

# SHELBY TOWNSHIP PRESS RELEASE

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### **Pastor and founder Jon Trinklein to lead 2015 North Macomb National Day of Prayer**

For the sixth year, Pastor Jon Trinklein of Shepherd's Gate Lutheran Church in Shelby Township will lead the township's National Day of Prayer service May 7 at Cherry Creek Banquet Center, 52000 Cherry Creek Drive.

Keeping alive a local tradition started by Trinklein and other community spiritual leaders, the 2015 event features prayers and hymns from spiritual leaders within Shelby Township and its neighboring municipalities. This year's theme for observances across the nation is, "Lord, hear our cry."

"As officials elected to represent our community, we must seek our Lord and Savior's guidance in fulfilling our duties," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said.

"In 1 Kings 8:28, we read of a servant's prayer and for mercy. It reads, 'Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day.' This is so appropriate for our lives today in that we, now more than ever, need to ask for God's support and guidance in our everyday lives."

"Our heavenly Father is not caught unaware of our needs in this nation, but He tells us to pray to him and we will benefit from His help, wisdom and protection," Trinklein said of this year's theme.

"He stands ready to hear our cry. I urgently invite everyone to pray for our communities, county and nation at our North Macomb County National Day of Prayer!"

Formally celebrated as the Shelby Township National Day of Prayer, Trinklein, one of the founders, has expanded the program to the North Macomb National Day of Prayer.

Various Township and Macomb County officials will join Trinklein and Stathakis to celebrate the sixth-anniversary of the Township's service.

The program starts with a free continental breakfast, provided at no cost by Cherry Creek, at 6:30 a.m. and runs until 8 a.m.

The service starts with a welcome from Trinklein, songs by the Children's Choir from Peace Lutheran School directed by Grace Rowher, a confession by Trinklein, a speech from Pastor Jim Porter of St. Thomas Presbyterian Church in Shelby Township, and prayers centered on church, government, business, education and family led by Pastor Andy Timm of Macomb Christian in Shelby Township, Pastor Mark Yurich of Barnabis Ministries in Warren, Pastor Josh Isenhardt of Kensington Church in Shelby Township, Felicia Harris, a financial advisor, from Ameriprise Financial, Principal Jill Kopper of Peace Lutheran School, and John Kral, the Family Life Director, of Shepherd's Gate.

The 2016 National Day of Prayer invitation will be given by Pastor Greg Griffith of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Macomb Township. Griffith will then close the service with the Lord's Prayer and a final blessing.

"All are invited to the observance as we join millions of Americans across the country to thank God for the riches of His mercy and express our dependence upon Him by asking for His gracious help for all our needs," Trinklein said.

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