



# THE MIGHTY MESSENGER

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## ANTICIPATING AUGUST

When I was a kid, I always hated to hear those three dreaded little words, “Back to School,” but with the advent of August the advertisers are certainly trumpeting it. As a parent, it was sometimes a welcome relief to get the kids back in school and to restore some routine to the family. Maybe you feel that way too and will welcome back the first day of school when that day comes. For our St. Michael Lutheran School that day will be Monday, August 28. We’ll have a “Back to School” emphasis in our three weekend worship services just prior to it, and at which time we can thank the Lord for our summer experiences and for the record enrollment in our school, and we can also pray His blessing upon all teachers and students alike as they begin another school year.

In the meantime, one of our annual routines at St. Michael is coming up soon, namely our LAMP mission trip to Lac Brochet, Manitoba. It’s almost two weeks later this year, August 10-20, but we’re hoping that the timing is God’s timing and that it will prove to be that much more advantageous for the community. Thank you so much to the many who have contributed to the cause and made it possible for us to minister to the Dene people of the far north with Bible studies for women, men, teens, and a daily Bible school for the young kids. A special thank you to our own Zoomerang Vacation Bible School children and families who donated about \$700 in their loose change collection. It was extremely gratifying to see hear the kids chant “Lac Brochet!” and to see them taking some ownership in this special ministry. Be sure to join us for worship on Labor Day weekend as the LAMP team will be reporting back to us and telling some moving and exciting stories of their experience.

The very day after we get back from the LAMP trip will be our annual “Mighty Angels Golf Outing” to raise much needed dollars for our SMLS Tuition Assistance Fund. We’re pleased to provide about \$35,000 each year for families who apply, making it possible for many to be students at our school who otherwise might not be able to receive a high quality, safe, and loving “education with Christ at the heart.” It’s certainly not too late to sign up play and/or to sponsor the event. Go to our [mightymessengers.org](http://mightymessengers.org) website for further information and online registration.

As August begins, there’s still a lot of summer left but if there are things that you wanted to do this summer that you’ve not yet gotten to do it’s time to get with it! Thank you to all who have been faithful in worship and Bible class this summer, whether it was at St. Michael or at another congregation while you were traveling and vacationing. Certainly we never take a break from God as He is with us always wherever we are and wherever we go. That’s a good thing because we need Him every hour and every moment of the day. Psalm 139 puts it well: “O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You understand my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down; You are aware of all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, You know all about it, O LORD” (vv. 1-4). May the Lord be with you and bless you in this month of August, and enable you to live for Him and glorify Him always.



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

**BACK TO SCHOOL TIME  
MEANS SALES FOR  
SUPPLIES TO GO IN KITS!!**

*If you are inclined to  
purchase a few items we  
are collecting:*

- box of 24 crayons
- a pink eraser
- 70-sheet notebooks, wide- or college-ruled
- Wooden ruler, with centimeters and inches
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- pencil sharpener
- black or blue ballpoint pens, no gel ink
- Scissors



# WE ARE CALLED

to make disciples of *Jesus*

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.

## STAY CONNECTED

### Email Updates

Sign up for regular email updates from St. Michael by going to our website: [mightymessengers.org](http://mightymessengers.org).

*We try to send something mid-day on Fridays and when special services and events are happening.*

### Office Contacts:

Church + 269-327-7832

School + 269-327-0512

Christ For Kids + 269-327-4889



A fellowship event is being planned for the women of the church on Saturday, September 9 at 11:00 am.

You are invited out to brunch at Michelle's Restaurant (677 Romence Road). *Mark your calendar now!*

## You're Invited To the Annual Gathering Saturday, October 21

10AM - Allan Hall

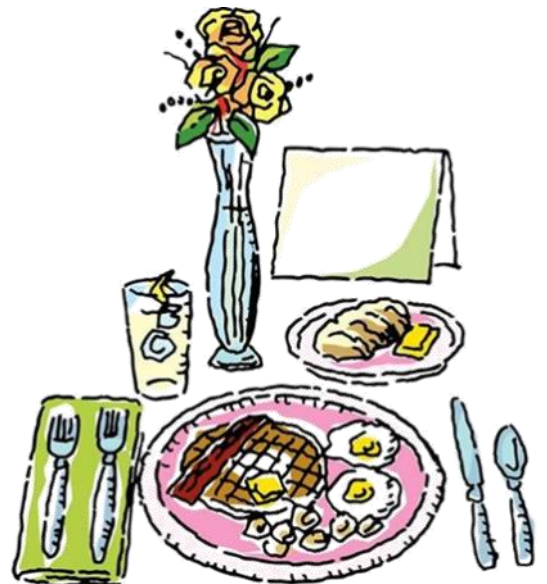
This is a great opportunity for all to learn more about the role of Altar Guild. Come, if you might consider serving even on a part-time basis. We will sign up for serving in 2024, so bring your personal calendar with you.

RSVP please to Kristi Rudowske

Home: 269-324-5792

Text: 269-532-5043

Email: [kspitz2001@yahoo.com](mailto:kspitz2001@yahoo.com)



## Altar Guild Brunch

# 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*



## BE PRESENT

The average American is on their phone around 5 hours (minimum) every day, and checks their phone every 3 minutes. If you think about it, this is actually very tragic. How many minutes do we waste looking at a screen as opposed to into each other's eyes... or at the road... or in prayer?

There are many things that can distract us from the here and now, and I am as guilty as anyone. We think things are important, when in reality, we are turning in upon ourselves as opposed to turning out to the needs of others.

Jesus **never** did this. Jesus always was concerned with the needs of others and showed His concern by being present. Being present obviously includes eye contact, active listening, etc... but it also includes sharing the ever-present love and Word of Jesus Christ. Being present means making yourself available, and intentionally so.

This week, make yourself present to those in your life, especially beginning with your own family. **Be** in the moment with these friends, and listen to them. Whether this person is right or wrong, love them like Jesus loves them, and just walk alongside them. This is what Jesus does, and it is what His people do.

*Pastor Maske*





## August 6, 2023 – Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

PSALM 136:1-9; ISAIAH 55:1-3A; MATTHEW 14:13-21

“HUNGER MET, THIRST QUENCHED” – SERMON TEXT: ISAIAH 55:1-3A  
– REV. DR. WALTER MAIER III

We all have been hungry and thirsty. We need to eat and drink in order to have physical life. But there is another type of hunger and thirst, which is even more important to satisfy. When this hunger is met, and this thirst quenched, the result is everlasting life.

## August 13, 2023 – Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

PSALM 18:1-16; JOB 38:4-18; MATTHEW 14:22-33

“A LITTLE FAITH” – SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 14:22-33  
– REV. THOMAS EGGOLD

Peter may have only had a little faith, but he walked on the water. And even with a little faith, you'll be amazed at where God makes you walk today.

## August 20, 2023 – Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

PSALM 67; ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8; MATTHEW 15:21-28

“GREAT FAITH” – SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 15:25  
– REV. SHAYNE JONKER

The Canaanite woman with the demon possessed daughter just wouldn't take no for an answer. No matter what Jesus said to her, she just kept coming back with a faith that wouldn't let go, no matter what Jesus did or didn't say. And she was an outsider to Israel! That's what this Gospel reading is all about: God's grace to all in His Son, Jesus Christ, and a faith that won't let go of Him no matter what.

## August 27, 2023 – Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PSALM 138; ISAIAH 51:1-6; MATTHEW 16:13-20

“QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS” – SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 16:13-20  
– REV. PAUL SHOEMAKER

Jesus' question to His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" gave them and gives us the opportunity to make the great confession of faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." May that great confession be on our lips and lives every day.



St. Michael's traditional 8:30 AM service is now posted to the Spiritual TV Channel, according to this schedule:  
Charter Spectrum Channel 187  
9 AM & 9 PM

***We pray for Homebound friends:*** Sally Beck, Caroline Barkow, Shirley Cosgrove, Ginny Evans, Dorothy Ferguson, Audrey Glover, Maxine June, Flo Kangas\*, Phyllis Kurlowicz, Carrol McCarty\*, Nancy Miller, Dean Monck, Wilma Ritchie, Marilyn Sible, Joyce Stafford, Darlene Surch, Carol Truhn, Ernie & Judi VanOrman, Sharon White

## TV MINISTRY YOU CAN TRUST!

Access for Kalamazoo and Portage

Monday	1 PM			
Wednesday	5 AM & 10 AM			
Friday	7 AM			
Saturday	6 AM			
Sunday	6 AM	10AM	6PM	10 PM

## Spiritual Channel 187

- 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*

Every Sunday of the summer, we are gathering in the gym following the early worship (approx. 9:40am) to enjoy fellowship and DONUTS.

We will have Bible Study from 10:00 to 10:30 Occasionally, hearing from a guest speaker about ministry in our area.

Following the study, we resume fellowship and finish off the DONUTS. If you're an early service family stick around, and if you're a late service family come early!



## Summer Sunday School for Kids 10:00 - 10:45 am

Everyone should have time to get their DONUTS & fellowship a bit.

Preschool-3rd Grade meet in Room 122

4-7th Grade meet in Room 120

8th Grade-High School in Youth Room

We are inviting 3rd graders with their parents for a

## BIBLE WORKSHOP & BLESSING

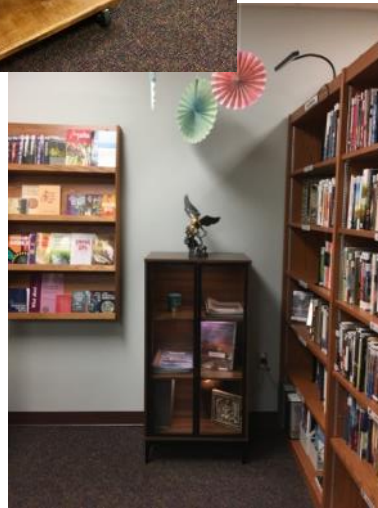
During the morning services of September 10, students are invited to come forward and will be gifted a Bible of their own.

Students and Parents are also invited to a special Learning Hour Workshop beginning at 9:45 AM.

Please RSVP to: [tsonger@mightymessengers.org](mailto:tsonger@mightymessengers.org) to let us know which service you will be attending on September 10, so we can have a Bible ready for you!



## MAKING MIGHTY MESSENGERS FOR CHRIST



As St. Michael's very first librarian nearly 60 years ago, Maxine June remembered the church library when she downsized her earthly possessions in 2022. With the proceeds from Maxine's estate sale, St. Michael was able to improve our library. Significantly, the church purchased a subscription to Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's highly respected and exhaustive Concordia Commentary Series. St. Michael now owns 44 of these scholarly Bible commentaries that will be accessible and helpful for pastors, teachers, and lay people alike. *(More will be added as they are published by Concordia Publishing House.)*



On July 16, St. Michael responded to Maxine's generosity by hosting a reception to honor her and the generous gift. All who attended enjoyed showing our love and support to Maxine, truly one of St. Michael's original "mighty messengers for Christ."



# 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*

## ST. MICHAEL LAMP TEAM WILL BE LEAVING FOR LAC BROCHET, MANITOBA ON AUGUST 10.

We arrive on August 11 and start connecting with our friends in Lac Brochet. The VBS runs from August 14-17, we will also be leading a men's and women's Bible Study time and a youth night during the week.



### Prayer Requests for the week in Lac Brochet:

- God please grow our relationships with the people in Lac Brochet so we can share the Blessings of a relationship with You.
- Guide the team to adjust to all the challenges and follow your leading in all situations.
- God help Your Love to shine through us in every activity and conversation we have in Lac Brochet.

**USE Daily LAMP Devotions along with the Team — found in the Communications Center**

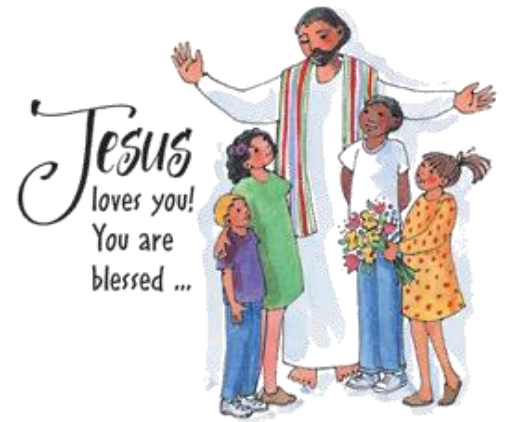


# MAKING MIGHTY MESSENGERS FOR CHRIST



Special Requests for this year's team:

- **For the Team Leader—Dana** Her father is currently in the end stages of life. For God's will to be done in His timing.
- **For team members—John and Ailene Buchtrup—** John's father died suddenly on July 19.
- May the Lord use our grief and in hope of eternal life with Jesus to minister to us and our friends in Lac Brochet.



## SHEPHERD GROUPS

Lay Minister	Family Names Start with	Family Names & include
<b>Zachary Button</b> 810-844-6870	A	Boelman
<b>Harold DeFouw</b> 269-569-6869	Bohren	Chenevare
<b>Dan Bryer</b> 269-323-7416	Chilcott	D
<b>Mel Schroeder</b> 734-646-9652	E	Franzen
<b>Dave Drzewiecki</b> 616-560-2175	Frommann	G
<b>Dave Johnson</b> 269-599-2195	H	June
<b>Ryan Bigelow</b> 269-838-6062	Jung	Lapekas
<b>Mark Kahle</b> 402-730-1914	Lausman	McNees
<b>Howard McNees</b> 269-720-3857	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	Shuler	Stolsky
<b>Matt Heintz</b> 269-290-8507	Sullivan	T
<b>Arlan Wendzel</b> 269-816-5632	U	Z



Julie Burgess  
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713-822-5284

Ron and Sally put an estate plan together thirty years ago. Just recently, they began reviewing this plan, with the help of their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor, getting them ready to go to their attorney for updates.

One evening over dinner, Sally said to Ron, “You know, I’ve been thinking about our plan. Thirty years ago when we put it together, we didn’t spend much time talking with each other about what was on our hearts. We certainly didn’t pray about it. We just got it done before we left on our trip to Europe. I feel differently this time.”

Ron responded, “I am glad to hear you say that because I have been feeling the same way. I really want to aim our gift to ministry to the scholarship fund in our congregation’s endowment. The school is the place where our Church connects with new families. Every year, dozens of new people are being baptized because of the school.”

Sally said, “I couldn’t agree more. Can we pray about those families that will be touched in the future through the nurturing, loving, environment of our school?”

They prayed. They wept. They found strong encouragement to do their work and adjust their estate plans.

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started.

## ***REGISTER TODAY!*** ***To Reserve Your Spot***

DEADLINE: AUGUST 15, 2023

### **“MIGHTY ANGELS” MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023** **GOLF OUTING**

All Proceeds Support The St. Michael School  
Tuition-Assistance Fund



**Pine View Golf Club**

52065 Pulver Road, Three Rivers, MI

**FOUR-PERSON SCRAMBLE**  
**MEN AND/OR WOMEN**  
**9:00 AM SHOTGUN START**

**\$100** per person

**Make check payable to:**  
**St. Michael Lutheran School**  
**Pay online at:**  
**[mightymessengers.org](http://mightymessengers.org)**

**Church Phone: 269-327-7832 School Phone: 269-327-0512**  
**Tax ID - #38 – 6176071**



**REGISTER ONLINE AT: [MIGHTYMESSENGERS.ORG/GOLF-OUTING/](http://MIGHTYMESSENGERS.ORG/GOLF-OUTING/)**



# MAKING MIGHTY MESSENGERS FOR CHRIST





# 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*

## LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RETREAT COMING TO KALAMAZOO IN FALL 2023!!

Your marriage relationship will be ENRICHED at this weekend getaway. Thousands of couples worldwide have been encountered since the 1970's, including the Wendzels in 1983. We agree that it is a worthwhile and long lasting investment in our marriage, or yours!

This year's retreat will be held at Best Western Plus, Kalamazoo  
September 29 @ 7:00 pm – October 1 at 4:00 pm

Check out details at <https://GodLovesMarriage.org>

See Gary Chapman's video under "How It Works" for more insight.

*Lynne and Arlan Wendzel*

## YOUR MITE MONEY IN ACTION

When you add spare change to your mite box for Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) your gift provides deeply needed resources for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world. MOST (Mission Outreach Short Term) Ministries is on the front line of sending out those gospel-oriented people.



MOST's January 2023 mission trip to Tanzania was only possible because of the "Ends of the Earth" grant. The team was short on members, and the trip would have been canceled without funding from the LWML. This eyeglass team struggled to find the right prescription for Dora, but eventually found a -13.25 prescription that improved her sight tremendously. MOST eyeglass clinics are made possible through the work of volunteers who collect used eyeglasses or work to refurbish them at the MOST Mission Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan. These glasses, previously ready to be discarded, make a big difference in the lives of people in areas where the cost of a pair of glasses can exceed a person's monthly income. And just think about the potential economic impact of these glasses: they can restore a person's ability to read, to hold a job, to provide for their family, and to have a positive impact on their church and community. Thank you to MOST volunteers, team members, supporters, and the LWML for making all this possible!

To learn more about how to connect with MOST, please visit the MOST Ministries website at [mostministries.org](https://mostministries.org) or follow them on social media.





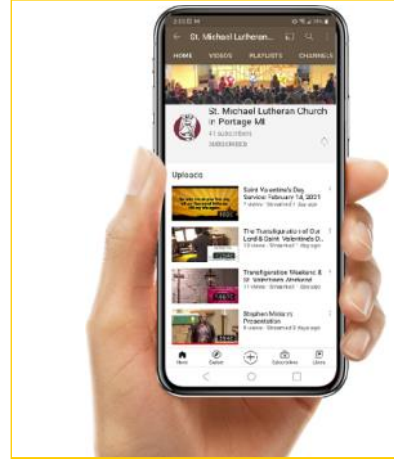
**SUNDAY MORNINGS**  
8th - High School Bible Study  
9:45-10:45AM Youth Room

**SUNDAY EVENINGS**  
A variety of fun together!

*A recent pool party...*



*Watch for more fun to be planned soon!*



## 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

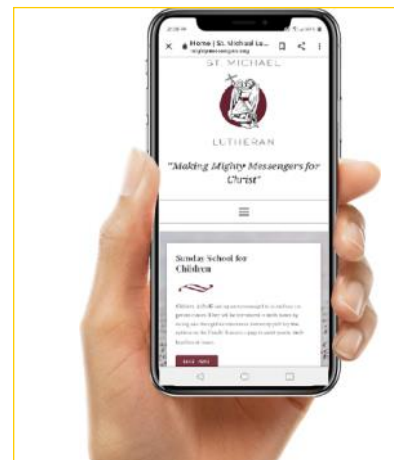
Find devotions, special event announcements and more:



@StMichaelLutheranChurchPortageMI

**[mightymessengers.org](http://mightymessengers.org)**

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



# 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*

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS: BENEFITS FELT AROUND THE WORLD THROUGH THE QUILTING MINISTRY

The quilting group here at St. Michael has been a beneficiary of some of the Endowment Fund monies. It was a couple months ago that we received a nice amount to use at our discretion for our mission projects.

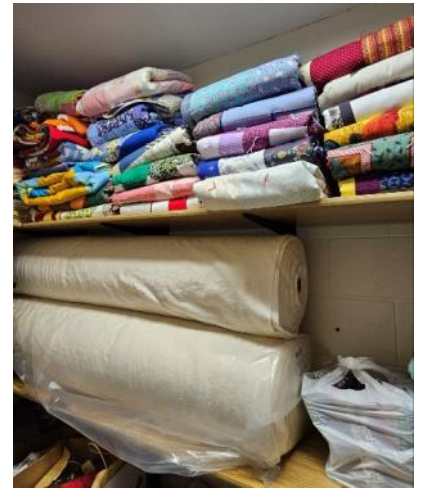
Our mission projects include quite a few different items that 7-9 ladies make every Friday throughout the year. We have about 2-3 ladies that sew at their homes on their own timetable. Our major project is making 60" x 80" quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief for them to disperse all over the world, especially to areas of disaster. These quilts are used for multiple reasons: a covering for warmth, flooring for their home, a room divider, just to name a few. We send approximately 30 quilts every year to LWR.

Other projects that we make will help local services, such as Alternatives of Kalamazoo and Family & Children Services of Kalamazoo. We make and deliver 10 burp cloths, 10 receiving blankets and 10 mitts, all matching every month and approximately 50 flannel strip blankets and a few baby quilts every year to Alternatives. Family & Children Services receives from us 30 quilts, both baby-size and 60" x 80" quilts, and approximately 50 pillowcases each year.

Everything that we use to make all these things is from money and supplies donated to the quilting group. However, donations don't begin to cover our expenses. Just the money from the Endowment Fund last year covered the cost of 3 huge bolts of batting that is used in each quilt and burp cloth. Those 3 bolts of batting will only take care of the quilts that will be made for 1 year. We also use the funds for repairs/maintenance of the sewing machines owned by the church. Our personal machines used weekly for the above items are maintained at personal expense. Another main expense is the 200+ yards of flannel used for the baby items for Alternatives of Kalamazoo. Generally, this goes on sale in the Fall, which is when we restock on both flannel and batting for the coming year. Miscellaneous expenses throughout the year include thread, elastic sheets, pins, rotary cutter blades, etc.

We really do appreciate being a beneficiary of the Endowment Fund. We would be forever scrambling to secure funding instead of focusing on creating items of beauty to brighten other lives without your support.

**Thank you, St. Michael Quilting Group**





# 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/>

## JUNE FINANCIALS

8 Months

11/1/2022 - 5/31/2023

Church Revenue	\$ 572,006
School Revenue	\$ <u>786,048</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 1,358,054
Total Expenses	\$ <u>1,334,285</u>
Net Surplus (deficit)	\$ 23,770
Expense Budget	\$ 1,326,985
Under/(Over) Budget	\$ 31,069
Working Cash Balance	\$ 53,241
Mortgage Balance	\$ 685,140

### Designated Fund Balances

Endowment Fund	\$636,346
Building Contingency	\$ 31,940
Parking Lot Fund	\$ 15,000
Technology Refresh	\$ 13,373
Sunday School	\$ 1,059
Youth Donations	\$ 19,433
Youth Accounts	\$ 5,025
Good Samaritan	\$ 2,764
Memorials	\$ 8,070
L.A.M.P. Mission Trip	\$ 10,340
Quilting	\$ 1,563
POBLO South Asian Ministry	\$ (3,751)
Church Worker Scholarship	\$ 585
School Improvements	\$ 45,829
Tuition Assistance	\$ 59,503
School Music	\$ 328
Flower Fund	\$ 5,105
CFK Mission Expansion	\$ 88,613
Women's Fellowship/LWML	\$ 3,398
Faith Budget	\$ 371

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May '23 Avg. ....	296
June '23 Avg. ....	299
July '23 Avg. ....	292

Annual Avg. 2021 .....	265
Annual Avg. 2022 .....	295
Annual Avg. 2023 .....	316

# 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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Brenda Heintz

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Maralyse Worm

### **SECOND GRADE TEACHER**

Annie Hecht

### **THIRD GRADE TEACHER**

Kim Ruesch

### **FOURTH GRADE TEACHER**

Dawn Heid

### **FIFTH GRADE TEACHER**

Emily Lauterbach

### **SIXTH GRADE TEACHER**

Julie Prentice

### **SEVENTH/EIGHTH GRADE TEACHER**

Lisa Lam

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