

# April 28, 2024

## *eBulletin*

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April 28 – Easter 5

John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.

The Lutheran Church—  
Missouri Synod  
LCMS Stewardship Ministry  
Stewardship Thoughts –  
April 2024

**GREAT LAKES BAY REGION LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S PRODUCTION Presents  
ROALD DAHL'S Matilda Jr.  
AT Bethlehem Lutheran School**



**ROALD DAHL'S Matilda Jr. plays at Bethlehem Lutheran from Friday, May 10-11, at 7 PM and Sunday, May 12, at 2 pm. The spectacular 60-minute musical is based on Roald Dahl's novel Matilda and adapted from the award-winning full-length musical Roald Dahl's Matilda. It tells the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her destiny.**

**The LuthMusicals cast includes 26 students from eight Lutheran schools in the area. Rebecca Smith (Bethlehem), Annelise Holcomb (Bethlehem), and Mark Brenner (Immanuel) are the production staff. You may purchase \$8 tickets at the door starting at 6:30 pm on May 10-11 and 1:30 pm on May 12.**

**Bethlehem Lutheran School  
808 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI 48602**

**Sunday Worship Services are available online - on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).**

**The 8:30 service will be recorded on Sunday, April 28.  
This is subject to change without notice.**



**BIBLE READINGS  
FOR THE WEEK OF:**

April 29 - May 5

<b>Monday</b>	<b>4/29</b>
2 Sam. 17:15-19:30, Psalm 3, 63	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4/30</b>
2 Sam. 19:31-21:22, Psalm 7, 1 Chr. 20:4-8	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5/1</b>
2 Sam. 22, Psalm 18	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/2</b>
2 Sam. 24, 1 Chr. 21-22	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/3</b>
1 Chr. 23-25	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5/4</b>
1 Chr. 26-28	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/5</b>
1 Chr. 29:1-22, 1 Kings 1	

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

	<b>4/28 8:30 AM</b>	<b>4/28 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Wed. 5/1 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Jamie LeBlanc	John Weidman	Bill McQueen
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Jamie LeBlanc	Zach Voss	Bill McQueen
<b>Greeters</b>	Jamie & Lynn	John & Pam	Bill & Linda
<b>Usher</b>	Koehlers	Jay Hecht & Brian & Zeke	Larry Neuman

**Sunday, April 28**

**8:30 - Traditional Worship with Holy Communion**

**9:45 - Sunday School & Bible Class**

**11:00 - Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion**

**11:00 - SS kids sing April Song of the Month**

**12:15 - Confirmation Questioning**

**Monday, April 29**

**5:30 - Choir Practice**

**6:30 - Handbells Practice**

**Tuesday, April 30**

**8:30 - Quilters**

**5:30 - Contemporary Rehearsal**

**Wednesday, May 1**

**7:00 - Worship Service**

**Thursday, May 2 - National Day of Prayer**

**Friday, May 3**

**Saturday, May 4**

**Sunday, May 5 - Confirmation Sunday**

**8:30 - Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion**

**9:45 - Sunday School & Bible Class**

**11:00 - Trad. Worship with Holy Comm. and Confirmation**

## THE BOOK OF REVELATION is

Pastor Steele's  
Sunday Morning  
Bible Class.  
Everyone is invited  
to attend.



## READERS

**WANTED:** I could  
sure use more  
readers. If you  
would like to be  
placed on my list  
of readers, please  
let me know. You  
can even specify if  
you have a  
preference of  
**8:30, 11:00, or**  
**WEDNESDAY.** I  
will even give you  
a large printout at  
least a week in  
advance so you  
can practice if you  
want.

## NEXT WEEK:

	5/5 8:30 AM	5/5 11:00 AM	Wed. 5/8 7:00 PM
<b>Elder</b>	Dave Hoard	Kent Graf	Eric Bitzer
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Zach Voss	Kent Graf	Cathy Erla
<b>Greeters</b>	Dave & Tina	Kent Graf	Eric Bitzer
<b>Usher</b>	Larry Neuman & Gary Zick	Doug DeRocco & Ray Stec	Larry Neuman

## CONCORDIA SEMINARY

**Adopt-a-Student:** St. Paul has "adopted" Mr. Joshua Marlatt as a Seminary Student. Initially, our congregation voted to support him with \$1,000 for this year. But you can support him too, in so many ways. Please Pray for Joshua, write notes of encouragement to him, support him financially with your own gifts. We will get to know him better throughout the year. Here is his contact information:

[marlattJ@csl.edu](mailto:marlattJ@csl.edu)

Mr. Joshua Marlatt,  
801 Seminary Place,  
St. Louis, MO 63105

Next Sunday, May 5,  
at the 11:00 service,  
will be the confirmation of  
Eric Peasley  
and Averie Stefanovsky.



**Join the Michigan LLL District at their annual convention hosted at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church Worship & Event Center in Frankenmuth, Michigan on Saturday, May 11, 2024. All are welcome to attend.**

Guest speakers are Lutheran Hour Ministries staff members Jeff Craig-Meyer, President, U.S. Ministries and Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies, Vice President, Ministry Engagement focusing on Energizing Mission.

Join other LCMS Michigan District Board of Directors for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission.

**Doors open at 9 a.m. with the convention beginning at 9:30 a.m.** No cost to register – free-will offerings will be gathered during the event to assist the MI LLL District with meal costs. **Please register by May 3** for meal and seat count for the day.

Send your name, address and contact information of all attendees and return to reservations can be emailed to [usnavy@peoplepc.com](mailto:usnavy@peoplepc.com) or mail to Philip Krauss, MI LLL District Treasurer, 112 Marshall St. PO Box 74, Brooklyn, MI 49230. If you have any questions or need more information you can contact Dennis Engelhard, MI LLL District President by phone: 989.670.8028; by email: [dennisengelhard59@gmail.com](mailto:dennisengelhard59@gmail.com).

The theme for the convention is as follows:

“I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever;  
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known  
through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands forever;  
that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.”

Psalm 89:1-2.

**SEE FOLLOWING FLYER**



# MICHIGAN LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION

*Energizing Mission*

*Psalm 89:1-2*



SATURDAY  
**May 11, 2024**

**St. Lorenz Lutheran Church  
Worship & Event Center**

850 W Genessee St • Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.  
Convention begins at 9:30 a.m.

## HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



**GUEST SPEAKER**  
Jeff Craig-Meyer  
*LHM President, U.S. Ministries*



**GUEST SPEAKER**  
Rev. Dr. Chad Lokies  
*Vice President, Ministry Engagement*

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Updates from Michigan LWML District
- Updates from Michigan LCMS District

For more information or questions, please contact:  
Dennis Engelhard, MI LLL District President  
989.670.8028 • [dennisengelhard59@gmail.com](mailto:dennisengelhard59@gmail.com)

Mail completed registration form to: Philip Krauss, 112 Marshall St, PO Box 74, Brooklyn, MI 49230

## REGISTRATION FORM 2024 MICHIGAN LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION

Registration deadline **May 3**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ *No Registration Fee - Please register for seat and meal count. A free-will offering will be collected to assist with covering lunch meal costs and to support Michigan Orphan Grain Train.*



The Frankenmuth and Saginaw Circuits of the LCMS Michigan District join to invite you to our

## CIRCUIT CONVOCATION

June 8, 2024, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Reese, Michigan

***"His Church, His Mission  
Our churches, His Mission"***

How is our Lord at work in His Church in our congregations? You can find out and you'll be uplifted and inspired. Michigan District Circuits #9 and #10, Frankenmuth and Saginaw Circuits present a Convocation where all of us can gather together to see just how many places the Holy Spirit is at work among us. Join us Saturday, June 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Reese for our Convocation titled: "His Church, His Mission. Our churches, His Mission." We begin at 9:00 am.

When you arrive, meet your brothers and sisters from our two circuits. Take some time to browse Mission displays. See what your sister congregations are doing in their local communities. You'll be surprised to find out all the various ways Our churches serve His Mission!



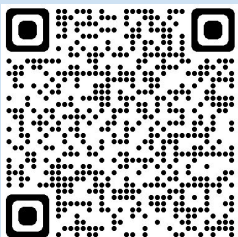
After we worship together, we'll hear from a Missionary Couple who have connections to our area. Adam and Christine Lehman serve the Lord with their four children as Missionaries in Puerto Rico. Hear their stories of the Lord's blessings and learn how the Mission Work of the LCMS is organized. You can be a part of this!

*Rev. Adam and Christine Lehman and family.*

Lunch is provided for everyone. In the afternoon you can attend two sectionals about ministries that offer us opportunities to participate in His mission. Each of these is led by an organization based right here in Michigan! These include: *LAMP, Orphan Grain Train, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, MOST Ministries and Sleep in Heavenly Peace*. How will you choose which sectionals to attend? In the weeks leading up to the Convocation I will share information on each of the ministries. Here is some information on LAMP.



**LAMP (Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots)** LAMP Ministry has been taking the light of Jesus Christ to the people in remote areas of Alaska and northern Canada for over 50 years. Meet the Executive Director of LAMP and year about LAMP's exciting Missionary Endeavors.



You can register on your mobile phone using this QR code to open the registration page. Just use your camera or whatever QR code reader you prefer. If QR codes aren't your thing - you can use this link.

[bit.ly/2024\\_Convocation](https://bit.ly/2024_Convocation)



**ENDOWMENT FUND:** Fund Request Forms are now out. They are due by June 1, 2024 for both restricted and unrestricted funds. What does the Endowment Committee do? How is the money given out? What are restricted and unrestricted funds? The answers to all of these questions are on the back of the Request Form. Look for the yellow paper on the table in the Narthex.



**SET APART TO SERVE:** The need is great for church workers. Learn more about the LCMS church work recruitment

initiative. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex, or for even more information, go to the following link: [lcms.org/sas](https://lcms.org/sas)

**DIRECT YOUR LABELS:** Please save your *Our Family* brand barcodes. You only need to turn in the barcode. For every 500 barcodes, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will earn \$25. You can put those in the box above the card case. There is a slot labeled for them.



**WE ARE NO LONGER COLLECTING VGs RECEIPTS!**



**FAMILY PROMISE THRIFT:** What used to be Michigan House of Hope on Joy Street in town is now Family Promise Thrift. They are still in need of volunteers. For information call Pastor Mike Wester at 989-325-5827.



**CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING:** Kids – remember to put your Children's bulletin in my mailbox (Secretary) when you complete it to be in the Monthly Drawing. You only have to do one of the two bulletins that you get. Please make sure your name is on it.

# DEFENDING THE FAITH, TEACHING

# THE TRUTH...

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## NEWSLETTER SPONSORS FOR 2024:



If you would like to sponsor the newsletter for a month, please see or call Lynn in the office at 989-673-4214. The cost is only \$25 per month. The money for the sponsorship will be used for the gifts for the Children's Bulletin Drawing and to supply the youth with the subscription for their quarterly devotion books when our current sponsor is done. You can sponsor in honor of someone, in celebration of an event, or whatever reason you want.

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[www.campconcordia.org](http://www.campconcordia.org)

This QR code will take you directly to a mini poster overview of the Camp Concordia summer Schedule. Or you can just click on the poster.

