

# Glad Tidings

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## Capital Stewardship Campaign Update

As of July 26th we have received a **total of \$98,221** which includes both pledged amounts as well as unpledged contributions from congregants and friends.

Stay tuned for more information on ground breaking dates to come.

## Other opportunities to be in God's Word

### Tuesday Morning

Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.  
 This group has been using the magazine "Good News", which is published by Concordia Mission Society. The editor is the former LHM speaker Wallace Schultz. There are several editions available in the pastor's study/office for anyone who would like to review a topic or use one for a personal Bible study.

### Wednesday morning

Wednesday Ladies Bible study:  
 This group meets most weeks.  
**The Ladies' Bible Study** will be starting their new study on August 5th, GOD IS IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM. There's more to life than daily task lists and repetitive chores. There has to be . . . right?

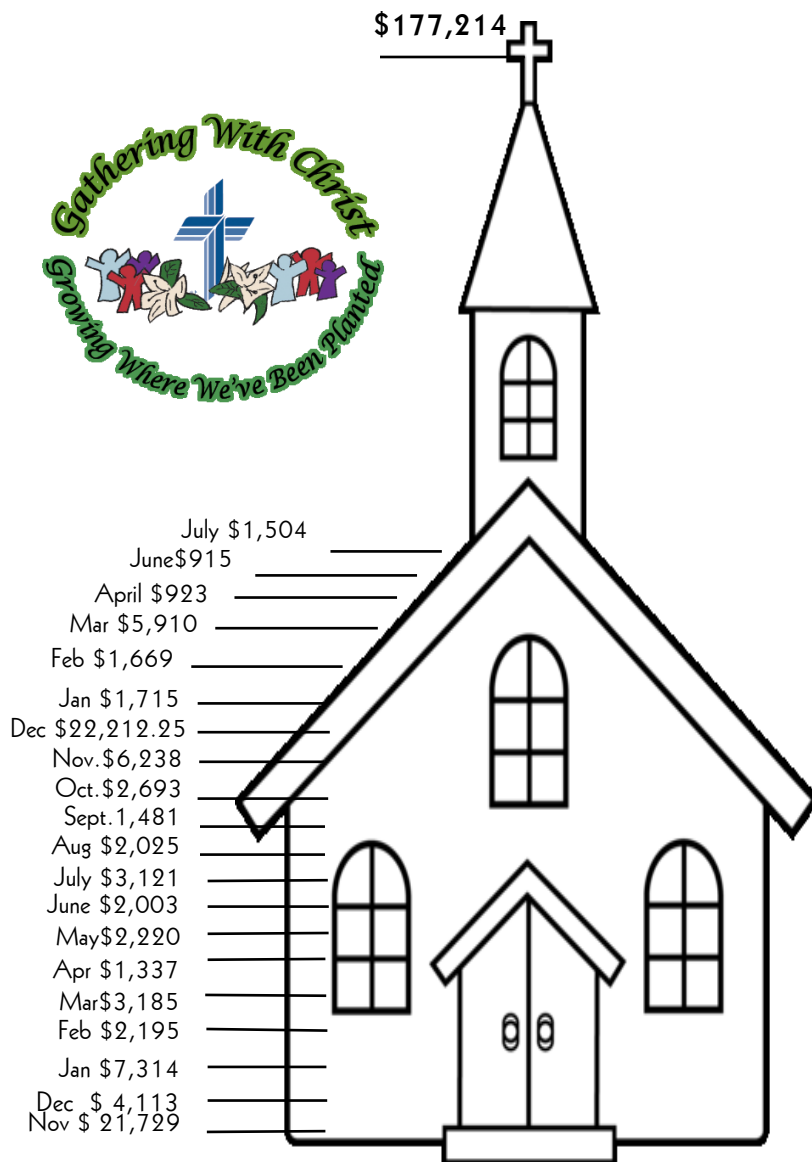
If evenings are better, join us at the **Cottage Meetings** the last Friday of the month at 7 p.m. hosted at a members home.

**Aug 28 at the Myher's**  
**More Hosts needed for 2015**

### Pastor Snider's Sunday

**Adult Bible Study** is on part 2 in studying the book of Isaiah using the Lifelight study guide. Join us as we take an in depth look at the life of this prophet and as we study, we also discover the many parallels of the times he lived in and how much they are like our current events.

We hope to see all of you at one or more of these Bible Studies.



# Pastor's Page

Disciple = Learner

*By Pastor Snider*

A disciple is, among other things, a learner. Learning is an ongoing activity in the life of a disciple. What we disciples learn can be either good or bad. St. Paul wrote to Titus, "And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful." (Titus 3:14, ESV).

We start the learning process as soon as we are born. We learn from our parents, our siblings, our relatives, our friends, our teachers, our pastors, our workmates, and the list could go on indefinitely. Since there is so much to learn from so many sources it's vitally important that we have a solid reference base from which to do our learning.

Obviously, the best reference base is none other than God's Holy Word, the Bible. It is the only absolutely reliable reference base that is true, trustworthy, and dependable. After all, the Holy Spirit inspired the men who wrote the Holy Scriptures to record what Almighty God wanted us to learn. That's why St. Paul wrote to Timothy, "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it

and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." (2 Tim 3:14-17, ESV)

The most important thing for us to learn ... and believe ... and review ... and remember ... is the Gospel in a nutshell, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish

but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17, ESV) St. Paul stated it this way, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Eph 2:8-10, ESV)

St. James expanded on that message when he wrote, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who

looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." (James 1:22-27, ESV) He continued later in his letter, "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works." (James 2:14-18, ESV)

The proper relationship between the saving faith that the Holy Spirit gave us and the living out of that faith according to God's direction by the power of the same Holy Spirit is indeed an ongoing learning process giving God the glory for the common good of one another.

"... God's Holy Word, the Bible. It is the only absolutely reliable reference base..."

**Barb Yek**

*Blessing: All the many times she has filled in Coffee Hour and the MANY positions she fills, her leadership and her mentoring.*

7/28/2015  
10:55 AM

Trinity Lutheran

Monthly Calendar

August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 7:00a-Men's Club b. Brandon Snider
<b>2</b> 8:45a-Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:00a-Divine Worship w/communion	<b>3</b> 7:00p-Trustees	<b>4</b> 10:00a-Bible Study	<b>5</b> 10:30a-Ladies Bible Study 5:45p-Prayer Warriors	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> b. Brian Frazzini w. Deb & (Robert) Dugan	<b>8</b> b. Ross Huettelman
<b>9</b> 8:45a-Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:00a-Divine Worship 11:15a-Youth Group	<b>10</b> 9:00a-VBS	<b>11</b> 9:00a-VBS	<b>12</b> 9:00a-VBS 12:30p-Ladies Bible Study Postluc 5:45p-Prayer Warriors b. Joe Tackett	<b>13</b> 9:00a-VBS 7:00p-Elders b. Loraline Hanwick b. Kyle Bickel b. Allison Corcoran b. Melissa Ratliff	<b>14</b> 9:00a-VBS 6:00p-Picnic 7:00p-Community Worship 8:15p-Camp Discovery Bonfire b. Thomas Wick	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:45a-Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:00a-Divine Worship w/communion	<b>17</b> 9:00a-VBS	<b>18</b> 10:00a-Bible Study b. Susan Mfmock	<b>19</b> 10:30a-Ladies Bible Study 5:45p-Prayer Warriors b. Jill Graves	<b>20</b> 7:00p-Council	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:45a-Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:00a-Divine Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00a-Bible Study b. Janice Lasko	<b>26</b> 10:30a-Ladies Bible Study 5:45p-Prayer Warriors	<b>27</b> 7:00p-Stewardship/Evange Iism b. Betty Van Gorden	<b>28</b> 7:00p-Cottage Meeting at Mylner's	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:45a-Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:00a-Divine Worship	<b>31</b>					

## PRAYERS OF TRINITY

Praise and thanksgiving:

O God, our heavenly Father, who through Your Son has promised us Your Holy Spirit, send down upon us that same Spirit, that He may teach us to show forth Your Praise, not only here on earth in weakness, since we know Your power and glory only from afar, but also in power and glory on that day when united with the choir of angels, we shall see You face to face, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

We pray for those among us who are in special need of your guidance and healing

\* Dennis Miller and family--strength and healing from bladder cancer

surgery. Chemo will be over the coming weeks

- \* Caroline Cadeau home with illness
- \* Jamie Hollister, Tina Albrechtsen--healing.
- \* Faith Kukuk--continued strength and health
- \* Prayers to guide the doctors in diagnosing Beth Miller
- \* Betty Jean Sigro, Cathiee Snider relief from pain
- \* Tom Corcoran, Jon's father diagnosed with MSA
- \* Kaye Wick, Dianne and Rudy Vik, Sue Opp, Bill Opp, --strength and health
- \* Continued healing also Cynthia Snider, Joanne and Bob Hickman.

- \* Steve Hill--help the doctors figure out the sudden illness and problem walking.
- \* Kenny Cadle, Terry Kaczmarek, Charlie and Carol Thompson, Sarah Burns, Tonya Roberts, in their battles with cancer.
- \* For the soldiers here and overseas who are still protecting freedoms, our own and others in the world: Brandon Snider deployed to Saudi Arabia, Nick Cardoas to Africa, Matt Hall and Scott Mikkelson in Hawaii, and Jill (Engel) Graves stationed in the States.
- \* that LCMS members would eagerly participate in Bible studies, small group discussions and private study so that they may grow in their faith every day.

## Christian Education News

Have you noticed the forest growing in the Narthex? VBS is only 10 days away and it's starting to look like a camp around here! We are getting ready for Camp Discovery! Where Jesus is at Work Through Us! There is still time to get registered. Just go to [trinityp-inkney.org](http://trinityp-inkney.org) and click on the "Register for VBS Here" Link. There is also time to help if you'd like to join us that week, even for a day. Just come to church and I'll give you a job to do. We really do have a lot of fun together and with all the kids from our church community and the community surrounding us. One big way to help if you can't join us the 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> is by bringing in supplies needed for snacks and games. There are supply tags located on the tree in the narthex. Please take a tag or more and return the items to church by the date requested.

I want to invite (beg) our whole congregation to join us **Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00** for an amazing celebration held right here at Trinity! Thrivent is providing hot dogs and dessert. You can bring a side if you'd like to add to the meal. At 7:00 we will have our Celebra-



tion Service where you will get to see what the kids learned throughout the week and get to hear the songs they sang at Camp Discovery. After the service, we will have a bonfire and roast Camp Discovery S'mores. Even if you weren't a part of VBS during the week, and don't have any kids or grandkids who attended VBS, you still need to be here for the closing celebrations. Here is why: 1) Its really amazing to see 40-50 kids singing their hearts out to praise our LORD. 2) Its fun! 3) It shows the visitors to our church that we have an active congregation who cares about the kids in our community. 4) FREE FOOD! 5) To show your support for those of us who planned VBS. 6) So we can break a record of how many people can fit in the sanctuary! Mark your calendars and don't miss it!

Only a few weeks left of Summer Sunday School. I can't believe it but it's time to start lining up teachers for Fall Sunday School. If you'd like to teach again this year let me know. If you think you might want to join our team of teachers, please talk to me. We have a great curriculum called Cross Explorations. All materials are provided. We

set it up so you only have to teach every other week and we're very flexible. Also, we have subs so if you have to miss, no worries! With our new curriculum the teaching time is only 20 minutes! In addition to some teachers and substitutes, I'm also looking for a team of 2 or more people who will help plan the Express portion of our Sunday School. This is the part where we play a game, have a snack, do a skit, craft or service project that expresses what we learned in our bible story that day. All the suggestions are provided. The team would just need to pick the activity and gather the supplies so it's ready for Sunday.

The cottage meeting will be Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 and is hosted by the Myhers. We are still looking for 2015 hosts so please consider signing up for a month or two. If you have any questions about the cottage meeting, please ask anyone on the Board of Education, or me. The Board of Ed held our quarterly meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Our next meeting is October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. All are welcome to join us! We really appreciate any and all comments and suggestions.

In Christ,

Elizabeth Eppler

# Ladies Bible Study

**The Ladies' Bible Study** will be starting their new study on August 5th, **GOD IS IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM**. There's more to life than daily task lists and repetitive chores. There has to be . . . right?

Begin to see purpose and significance wherever you are in your day. Inspired by the words of Jeremiah 29:13, God Is in the Laundry Room is a reminder that when we seek the Lord with our whole heart, we find Him everywhere .... even in the laundry room. This eight-session Bible study

takes you beyond merely filling in the right answers. Instead, it challenges you to dig a little deeper, explore a little further, and make personal application of the passages to your life. As you do, you'll be drawn closer to the Savior, who washes away our sins. A group copy will be available at the study. Individual copies are available at amazon.com in both print copy and Kindle formats.

## General Fund as of 6/21/15

	Last week	YTD
Offering	\$835	\$30,217
Wed. Services	0	\$2877
Needed	\$ 1,500	\$36,000
Over/(under)	-\$665	-\$2,906

# Upcoming Events



## POTLUCK LUNCH

Aug 12

The Wednesday Ladies Bible study will have a potluck lunch after VBS



## VBS

Aug 10-14, 9-NOON

Come join the fun as we learn about Jesus Love for us

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Celebration Picnic,  
Worship, and Bonfire

Aug 10-14

Starts at 6:00

Whether you have kids or grandkids or not, please save this date.

We want to show the visitors to our church that we have an active congregation who cares about the kids in our community



# Thrivent News

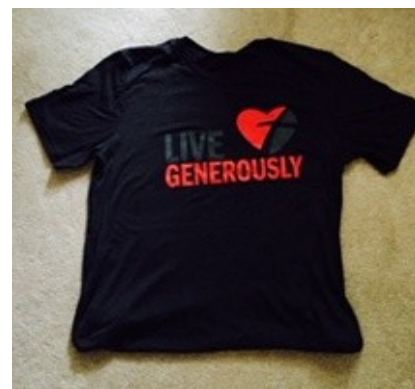
by Barb Yek

A BIG THANK YOU to Thrivent Financial who gave us an Action Team Grant for \$250.00 to help with our VBS costs. They have also provided us with t-shirts for all the staff to wear. The shirts which say Live Generously go right along with our Camp Discovery theme of Jesus at work through us. We Love Because He First Loved Us, 1 John 4:19.

Because He Loves us, we share that love with others and give generously to help others too through our offerings that go to our special mission project which this year is "Big City Mission Project" providing lunches, back packs and school supplies, and play ground equipment to the inner cities. John 13:34-35. Jesus said "Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this, all people will know you are my disciples."

We also received an action grant to do our picnic, program and campfire on Friday evening, August 14th beginning at 6 p.m. We would like to invite the whole congregation and our friends in the community to join us. Hot dogs, beverages, and ice creams will be provided. Just bring a dish to pass. The children will be sharing with us Bible verses, stories and songs they have learned during the week. Of course there will be marshmallows to roast at the campfire as well later on in the evening.

Darren VanHevel, our Thrivent rep. and his family will be joining us for this fun evening of fellowship. He will be sharing more information about Thrivent with us and can answer any questions you might have.



*Editors note: Birthdays and Anniversaries are now printed on the calendar*

## Posse News

The 37<sup>th</sup> biennial LMWL conference was held on June 25-28 in Des Moines, Iowa. The logo of the convention was Bountiful! Sow \*Nourish \*Reap centered in 2 Corinthians 9:8. The convention goal statement was as follows: "Through Christ's bountiful love and blessings of word and sacraments, I am equipped in the Holy Spirit to work in my Father's harvest field.

Thursday was filled with servant projects (these included quilt making and completion, fleece blanket construction, hygiene kit and meal kit making and school supply assembly), choir rehearsal and evening opening worship devotion with communion.

Friday and Saturday were devoted to sessions involving voting of new offi-

cers, allocating mite collection mission grant funding as well as Bible studies, singing and the periodic comic relief interrupter monologs. There were many booths in the exhibition hall for getting familiar with the missions supported by LWML as well as the church stores,

Sunday was a final wrap up with worship service. Cathie Snider and Debby Dugan attended this convention and were blessed to visit Mission Central founded and run by Gary Thies in Mapleton, Iowa before returning home. His work in the support of world missions and missionaries is very impressive.

Please feel free to contact either Cathie or Debby for more specifics about the

convention. Convention particulars as well as videos of the convention sessions can be found at the LWML.org website as well

Consider attending the next Michigan convention in Boyne Mountain in July 2016 and /or the upcoming national conventions in

2017 at Salt Lake City, Utah  
June 22-25

2019 at Birmingham, Alabama  
June 27-30

2021 at Lexington, Kentucky  
June 24-27

## Just a Thought

By Lynda Minger

*Hebrews 10:25: "...not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching*

You've heard it many times before, you know you have, when that conversation of going to church comes up. "I don't need to go to church to pray, God listens to me just as well right here at home." Or "the church just wants your money; it spends too much money on a building. Just think how many more people would be better served if it were given to the needy rather than a building to God" A little while later you run in to them on their way to one of the following places: the gym, Weight Watchers, AA, rehab, sewing group or some other club or group session. The answer to your query of why they are going varies but the basis is pretty consistent; "I can't do it on my own at home." "I need help getting motivated every day"

There are two main reasons behind attending a structured club, meeting or

group. The first is to be around people who are in a like mind of their joy or interest, problem, shortcoming, or pain. The second is accountability, someone to notice if they are not following through or encourage them when they start lagging. The importance of this particular subject to their life is a motivator for joining. And do they follow their practices, day in and day out, without fail, without a single slip? The truthful answer to that would be no.

In terms of money, the gym spends an extraordinary amount of money on equipment, building, and upkeep while the person spends a large amount on the drinks, the clothing, the shoes and such, along with the club fees. Weight Watchers has club dues and gimmicks that you pay for to help track eating habits. Some of the rehabs are also pretty pricey but in an effort to get well, well worth the cost.

The difficult concept to get across to the unchurched is the similarity that the church has with these other groups. We go to church to be with others that are

like us. To be with those that deal with the same issues, struggle with the same doubts, and put up with the same persecutions. We come to hear the word of God, the promise of peace and the promise of forgiveness and to Praise God in our fashion. We freely laugh and learn together, and talk about our week. We lean on each other for support and encouragement in times of weakness, sickness, trouble or strife. We remind each other that God is where our strength really comes from, not the world. We tithe to pay for general management of our church. Sound familiar? And we tithe also to help the needy in local and worldwide missions above and beyond our general fund.

The similarities all add up to well being; health both physical and mental, happiness, a sense of peace. The differences... all other reasons pale compared to saving the soul.

The question I would ask if the opportunity presented itself, "Why is your Soul not as important as your health?"

# From the Michigan District Convention Delegate

*Barb Yek*

*"Imagine ... Living as God's  
Loved and Compassionate  
Community"*

*Held at Concordia University  
in Ann Arbor June 28-30th*

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as our delegate from Trinity to the convention. I really learned a lot. The three worship services in the chapel were very inspiring and uplifting. The music and singing were awesome. Greg and Elizabeth Eppler and Mike Myher joined pastor and me for the opening service on Sunday Evening. It is open to everyone and I encourage everyone to attend it at the next convention as it is a wonderful opportunity to worship and so close for us to drive to and to be a part of.

Monday and Tuesday were full days of electing leaders for our Michigan District, debating and voting on resolutions, devotions, bible studies, hearing from service organizations, Concordia colleges, both seminaries, LWML, Lutheran Laymen's League to name just some. We also got to hear from Reverend Matthew Harrison, President, The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

There was a Ministry Tent open every day with 34 tables to visit. Some of the organizations represented were The Michigan District Stewardship Committee, Lutherans for Life, Lutheran Braille Workers, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Both seminaries, Church Extension Fund, Donn Bohde, architect, Wellspring Lutheran Services, MOST Ministries, Concordia Publishing House, and many more. I brought back information from sev-

eral of these and am happy to share with all of you. Many of these ministries we have contributed to in the past or are contributing to now.

The election results for this year are: Rev. David Maier re-elected to a third term as President of the Michigan District, Vice Presidents: Pastors Mark Brandt, Donald Neuendorf, David Duerr and John Duerr, Secretary: David Reed, and treasurer Bonnie Mann

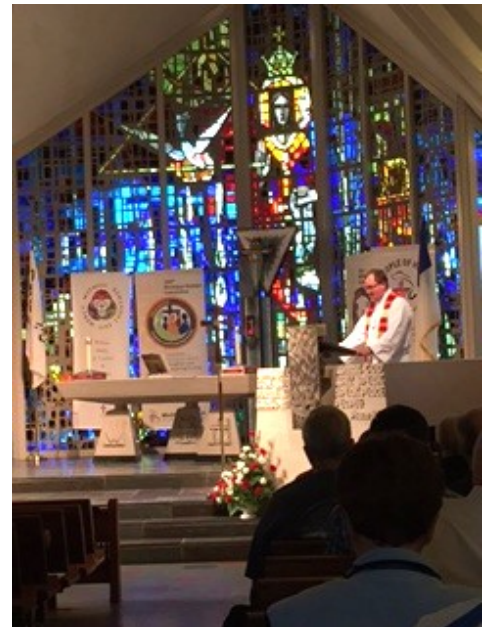
There were many resolutions voted on and I have the results recorded in my convention notebook which I will have at church to share with anyone who wants to look at it.

One of the resolutions passed was the "Here We Stand" Initiative in Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation-- the Here I Stand statement ascribed to Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms on April 18, 1521. This initiative is to be inspired by the words of Psalm 71:17-18 " O God, You have taught me from my youth, and I still declare Your wondrous deeds. and even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to all who are to come," so that we do all that is humanly possible to insure that the true and pure Word Of God is boldly proclaimed to this generation and the generations to come. There will be organized events throughout the district during 2017 to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the reformation. one of these is a Reformation Service at the Breslin Center in Lansing on Sunday, Oct 15, 2017 which I would like to see us attend. There will also be a special thanks offering which will go to church worker scholarships, missions and

Michigan District endowment. We will be hearing more about this and the events happening over the next couple years.

We took care of our AA Circuit business while we were all there by having a short meeting to elect a pastor and a lay person as our circuit delegates to the 2016 Synodical Convention. We elected Pastor Evan Gaertner from St Paul Hamburg and David Martin from St. Paul Ann Arbor as our delegates. Alternates are Pastor Larry Coursons from Peace and Phil Geyer from St. Luke's .

You can get more information about the convention by visiting the web site [michigandistrict.org/convention](http://michigandistrict.org/convention)



LADIES POSSE

WILL MEET ON Sept 3rd at  
7:00pm





things can make life stressful and challenging. Most importantly, many of these kids do not know how much Jesus loves them.

**Help Kids Discover Jesus!**

[Jesus said,] ‘Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples.’” (John 13:34–35 ESV)

Did you know that most people in North America live in cities? No matter where you live, there are things that make life good and other things that make life hard. Boys and girls who live in urban areas face different problems than those people who live in the suburbs or in farming areas.

America’s inner cities are made up of people from all over the world. They come here with very little money, and they might not even speak English. They live close together and might not have a yard to play in. Some areas are dangerous. People who live there might not be able to afford to live in a house or buy three meals a day. Kids are often left at home alone while parents go to work. All these

Through the Big City Mission project, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod can show the love of Christ to all different kinds of people living in the inner city – including kids just like you!



**\$5 can provide a lunch for a hungry child**



**\$25 can provide a backpack and school supplies to a child in the inner city**



**\$100 can help provide basketballs and playground equipment for an inner-city school**



**\$500 can help pay for a child to go to a Lutheran school**

**How You Can Help**

Gifts and offerings to the Big City Mission project help kids and adults learn about how much Jesus loves them. By providing something simple like a lunch or backpack, those involved in urban ministry can build relationships that allow them to tell people about their Savior, Jesus!



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