



# THE MIGHTY MESSENGER

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### **ON BEING CHILDREN OF GOD**

In his explanation to the introduction to the Lord's Prayer (i.e., "Our Father who art in heaven") in his Small Catechism, Martin Luther wrote: *"With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father."*

Luther understood, even as Jesus taught, the value and importance of child-like faith. He knew that our relationship with God is not only as a disciple of Jesus, but as a child of our Heavenly Father. It reminds me of what St. John wrote in his first epistle: *"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 John 3:1a).*

Nowadays there is much talk about our identity. Many are quick to point out that who we are is not the same as what we do. After all, each one of us is a human *being*, not a human *doing*. There is also much discussion about our cultural and ethnic identity. Are we just plain Americans, or are we Asian-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, African-Americans, and other such hyphenated categories? Of course, the very controversial one is our gender identity (and sexual orientation). Are there just two choices, or is there a vast spectrum to choose from based not on our anatomy, but on how we feel about ourselves at any given time?

Now more than ever, we need to view ourselves and define ourselves not based on our own subjective feelings, that are always unreliable and subject to change, but on what God says about us in the Bible. God says that He is our Creator, and therefore we are the "offspring of God" (Acts 17:29), and because He made us, "we are His" (Psalm 100:3). But ever since the disobedience of the first humans, we have been

God's rebellious children who have been cut off from His family. Therefore, we needed to be adopted back into God's family in order truly to be His children once again (see Romans 8:15, 23; Galatians 4:5; Ephesians 1:5; etc.). This adoption happened at our baptism into Christ when we received the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). Just like at Jesus' baptism He heard the voice of His Father declaring Him to be His beloved Son (Matthew 3:17), so also in our baptism into Christ Jesus, God the Father declares us to be His beloved children in whom He is well pleased. For this reason, almost every reference in the Bible to "children of God" is a particular reference to believers in Him and His Son, Jesus Christ.

So it is, then, that true children of God (adopted back into His family) have a love relationship with God. We know that He loves us because He gave His Son to die for us, and we desire to love Him back with our obedience to His commands. This includes not only love for Him (the first tablet of the Law), but also our love for our neighbor (the second tablet of the Law). The same St. John who credits God's lavish love for making us His children (1 John 3:1), also speaks about how we love God back because He first loved us (1 John 4:19), and that loving God and loving our neighbor go hand in hand (1 John 4:21). So to be Children of God means to be His obedient children, who follow Jesus as His disciples and good stewards of all His gifts to us, and who say and do things that reflect Him and that please Him. We don't make ourselves God's children by our good behavior, but when we are God's children by His grace through faith in His Son, our brother, Jesus Christ, then we will demonstrate it in our actions. May the Holy Spirit, who made us Children of God through faith in Christ, enable us to act like His children with loving, faithful, service to Him and to one another in the name of Jesus.



# Thanksgiving



NOVEMBER 24  
WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7:00 PM

**LOVE THY NEIGHBORS: BY BRINGING**  
**A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATION**



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## ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

DURING THE LEARNING HOUR IN ALLAN HALL



***Please join us!*** This event is for all ages and is sponsored by the Board of Parish Education.

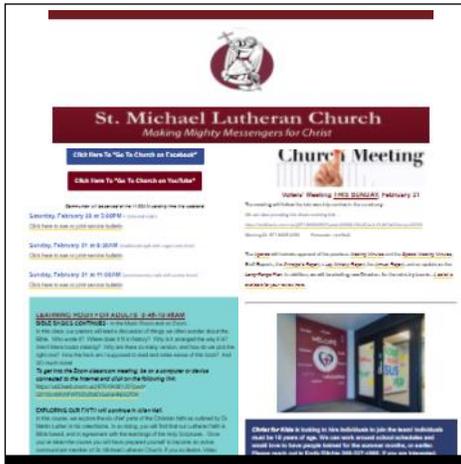
One of the key ways children grow in faith is by participating in faith moments with their parents and other significant adults.

We want to help provide such moments during this busy season by giving you an opportunity to make an Advent Wreath - a faith resource for your home.

# 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.

### Office Contacts:

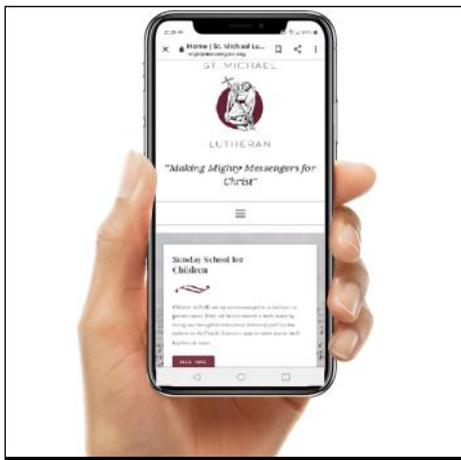
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### mightymessengers.org

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.



FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES A SOURCE OF HOPE

fcsource.org

September 21, 2021

Laura Bell  
St. Michael Lutheran Church Quilters  
7211 Oakland Drive  
Portage, MI 49024

Dear Laura and Quilter Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Family & Children Services, staff, clients and especially the children, thank you most sincerely for the generous gift of gorgeous hand-made quilts and pillowcases for our Year Round Pantry.

We feel very fortunate to be the recipient of your generosity – and we are most appreciative.

Quilts are essential and the beautiful, soft, warm quilts and pillowcases you and your organization create make a wonderful difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families served by the Agency.

Thank you, again, for partnering with Family & Children Services to change lives one child, one family at a time.

Sincerely,

*Sherry Thomas-Cloud*

Sherry Thomas-Cloud  
Chief Executive Officer

*Courtenay VanderMolen*

Courtenay VanderMolen  
Director of Resource Development

*Thank you for this beautiful gift to support our family! Stay Well!*

*No goods or services were provided in consideration, in whole or in part, for this contribution. Gifts to Family & Children Services, Inc. are deductible for income tax purposes. The agency has been designated by the Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit organization that meets the qualifications of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code. Please keep this official letter for your records.*



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**CHANGE**  
YOUR WORLD



**WORLD**  
MISSION

## **TREASURE AUDIO BIBLES MISSION FOCUS**

During the month of November St. Michael Lutheran School students will be raising money to provide **Treasure** solar-powered audio Bibles to unreached people groups throughout the world through an organization called World Mission. Each solar-powered **Treasure** they are able to purchase is estimated to reach up to 144 people who have never heard the name of Jesus or heard the gospel message.

World Mission's ministry is focused on the "10/40 window," which includes North Africa, the Middle East and Asia between 10 and 40 degrees north latitude (also referred to as "The Resistance Belt"). This region houses the world's largest Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist populations. Studies show that up to 70% of these people are oral learners, who are either illiterate or prefer to learn orally, which is why the **Treasure** is such a powerful tool, especially with its availability in over 6,000 dialects.

St. Michael Lutheran School is asking church members to prayerfully consider filling a World Mission Change Your World box with your loose change and dollars throughout the month of November. Each filled box ideally turns into one **Treasure** audio Bible. (CYW boxes are available on a display table in the narthex.) The cost of one **Treasure** is \$40, and an additional \$10 delivers it to its destination. In lieu of a filled CYW box, checks of any amount, made payable to St. Michael Lutheran School, are welcome! Filled CYW boxes, checks and cash may be dropped off in the school office or given to Greg or Wendy Johnson by Friday, December 17.

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**PTL Meeting Thursday, 11/2 @ 6:30pm**

**Book Fair** - needs volunteer to decorate, and set up and tear down, and cashiers for the book fair. Dates for this year's book fair are November 15th - 19th.



# 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 uplifting, 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*



***Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.***

What do you want for Christmas? If you can believe it, December 25 is mere weeks away! No matter your age, this is an exciting time of the year – a time for parties, planning, and packages. Maybe you already have your Christmas list prepared... perhaps you are counting the paydays until you have to make your purchases.

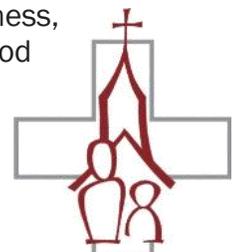
Maybe the question “*what do I want for Christmas?*” strikes you a little differently this year. Maybe your perception of ‘wants vs needs’ has altered. Maybe instead of stuff, your Christmas wish is to be with the people you love (especially those who have gone to rest in the Lord).

The divine service includes a very small, yet very important part: the *Kyrie eleison*. In Greek this means “Lord, have mercy”... and though this request is small, it asks for the most important thing any of us could ever hope to receive: the mercy of God Almighty. **Compared to our desperate need of the mercy of God, everything else falls into the “want” category.** Without the mercy of God, nothing else matters.

But, for the sake of Jesus Christ our crucified and risen Savior, we have received God's mercy. All our sins were nailed to Jesus on the cross and buried with Him in the tomb. Jesus' glorious resurrection guarantees that not only does God love the whole world, He also loves **you**.

And so we pray, *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy...* and He does have mercy on you, so that you can show mercy to others. Show mercy to each other by extending forgiveness, loving with acts of mercy, and praying for each other. God grant us lives rich in mercy for His sake!

*Pastor Maske*



## MAKING MIGHTY MESSENGERS FOR CHRIST

### November 7, 2021 – All Saints' Day

PSALM 149; 1 JOHN 3:1-3; MATTHEW 5:1-12 "WHAT IS AND WHAT WILL BE!" -  
SERMON TEXT: 1 JOHN 3:1-3 - REV. DR. THOMAS AHLERSMEYER

God, in His amazing love, adopts us as His children right now in Jesus Christ. And He doesn't stop there. He continues to mold and shape us so that more and more we reflect His image. Children of God live in two realities—what is our status now as His children (warts and all) and what will be in an eternity where we serve and celebrate in "everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness."

### November 14, 2021 – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

PSALM 16; HEBREWS 10:11-14; MARK 13:1-13 "THE SACRIFICE, THE REIGN" - SERMON TEXT: HEBREWS 10:11-14 - REV. DR. WALTER MAIER III  
Christ offered up a single sacrifice for the sins of the world, and then he sat down at the right hand of God the Father. Both of these truths are good news for us and mean much for our life each day.

### November 21, 2021 – The Last Sunday of the Church Year

PSALM 93; ISAIAH 51:4-6; MARK 13:24-37 "WATCH FRIENDS" - SERMON TEXT: MARK 13:35-37 - REV. THOMAS EGGOLD

Jesus came to make us ready, and he did it by taking on human flesh and, with it, He took on our selfishness, and He took on our doubt, and He took on our impatience. He took these sins and with them He went to the Cross, and He did all of this so that we would be prepared for what comes next. In the death of Jesus Christ, God punished the sins that separated us from Him, and in His resurrection, He made us ready!

### November 28, 2021 – The First Sunday in Advent

PSALM 89:6, 14-16, 18, ANTIPHON: ZECHARIAH 9:9; JEREMIAH 33:14-16; LUKE 19:28-40 "YOUR COMING KING" - SERMON TEXT: ZECHARIAH 9:9 - REV. SHAYNE JONKER

Your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation. He came once in humility to die and rise. He comes now to bless, to forgive, to make you His own, and give you a share in His life and royalty. He comes to establish His reign, not on earth, but in the hearts of men, turning hearts in faith toward Him and to the Father.



### 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 & 11:30 AM, 2PM

**Charter Spectrum Channel 189**

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**Spiritual Channel 189 AT&T U-Verse Channel 99**

**Access for Kalamazoo and Portage**

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Sunday 6 AM 12 Noon, 6PM 12 Midnight

Repeats on Wednesdays

**DISH Network** Channel 54 Sunday 11:30 AM

- 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

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Lowell Loomans  
Carrol McCarty\*  
Nancy Miller  
Margery Selden  
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Remembering



Our  
Homebound  
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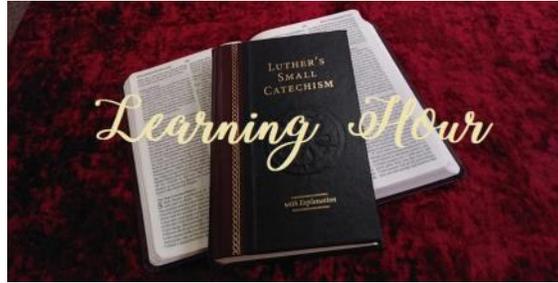
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# DISCIPLESHIP

Christian education is vital to our Spiritual health and growth.

*We value discipleship through the Christian education of children and adults of all ages as essential and vital to our spiritual health and growth. While we highly value people of every age, we are especially excited about our population of young families, many of whom come into our congregation through our Christian education programs for children.*

*Luke 18:15-17*



## ADULT LEARNING HOUR FALL CLASS OFFERINGS

*Between Worship Services beginning approximately 9:45 AM*

- ◆ **Foundations Video Series from Answers in Genesis**, led by Jesse Hogue, in the Music Room (114)
- ◆ **Wurmbrand Video Series from *The Voice of the Martyrs*** led by Matt Heintz, in the Naumann Room (230)
- ◆ **Exploring Our Faith**, led by Pastor Naumann in Allan Hall at 9:45 AM  
*What does it mean to have Christian faith? What do Lutherans believe?*



KIDS IN CHRIST'S KINGDOM

**PS-2nd Grades in Room #111**  
Jenny Maske leading, with parents assisting

**3rd-7th Grades in Room #119**  
Tammy Songer and Aaron Allen leading

Grades 3-7th will enjoy some exciting topics and special activities over the next few weeks. World Missions, the Ministry Fair and Stewardship.

*Please encourage your student to join us!*



St. Michael kids are learning a variety of skills from Mrs. Wright and really enjoying it.



## MAKING MIGHTY MESSENGERS FOR CHRIST

### CHRIST FOR KIDS CHILDCARE AND PRESCHOOL UPDATE



Christ for Kids is having a fabulous year so far! We are excited to say we are at capacity in almost every one of our classrooms! This is something to be thankful for!

In our Infant class (6 weeks to 1 year old) we have 15 babies enrolled out of 8 available spots. In our Waddler class (1 year old to 2 years old) we have 10 waddlers enrolled out of 8 available spots. In our Toddler room (2 years old to 3 years old) we have 10 enrolled and out of 8 available spots. Some babies are full time and others are part time, so that is why we have more enrolled than space because some babies share a full time spot. God is so good and he is doing amazing things with our IWT program! He is definitely Bringing Babies to Jesus!!

In our preschool rooms we have 66 preschoolers enrolled out of 80 spots. This number changes monthly, sometimes daily, but we are enjoying all the new and returning families.

In the preschool childcare classes, this is the class where children who do not attend preschool come to, we have 14 children enrolled out of 20 available spots. We also have the childcare for the kids who attend preschool to come when they are not in preschool and that is bursting at the seams right now. We have each day on average about 35 kids.

Our before and after school program is the biggest it has been since I started here in 2012. We are at capacity every day for after school! This is something to be thankful and praise God for!

So, all of our rooms are very busy rooms and the kids are having a great time playing and learning each day. We want to say thank you again to the congregation for your support and prayers of Christ for Kids. We are so proud of our center! Please stop in and see us whenever you would like. We love to show off the rooms and let you see all the kids playing and enjoying their time here. If you are looking to join our team, please let me know, we have a spot for you!

I want to share with you some of the fun things we hear the kids say while here at school. We hope you enjoy, and again thank you for your support of Christ For Kids!

Child had out a cow bell and was playing with it. The teacher said "Do you know that is a cow bell?" The child said "But Ms. Kathy cows do not have hands."

*-2 year old girl*

The teacher was describing how hairy Esau was during bible story time and a little boy replied "That sounds like my dad."

*-4 year old boy*

While looking at an insert in a Kids National Geographic magazine one friend says, "Who has that kind of money?" The other friend responds with, "God, God has that kind of money!"

*-5 year old friends*

Student during snack time: (blows nose) awe, look at this cute little booger, but I don't want to eat it and get worms in my belly

*-5 year old boy*

Student: "You know why I have a tag on my shirt?"  
Teacher: "Why?"  
Student: "When I don't know what to do then I pop it and rub it and I think. I think... should I go in the bounce house? What should I do?"

*-5 year old girl*

Student: "How old were you when you had Ms. Sarah?"  
Teacher: "It was a long time ago."  
Student: "You must have been a teen mom, you are only 18 now!"

*-5 year old girl*



## IMPROVE YOUR HOLIDAY PLANS – VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY NOW!

Would you like this holiday season to be more spiritually significant? Visit the church library for resources that will help you and your family focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Here are descriptions of some that are available for borrowing.

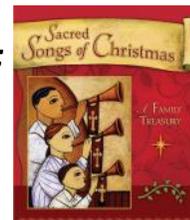


Lutheran Pastor Mark Jeske weaves historical background around people involved in the Old Testament Messianic prophecies in the six-week Bible study ***Messiah is Coming***. The book provides a fresh perspective on why the most significant event ever in the world's history was the personal visit to our planet by the Messiah.

Family devotions and children's crafts unite in ***Countdown to Christmas***, which includes the activity of making an ornament with each Advent devotion. As they make the symbolic ornaments to display, each family member will discover how the ornaments relate to God's unconditional love and sacrifice for us.

For families who yearn for Christmas to be a true celebration of Christ's birth on earth, the ***Handel's Messiah Family Advent Reader*** provides daily readings that are Bible-based and culturally rich. Focusing on 28 true and intriguing stories, it prepares families for Christmas in an entertaining yet meaningful way. Each story begins with a portion of the words from Handel's "Messiah" and is linked to the music on a CD included with the book.

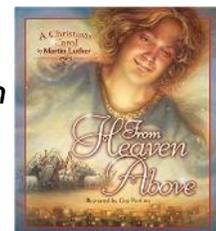
The stories behind the songs for 19 Christmas hymns are included in ***Sacred Songs of Christmas: A Family Treasury***, which features a CD of a children's choir singing the songs. From Concordia Publishing House, the book includes traditional German carols as well as familiar Christmas songs from the Lutheran Service Book.



The Christmas story is examined in detail in ***The Christmas Experience***, a small group DVD study from bestselling Christian author and speaker Kyle Idleman. Each of its six sessions includes a short film illustrating how God chose each person in the Christmas story for a specific purpose.

Written by renowned Reformation scholar Roland H. Bainton, ***Martin Luther's Christmas Book*** is an inspiring collection of thirty excerpts from Martin Luther's Christmas sermons. Each focuses on the human reality surrounding God's birth on Earth and reminds adults that keeping Christmas is a year-round mission of caring for those in need.

Include Martin Luther in your family Christmas activities by reading aloud the picture book ***From Heaven Above***. It is about a hymn that Luther wrote in 1531 for his five-year-old son Hans, which the family would sing every Christmas Eve thereafter.



In addition to these resources, the library has dozens of secular and Christian holiday books for children. Visit the library from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Sundays for help in selecting these or other titles. Every church member has been issued a library card and may borrow materials for 28 days.

## MAKING MIGHTY MESSENGERS FOR CHRIST



A women's Bible study in our church is discussing women caring about other women in our churches today. Our study is helping us better see how the people sitting in our pews are family and how all men and women with their children are part of the family of God.

Why do we refer to the church as a family? The Bible explains that *"all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God"* (Romans 8:14) and also that *"the Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ"* (Romans 8:16-17). Becoming a Christian means being adopted into God's family as a child of God and as a brother or sister to fellow believers. This understanding explains why we refer to the church as a family.

So, what is the value of this family? Many verses in the New Testament instruct believers on how to interact with "one another." These verses help us realize what value a believer gains by belonging to and interacting with the church family. Jesus himself instructed His disciples to *"love one another"* in such a way that *"all people will know that you are my disciples"* (John 13:34-35).

One benefit of having a church family is being loved and loving others in ways that are different from how people in the secular world love one another. Christian love is to be sacrificial and unconditional like the love Jesus showed us (John 15:12).

The other commands about how believers are to interact with one another essentially detail how that love plays out practically. The value in having a church family is not only receiving love, bearing lighter burdens, learning truth that equips, and having help to overcome sin. There is also value in having opportunities to give in each of these areas to other believers. Serving – by extending love and acceptance; offering to cook, drive, or babysit; teaching children or discipling those younger in the faith; or meeting with someone to provide accountability and encouragement – brings a sense of purpose and fulfillment. Knowing God has a role for each believer to play in the lives of other believers gives meaning and direction to our lives.

There are so many opportunities to serve through St. Michael activities, both within the church and out in the community. Give of yourself, and you will be amazed at the joy that you'll receive in helping other family members.

Blessings, *Virginia Hetrick* – Prayer Coordinator

**Planning on giving after you're gone from this earthly life? Are there people or organizations that you want to help financially?**

Attend ***"Your Legacy: Family, Church and Charity"*** to learn how you can provide for your loved ones, your church and your community's future, according to your legacy plan. Explore spontaneous, intentional and strategic/planned giving. See examples of people who have established legacy gift strategies and learn about foundations for charitable giving. This workshop is hosted by Michael Farrance with Thrivent. The workshop lasts an hour and lunch is provided.

**Sunday, November 7, 2021  
at 12:15 PM**

**at St. Michael Lutheran Church**

If you have questions regarding the workshop, please call Michael Farrance at 269-655-1818.

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**Looking for Cookie Bakers!!**  
Please let the church office know if you would be willing to bake a few dozen cookies to be served during the Advent Season. 269-327-7832

## MAKING MIGHTY MESSENGERS FOR CHRIST



**8th-High School Sunday Mornings**  
**9:45AM - Youth Room**

Ryan & Heather Bigelow leaders

**Sunday Evenings - 5:00 to 7:00 pm**

### UPCOMING EVENTS ON CALENDAR ALREADY...

<p><b>NOVEMBER</b> Pie Fundraiser 1-12th NYG Information Mtg. 7th @5PM Youth Board Mtg. 9th @5:30PM Pie Baking Day 13th @9AM Pie Pickup Day 14th Silly Movie Night 21st @5PM Advent Wreath Event 28th @9:45</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER</b> SY/JY Nativity Setup/Movie 5th Youth Board Mtg. 7th @5:30PM Christmas Party @ Hibachi 12th JY 1-3PM SY 5-7PM</p>	<p><b>JANUARY</b> Youth Board Mtg. 4th @5:30PM Silly Movie Night 9th @5PM NYG Mtg. 16th @5PM SY/JY WinterJam in GR 19th Super Subs Sale Starts 21st SY/JY Service Project 29th @4PM</p>
<p><b>FEBRUARY</b> Super Subs Sale 1-11th Youth Board Mtg. 1st @5:30PM Super Subs Making 12th @9AM Super Subs Pickup Day 13th Big Screen Party 13th @6PM</p>	<p><b>MARCH</b> Shrove Pancake Dinner 1st @5PM Youth Board Mtg. ?? @5:30PM NYG Mtg. 6th @5PM Easter Breakfast Planning 13,20, 27th</p>	<p><b>APRIL</b> NYG Mtg. 3rd @5:30PM Youth Board Mtg. 5th @5:30PM Easter Breakfast Prep 16th @9AM Easter Breakfast 17th Schram's Fundraiser Starts</p>
<p><b>MAY</b> NYG Mtg. 1st @5:30PM Youth Board Mtg. 3rd @5:30PM Confirmation Sunday 15th</p>	<p><b>JUNE</b> NYG Mtg. 5th @5:30PM Youth Board Mtg. 7th @5:30PM Graduation Sunday 12th</p>	<p><b>July</b> NYG - Houston 9-13th Youth Board Mtg. 9th @5:30PM VBS Week 24-29 NYG Reports 31st</p>

We have been blessed here at St. Michael with wonderful families and youth. We ask for the help of all parents to make your child's faith and spiritual life a TOP PRIORITY by encouraging them to get (and stay) plugged into St. Michael Youth Group. Families are emphasized and parents are always welcome. We are always in need of more adults to share God's love with the youth of our church in a multitude of ways. When we all focus together on bringing glory to God, then it is easy to reach out and show love for our neighbors.

The senior Youth meet Sunday evenings from 5-7 pm in the Youth Room, with monthly special events. For future information, please keep your eye on the Friday email announcements, as well as weekend worship announcements. Feel free to email Pastor Maske at: [dmaske@mightymessengers.org](mailto:dmaske@mightymessengers.org). We ask that all parents/youth please send Pastor Maske an email with contact information (name, grade, phone number, and email). Effective communication is vital in keeping our youth and families informed and involved. God bless you, as we walk with our Lord together! God is faithful, and He will continue to strengthen us in faith and love.



### NYG INFORMATION

### MTG. NOV. 7 @ 5:00PM

Youth and parents will be meeting on Sunday, November 7 at 5 pm in the Youth Room to discuss our timeline, costs, travel plans, etc. for the upcoming Youth Gathering (July 9-13, 2022) in Houston, Texas. Please plan on being at this meeting, if you are planning on going to the gathering. If you have any questions prior to this meeting, please contact Pastor Maske ([dmaske@mightymessengers.org](mailto:dmaske@mightymessengers.org)).

God bless you as we prepare our plans, minds, and hearts for a great time together with thousands of other Christian youth!

### FRESH MADE PIES...

The Youth are in the middle of their first fundraising opportunity of the season. Monies will go to their personal accounts to be used for the National Gathering or any other youth activity. The Youth Group will be taking orders from the congregation for holiday pies. The preparation and baking will be done on Saturday, Nov. 13, and pies will be available for pickup on the 14th. We are offering three choices of delicious pies for \$9.00 each - French Silk, Apple or Pumpkin. The youth are very appreciative of the support from the St. Michael family!!

**COMPLETE A FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE YOUTH ON SUNDAY MORNING, OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.**



*More than just a pie...*

**This year, your donation means more than ever. Buy a pie and help send the youth of St. Michael to the LCMS National Youth Gathering!**



Order now for pickup on Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**\$9.00**

*EACH*

*Choose from:*

French Silk

Apple or Pumpkin

COMPLETE A FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE YOUTH ON SUNDAY MORNING, OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.

*Please prepare \_\_\_\_ pie(s) for me to pick up on 11/14:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

*we're grateful*

*(# of pies x \$9)*

\_\_\_\_\_ *French Silk*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Apple*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Pumpkin*

# 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*

During this beautiful Autumn season, the Junior and Senior High Youth and families spent some time outdoors at Gull Meadow Farms. There were many activities enjoyed, including the Corn Maze. *Pictures on the next page.*

The fellowship of playing games, food and drinks and time together on Sunday evenings seems so important to the Senior Youth. The month of October was finished out with a trip to Revel & Roll West in Kalamazoo for some Axe Throwing. A great time was had by all during this spirited contest. Youth have also helped to make the Trunk or Treat parking lot event a fun and safe celebration for our community.





# RECENT FUN AT GULL MEADOW FARMS



# 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*



We were blessed to hear the Word of God through Rev. James Neuendorf recently. We thank James and Deaconess Christel for traveling from Puerto Rico to share their ministry with us! We keep you in prayer as you travel on and share the Gospel message with many more people.

## THE LIVING-GIVING TREE FOR COLONIAL ACRES FAMILIES

Deciding when and where to lend your support can feel like a daunting task in these times of so much need. However, we invite you to consider supporting some low-income families, living in the Colonial Acres Community.

The five churches in Portage making up the Jesus Loves Kalamazoo (JLK) Coalition, will again join together and make Christmas a little brighter by providing one **NEED** and one **WANT** gift to each child within 18 families. Parents will contribute ideas, receive the gifts and be able to wrap them for their family.

**In addition, St. Michael's role will be to provide the 18 families with a basket of personal hygiene items, paper products, cleaning items and a faith talk devotion book sharing the living Gospel of Jesus Christ..**

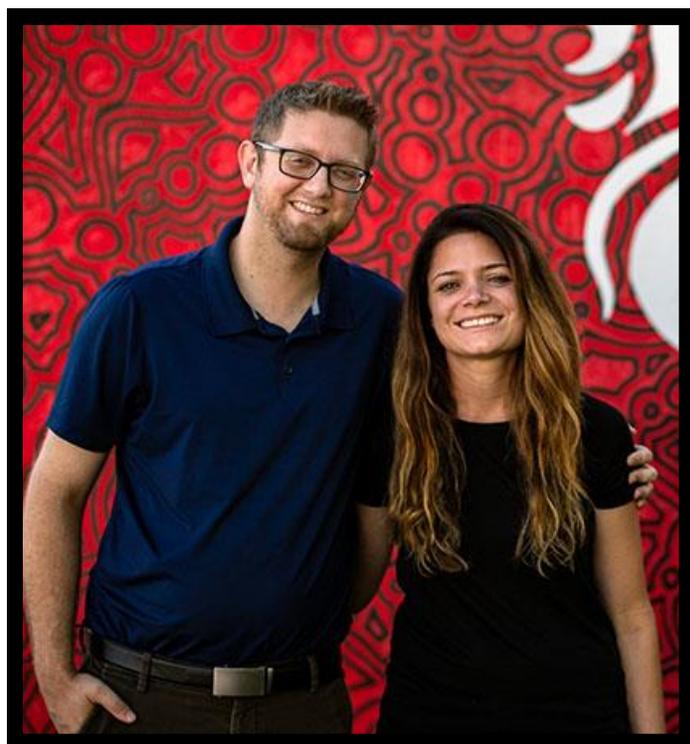
**Like shopping? .... Don't want to shop? We have options!!**  
In the coming weeks, a holiday giving tree will be set up with ways for you to take part in this ministry to help those less fortunate in our community.

# Your Mission Dollars at Work

The fiscal year of 2022 (which began November 1, 2021) includes \$15,000 of personalized missionary support divided equally among three full time missionary families.



**Rev. Dr. Jonathan Naumann**  
(Chaplain to all our LCMS Latin American Missionaries) and his wife, Cheryl (Deaconess). Santiago De Los Caballeros, Dominican Republic.



**Rev. James Neuendorf** (church planter) and his wife, Christel (Deaconess). Ponce, Puerto Rico



**Tyler Gjeltema** (Kalamazoo Youth for Christ) and his wife, Megan. Full time missionary to youth at their families at Colonial Acres Mobile Home Park in Portage and Kalamazoo.

# 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*



*"but help and support him in every physical need."*

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF GATHERING A SUCCESS!



Our annual Lutheran World Relief collection resulted in a total of 513 boxes from at least 20 various churches in Southwest Michigan.

Thanks to receiving a number of grants from **Thrivent Financial**, St Michael Church and School was able to donate 157 Baby Care Kits, 320 School Bags, 189 Hygiene Kits, and 24 Quilts. These were in 143 of the boxes on the trailer. The totals received from all the churches were:

Quilts:	142 boxes
School Bags:	167 boxes
Hygiene Kits:	160 boxes
Baby Care Kits:	38 boxes
Sewing Kits:	6 boxes

I want to extend sincere thanks to all of the year-long efforts of Michele Ryan in collecting, storing, organizing, and assembly of the donations. Also, thank you to all of those wonderful volunteers who helped in some way to sew, knit, assemble, package, load, and deliver all of the boxes. We couldn't do this without all of you!

*Jan Jett*





### Church Extension Fund

Bill.burmeister@mi-cef.org 800-242-3944

## LIGHTNING BOLTS

You may have heard the story told by Abraham Lincoln about the man traveling through a thunderstorm. Because of the torrential rain, the rutted dirt roads and pitch black night, the poor traveler was certain he would completely lose his way. The claps of thunder were directly overhead, piercing his senses constantly. But the flashes of lightning illuminated the road, allowing him to maintain his direction. Finally after an extremely loud crash, the man dropped to his knees and cried,

“Oh Lord God, if it’s all the same to you, I would rather a little more light and a little less noise!”

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.” Think back to all the times you had tough decisions to make. What job is the right one for me? Which house should I buy? Even though we want to buy this, is that the right way to spend our money at this moment? The paths we follow to make these decisions may not be as straight as we desire. We may even cry out for that flash of lightning to show us the path and clarify, without doubt, the decision we should make.

Let’s take a closer look at the Proverbs verse. First it says to trust in the Lord and don’t lean on your own understanding. How often are we guilty of neglecting that part? We gather the information and strive to make the decision that is best for us. Then the verse says, in all ways acknowledge Him. Finally the verse concludes, after all the directives, He will make your paths straight. Do we try to short circuit the process? Instead of fervently praying, standing still and waiting for the answer in God’s time, we get anxious and try to hurry along the process.

This might be a little like today’s safety mantra, not to text and drive. Instead of trying to multitask, turn both big and little decisions over to God, trust that He has the correct answer for you, acknowledge that He is sovereign over all the earth, and listen. It’s difficult in today’s instant world of the internet to be still. The answer may come from God giving us better understanding, the counsel of trusted friends or mentors or through our time in the Word and prayer. But we need to listen!

What does God have in store for you? On earth we don’t know, but Heaven is His promise! Since you can’t take all His earthly gifts with you, what do you think God would want done with them when He calls you home? Prayerfully consider what would be best for your family, church or other ministries. Any charitable gifts that are given to Church Extension Fund support the ministry of CEF in the Michigan District, LCMS, to help grow the Kingdom.



*“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” — Jesus, in Acts 20:35*

### DIFFERENT WAYS TO DONATE TO THE MINISTRY AT ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL :

- 1) <https://www.mightymessengers.org/donate/>
- 2) Mail or bring your donation envelopes to the church.
- 3) Fill out this [electronic giving form](#) and bring it into the church office.
- 4) Download the VANCO FAITH App from the Google Play or Apple Store.
- 5) Text to give 269-338-8196 with the amount of your donation.
- 6) Check out these designated giving options <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHHN/home>

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## SHEPHERD GROUPS

Lay Minister	Family Names Start with	Family Names & include
<b>Geoff Bohren</b> 231-679-4927	A	Boelman
<b>Rich Conklin</b> 616-889-0201	Bohren	Chenevare
<b>Dan Bryer</b> 269-323-7416	Chilcott	D
<b>Mel Schroeder</b> 734-646-9652	E	Franzen
<b>???</b> XXXXX	Frommann	G
<b>???</b> XXXXX	H	June
<b>Cory Luma</b> 269-365-8281	Jung	Lapekas
<b>Ernie VanOrman</b> 269-548-5714	Lausman	McNees
<b>Eric VanOrman</b> 269-249-7915	Messing	Nelson
<b>Jeff Burnett</b> 269-491-3700	Nieto	P
<b>Andy Allan</b> 269-370-7052	Q	Shook
<b>Greg Wedel</b> 312-961-4636	Sible	Stolsky
<b>Matt Heintz</b> 269-290-8507	Sullivan	T
<b>Arlan Wendzel</b> 269-816-5632	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.

## FAITH FORMATION

**CHILDREN** - Sunday Morning Classes are available during the 9:45 AM Learning Hour

**TEENS** - Classes are available during the 9:45 AM learning hour on Sunday mornings; Confirmation studies for 6-8th grade are on Wednesday evenings during the school year at 5:45 PM; Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings at 5:00 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. This course is taught in the fall and winter.

## NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants up to 3 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 4:00 PM 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/>

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July Avg . . . . .	256
August Avg . . . . .	270
September Avg . . . . .	276
October Avg. . . . .	274
<i>Annual Avg. 2019 . . . . .</i>	<i>347</i>
<i>Annual Avg. 2020 . . . . .</i>	<i>197</i>
	<i>(+ uncounted online viewers)</i>
Annual Avg. 2021 . . . . .	245

# MAKING MIGHTY MESSENGERS FOR CHRIST

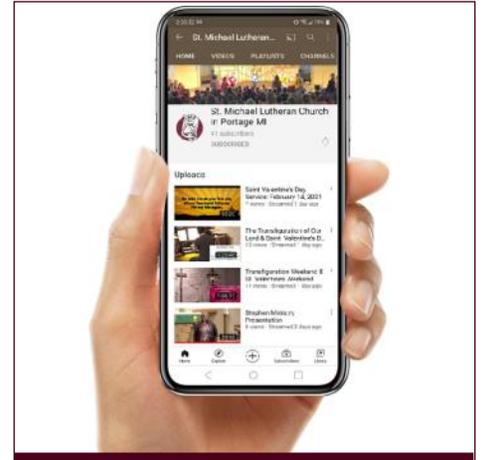
## SEPT. FINANCIALS 11 months

11/1/2020-9/30/2021

Church Revenue	\$ 769,023
School Revenue	\$ <u>900,223</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 1,669,246
Total Expenses	\$ <u>1,606,556</u>
Net Surplus (deficit)	\$ 62,691
Expense Budget	\$ 1,584,664
Under/(Over) Budget	\$ 84,582
Working Cash Balance	\$ 116,337
Mortgage Balance	\$ 766,397

### Designated Fund Balances

Endowment Fund	\$ 591,567
Building Contingency	\$ 40,089
Technology Refresh	\$ 8,482
Sunday School	\$ 408
Youth Donations	\$ 12,926
Youth Accounts	\$ 10,325
Good Samaritan	\$ 9,736
Memorials	\$ 5,640
L.A.M.P. Mission Trip	\$ 8,977
Quilting	\$ 1,002
Church Worker Scholarship	\$ 435
School Improvements	\$ 16,566
Tuition Assistance	\$ 57,293
School Music	\$ 580
Flower Fund	\$ 1,204
CFK Grant Fund	\$ 3,122
Women's Fellowship/LWML	\$ 3,757



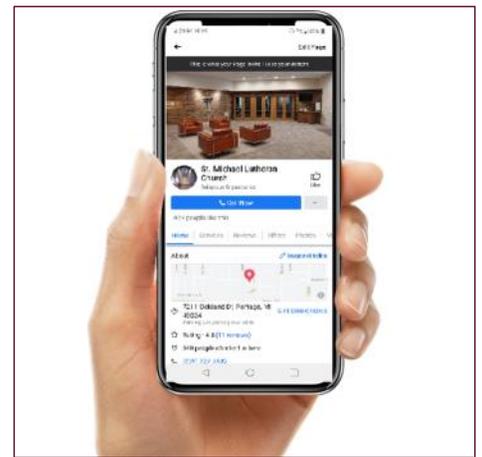
## STAY CONNECTED

### YouTube

On the St. Michael  YouTube page, You can find sermon videos, Bible classes, guest speakers, children's devotions and Vacation Bible School lessons.  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLGVSDNVzjBcEyBthV7\\_NOg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLGVSDNVzjBcEyBthV7_NOg)

### Facebook

Find worship service videos, devotions, special event announcements and more at   
<https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelLutheranChurchPortageMI>



## INDOOR SOCCER!

**WHERE:** ON-SITE at St. Michael Lutheran School - Gym

**WHEN:** Monday evenings – Nov 8<sup>th</sup> – Dec 13<sup>th</sup> (6 wks)  
OR  
Saturday mornings – Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – Dec 18<sup>th</sup> (5 wks)  
\*No session on November 27<sup>th</sup>

**COST:** Mondays - \$96 OR Saturdays - \$80

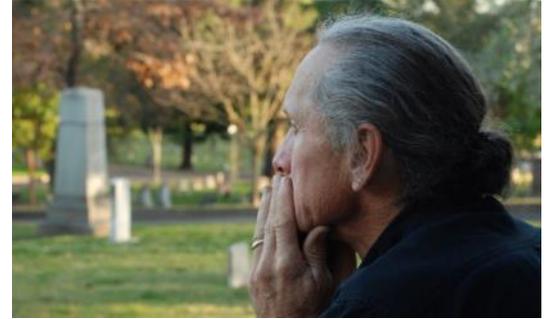
**HOW:** Enroll online at [soccershots.com/kalamazoo](https://soccershots.com/kalamazoo)



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## REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



The holidays can also be “hollow days” for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. As poet Edna St. Vincent Millay wrote, “the presence of that absence is everywhere” – especially for those experiencing their first Thanksgiving or Christmas after a death.

Therefore, it can be helpful to **begin now** – before Advent and other traditions begin – to think about and plan for how you will deal with the holidays this year. Here are some suggestions from “*Experiencing Grief*,” a booklet in the Stephen Ministries series *Journeying through Grief*.

***Anticipate that the holidays will probably be sad and emotional no matter what you do.*** That is okay. Do not allow yourself or others to pressure you to “be merry.” Instead, embrace Advent in all its fullness as a season of waiting.

***Focus only on how to make it through this holiday.*** It doesn’t have to be like the previous ones. And whatever you do (or don’t) experience should not affect future ones. Set realistic expectations for yourself and allow this year to be unique.

***Don’t be afraid to change some traditions.*** Forego potential stressors that you don’t feel up to doing, such as cooking a big Christmas dinner. This New Year’s Eve might be better staying in than going out.

***Don’t be afraid to keep some traditions.*** You may find comfort and security in keeping certain traditions the same, especially if they remind you of your loved one. Despite the temptation, avoid “canceling” the holiday.

***Get together with others who are grieving.*** This is not a good time to isolate yourself. Try to plan a social activity with others who understand what you are going through.

***Plan a way to remember your loved one.*** There are many meaningful ways that you can allow the one who has died to be included in the holiday. You can put their favorite dish on the menu or play holiday songs that remind you of them or light a candle. Let family and friends know that it is okay for them to talk about your loved one.



***It’s okay to smile and laugh – if you want to.*** It’s possible that you will feel conflicting emotions all at once. And while the holidays will never be the same, things can be different and still be happy.

***Finally, do not forget Stephen Ministry.*** Stephen Ministers meet one-on-one with those needing confidential support and Christ-centered care. To request a Stephen Minister, contact a Stephen Leader such as Dana Naumann at 269-808-7832.

## IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!!

Operation Christmas Child is a national program run by Samaritan's Purse and Franklin Graham. Each year thousands of shoeboxes, filled with small toys, clothing and hygiene items are packed by individuals and groups to be distributed worldwide, including within the US, to spread the Good News and Great Joy of Jesus' love. You can be a part of this by picking up a shoebox in the Communications Center between services until Nov. 7. Choose a gender and an age group, fill the shoebox with appropriate items, and return it to church by Nov 14.

Simple! If you prefer, shop from home by filling a box online by going to

[Samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://Samaritanspurse.org/occ)

### GIFT IDEAS...

- |   |   |                                      |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Flashlight with Batteries (Included) | 18. Watercolor Set with Paintbrush                          | 34. Any Other Small Toys             |
| 2. Sunglasses                           | 19. Individual Sealed Play-Doughs                           | 35. Colorful Duct Tape               |
| 3. Flip-Flops                           | 20. Ink Pads with Stamps                                    | 36. Small Tupperware type containers |
| 4. T-Shirts                             | 21. Stickers  | 37. Hand Wipes                       |
| 5. Socks                                | 22. Small Stuffed Animals or Dolls                          | 38. Nail Files/Nail Clippers         |
| 6. Ball Caps                            | 23. Inflatable Beach Balls                                  | 39. Colorful Kid Band-Aids           |
| 7. Small Flannel Throws                 | 24. Bouncy Balls  | 40. Hair Clips/Hair Bands            |
| 8. Toy Jewelry                          | 25. Slinkies  | 41. Hair Ties/Scrunchies             |
| 9. Pencils/Pens/Sharpies                | 26. Etch-A-Sketch   | 42. Hair Brush/Comb                  |
| 10. Pencil Case                         | 27. Puzzles   | 43. Toothbrush                       |
| 11. Pencil Sharpeners                   | 28. Legos*  | 44. Dental Floss                     |
| 12. Erasers                             | 29. Jump Ropes  | 45. Bar of Soap                      |
| 13. Notebooks(or Pads)/Post-Its         | 30. Picture Books   | 46. Washcloth                        |
| 14. Solar Calculators                   | 31. Small Noise Making Toys (Harmonica, Mini-Shakers, etc.) | 47. Underwear                        |
| 15. Coloring Books or Coloring Rolls    | 32. Toy Cars  |                                      |
| 16. Crayons/Colored Pencils/Markers     | 33. Balloons  |                                      |



# Join Us!

- ◆ **Midweek Advent Series** – December 1, 8, 15  
Join us on Wednesdays at 5PM for a meal & fellowship,  
Confirmation lesson at 6PM,  
Worship at 6:30PM & a Cookie Reception
- ◆ **Christmas Eve** – Friday, December 24  
Carol Service 4PM    Candlelight Service 7PM
- ◆ **Christmas Day** – Saturday, December 25  
Communion Service 10AM
- ◆ **Sunday, December 26**    Divine Worship – 8:30AM  
Morning Song – 11:00AM
- ◆ **New Year's Eve** – Friday, December 31  
Communion Service 6PM

# 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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