



THE MIGHTY MESSENGER

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Photo Credit: Chad Doubblestein - scenic view in Fennville, Michigan



*“And let the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts, to which indeed
you were called in one body.
And be thankful.”*

– Colossians 3:15

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to make disciples of *Jesus*

CELEBRATION TIME!

There's a whole lot of celebrating going on these days. School kids and teachers alike are celebrating the end of another school year and looking forward to summer fun ahead. College grads are usually the first to walk across the platform and throw their mortar board hats into the air in celebration of their degree. But High School grads follow shortly thereafter, often gathering with family and friends in celebrational open houses in a tented backyard that's lined with tables of memories and accomplishments, as well as food and drink.

The church gets in on the celebrating, too. We congratulated our eighth grade graduates from our St. Michael Lutheran School in the Friday chapel on May 27, and we'll be celebrating the work anniversaries of a couple of our SMLS teachers in our worship services on June 5, namely Ms. Juilie Prentice (10 years) and Mrs. Lisa Lam (20 years). We'll also be conferring the annual "Angel Award" that morning in recognition of someone for outstanding volunteer service to our school. Then on June 12 at the 11:00 am worship service, we will recognize the high school graduates in our congregation, pray for them, and celebrate them at a reception afterwards at around noon.

That happens to be the Day of Pentecost, in which the Church the world over celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and His indwelling in each and every believer in Christ. At the end of last month, we celebrated the Ascension of Our Lord and remembered how Jesus was lifted up into heaven where He now sits at the right hand of the throne of God continually serving as Prophet, Priest, and King. That's a great celebration for the Church, as it marks the completion of Jesus' earthly ministry for our eternal salvation, and also anticipates His return to the earth on the last day when every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father (see Philippians 2).

Of course I need to mention the wonderful celebration that you all put on for Dana and I upon

the occasion of our 25th anniversary in ministry at St. Michael. While the delay in the date from January to May 21, no doubt made it impossible for some to attend, it also made it possible for others to attend who otherwise might have been snow-birding so all in all it was a great turn out that was very affirming and heart warming. Our "love tanks" are full to overflowing! Whenever we were aware of gift givers by name we were sure to send them a thank you note, but there were many more anonymous givers to whom we can only say thank you in this space for all your kindness and generosity. There was much that went on without my knowledge by more people than I know, but certainly our very special thanks goes to Tammy Songer, Diane Gibson, and Jeff Burnett, as well as to Pastors Maske and Toman, and our guest speaker Pastor Dave Davis. Much thanks also to those who spoke at the event, and to all who helped set up, serve, and clean up.

It was truly a labor of love and we feel the love from all of you, not only through this very affirming event, but really through all your support over our many years of serving the Lord together. But the One who ultimately deserves all the thanks, all the praise, and all the glory for all things is our Triune God in whom we "live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). Not only would we not be here in this world if it were not for Him, we would not be together in His Church either. But because Jesus "has done all things well" (Mark 7:37) for us, we can and do live under Christ in His Kingdom, serving Him "in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness" (Martin Luther's explanation to the 2nd article in the Small Catechism). May we all enjoy a wonderful summer, celebrating God's goodness to us in all the seasons of the year and of our lives. And at the same time, may we use every opportunity that this summer gives us to glorify God and to worship Him wherever we are.



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

TODD PROMOTED TO CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS

As one of your pastors, it is also my privilege to serve our Navy as a chaplain. Admiral Gregory Todd, one of our LCMS pastors and Navy chaplains was recently promoted to chief of Navy chaplains, a position that includes a high level of responsibility and accessibility to our nation's sailors, marines, and their families.

Please keep the Todd family in your prayers as he serves our nation and brings the presence and Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need to hear and feel His love.

From the LCMS "Reporter"

On May 16, during a Change of Office Ceremony at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., LCMS Chaplain Gregory Todd was promoted to chief of chaplains for the U.S. Navy. The promotion comes four years after Todd was promoted to the rank of rear admiral (lower half), deputy chief of Navy chaplains and chaplain of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Todd became aware of the Navy chaplain candidate program while attending Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. His interest grew after two summers of training for the program.

After ordination, Todd became a Navy Reserve chaplain, serving a Marine Corps unit for six years along with Our Savior Lutheran Church and Student Center in Carbondale, Ill., followed by Christ Lutheran Church in Jacob, Ill.

During that time, he became increasingly concerned about military members and their families.

"I was struck by the deep need for the Gospel among service members," Todd told Reporter in 2018.

Todd was one of the first chaplains on the ground in New York City after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. He also has helped train and develop other chaplains throughout his career.

In his remarks at the ceremony on May 16, Todd expressed his thanks to the many individuals who have supported him during his service, ending with his parents, "who gave me so much, but chief among these gifts was the gift of faith ... in Jesus Christ and the assurance of His love.

Pastor Maske



MAKING MIGHTY MESSENGERS FOR CHRIST

June 5, 2022 – The Day of Pentecost

PSALM 143:1-10; GENESIS 11:1-9 AND ACTS 2:1-11; JOHN 14:25-26

“TO US, THROUGH US” - SERMON TEXT: PSALM 30

- REV. DR. THOMAS AHLERSMEYER

Pentecost commemorates and celebrates our Father God bringing Jesus Christ to us and through us, into the lives of others through the gift of the Holy Spirit. What a grace-filled privilege to receive and give the life-giving precious Gospel.



June 12, 2022 – Holy Trinity

PSALM 8; ACTS 2:14A, 22-36; JOHN 8:48-59

“THE TRIUNE GOD LOVES YOU” - SERMON TEXT: ACTS 2:33

- REV. DR. WALTER MAIER III

God is triune – three Persons, yet one God, as revealed in Scripture. We cannot fully comprehend this. But another truth from Scripture we do fully understand – the Triune God loves each one of us with a tremendous love.

June 19, 2022 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

PSALM 3; ISAIAH 65:1-9; LUKE 8:26-39

“HOW MUCH GOD HAS DONE” - SERMON TEXT: LUKE 8:38-39

- REV. THOMAS EGGOLD

In today's reading, after Jesus drove demons out of a man, He told him, “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” Christ crossed the lake to restore this man, not only so that the man would be “dressed and in his right mind,” but so that this once ostracized and isolated outcast could go home, could be reunited with his family, could rejoin his community, and could carry with him a message of “how much God has done” for him. This is what Christ has done for us as well.

June 26, 2022 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

PSALM 16; 1 KINGS 19:9B-21; LUKE 9:51-62

“TO JERUSALEM!” - SERMON TEXT: LUKE 9:51

- REV. SHAYNE JONKER

“When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem.” Jesus' purpose, His mission, was to go to Jerusalem and be crucified for the world's sin, rise from the dead, and ascend into heaven. He came to be taken up, and to take us up together with Him.



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
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Access for Kalamazoo and Portage

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Sunday 6 AM 12 Noon, 6PM 12 Midnight

Repeats on Wednesdays

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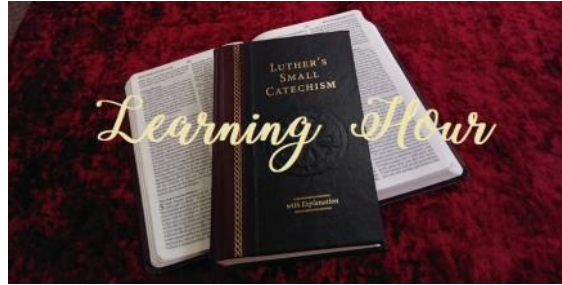
- 30-Minute Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod worship service
- Produced by Lutherans for the homebound, hospitalized...
- Includes the Gospel, Epistle, and Sermon by LCMS pastors
- Music by choirs, soloists, and small groups

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 CLASS OFFERINGS

Ray Vander Laan Video series takes us on a journey through Sinai and Israel, a region that is still largely desert but at times filled with lush, bountiful places. We will discover how Jesus called people to live in the Promised land. What can we learn during times of abundance and in times of desert. (Room 114)

The Intersection of Church & State examines the dynamic give-and-take relationship that has marked the crossroads of church and state in this country. Though roadblocks are frequent where the two meet, there is still tremendous potential for cooperative work to be done. (Room 230) **JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS TO HEAR MORE!**

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JUNE 19 & 26 - WATCHING TOGETHER

Sabina: Tortured for Christ, the Nazi Years

The story of how God's love transformed an ambitious, atheistic hedonist into one of the greatest Christian women of the 20th century. The film opens with Sabina Wurmbrand risking her life to show Christ's love to a trio of Nazi soldiers. Why? Why would a Jewish Christian risk her life to help her enemies – members of the army that killed her entire family? Experience the amazing true story that has redefined the concepts of love and forgiveness for millions around the world.



S-U-M-M-E-R WORKSHOP

Children and Teens that have completed grade 3 and up are invited from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday, June 25 to meet with Mrs. Mary Wright to learn valuable skills and enjoy a great project – decoration making for VBS.

If anyone would like to help, or any high school students are looking for community service hours, please contact Mary. To register send your child's name, grade, parent name and contact info., and any allergy or medical concerns to mary.wright65@gmail.com

Bring a waterbottle, but packing a lunch is not necessary, as preparation and eating will be part of the lessons.

More special sessions to come during the summer!



ST MICHAEL YOUTH ACTIVITIES

God is so good to us here at St. Michael, especially through our families and volunteers! God bless you and all of us together, as we grow and trust in Christ our Savior.

Confirmation was a wonderful day full of God's Word and Christian affirmation of the baptismal vows. Thank you to all who have been and continue to pray with our confirmands. As you are able, please keep encouraging our students and especially their families as they grow in their worship life, Bible study, and servant-hearted lives as children of God.

Our Youth are gearing up for the **National Youth Gathering** in Houston, Texas (July 9–13), and we appreciate all your prayers and financial support as we prepare.

The **Junior High Youth** are preparing for a gathering in Frankenmuth the first weekend in June. We would appreciate your prayers for our youth and leaders who will attend and grow in their trust in our Lord.

We also thank all who have helped support the Youth through the purchase of **Schram's Greenhouse gift certificates**. Your support continues to help our Youth participate in various activities and servant opportunities.

May God bless us all as His children as we continue to grow and walk together as His redeemed and precious children.

Here are some Upcoming Events:

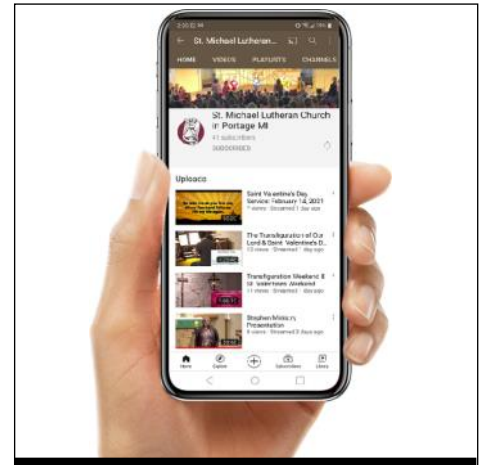


6/5 Pizza after worship services and Painting Chalk Wall

6/12 Graduates recognized in late Worship & cake after to celebrate



6/26 Climb Kalamazoo after worship services - \$15 per person



STAY CONNECTED

YouTube

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



St. Michael Lutheran Church in Portage MI

Facebook

Find worship service videos, devotions, special event announcements and more: @StMichaelLutheranChurchPortageMI

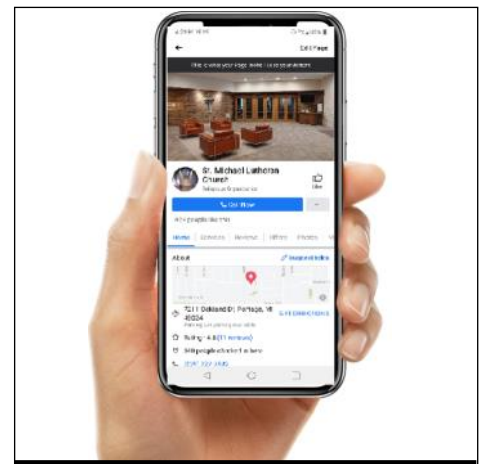


YOUTH MINISTRY USES



Signal APP

To share activity information. Connect with Pastor Maske for more details on how to be informed.





CHRIST FOR KIDS CHILDCARE

Education with Christ at the Heart







To All 2022
Graduates

A graduate recognition and celebration will be June 12 in the late worship service. After the service, we will have some cake in honor of the seniors celebrating their hard work.

*"The LORD will
keep your going
out and your
coming in from
this time forth
and forevermore."*

– Psalm 121:8

ABIGAIL ELIZABETH CLOSE



Parents: Paul & Jennifer Close

Baptized: 6/13/2004

Graduating: Portage Central

College Plans: Cosmetology at
Paul Mitchell the School

KARLEY JO CRAWFORD

Parents: Kelly & Howard McNees
Timothy Crawford

Baptized: 11/30/2003

Graduating: Portage Central

College Plans: Western Michigan
University - Finance



ABBEY JANE FROMMANN



Parents: Jim & Melissa Frommann

Baptized: 11/24/2002

Graduating: Mattawan HS

College Plans: Michigan State
University - Finance

LIAH ANNE HEINTZ

Parents: Matt & Brenda Heintz

Baptized: 12/14/2003

Graduating: Portage North

College Plans: Western
Michigan University –
Elementary Education



*Welcome To
God's Family*

EMMA GRACE JAIME

Born: December 10, 2015

Baptism: May 6, 2022

during SMLS Chapel time

Daughter of
Ryan & Sara Jaime

AURORA LYNNE KING

Born: November 12, 2021

Baptism: May 29, 2022

Daughter of
Matthew & Brittany King

LAUREN LEE LAHRKE



Parents: Ken & Terra Lahrke

Baptized: 3/14/2004

Graduating: Vicksburg HS

College Plans: Grand Valley State
University – Pre-Med/Spanish

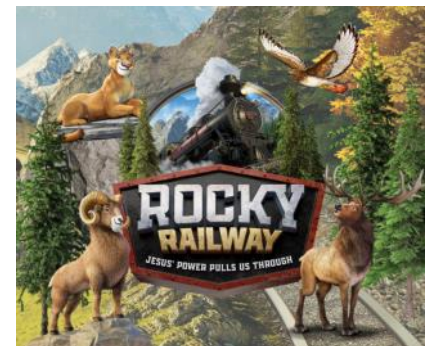
AIDAN ALAN REA

Parents: Alan & Lynda Rea

Baptized: 5/4/2014

Graduating: Portage Central

College Plans: Michigan Career
& Technical Institute



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TYLER JAN STOLSKY



Parents: Chris & JulLea Stolsky

Baptized: 12/1/2003

Graduating: Portage Central

College Plans: University of Minnesota – Finance *(Football)*



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St. Michael's website is full of helpful information.

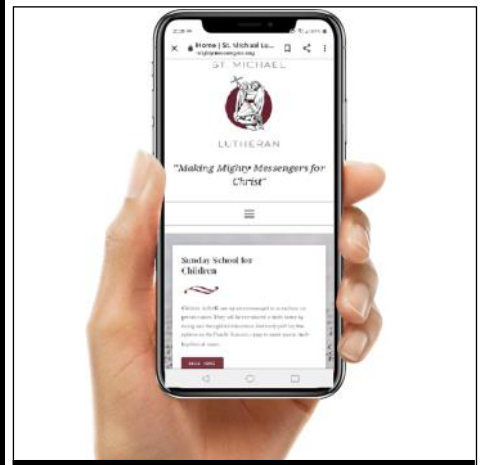
JASPER LYNKON TAYLOR

Parents: Jon & Karen Taylor

Baptized: 4/4/2004

Graduating: Portage Central

College Plans: Colorado School of Mines - Engineering



VOLUNTEER TRAINING — THURSDAY, JULY 7

You are the core of the Vacation Bible School success.

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- ♥ Light Meal
- ♥ Logistics of VBS Week
- ♥ Q & A
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To our dear St. Michael family,

Brian and I would like to express our deepest thanks for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and support we received during my diagnosis, surgery, and recovery. The Lord has truly blessed us with all of you, and we thank Him that he led us to this wonderful congregation.

We hope to be in church again soon as my recovery and healing are going well. The pathology reports, and doctor visits have all been positive. Pathology reports show no cancer in any other tissue; PRAISE THE LORD!

We are more than overwhelmed at the outreach from St Michael. Thank you again for all you have done to support us through this difficult experience. God's richest blessings to our St. Michael family.

— Jeaneen Hall



Prayers of gratitude for all the volunteers that gave of their time and great ideas, as the special anniversary celebration was planned for the Naumann's.

St. Michael family,

We are so pleased that a number of friends have come forward recently to offer their Thrivent Action Team dollars to support the ministry efforts of St. Michael. You make a difference with your generosity!

As a Thrivent Financial client, you can sponsor meals, help purchase supplies, contribute to personal care/school/baby care kits, and more!

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Two years ago, Marie's husband was called home to Jesus. Bud had always taken care of the financial matters: paying bills, investing, and planning for the future. They had been married for seventy years. Now, Marie was feeling overwhelmed. The financial planner kept calling, asking her permission to change investment strategies. The life insurance company regularly had calling teams contacting her, asking if she wanted to add to her coverage. The local bank kept sending mail asking her if she wanted to refinance the mortgage. The senior living representative she and Bud had met four years ago kept asking if she was ready to move into assisted living. The burden of these decisions was overwhelming.

So, when her daughter asked her if she had reviewed her will lately, Marie became angry. "I just need everyone to leave me alone. Stop bugging me."

It is wise to do good planning while both spouses are alive. It is even better to make sure that those plans are written down, detailing an organized, planned

approach to caring for the financial gifts God has placed in your care. It is unwise to expect that children or other relatives will be able to jump in, without any prior involvement, to make the same kind of choices you have chosen all your life. They will lovingly do their part, but you may be asking them to carry out a difficult or impossible task. Planning can bring peace of mind. When a good plan is in place, seeking interaction with professional legal, financial or tax advisors can be seen as continuing that plan. Asking children to help will also be part of that continuance.

Now is a good day to start. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can highlight areas of decision and point you to the right professionals to help you write down a plan, all the while expressing your love for your family and your devotion to the Lord. Contact...

Julie Burgess

Gift Planning Counselor, Church Extension Fund

Email: Julie.burgess@lfnd.org

Mobile: 713-822-5284

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



25-Years of Ministry
with Rev. Paul & Dana Naumann
Worship and Celebration

GENERAL INFORMATION

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/>

APRIL FINANCIALS

6 Months

11/1/2021-4/30/2022

Church Revenue	\$ 430,988
School Revenue	\$ <u>725,358</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 1,156,346
Total Expenses	\$ <u>948,647</u>
Net Surplus (deficit)	\$ 207,699
Expense Budget	\$ 955,357
Under/(Over) Budget	\$ 200,990
Working Cash Balance	\$ 233,519
Mortgage Balance	\$ 736,956

Designated Fund Balances

Endowment Fund	\$714,958
Building Contingency	\$ 47,121
Parking Lot Fund	\$ 15,000
Technology Refresh	\$ 8,409
Sunday School	\$ 313
Youth Donations	\$ 15,938
Youth Accounts	\$ 11,697
Good Samaritan	\$ 3,902
Memorials	\$ 3,495
L.A.M.P. Mission Trip	\$ 12,556
Quilting	\$ 1,390
Church Worker Scholarship	\$ 535
School Improvements	\$ 46,340
Tuition Assistance	\$ 56,491
School Music	\$ (201)
Flower Fund	\$ 5,609
CFK Grant Fund	\$ 0
Women's Fellowship/LWML	\$ 3,880
Faith Budget	\$ 55,000

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March Avg.	373
April Avg.	446
May Avg.	245
Annual Avg. 2019	347
Annual Avg. 2020	197
(+ uncounted online viewers)	
Annual Avg. 2021	265
Annual Avg. 2022	315

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



Lutheran Bible Translators

Rev. Dr. Rich Rudowske
Called as Executive Director



Concordia, Missouri — Lutheran Bible Translators Board Chair, Marlis Norton, on behalf of the board of directors, recently announced that Rev. Dr. Rich Rudowske accepted the call to be the next executive director of the Bible translation organization effective January 1, 2023.

He will succeed Dr. Mike Rodewald who retires at the end of the year. The new director is the brother of St. Michael member, Chris Rudowske.

"It is with great pleasure and thanksgiving that I get to make this announcement. Rich's resume of experience with international partners, leadership of the organization's successful programs and passion for the mission with vision for the future set him apart for this call," said Board Chair Marlis Norton.



"Rich's experience with Lutheran Bible Translators – its history and its vision – will move the organization into its dynamic future. Translation work, though still ultimately taking the original Biblical text and translating it into any local dialect, has changed over the decades, and Rich's insights and leadership qualities will wisely guide Lutheran Bible Translators into the next decades," shared Board Executive Search Committee member Rev. Dr. Paul Mueller.

Dr. Rudowske's leadership approach draws on his experience as a Bible translation advisor in Botswana. He and his wife, Maya, partnered with the Bakgalagari community to translate and produce the Gospel of Luke in their previously unwritten language.

In 2013, Rich began serving as the Regional Director for Southern Africa, facilitating partnerships with 24 language communities and Bible translation programs. Rich and Maya – with their five children – returned to the United States in 2014 upon Rich's assignment to serve as the Director for Program Ministries for Lutheran Bible Translators at the international offices. He has served as Chief Operating Officer since 2017. Dr. Rudowske earned the BBA from Eastern Michigan University in 1996, the MDiv from Concordia Seminary in 2005, and the PhD in Missiology from Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne in 2022.

MAKING MIGHTY MESSENGERS FOR CHRIST

Our congregation has been approached by Bethany Christian Services to engage in their refugee ministry program. The Board of Evangelism heard a presentation from Abigail Davenport-Walker (Bethany's Community Engagement Specialist) at the May 24 meeting and is now encouraging our members to attend this World Refugee Day Celebration event to learn more about the refugees that are in our area and how we might be a blessing to them.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY CELEBRATION

Bethany x Lee Honors College

Experience new cultures right here in Kalamazoo with your whole family. Win raffle prizes, play outside in Dino Park, and celebrate our local refugee community through personal exhibit booths.

getting here



Saturday, June 25

1:00-4:00 PM

Lee Honors College
Western Michigan University

EMAIL SBLOMGREN@BETHANY.ORG
WITH ANY QUESTIONS



Ways to Volunteer

FOR CATALYST WEEK 2022



STREET MINISTRY



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SERVICE

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



Mighty Messengers for Christ

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*

We, as a church, are all better together.

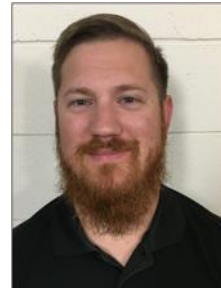
If someone is in need, please reach out to your assigned Lay Minister for assistance.



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Sullivan - T



MARK HOUGH
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Frommann - G



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Bohren - Chenevare



MARK RUESCH
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Messing - Nelson



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Church Extension Fund

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THEN LISTEN

Several years ago, a news report exposed a practice that some manufacturers of everyday household products were doing to save costs. They reduced the amount of the product but used the same size packaging. Consumers were totally unaware of the change. The weight was reduced by several ounces as the same sized box held less, for the same price.

It's amazing how often everything seems calm on the outside but turmoil is rumbling on the inside. I hate to admit it, but there were some Sundays when the kids were driving us crazy on the way to church, tempers may have gotten out of control and then you put on the happy face to walk into church.

How many people are dressed in their Sunday best but are struggling with some conflict that is eating away at them? We might be surprised to learn that others are having the same problems that we experience. Hello, how are you doing? It's often just said as a greeting. Do you really want to know? Are you ready to invest the time and energy if you get a surprisingly honest answer? My wife was the champion at sincerely asking that question, "how are you"? And then listening, asking follow-up questions and exuding trust and caring. It was incredible how often that led to a conversation about topics that weren't intended to be brought into the open.

Because she truly listened, was willing to share her own shortfalls and offered a safe space to be open and honest, many people were willing to peel back the layers and have frank discussions. This often opened the door to authentic talks about feelings, family and faith. That was her primary prayer, that people would see Jesus through her.

Isn't that what Jesus did? He approached those with issues, challenges and in need of help. In today's world I believe it helps to know that you are not alone. Others are experiencing the same things as you. Sharing the burden helps. But sharing the grace and love of Jesus helps even more.

Ask the question. Be willing to listen. Share your story. Tell of your need for God's grace and the love of Jesus. Peel back the layers as you plant or nurture the seeds of faith. Then watch what the Holy Spirit can do.

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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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