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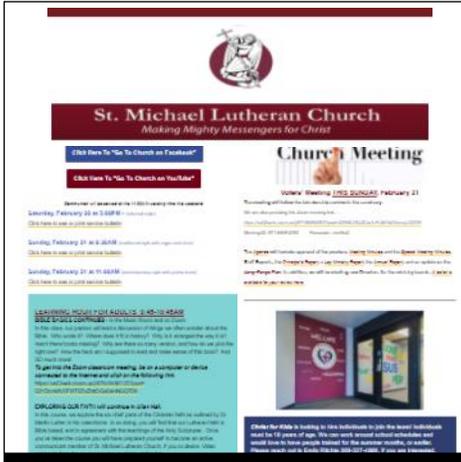
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WE ARE CALLED

to make disciples of *Jesus*



STAY CONNECTED

Email Updates

Sign up for regular email updates from St. Michael. We try to send something mid-day on Friday and when special services and events are happening.

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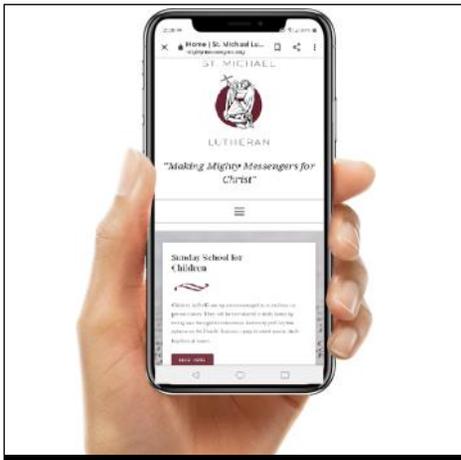
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mightymessengers.org

St. Michael's website is full of helpful information. *We are excited about the new design and support provided by Computer Guild!*



The vision of St. Michael Lutheran is to be a growing congregation within our local community that is "Making Mighty Messengers for Christ" by helping people:

DEVELOP, by the power of the Holy Spirit working through His Word and Sacraments, a more vibrant and personal relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ that expresses itself in consistent prayer and worship; and to

GAIN practical, relevant, biblical insights for faithful Christian living both through personal Bible study and through our various Christian educational offerings such as Sunday School, Bible class, St. Michael Lutheran School; and to

BELONG to a loving and caring family of faith with a solid doctrinal heritage through active membership, ministry involvement, and Small Group participation; and to

GIVE of ourselves to others in loving Christian service and evangelistic witness within the congregation and beyond it to our local community and world.

EQUALITY ACT

A number of our members have been expressing their alarm over the Equality Act that is being considered once again by the US congress. Dr. Greg Seltz of our church body's "Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty" (in Washington, DC) states that "It is a religious liberty issue for us. We are not the people 'forcing' our morality on anyone. And yet, we are being told that we cannot have a biblical, moral view of these things that contradicts the spirit of the age. The Equality Act will make our view punishable by law."

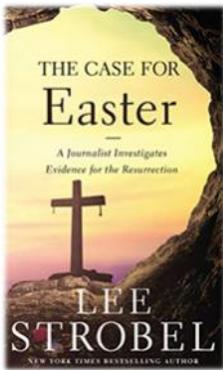
As I understand it, our specific concerns are the following. . .

- The Equality Act designates schools, churches, and healthcare organizations as "public accommodations" such that they would be forced to accept the government's beliefs and mandates about sexual orientation and gender identity.
- The Equality Act will legislate that the biology/anatomy of student athletes cannot restrict which team they participate in or which dressing room they use (likewise with homeless shelters and prisons)
- The Equality Act will encourage or mandated schools to instruct very young children that they can choose to be a boy or a girl (or neither or both) and that their anatomical sexual organs are irrelevant to their sexual identity.
- The Equality Act will use the force of law across our nation to strip Christian and other religious ministries of their right to only hire people of shared faith and values.
- The Equality Act will deprive health workers of their rights of conscience, forcing doctors and medical professionals to engage in gender transition treatments and surgery.
- The Equality Act will be a tool used by the government to deny or threaten accreditation to religious colleges and universities, if they do not comply with these new gender mores.

I urge you to pray about these things, and as I have done myself, write our law makers and president to urge them not to support this legislation.

Rest assured that no government mandates on morality will change the position and practices of our church or its pastors. With the apostles of old, if we are forced to make a choice between the two, we will always obey God over the government (see Acts 5:29), regardless of the consequences.

And we VALUE...



Of the many world religions, only one claims that its founder returned from the grave. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the very cornerstone of Christianity. How credible is the evidence for – and against – the resurrection?

Award-winning legal journalist, Lee Strobel, retraces the startling findings that led him from atheism to belief in his book: *The Case For Easter*. You can learn more by picking up one of the free copies in our Communion Center. The delve into discussions on the topic by attending the upcoming Learning Hour class at 9:45AM on Sunday mornings with Angie & John Heimlich.

FORGIVENESS FLOWS FROM THE CROSS

Forgiveness is a rather fitting theme for our Lenten meditation this year when we consider all the anger and frustration that many of us have been feeling during these difficult days of pandemic isolation, racial tension, and political polarity. It can be difficult to forgive those who have offended us or have taken advantage of us in some way (at least from our perspective). We feel like it is our prerogative to get even with them, and to try to do what we can to make them hurt as much as they have made us hurt. Retaliation and retribution just seem right for those who have been wronged.

But then along comes Jesus and really turns this all on its head. If we are the one who has been wronged, then we have a choice to make. We can either do what comes naturally to our sinful flesh, namely retaliate, or we can do what Jesus calls us to do and empowers us to do by His indwelling Spirit. That is, of course, what we ask of Him in the Lord's Prayer when we pray "*forgive us. . . , as we forgive others*" (see *Matthew 6:12, and Luke 11:4*). This is in keeping with what Jesus said about loving our enemies, praying for those who persecute us, for those who speak ill of us, and for those who are bringing unjust suffering upon us. He even famously tells us to "*turn the other cheek*" (see *Matthew 5:39, and Luke 6:29*) rather than to hit back.

It is not up to those who are doing the wronging and perpetrating (or perpetuating) the oppressing of others to insist that their victims ought to forgive them. Those who have been in the wrong, doing wrong things, can't say that their victims ought to be over it by now. Forgiveness is not a demand that you can

make on someone else. No, forgiveness is a gift that we give to someone who has wronged us not because they deserve it but purely out of grace (undeserved kindness). We all have been the recipients of that kind of grace from God, and when we have been forgiven by God so graciously, it moves and inspires us to be graciously forgiving toward others who have offended us. St. Paul says as much when he urges Christians to "*Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you*" (*Ephesians 4:31-32*).

When we Christians have a loving and forgiving heart like that, it characterizes us as quite different from the world around us. The world forgives only when there has been sufficient groveling or reparations. Jesus, on the other hand, cried out from the cross, "*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do*" (*Luke 23:34*). Forgiveness like that is really quite marvelous and compelling such that people will be drawn to it and to those who extend it. Like the old song puts it, "They'll know we are Christians by our love." I pray that in the midst of all the maligning and mud-slinging that goes on these days, that we as believers and followers of our Lord Jesus Christ would rise above the name calling, labeling, and judging. May people find in us, and especially the way we treat others, the mind and heart of Christ and be drawn to Him.

WORSHIP

Gathering around God's Word and Sacraments to receive His gifts & give Him glory.

We value worship, as we gather around God's Word and Sacraments, that is meaningful and up-lifting, including clear, relevant preaching. We appreciate both traditional liturgy and hymns as well as contemporary music and desire variety and quality in all our worship services so that we might have a meaningful experience of praising and glorifying God with the best that we have.

Colossians 3:16-17

FORGIVENESS FLOWS FROM THE CROSS LENT + 2021

Join Us on Wednesdays!

- March 3rd, 6:00 PM
- March 10th, 6:00 PM
- March 17th, 6:00 PM
- March 24th, 6:00 PM



Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday - April 1st, 7:00 PM

Good Friday - April 2nd, 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil - April 3rd, 5:00 PM

Easter Sunrise - April 4th, 7:30 AM

Easter Morning Song - April 4th, 11:00 AM



MAKING MIGHTY MESSENGERS FOR CHRIST

Same Program
New Name



Worship Anew is the
new name for Worship
for Shut-Ins.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS & SERMON SUMMARIES

March 7, 2021 – Third Sunday in Lent

PSALM 19; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31; JOHN 2:13-22

“THE POWER OF THE CROSS”

SERMON TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18 - REV. THOMAS EGGOLD

The cross destroys our excuses and is the end of our sin. And as we die to sin, the cross is the beginning of a faith that saves.

March 14, 2021 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

PSALM 107:1-9, 19; NUMBERS 21:4-9; JOHN 3:14-21

“LOOK ON JESUS”

SERMON TEXT: JOHN 3:14 - REV. SHAYNE JONKER

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life.” Jesus foretells His own death on the cross and its benefits. He is the *serpent* on the wood, lifted up for the life of the world. All who look on Him through the eyes of faith have eternal life.

March 21, 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

PSALM 119:9-16; JEREMIAH 31:31-34; MARK 10:35-45

“WHAT GOD DOESN'T REMEMBER”

SERMON TEXT: JEREMIAH 31:34B - REV. SHOEMAKER

We love to remember stories about fun times, joyous occasions. God also remembers how we are His beloved children, forgiven because of Jesus' sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. The prophet Jeremiah reminds us that God chooses to not remember our sins. Join us as we talk about what God doesn't remember.

March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday

PSALM 118:19-29; ZECHARIAH 9:9-12; MARK 15:1-47

“CRUCIFY THE KING”

SERMON TEXT: MARK 15:6-20 - REV. WILLIAM MUELLER

Palm Sunday brings such a day of emotion: the triumphal entry, the rejoicing crowd, the humble King – all this will be poured into the anguish of Good Friday. Yet what was Jesus' driving theme behind all of this? Why does Scripture give us such detail? It's because He has done this for us!

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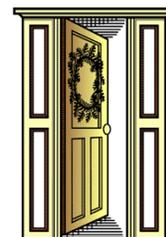
Sunday 6 AM

12 Noon, 6PM

12 Midnight

Repeats on Wednesdays

- 30-Minute Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod worship service
- Produced by Lutherans for the homebound, hospitalized...
- Includes the Gospel, Epistle, and Sermon by LCMS pastors
- Music by choirs, soloists, and small groups



Remembering
Our Shut-ins

Caroline Barkow
Lotte Christoph
Shirley Cosgrove
Ginny Evans
Dorothy Ferguson
Nola Geissel
Audrey Glover
Virgil Harrison
Nancy Heath
Norma Holst*
Bob Johnson
Flo Kangas*
Carol McCarty*
Ardean Monck
Marilyn Sible

*non-members

MAKING MIGHTY MESSENGERS FOR CHRIST



Join us as we build a team for new Life Ministry challenges. Individuals and congregations can be a part of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's international effort to gather a cohort of highly informed, dedicated team members who are speaking up for the sanctity of human life and caring for our neighbors. [Click here to REGISTER TODAY!](#) We are excited to feature many experts on Life Ministry topics in the upcoming **Making Disciples > Valuing Life** conference.

Presenters include:

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Gibbs emeritus professor Concordia Seminary
Sarah Gulseth, KFUD and the Lutheran Ladies Lounge podcast
Dr. Donna Harrison, AAPLOG
Rev. Dr. James Lamb, Lutheran Family Service
Stephanie Neugebauer, Friends for Life podcast
Rev. Peter Preus, author and emeritus LCMS pastor
Rev. Michael Salemink, Lutherans for Life
Deac. Dr. Kim Schave, Humanitri
Rev. Dr. Kevin Voss, Concordia University Wisconsin
Rev. Roberto Weber, Pastor
 en la Iglesia Evangelica Luterina Argentina
Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, Minnesota South District

KIDS ARE LEARNING LIFE SKILLS

With Mrs. Mary Wright



EVANGELISM

Reaching out with the saving Gospel and proclaiming His truth to all people.

We value evangelism and believe that the good news of the forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the main message of the church. We care about meeting all human needs but recognize that the most important need people have is for a love relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and so we reach out with this saving Gospel and proclaim the truth of God's Word to all people without compromise. Acts 1:8

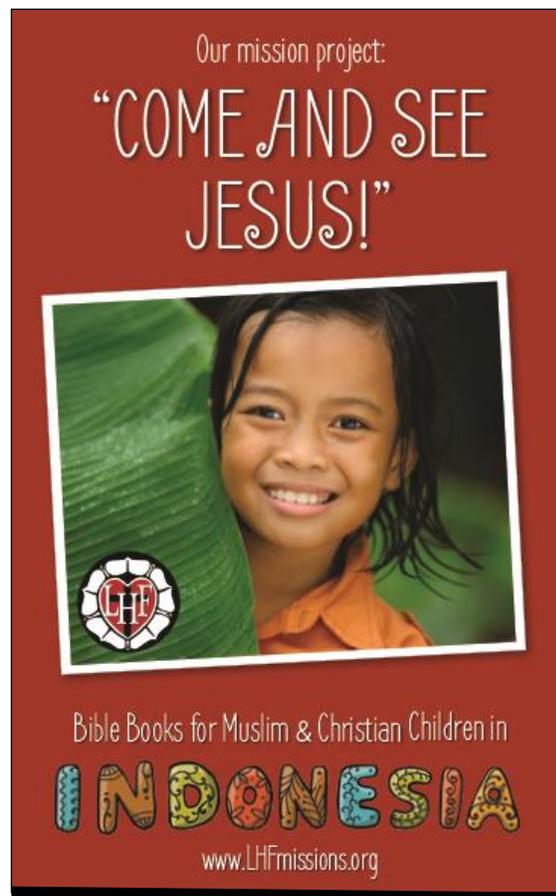


Hearts for Jesus

For two weeks in January, St. Michael Lutheran School participated in the Michigan District's *Hearts for Jesus* initiative along with almost 80 other Lutheran Schools across the state. The objective was to raise money for The Lutheran Heritage Foundation and support their efforts to share Bible books with children in Indonesia. Each Bible book costs \$5 to place into the hands of a student who may not have heard about Jesus.

Our school raised \$1382.67 in support of this initiative. This amount raised allows for the purchase of 276 Bible books that will be shared with the same number of children in Indonesia. Each of these books also is shared in Indonesia an average of 11 times, so there is the potential of sharing the Gospel message with as many as 3036 Indonesian children. We are proud of our students and their "all in" effort during this two-week initiative. At the end of the two weeks, our school participated in a Zoom call to a missionary in Indonesia and learned many fun facts about that country. Thank you so much for the interest and active participation of our students, which allowed this effort to be such a success!

Greg Johnson, Principal



The 3-7th Grade Sunday School class was able to make up some very nice treat bags with a donation of Valentine's Ty Beanie Babies. They were distributed to the Colonial Acres Good News Club kids during the week of Valentine's Day. As always, they were well received by kids.

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Forgiveness

March 11 at 7:00 PM

Our Lenten theme, “*Forgiveness Flows from the Cross,*” includes a special presentation on **March 11 at 7:00 pm** (in our sanctuary and livestreamed on Facebook) by Rev. Chris Augustine, MA LPC, marriage and relationship counselor at Desert Streams Christian Counseling. Chris' passion for healed marriages and healthy relationships, and his 15 years of counseling experience have given him some unique insights into this incredibly essential, yet still somewhat controversial topic. Chris has shared the following to get us thinking in advance of his talk:

Forgiveness is something we are commanded to do as followers of Christ, but it is also the main (often missing) ingredient in our relationship with people. And though we know we are supposed to forgive, what does it mean to truly forgive? Are all offenses equal, or do some require a head nod of "it's okay" while others require years of hard work? Is forgiveness a one-step action or an intricate detailed process? Are there any steps that I can take that are helpful to work through major offenses, or does time heal all wounds?

This will serve as continuing education for our Stephen Ministers, but also valuable information for anyone who would like to attend, either in person or online.

God Sighting Sticks: Use craft sticks to spark conversations with your family. Use a fun container to store them with conversation prompts written to get everyone talking about God sightings throughout their day. Decorate and use to help your kids (big & small) to see how God works in their world.

*I showed someone God's love today when I...
I experienced God's power today when...
Today God helped me at school when...
I trusted God today when...
I know God loves me because today...*



ARE YOU GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME?

A Stephen Minister can meet with you - privately and confidentially - to listen, support, and remind you of Christ's presence in your life.

If you want to learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself, or someone else you know, contact:

Heather Crampton
hcrampton@gmail.com

Rev. Paul Naumann
naumann@mightymessengers.org

Dana Naumann
dana.naumann@gmail.com

Has the COVID-19 crisis made it difficult to pay your bills?

Like the first Christians who “shared with anyone who was in need” (Acts 2:45), so also we at St. Michael want to provide financial assistance for those among us who have need of it. Please send Pastor Naumann an email at: naumann@mightymessengers.org describing your situation and, keeping everything in confidence, we will do what we can to help you.

FELLOWSHIP

Reconciled through Christ, actively loving and caring for one another.

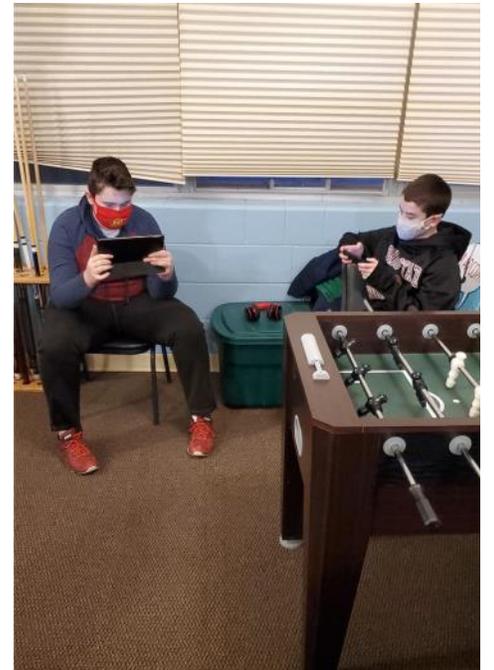
We value fellowship and want a friendly church that is like a loving family that actively cares for one another in times of need. When inevitable conflicts arise among us, we desire to be reconciled to one another, to communicate honestly and lovingly with each other, and to worship, work, and play together in peace and harmony.

Acts 2:42-47

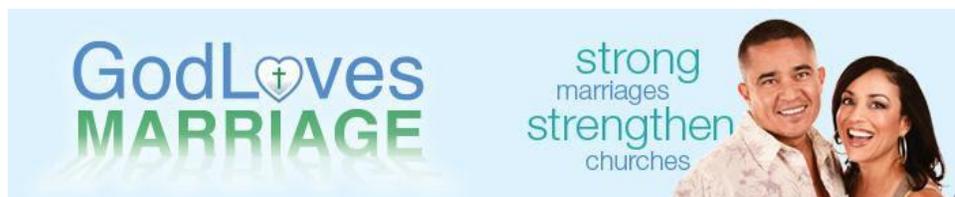
Different activities each week.



**YOUTH GROUP
MEETS ON
SUNDAYS AT
6:00 PM**



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Lutheran Marriage Encounter - Winter 2021

LEARN HOW TO COMMUNICATE

WITH YOUR SPOUSE IN A WHOLE NEW WAY!

Register for an upcoming VIRTUAL Marriage Encounter experience!

March 12-14, 2021

You Can Participate Privately from Your Home
or Anywhere That Affords You Privacy as a Couple.

Apply Now / Learn More at GodLovesMarriage.org! Questions?
Contact us at info@godlovesmarriage.org Pre-registration is required to
send your encounter materials to you via snail mail – don't miss out!

If you choose to hold a meeting within the St. Michael building, please be sure to contact the Church Office and schedule the event in advance. This helps to identify what areas need the most immediate attention for cleaning, and to avoid multiple groups expecting to use the same space. It also, gives us some idea of who would be in the building, if by chance there were to be an emergency. Thank you for your cooperation!



LUTHERAN MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE will start the 2021 season on the last Thursday evening in April with a social mixer. Rounds of play will begin the first Thursday of May at Pineview Golf Club in Three Rivers. Fee for the league is \$25, plus weekly green fees. [\$13 week (\$260) to walk, or \$380 with cart.] *There is a discount if you pre-pay for the season.* Anyone interested, can call or e-mail Andy Allan, aallan@arvco.com 269-370-7052 for more details.



*Welcome to the
World*

OLIVER JAMES

born February 15, 2021

Baptism: March 7, 2021

Son of
Rev. Daniel & Jenny Maske

Weight: 7lbs 6 oz

Length: 21 inches



SERVICE

Good stewardship of time, talents and treasure for the work of ministry.

We value service and good stewardship of our time, talents, and treasure within our congregation and community. We put a high premium on the volunteer ministry of our members, believing that the primary role of our professional church workers is not to do all the ministry themselves but to equip the saints for the work of ministry.

*Ephesians 4:12
Romans 12:4-8*



Christ is in the heart of each woman as she engages in mission education, mission inspiration, mission service, and mission support. Each woman of the St. Michael family is invited to embrace her role as a Lutheran Woman in Mission.

Every woman of a Lutheran congregation, such as St. Michael, is the Heart of LWML. The coins in the Mite Box do wondrous things, by the grace of God. Pennies in our Mite Boxes recently topped the \$2.1 million biennium goal. Mission grant information and free resources for gathering and study of His Word are available at LWML.org

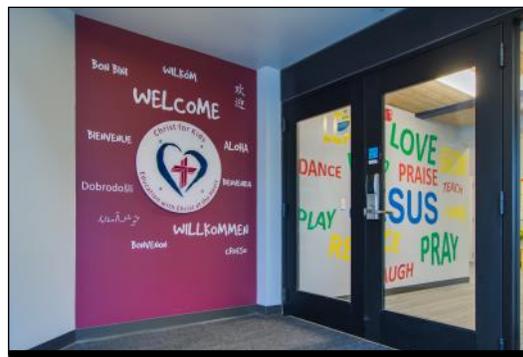


Lutheran
World
Relief

We are collecting t-shirts in an effort to reduce the expenses associated with preparing Lutheran World Relief layette kits.

Gently used adult t-shirts size medium to XXL will be made into diapers. Shirts can be any color, printed or plain. Hundreds are needed. Please place them in the chest in the Communication Center. If you would like to help with this project, contact Michele Ryan @ 269 649-1387.

Christ for Kids is looking to hire individuals to join the team! Individuals must be 18 years of age. We can work around school schedules and would love to have people trained for the summer months, or earlier. Please reach out to Emily Ritchie 269-327-4889, if you are interested.



MAKING MIGHTY MESSENGERS FOR CHRIST

OPPORTUNITY FOR JOY

Problems show up in our lives from all directions. You can probably make a list much longer that I can even imagine. The ill-timed flat tire, the argument with a coworker, the cancer treatment that knocks you for a loop or the unexpected bill that arrives in the mail, are just a few examples of challenges that pop up to steal the otherwise happy attitude you have.

James 1:2 says, *“Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy”*. Seriously God, you expect me to be happy in all these circumstances? But look at this verse in context. The Christians of James’ time were greatly persecuted, experienced injustices from imprisonment to fear for their lives. Some fled their homes and lived in poverty, scrounging for tidbits of food. While acknowledging their conditions, James wanted to give them hope and encouragement. Joy and optimism could be theirs despite their sufferings, if they intentionally took control of their thoughts and changed their attitudes. James was inviting them to focus on faith, even though life was tough.

When life is hard, it’s difficult to keep negative thoughts from taking control of your mind, resulting in a bad attitude; an attitude that robs you of joy and contentment.

All you may be able to control, is your response to the situation. You need to seek God’s help, striving to be optimistic in the darkest of circumstances. Your attitude is a choice. How you allow yourself to react is your choice! Circumstances don’t have power over your attitude, unless you let them.

Your attitude is a window to what’s inside your heart and mind. The only thing you have to lose by choosing a positive attitude is a negative attitude. Imagine the impact you will have on everyone around you, when regardless of your circumstances, you display a smile and positive attitude. People will stand in amazement, wondering how even in difficult situations you are able to reflect the joy and love of Christ. It may even open up witness opportunities as non-believers notice something different about you!

Your joyful, thankful attitude can be reflected every day. When you think about all the ways God has blessed you and what he has promised when you arrive in heaven, how can you not make a joyful response? Bless your family with your positive attitude and an example of cheerful giving. Church Extension Fund offers a platform called Excel in Giving, that easily and securely allows people to routinely make their gifts to ministry.

Call CEF today to assist you and your congregation to take advantage of the various opportunities available with Excel In Giving.



Church Extension Fund

THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE MORE CAUGHT, THAN TAUGHT

You could read all about how to ride a bike, or swim (or play golf), but you would never really be able to do it until you try. When it comes to our Christian faith, the basic tenants of what we believe can and should be taught. But for someone to actually come to faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior (and only Savior from sin), that is a miraculous creation of God the Holy Spirit in our hearts (and not just in our heads). The Bible says as much, for example, in 2 Corinthians we read: *“The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit”* (2:14)

For this reason, as many of us learned in confirmation class, “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith” *(Martin Luther’s explanation to the Third Article of the Creed in his Small Catechism)*.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN - Classes are available during the 9:45 AM learning hour on Sunday mornings; Life Skills are being taught on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 PM

TEENS - Classes are available during the 9:45 AM learning hour on Sunday mornings; Confirmation studies for 6-8th grade are on Wednesday evenings at 5:45 PM; Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM

ADULTS - Topical studies are available during the 9:45 AM learning hour on Sunday mornings; various Bible study groups, prayer groups, and activity groups meet during the week. Exploring Our Faith is for those that are interested in learning more about being Lutheran, and especially being a member of St. Michael.

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants up to 4 years old on Sunday mornings during classes and worship times in Room #205 located off the Communication Center.

BAPTISM

Anyone desiring baptism should visit with a pastor who will set up a meeting and schedule an appropriate time.

WEDDINGS

We believe that marriage is a sacred union of one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24-25), and that God gave marriage as a picture of the relationship between Christ and His bride the Church (Eph. 5:32). A Wedding in the church is an act of worship. The purpose of a church wedding is to thank and praise God and to petition His blessings upon the couple who solemnize their marriage before Him.

ENEWS DEADLINE

Please consider items you might need to submit to the Church Office for the next email newsletter, as you read the current one. Items need to be submitted by 4PM on Thursdays.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

To insure a quality product is available for the membership, please consider items you might need to submit to the Church Office for the next monthly newsletter, as you read the current one. Deadline is the 20th of each month.

CHANGE OF NAME / ADDRESS / PHONE / EMAIL

You can always call the Church Office or use the form on the website to reach out and share a message with us!

<https://www.mightymessengers.org/contact-us/>

SHEPHERD GROUPS

Lay Minister	Family Names Start with	Family Names & include
Geoff Bohren 231-679-4927	A	Boelman
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Dan Bryer 269-323-7416	Chilcott	D
Mel Schroeder 734-646-9651	E	Franzen
Mark Gady 616-250-3730	Frommann	G
John Engelmann 269-544-1542	H	June
Cory Luma 269-365-8282	Jung	Lapekas
Ernie VanOrman 269-679-5378	Lausman	McNees
Eric VanOrman 269-679-5491	Messing	Nelson
Jeff Burnett 269-806-2683	Nieto	P
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Matt Heintz 269-372-7053	Sullivan	T
Arian Wendzel 269-279-9196	U	Z

We, as a church, are all
better together.

If someone is in need, please
reach out to your assigned
Lay Minister for assistance.

PANDEMIC PROTOCOL

***Masks and appropriate
social-distancing allows us to
continue to be together!***

**Live broadcasts, will continue to be
available, if you are concerned about your
health risk, or the possibility of risking the
health of others.**



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HAVE YOU SEEN THE



IN THE PARKING LOT?

WHAT CANNOT GO IN THE BIN?

- Plastic · Metal · Trash
- Glass · Cardboard

WHAT CAN GO IN THE BIN?

- Newsprint
- Catalogs/Magazines
- Junk Mail · Phone Books
- Office/School paper
- Hard and soft cover books
- Paperboard (Grocery Item boxes)
- Standard staples & paperclips are ok
- Shredded paper

The paper will be shredded and processed into hydro seeding mulch, lawn establishment products, lawn repair products, Fresh News® Cat Litter, dog litter, Fresh News® Small Animal Bedding, Fresh News® Small Animal Litter or recycled at paper mills, cellulose insulation manufacturers or other recycling facilities.



Great news! St. Michael's traditional 8:30 AM service will now be posted to the Spiritual TV Channel, according to this schedule.



Monday	6AM
Tuesday	10:30 PM
Wednesday	5PM
Thursday	Midnight & 8AM
Friday	5AM & 1PM
Saturday	7AM & 8:30PM
Sunday	3:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Charter Spectrum Channel 189	

JANUARY FINANCIALS

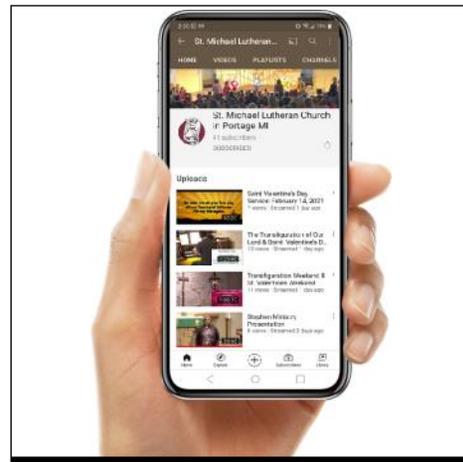
3 months

11/1/2020-1/31/2021

Church Revenue	\$ 228,828
School Revenue	\$ 247,946
Total Revenue	\$ 476,773
Total Expenses	\$ 439,772
Net Surplus (deficit)	\$ 37,002
Expense Budget	\$ 452,271
Under/(Over) Budget	\$ 24,503
Working Cash Balance	\$ 100,648
Mortgage Balance	\$ 798,083

Designated Fund Balances

Endowment Fund	\$ 543,764
Building Contingency	\$ 37,774
Technology Refresh	\$ 11,713
Sunday School	\$ 1,002
Youth Donations	\$ 9,578
Youth Accounts	\$ 11,062
Good Samaritan	\$ 4,192
Memorials	\$ 3,977
L.A.M.P. Mission Trip	\$ 6,642
Quilting	\$ 54
Church Worker Scholarship	\$ 235
School Improvements	\$ 30,914
Tuition Assistance	\$ 41,938
School Music	\$ 580
Flower Fund	\$ 427
CFK Grant Fund	\$ 35,992
Women's Fellowship/LWML	\$ 3,662



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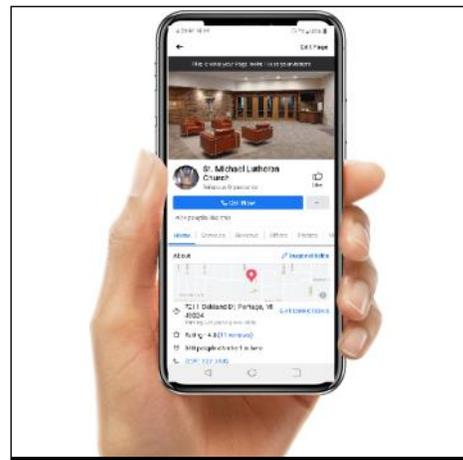
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On the St. Michael  YouTube page, You can find sermon videos, Bible classes, guest speakers, children's devotions and Vacation Bible School lessons.

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Welcome!

We believe that the more you study the Bible and encounter God in prayer, the more you learn to trust Him with all you have. Carve out time in your day to nurture your relationship with God and spend time encouraging others.

We believe the best way to follow Jesus is through forming community and sharing our faith with a heart of generosity, not just with money and time, but with our love, appreciation, praise and encouragement.



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