the "A2E Ministry," "International Missions," "New Mission and Ministry Starts," "Social Media Ministry," and "StartNew Ministry."

A2E or the *Acts 2 Enterprise* is the District's innercity outreach effort in Detroit. Through the *Here We Stand* campaign, the District provided direct financial support for eight missionary families working in various parts of the world, and further financial support for several missionary organizations. New Mission and Ministry Starts reported on several new or continuing efforts at outreach through service to those in need. The use of Social Media as a tool for ministry also grew since the last convention. The StartNew Ministry is a partnership between the District, an outside consultant organization, and individual Michigan LCMS congregations. The program works to support the congregations in community service and improvement efforts.

## **District Critical Target #2 – Great Compassion Ministry**

The "Great Compassion Ministries" referred to by the District include the "Blind and Deaf Ministry," "Chaplaincy," "Disaster Response," "Parsh Nurse/Health Ministry," and "Prison Ministry."

The District reported on the congregations and organizations offering services and worship for the deaf and the blind in our communities. The District coordinates the training and work of several chaplains throughout the state and oversees their service in various institutions. Disaster Respponse has been a focus of the national Synod and our District has also begun supporting the work of training volunteers to respond in times of disaster. The District also continues to provide support for those congregations working in Prison Ministry.

## **District Critical Target #3 – Healthy Congregations**

The "Health Congregations" initiatives referred to by the District include the "Church Extension Fund," "Commission on Deacon Qualification," "Communications Department," "Congregation Mission and Ministries Department," "Development Department," "Family Life Ministry," "Intentional Interim Ministry," "Lutheran Day Schools Department," "Michigan District Archives," and "Stewardship Committee."

This portion of the District's Report provides the reports from the organizations and commissions run by the District. The Church Extension Fund's report noted that the Fund had increased the number of loans since its last report. The Commission on Deacon Qualification leads the effort to standardize the training and responsibilities for those serving as Deacons throughout the Synod. The remaining portion of this section were the reports from all the District Committees.

## **District Critical Target #4 – Healthy Church Workers**

The "Healthy Church Workers" initiatives referred to by the District include the "Commission for Church Worker Care," "Sower's Fund," and "Student Aid."

The Commission for Church Worker Care is the new name for the committee formerly known as the Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support. This group provides seminars and information for the benefit of those working in the church. The Sower's Fund is an emergency fund, administered by the District, for use in helping church workers who face unexpected emergencies, typically with a focus on health care or shelter issues. The Student Aid Program of the District provides support for Michigan students attending the Synod's Seminaries, Concordia University Ann Arbor, or one of the other Concordia System Universities.

**Copies of the District Report are Available!!**

If you would like a copy of the Michigan District's Convention Report, please see Pastor. This is a great opportunity to familiarize yourself with the work of your Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod!



**LADIES AID NEWS**

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The May meeting of the Ladies Aid will be on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00 pm. We hope you will attend our last meeting before summer.

OK, Ladies it's that time of year to dig into your garage, basement and other little hidey holes to find all those little items that you have been meaning to get rid of. And just in time...the Ladies Aid is having their annual Rummage & Bake

Sale. We are now accepting items for the rummage sale to be held on

May 18 & 19, 2018. We will be setting up on Thursday May 17. We also hope that the Ladies of the Congregation will get their aprons on and help to donate for the bake sale. We will accept those donations as well on Thursday or Friday. There are sign- up sheets on the bulletin board for workers, all three days. C'mon and join us , it will be lots of fun. Who knows you might find a real treasure among the junk.

Don't forget the Ladies Aid Mystery Trip is coming up on June 13, 2018. Look for the sign- up sheet on the bulletin board. We usually have a fun time. If you have any questions contact me at 810-794-7802.

Marie Brockmiller/President



**Rummage & Bake Sale**

Our Ladies Aid are sponsoring a Rummage sale again this year. So as you do your spring cleaning please put aside anything you do not want. You can box your items up, mark Rummage sale and put in our garage at church. We will be holding our sales on Friday, May 18th from 9am till 2pm and Saturday, May 19th from 9am till noon. Please keep us in mind as you are going thru your house. We have already started a collection of items in our garage.

## A Schedule for Reading the Bible in 12 Months ~ May

Day	Old Testament	New Testament
1 <sup>st</sup>	1 Kings 10 & 11	Luke 21:20-38
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 Kings 12 & 13	Luke 22:1-20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 Kings 14 & 15	Luke 22:21-46
4 <sup>th</sup>	1 Kings 16, 17, & 18	Luke 22:47-71
5 <sup>th</sup>	1 Kings 19 & 20	Luke 23:1-25
6 <sup>th</sup>	1 Kings 21 & 22	Luke 23: 26-56
7 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 1, 2, & 3	Luke 24:1-35
8 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 4, 5, & 6	Luke 24:36-53
9 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 7, 8, & 9	John 1:1-28
10 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 10, 11, & 12	John 1:29-51
11 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 13 & 14	John 2
12 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 15 & 16	John 3:1-18
13 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 17 & 18	John 3:19-38
14 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 19, 20, & 21	John 4:1-30
15 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 22 & 23	John 4:31-54
16 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 24 & 25	John 5:1-24
17 <sup>th</sup>	1 Chronicles 1, 2, & 3	John 5:25-47
18 <sup>th</sup>	1 Chr 4, 5, & 6	John 6:1-21
19 <sup>th</sup>	1 Chr 7, 8, & 9	John 6:22-44
20 <sup>th</sup>	1 Chr 10, 11, & 12	John 6:45-71
21 <sup>st</sup>	1 Chr 13, 14, & 15	John 7:1-27
22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 Chr 16, 17, & 18	John 7:28-53
23 <sup>rd</sup>	1 Chr 19, 20, & 21	John 8:1-27
24 <sup>th</sup>	1 Chr 22, 23, & 24	John 8:28-59
25 <sup>th</sup>	1 Chr 25, 26, & 27	John 9:1-23
26 <sup>th</sup>	1 Chr 28 & 29	John 9:24-41
27 <sup>th</sup>	2 Chronicles 1, 2, & 3	John 10:1-23
28 <sup>th</sup>	2 Chr 4, 5, & 6	John 10:24-42
29 <sup>th</sup>	2 Chr 7, 8, & 9	John 11:1-29
30 <sup>th</sup>	2 Chr 10, 11, & 12	John 11:30-57
31 <sup>st</sup>	2 Chr 13 & 14	John 12:1-26



### **FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Has spring/summer finally come to Michigan? The lawns are starting to green up and Robins finally can poke holes on the ground and flowers are starting to bloom, yup it's here. Most of all, the snow birds are back! It's good to see them again.

The last couple of Sundays Pastor Doroh led our services. If you know him as well as some of us, you know he is a special man. God picked a good man when he urged him to become a minister. He always has a smile on his face and nice words to everyone he meets.

It's been nice to see new faces at St. Peter! Be sure to make them feel welcome, because that's what St. Peter is all about, isn't it?

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## Choir News

As we enter the month of May, your St. Peter Choir is preparing their musical offerings for the Festivals of Pentecost and the Trinity. The song entitled *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* is a rousing celebration of praise which fits well into our Pentecost observance, and a hymn-based anthem called *Our Hope* will complement our commemoration of Trinity Sunday.

These are the choir's last two offerings prior to their summer break. If you have been considering joining the melody-making, now is the time to jump in! There are a few more practices prior to these Festivals so you'll be able to get to know the songs, enjoy the fellowship, and be a part of singing praises to our God!

Your choir meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm. If you enjoy singing and like the company of friendly and supportive people, this is the group for you!



### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR FOR MAY

MAY 6	ROY HOPKINS & PHYLLIS
MAY 13	GARY & SANDY CARR
MAY 20	PASTOR & DEBI HOERR
MAY 27	CHARLIE & ELLEN JONES



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## Scrapbook

Scrapbook Friday has turned into scrapbooking on Saturday's from 12 noon to 8PM, in May we will be meeting on Saturday the 12th. Come and join us, bring your scrapbook or knitting or sewing or crafts and join the fun. We always have a great time with fellowship and food. Lets all bring a dish to pass.



**St. Peter Mystery Trip**  
Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

A very interesting and informative docent-led tour (\$5.00) with a delicious lunch (on your own) nearby afterward. We need of a minimum of 10 for this tour. We will carpool and need drivers. Meet at the church at 8:45 a.m., leaving at 9:00 a.m. as the tour begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. Questions please contact Gary or Sandy Carr.

Sign Up sheets located on the bulletin board located by the bathrooms in the Fellowship Hall.



# LOOKING AHEAD

**Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.**

**~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15**

The Day of Pentecost is Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> this year. The Day of Pentecost commemorates the Holy Spirit pouring out upon all believers, indwelling them, and uniting them together as God's chosen people; His Church.

On the day of Pentecost we also celebrate Confirmation Day. That is the day set aside for our 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation class to publicly confess their faith and join in receiving the Lord's Supper for the first time. This year's class has one member: Mr. Dustin Vernier.

Dustin will publicly confess the faith into which he was Baptized and is now being Confirmed. This public confession is made before the church service on Pentecost. Dustin, Pastor, and all members of the congregation wanting to attend will gather in the Sanctuary at 8:30 am to witness Dustin's confession as he answers questions concerning the Christian faith.

The purpose of this public confession is two-fold: first, it allows the Confirmand to demonstrate that he is able to "rightly handle the word of truth" by answering questions concerning the faith. Second, it allows the congregation to know that the one joining them in Holy Communion truly understands what he is receiving in the Sacrament.

Please congratulate Dustin as our 2018 Confirmand! We rejoice as he joins us in Altar fellowship this Pentecost Sunday!

Confirmation Class

