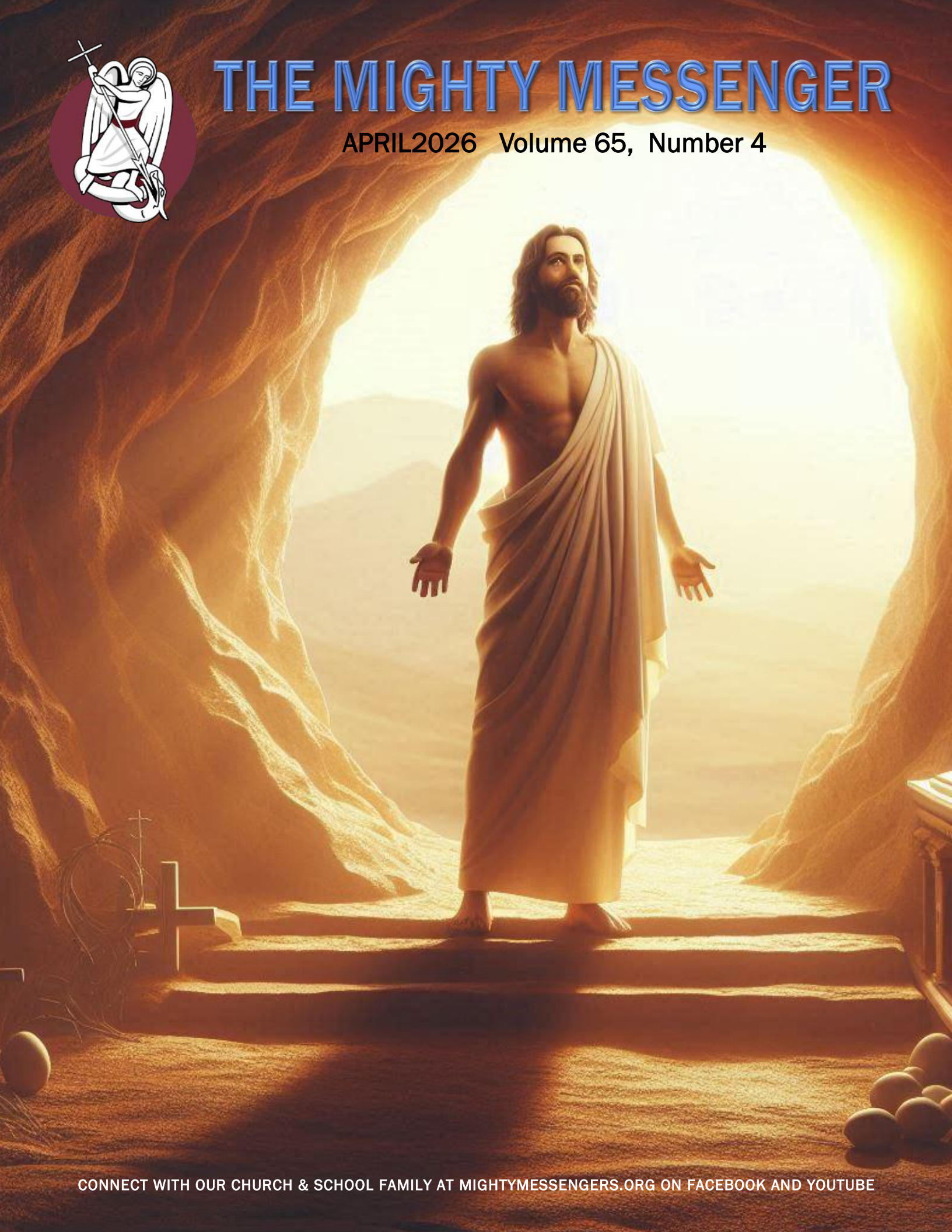




# THE MIGHTY MESSENGER

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## “WE ARE WITNESSES”

As this month of April begins, we are in the midst of Holy Week and the worship of our Lord Jesus Christ who was betrayed on Maundy Thursday, which led to His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, and to His trumped up trials prior to His condemnation and crucifixion. We remind ourselves every time we confess the Apostles’ Creed that Jesus “suffered under Pontius Pilate,” and surely He did. But, before Jesus stood before Pilate He was tried before the Sanhedrin, the 71 member supreme Council of religious leaders in Jerusalem. False accusations about Jesus based on a misunderstanding of what He said and taught were brought before the Sanhedrin, but they met illegally. Jewish law required capital trials take place during the day, not at night. Furthermore, they were to start with the defensive evidence, and they were supposed to be held in a proper court building and not in the home of the high priest. In Jesus’ case none of this was followed.

They were clearly out to get Jesus, for the Gospels tell us numerous times that they felt threatened by Him and were determined to kill Him. For example, on the fifth Sunday in Lent we heard that after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead that *“the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, ‘What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation’”* (John 11:47-48). Clearly, as John wrote in the beginning of his Gospel, even though Jesus *“was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him”* (John 1:10-11).

One of the realities of being a follower of Jesus is that we can expect that others will treat us not unlike the way they treated Jesus. On the night He was betrayed, Jesus said, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than His master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent Him”* (John 13:16). He reminded His disciples of this again that same night. *“If the world hates you, know it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world... the world hates you. Remember the word I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you”* (John 15:18-2).

In this Easter season, our first Scripture Readings that we hear in worship will not be from the Old Testament but from the book of the Acts of the Apostles. Even as during the rest of the year the Old

Testament readings help us see the promised Messiah is Jesus, so also in the Easter season these readings from Acts help us see that the promised Messiah is Jesus for the apostle’s often quote the Old Testament and point out how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament Messianic prophecies. In addition, we will also see in the readings from Acts how Jesus’ disciples did in fact experience much of the same treatment that their Master did. The second Sunday of Easter takes us to Acts 5 where we see the apostles performing miracles in the name of Jesus and proclaiming Him as the promised Savior. As a result, the apostles find themselves standing trial before the very same Council that had condemned Jesus and being told no longer to proclaim Him. But at that point the apostles boldly declare: *“We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree... God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins, and we are witnesses to these things”* (Acts 5:29b-32a).

While we are not first century followers of Jesus and eye witnesses of His resurrection, we are nevertheless 21<sup>st</sup> century followers of Jesus and we have personally experienced Jesus’ saving work in our baptism into His death and resurrection. When Jesus told His disciples that they are His witnesses (Luke 24:48; Acts 1:8), He was speaking to us, just as much as He was to them. We too *“are witnesses”* to what Jesus has done, and is doing in us and through us. During this Easter season, we are going to have a Sunday morning (9:45 am) Bible study using a CPH curriculum from their Lutheran Discipleship series entitled, *“Witness: We Share Our Faith.”* The schedule of topics is as follows. . .

4/12 -	Salvation to the Ends of the Earth
4/19 -	Rooted in Christ’s Ministry
4/26 -	Follow Me
5/3 -	Witness Boldly
5/10 -	Go Where?
5/17 -	The Hub of Christian Life and Witness

Please join us for this class, and by God’s grace may we all grow in our ability and desire to tell the good news that Christ is risen, He is risen, indeed!



# 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.

## WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR WEEKLY WORSHIP

Saturdays at 5:00pm - *Informal Worship*

Sundays at 8:30am - *with the organ and Lutheran Service Book hymnal*

Sundays at 11:00am - *Contemporary Worship*

*Holy Communion:* The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered at Lamplight the Saturday before a second or fourth Sunday; at 8:30am on second and fourth (and fifth) Sundays; at 11:00am on first and third (and fifth) Sundays

*Supervised child care is provided throughout Sunday morning worship services.*



Preschool - 2nd Room #123

Adults Always Invited to Join Us!

3rd - 7th Grade Room #122

New Volunteers Welcome!

## Holy Week Worship Schedule

*Palm Sunday, March 29 - 8:30am & 11am*

*Maundy Thursday, April 2 - 6:30pm*

*Good Friday, April 3 - 6:30pm*

*Holy Saturday, April 4 - 5:00pm*

*Easter Sunday, April 5 - Sunrise 7:30am*

*Family Breakfast 9:00am*

*Morning Song 11:00am*

# 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*

We know what it's like to **really** know someone. A close friend, a spouse, your children—we know them and all the little things about them. The tone of their voice, the way they react, what brings them joy or weighs them down. Sometimes we can tell what they're thinking before they even say it. That kind of closeness doesn't just happen; it grows over time through life shared together.

In much deeper way, God invites us to know Him through His Word. Not at a distance, not occasionally, but daily and *intimately*, like someone whose voice we could recognize even in a crowded room. Scripture becomes familiar to us, not just as information, but as something that lives with us and shapes us.

Peter writes, "We have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place" (2 Peter 1:19). That image feels right. Life can feel dim and uncertain at times, and God hasn't left us guessing. His Word is a steady light—clear, reliable, always pointing us back to Jesus. When everything else feels unclear, Scripture anchors us and brings us back home.

Paul says to Timothy, "from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings" (2 Timothy 3:15). There's something really comforting about that. God's Word isn't just for one stage of life. It's there at the very beginning, and it stays with us all the way through. It teaches us, corrects us, and reminds us again and again of the grace we have in Jesus.

For us as the redeemed, this becomes part of our everyday rhythm. We don't just check in with Scripture once in a while—we **live** with it. And that doesn't have to be complicated. It can look like reading a short passage before supper as a family, letting God's Word settle into the end of the day. It might be listening to a brief devotion while getting ready in the morning (even LHM daily devotions). It could be as simple as writing a verse on a sticky note and putting it by the door, so you see it as you head out.

Over time, these small, steady habits build. Just like with any relationship, closeness grows through consistency. The more we are in God's Word, the more His voice becomes familiar. His promises start to come to mind right when we need them. His truth begins to shape how we respond to whatever the day brings.

God's Word is for you—right now, and always. It's not far off or reserved for certain moments. It's near, living, and active. Stay close to it. Let it fill your days. And as you do, you'll find that you're not just reading Scripture—you're coming to know the One who speaks through it, faithfully lighting your way every step.

Pastor Maske



## Jesus' Death – Good News

**April 3, 2026 – Good Friday**

**Guest Pastor – Rev. Douglas Punke**

It's Good Friday, but do you feel good about it? Or on Good Friday, do you feel bad for what Jesus suffered and why that was necessary? Jesus suffered and died for you – for your salvation, but He died and rose again for your everlasting good.

**Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:3; Isaiah 53:5**

*Readings: Psalm 31; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 19:17-30*

*Featured Choir: Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, Ind.*

*Featured Art and Architecture: Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.*

## Easter Is About Life!

**April 5, 2026 – Easter: The Resurrection of Our Lord**

**Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III**

Death is the reality confronting all of us because we are sinners. But Easter is about life! Because Jesus lives, we shall also live!

**Sermon Text: Matthew 28:1-10**

*Readings: Psalm 16; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10*

*Featured Choirs: St. Michael Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.; LWML*

*Indiana District Choir*

*Featured Art and Architecture: St. Peter Lutheran Church, Dahlonge, Ga.*

## A Living Hope

**April 12, 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter**

**Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer**

Wishful thinking or rock-solid certainty? The Christian understanding of "hope" differs radically from that of the unbeliever. A blood-stained cross and an empty tomb create an eternity-changing hope, "A Living Hope."

**Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

*Readings: Psalm 148; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31*

*Featured Choirs: St. John Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, Ind; Indiana District LWML Choir*

*Featured Art and Architecture: Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Alpharetta, Ga.*

## Opened Eyes

**April 19, 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter**

**Rev. Shayne Jonker**

Two disciples walked with Jesus and their hearts burned. The Emmaus road teaches us that Jesus walks with us and talks with us in the Scriptures. Do you want to have an Emmaus walk with Jesus? Then take God's Word and read. Come to the church and hear. Take a stroll through the Scriptures searching for Jesus' death and resurrection, and your slow, sad hearts will burn too.

**Sermon Text: Luke 24:35**

*Readings: Psalm 116:1-14; Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Luke 24:13-35*

*Featured Choir: St. Paul Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, Ind.*

*Featured Art and Architecture: All Saints Lutheran Church, Blairsville, Ga.*

## The Perfect Shepherd

**April 26, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Rev. Paul Shoemaker**

One of our favorite images of Jesus is that of the Good Shepherd. This Good Shepherd guides us, His sheep, to the glory and majesty of heaven. It cost Him dearly to do so. That is because He loves us so.

**Sermon Text: John 10:1-10**

*Readings: Psalm 23; Acts 2:42-47; John 10:1-10*

*Featured Choirs: LWML Indiana District Choir; Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, Ind.*

*Featured Art and Architecture: Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.*



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**Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday**

**6 AM & 10 AM**

**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

Total Christian Television (TCT) network nationwide broadcast is

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Grand Rapids - WTLJ-DT 24

Kalamazoo - WJPG-LD 26

Worship Anew is available throughout the country on broadcast stations and worldwide through our website, apps, and streaming on Roku, AppleTV, Google TV, Amazon Firestick, and YouTube.

## ***We remember to pray for Homebound friends:***

Jan Goertz Allan, Caroline Barkow, Sally Beck, Judy Chumas, Shirley Cosgrove, Ginny Evans, Bill & Sharon Frailing, Sylvia German, Audrey Glover, Virgil Harrison, Harold & Carol Karnes, Bernie Kubacki, Sandy & Joe Maya, Nancy Miller, Jim & Ardean Monck, Joan Pfister, Wilma Ritchie, Marilyn Sible, Ernie & Judi VanOrman, Sharon White

## LET'S PRAY ABOUT THAT

**JUST  
PRAY  
ABOUT  
IT.**

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:6-7*

Did you know that we have two small groups within our church that are specifically for prayer. One group meets on Tuesday morning and the other on Tuesday evening. Each group contains two people. We were talking recently about how to grow our groups. During our conversation one of the ladies said: What about praying with someone anywhere, anytime instead of trying to get them to come to our group at our time.

*From that moment a movement was born!*

So often, when someone asks for prayer, we listen to them and promise we will pray for them. But what if we take a few moments right then and there and pray for them. As one prayer warrior put it “Stop-Drop-and Pray!”

St. Michael has so many “Prayer Warriors” that you could talk to anyone that you know and trust to pray for you. However, we could also designate certain people as a Prayer Team members, and you would know that we will pray with you and for you in complete confidence.

Your Prayer Team is also planning to pray for our Call Committee and the Pastor that God is preparing for St. Michael. We encourage you to be a part of this special time.

This is a very exciting time for St. Michael! It would be a great comfort to many people to know that there are Prayer Warriors in your church family that are ready to pray with you and for you – anytime, anywhere.

Blessings,

*Virginia Hetrick* – Prayer Coordinator



### CALL TO PRAYER FOR THE CALL PROCESS

As you know we are in a **call process** here at St. Michael as we seek the new Senior Pastor that God wants for us to have when Pastor Naumann retires. Your Call Committee has been working hard and have narrowed down the list of candidates that we received from the Michigan District President to about half a dozen men. In this month of April, the Call Committee will be interviewing each candidate and preparing to make a recommendation to the congregation at a special Call Meeting, probably sometime in May. In the meantime, we have much to be praying about and we encourage you to do so. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide the process and to send us the man that He has in mind for us so that our ministry here might continue to thrive.

What's more, we invite you to gather on **Sunday afternoon, April 26**, for a **Prayer Vigil**. We will gather in prayer in the church sanctuary, both for private prayer and corporate prayer, as directed by the prayer leader who will guide a particular hour of the vigil. So we are seeking a prayer leader for each hour from the time of the conclusion of the Morning Song service (around noon) until 4:00 pm. That means **we need four prayer leaders**. Please pray about that, too and consider if you might be one of them! Those who gather to pray may stay the entire time, if they like, or just for an hour or less as they are able. Please contact Virginia Hetrick or Barbara Schubert, if you would like to be a prayer leader for one of the hours of the Prayer Vigil.



Dear Church Family,  
It's time for a New Directory!

## Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

~ Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.

~ Every sitting photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!

~ Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finishes and framing options for the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to your family and friends.

Set your appointment with  
Universal today at [ucdir.com](http://ucdir.com)!

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*Celebrating faith.*

*Connecting families.*

*Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

*Directory Committee*

**Online Scheduling Available! Select your preferred date/time on MAY 14, 15, 16 and 18, 19, 20**

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **mi2121** in the Church Code field and enter **Bible** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**

# 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*

**TODAY'S HOT TOPICS** hosted by  
St Michael's Champion Academy group

**SUNDAYS 9:45-10:45 AM**  
Naumann Room (230)

Are you feeling confused, angry, upset, or otherwise frustrated by all the opinions shared on social media? Do you have good Christian friends and relatives who hold opposing views on current events, and it has damaged your relationship with them? Are you asking yourself, what is Truth, does God really have to say about these things?

The Champion Academy group at SMLC (a Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) initiative) invites you to join us **for 7-Adult Learning Hour classes starting Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and ending Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.** During this time, we will wrestle with today's topics and challenges from a Two Realm and Biblical Worldview perspective.

Some of the topics may include: Immigration; End of Life/assisted suicide; Iran - Is there a Just War; Artificial Intelligence; Forms of government - Republic, Democracy, Socialism, authoritarian, today's Red & Green alliance; Patriotism and America's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration; Them before us - our duty to the next generation. Participants may have other hot topics that the class explores. This is not a "set" curriculum.

Let's join together and have Holy Spirit-led discussion, seeking truth from the author of Truth through the word of God. We embrace our 500-year old Lutheran heritage:

*"Unless I am convicted by Scripture ... my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. So help me God. Amen."* - Martin Luther 1521

A graphic for a senior celebration. At the top, it says "HELP US CELEBRATE YOUR SENIOR" in blue and white text on a black background. Below this is a photo of a smiling young woman in a blue graduation cap and gown. To the right of the photo is a black graduation cap with "CLASS of 2026" written on it in white. Below the photo and cap, there is a list of items to submit to the Church Office by May 20th: A Photo, Student Name, Parent's Names, High School Name, and Future Plans. At the bottom, it says "Students will be honored guests on June 7 at 8:30 am Worship with a reception following in the Gym and in the June newsletter." The background features colorful, abstract shapes in red, blue, and green.

**HELP US CELEBRATE YOUR SENIOR**

Submit to the Church Office by May 20th:

- A Photo
- Student Name
- Parent's Names
- High School Name
- Future Plans

Students will be honored guests on June 7 at 8:30 am Worship with a reception following in the Gym and in the June newsletter.

## RETIRING LEADER PLANS TO STAY BUSY

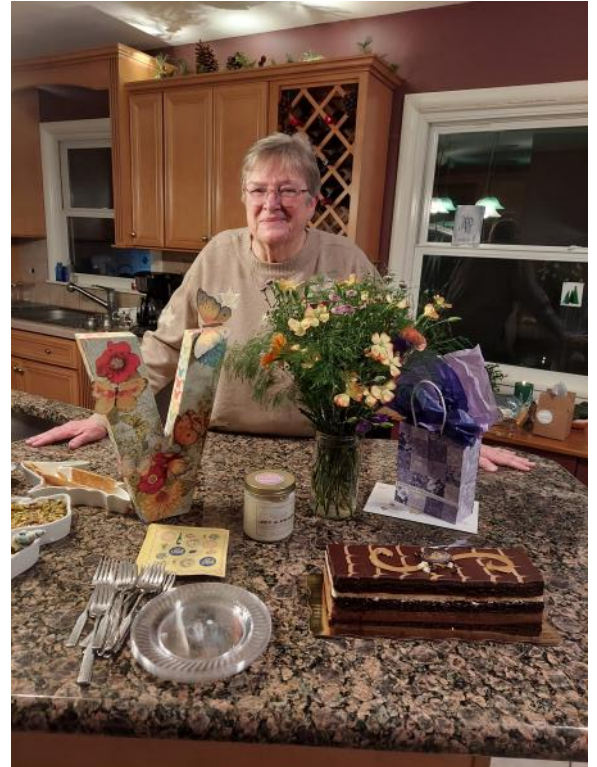
Virginia Hetrick is anticipating new ways of serving God and our congregation, even as she steps down from 16 years of leadership in Stephen Ministry.

Since becoming a Stephen Minister in 2008, Virginia was able to help women going through difficult life experiences by meeting confidentially with each one to provide comfort, support and prayer. She estimates she had 8-10 care receivers over the years. Since 2010, Virginia also served as a Stephen Leader, most significantly as teacher to 20-25 people who took the ministry's intensive 50-hour training course.

Virginia also enjoyed serving alongside her husband, Bud, who passed away in 2020. As a Stephen Minister, Bud also could help Virginia as a prayer partner to men taking her training. "It was another part of our relationship that kept us close," she said.

As she begins a third decade here at St. Michael, Virginia has no plans of slowing down. She still enjoys working with people as a Lector, Usher, Greeter and Altar Server. As a Prayer Coordinator, she anticipates a new campaign called "Let's Pray About That!" which she described as "kind of like Stop-Drop-Pray." It will kick off after Easter.

*Stephen Ministry celebrated Virginia's many years of service with a party on Jan. 30.*



## STEPHEN MINISTRY IS BLESSED WITH NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Stephen Ministry welcomed two new Stephen Ministers – **Jeannette Marshall** and **Tami White** – as well as commissioned **Kathy Zakarias** as a new Stephen Leader during church services March 21-22.

**Tami** was commissioned as a Stephen Minister at St. Trinity Lutheran Church in Clarkston, Michigan. She moved to Oshtemo to be near her son and his family after retiring in 2019. Since starting at St. Michael in January, Tami is taking Pastor Naumann's "Exploring Our Faith" class and attending a women's Bible study. A widow since 2013, Tami says Stephen Ministry is a calling. "I truly believe that God can use difficult experiences so that you can be sincerely empathetic and listen to someone else going through the same pain."

**Jeannette** trained as a Stephen Minister in 2021 and joins the team after retiring two years ago as a dental office manager. Jeannette also serves as an usher and in Caring Connections, which provides meals to sick or homebound members. As a Stephen Minister, Jeannette wants to use her listening skills, empathy and compassion to help

individuals who need to talk to someone. "I know God is the ultimate solution," she says. "He has always been who I turn to for comfort and to give me peace."

**Kathy** trained as a Stephen Minister at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Janesville, WI, and resumed that role at St. Michael in 2022. She recently took Stephen Leader training from the ministry's St. Louis headquarters. Besides Stephen Ministry, also Kathy sings in choir, helps in children's Sunday School, and as a member of the Board of Parish Fellowship also serves as director of Women's Fellowship and LWML. With a background in the mental health field, Kathy also will use her organizational and leadership abilities as a Stephen Leader. "I want to help the SMLC Stephen Ministry team effectively reach many hurting people in our community and share the love of Christ."



Stephen Ministry offers one-to-one, Christ-focused, confidential support to anyone going through life challenges, including grief, illness, job loss or divorce. If you'd like to request a Stephen Minister, call a Leader, one of the pastors, or the church office.

## THRIVENT ACTION TEAM GRANT KICKS OFF MOBILE LIBRARY MINISTRY TO THOSE CONSIDERED HOMEBOUND

Home delivery of library books is the goal of a new project in our church library.

A Thrivent Action Team Grant is being used to purchase large-print editions of popular Christian fiction titles, in hopes of better serving older or disabled members of our congregation.

The need is apparent when you consider that, of the 6,000 books available for children and adults in St. Michael's library, only nine (9) copies offer a larger font size for readers with low vision. One reason for a lack of large-print editions is that they are expensive; typically, they cost 15 to 30 percent more than standard editions.

To overcome this obstacle, church member and Thrivent client Arla Mayhew sought and received \$250.00 in seed funding. Arla since has been working with librarian Lynda Rea to buy new and used copies of large-print books by popular Christian authors such as Wanda Brunstetter, Lori Copeland, Julie Klassen, Karen Kingsbury and Beverly Lewis.

Once the books are added to the library's collection, a system will be developed to take book requests from, and deliver them to, church members who are unable to visit the library due to illness, age or disability.

Your donation of Christian fiction books (in good condition, please) would help make this new ministry possible. Large-print editions are preferable but not necessary. If leaving a box or bag of them in the library, please include your name and phone number.

Volunteers also would be appreciated for delivering books to and picking up books from homebound church members. If interested, please contact Lynda at 269-589-8447 or email [library@mightymessengers.org](mailto:library@mightymessengers.org).

To be added to the list for receiving library books, use the same contact information listed above or call the church office at (269) 327-7832. Book delivery may begin as early as May.



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### MITE BOXES

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" - offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the Lutheran Women's Missionary League program.

**We are asking you to make the first Sunday of each month an intentional Mite Collection Day.**

You can pick up your own Mite Box on the counter in the Communication Center.

*Fill it!*

Then return to the LWML display, an offering plate, or to the Church Office.

School News | April 2026

# ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

## SCHEDULE

**Spring Break - No School, PS-8th**  
**Monday, 3/30 - Friday, April 3,**  
**CFK Closed 4/3**

*MOM to MOM Sale*  
*4/11 9am - 2pm*

Parent Teacher Conferences  
4/13 & 4/14

Chapel Fellowship 4/17

Assisted Living Singing Field Trip 4/17

*Middle School Spring Fling Dance*  
*4/18 @ 7pm - 10pm*

*ITBS TESTING 4/20 - 4/30*

Southwest Region Lutheran Schools  
Fine Arts Festival 4/24

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> grade & Worship Team sing  
@ 11am SMLC Service

## PTL

**BINGO NIGHT - APRIL 17TH**  
**DOORS OPEN 5:30PM**  
**GAMES START 6:00PM**  
**GAMES END 7:30PM**

*PTL meeting April 7th @ 6:30pm*



## SUGGESTED SPRING READS

-  Big Night for Salamanders [picture book by Marwil Sarah Lamstein]
-  Slow down : 50 mindful moments in nature [non-fiction by Rachel Williams]
-  Where the Red Fern Grows [middle school fiction by Wilson Rawls]

School Registration is still OPEN for the 2026-2027 School Year! Don't forget about our referral program. Earn \$100 towards your tuition for each referred family that attends SMLS!

## SPORTS

**ATHLETIC BANQUET**  
**4/23 @ 6:00PM**



*Join us for the 12th Annual*

**2026 JLK  
GOLF OUTING**



**FRIDAY, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

*Seeking Golfers & Sponsors*

**AT PINEVIEW GOLF COURSE IN THREE RIVERS, MI**

**CONTESTS, PRIZES, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & MORE!**

**8:30am**  
Light Breakfast, Registration Begins

**9:30am**  
Brief Word and Instructions

**10:00am**  
Prayer, then SHOTGUN START

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**This golf outing will be an 18 hole, 4-person scramble with carts! PLUS...**

- Longest Drive/Closest to Pin/Putting Contests (for men and women)
- Hole-in-One Prizes
- Light Lunch and Snacks Provided
- 1st Place Prizes in several categories as well as other raffle prizes



**4 Person Team - \$400**

**REGISTER BELOW BY MAY 18TH**

For Questions or Additional Information

**Mike Hartwigsen**

269-303-7009 • [JesusLovesKzoo@gmail.com](mailto:JesusLovesKzoo@gmail.com)

**1 Individual - \$125**

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

**ACE SPONSORS - \$5000** includes a 4-person team, tee sponsorship, large sign at registration social media recognition, free participation in putting and hole-in-one for team, and 10 raffle tickets.

**EAGLE SPONSORS - \$2800** includes a 4-person team, tee sponsorship, normal sign at registration + social media recognition, free participation in putting and hole-in-one for team, and 8 raffle tickets.

**BIRDIE SPONSORS - \$1200** includes a 4-person team, tee sponsorship, banner at registration + social media recognition, free participation in putting and hole-in-one for team, and 6 raffle tickets.

**PAR SPONSORS - \$600** includes a 4-person team, tee sponsorship, banner at registration, free participation in putting and hole-in-one for team, and 4 raffle tickets.

**CART SPONSORS - \$300** includes cart sign.

**TEE SPONSORS - \$200** includes tee sign.

**REGISTER:** [www.JesusLovesKzoo.org/golf-fundraiser](http://www.JesusLovesKzoo.org/golf-fundraiser)



**Or fill out and mail to:** JLK Golf Outing, PO Box 2194, Kalamazoo, MI 49003

TEAM NAME/CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE/EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYERS NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPATION LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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*

## VOLUNTEERS

**NEEDED:**

## **SERVE WITH LAMP MINISTRY**

Our church has always been blessed with women of deep faith, practical wisdom, and a heart for service. I'd like to invite you to consider sharing those gifts through LAMP (Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots).

LAMP serves remote communities in northern Canada by sending volunteer teams to lead Vacation Bible School, Bible studies, and community outreach programs. Teams support local congregations, build relationships, and share the Gospel in meaningful, hands-on ways.

Volunteers help with crafts, music, teaching Bible stories, preparing snacks, conversation, encouragement, and prayer. There is room for many different gifts and personalities.

For those who find themselves in a season with a little more flexibility, whether retired, semi-retired, or simply ready for something new.

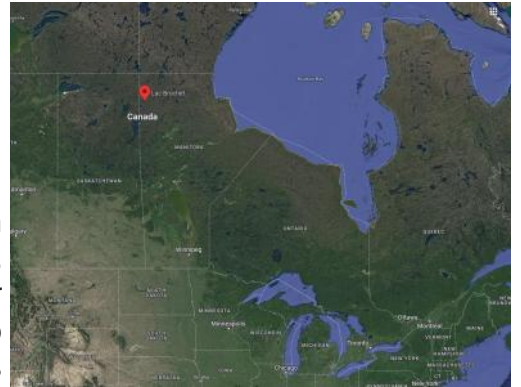
If you've ever thought about serving in a mission setting but weren't sure where to begin, this could be a wonderful opportunity. We plan to travel in late July or early August depending on volunteer availability.

I would be happy to share more about what volunteering involves and what the next steps look like.

Please feel free to reach out, even just to ask questions.

(810) 844-6860

[zacharymbutton@gmail.com](mailto:zacharymbutton@gmail.com)





# UPCOMING Events

Date	Time & What
Sat., April 4 <sup>th</sup>	9-12 Breakfast prep.
Sun., April 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Easter Breakfast</b> <i>NO Evening Youth Group</i>
Sun., April 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:45am Bible Study Youth Night at Church - Spring cleaning
Fri., April 17 <sup>th</sup>	SMLS Bingo Night
Sun., April 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:45am Bible Study <i>No Youth Group</i>
Sun., April 26 <sup>nd</sup>	9:45am Bible Study Campfire and hot dogs
Sun., May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Coffee Club Broom Ball





**Travis Hartjen**



**Sarah Salzberg**



**FLAME**



**Gabe Kasper**



**Tanner Olson**

**Also Featuring**  
 Bryan Osborne  
 Swen & Dean  
 Bob Lenz  
 Bill Yonker  
 David Davis  
 Swenless

  
 MICHIGAN DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING  
 John 4:14  
**Mighty Messengers**

High School Gathering  
 June 28-July 1, 2026 | Mackinac Island, Mich.  
[www.michigandistrict.org/hsg26](http://www.michigandistrict.org/hsg26)

**ALIEN FELLOWSHIP**

2026 | PETER 3:15B

Worship | Music | Breakouts  
 Fun | Games | & More!

Junior High Gathering  
 July 28-30, 2026 | Frankenmuth, Mich.  
[michigandistrict.org/jrhigh26](http://michigandistrict.org/jrhigh26)

**BINGO NIGHT**

**APRIL 17**

DOORS OPEN AT: 5:30PM  
 GAME STARTS AT: 6:00PM  
 GAME ENDS AT: 7:30PM

**BAKED GOODS NEEDED!**

Lots of prizes for lots of winners!  
**Pizza for sale - \$1 a slice**





March 2026

# Misericordia Activa

*An Active Mercy: serving the church in Latin America*

**News from Deaconess Caitlin Ramirez serving the Lord and His mission.**

Did you know?

Do you know the full impact of our church's efforts to spread the gospel throughout Latin America?

- LCMS mission work spans 21 different countries in Latin America.
- Our missionaries and partner churches support 43 church plants.
- 155 schools in 10 countries.
- The church cares for the poor and disabled through 16 different mercy houses across 5 countries.



with 12 of these ladies this year. These students are from Cuba and the Dominican Republic. Much of my day-by-day teaching, mentoring and encouraging of the ladies is done online and through technology. In February, I was able to spend time in person with the students in the Dominican Republic.

During this time the students had a full day intensive course on Luther's Small Catechism. This intensive was a part of the larger online course. The students worked to memorize Luther's Small Catechism. I also spent time



doing visitation to each student. Visiting them in their homes, learning more about them and their families. It was a joy to eat yummy Cuban food and to spend time in the Word together. I was also able to pray for them and with them about the worries and difficulties that they have.

## Teaching the Faith!

Concordia Seminary el Reformador in the Dominican Republic currently has 65 women enrolled in deaconess studies throughout Latin America. I, Deaconess Caitlin, have been working specifically



"Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.." Psalm 25:4-5



During my home visits with the women, they prepared such wonderful local treats to share with me. Left to right: Cuban Student Liana, Mexican Deaconess May, Chilean student Macarena.

### Proclaiming the Gospel

Through the VDMA Project, the Lord continues to bless His church by giving the Spanish Speaking church new tools to proclaim the Gospel faithfully. The VMDA Project identifies, translates and publishes confessional Lutheran resources in Spanish for our church. Thanks to a partnership with Good News Magazine, we have been able to distribute these wonderful magazines with articles that teach the faith in a simple and evangelistic way full of pure doctrine and biblical bases. So far we have shared 25 of these great resources.



A visit to Good News Magazine Headquarters in Missouri to meet with our partners.

### Join us in prayer to the Lord

Please pray for our Lutheran Church in Cuba and our brothers and sisters who are suffering extreme living conditions. May the Lord encourage them and strengthen their faith even in the midst of this suffering.

Pray by name for the deaconess students from the Dominican Republic: Jesse, Margarita, Leti, Rut, Alba, Erika, and Yesmeri.

We give thanks for the 65 women currently in the deaconess program from 10 countries who have completed two courses with the seminary this year.

We give thanks for the publication of Lutheran materials in Spanish through VDMA. Such as Grace Upon Grace by Dr. Klieng, Good News Magazine and La Palabra del Señor Daily Devotions.

To support our work financially, send a tax-deductible gift marked "Ramirez Family" to:

Mission Central  
40718 Highway E16  
Mapleton, IA 50134

Lutheran Church-  
Missouri Synod  
PO Box 790089  
St. Louis, MO 63179

You can also give online  
[www.lcms.org/ramirez](http://www.lcms.org/ramirez)



# 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*



When was the last time that someone threw a birthday party for you? Well here's your chance. On Saturday April 25th, 2026, 2pm, St. Michael Lutheran Church Women's Fellowship will be hosting a Women's Birthday Bash. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship with other Christian women, refreshments, a mission project, crafts and self-care. We hope you can join us.

Please RSVP by April 15th to Kathy Zakarias (815-519-2181 or [k5zakarias17@gmail.com](mailto:k5zakarias17@gmail.com)), or the church office.

## **Many Thanks...**

to those who helped acquire fabric through Thrivent Grants... LWML from cookie sale monies...

Individuals who donate fabric... and those who donated their time to make the actual blankets.

You made a difference to 87 hospitalized children, who will

receive each of our handcrafted blankets donated to Bronson Children's Hospital. Thank you for being a part of this special project!



## **Shout out to all our Wednesday Evening Meal Chefs!**

The Wednesday night meals before service have been amazing. Our Quilters, Lay Ministers, Stephen Ministry, VBS Board, and Barbara Schubert's Bible Study group have outdone themselves. It's so nice to be able to relax after a busy day with a good meal and time to visit with friends. You have fed our bodies before we feed our souls...plus you do the dishes! Thank you for taking care of us. It's appreciated.

**LET'S HAVE A BIBLE PICNIC!** What can we have for lunch/snack, using only foods of the Bible?

Sandwiches, of course. For these you will need \_\_\_\_\_ (Eccl. 11:1) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 55:21). Fill them with \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 23:37), \_\_\_\_\_ (I Sam. 17:18), \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 105:23 or \_\_\_\_\_ (Lev. 23:12). Or perhaps you would like some small \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 12:8).

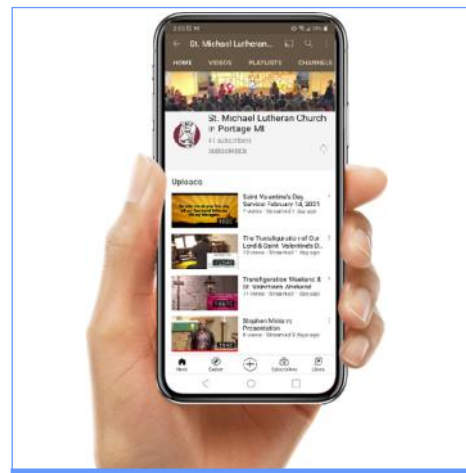
A hard-cooked \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 6:6) always tastes good. And what is a picnic without stuffed \_\_\_\_\_ (Micah 6:15)? You can make pickles. You have \_\_\_\_\_ (Numbers 11:5), \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 10:26), \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 16:1) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 5:13).

There is plenty of fruit. \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 25:11), \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 40:10), \_\_\_\_\_ (Nahum 3:12), clusters of juicy \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 30:12) or even two large \_\_\_\_\_ (Numbers 11:5).

No ice cream, but plenty of \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Sam. 13:6). When you get thirsty there is \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 5:13) and cold \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 10:42). If you like sweets, put in some \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 19:10). Do you like \_\_\_\_\_ (Song of Sol. 6:11)? Take \_\_\_\_\_ (Numbers 17:8) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Ezk. 31:8).

What a large \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 40:17) you will need to pack all of this! Don't forget to take \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Exod. 37:16) and the \_\_\_\_\_ (Josh. 5:2) and a \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Sam. 13:31). Put in plenty of paper \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 22:24) and a \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 19:20), too.

"...I will \_\_\_\_\_, but first let me go back and say \_\_\_\_\_ ... (Luke 9:61) Have a good time! The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ (Num. 6:24).



## 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](https://www.stmichaelchurch.org)

Facebook

Find devotions, special event announcements and more:



@StMichaelLutheranChurchPortageMI

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School + 269-327-0512

Christ For Kids + 269-327-4889

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

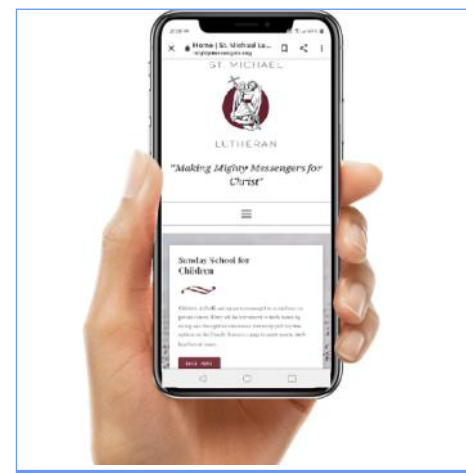
St. Michael's website is full of helpful information.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

BRINGING THE CHURCH,  
SCHOOL AND  
CHRIST FOR KIDS FAMILIES  
TOGETHER AT SCHRIER PARK  
FOR A DAY OF FOOD,  
FELLOWSHIP AND FUN.

Watch for more details...



# 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*



In the Catholic church, the local bishop assigns a priest to a congregation. In the Lutheran church, the church members, through the Voters' Assembly, extend a call to the selected candidate. Last August, our Call Committee

began work on preparing a list of candidates from which our Voters' Assembly will select one to call as our next Senior Pastor.

We consider this call to be divine. We believe that it is God who calls these men into service. With prayer and humble consideration, God's people select the candidate they believe God is calling to faithfully proclaim the Gospel, administer the Sacraments, provide pastoral care, and lead the church in its efforts to fulfill the Great Commission.

Over the past several weeks, the members of the Call Committee have watched hundreds of hours of worship services in which the candidates have preached. The next step is to have video interviews with each of them. Each of these steps are taken with prayer.

The interviews will begin shortly after Easter and should be completed before the end of April. After the interviews are completed, information on each of the remaining candidates will be made available to members of St. Michael. Then, a special Voters' Assembly meeting will be scheduled to consider which of these candidates should receive a call to be our next Senior Pastor.

*Please continue to pray that the Lord use this process to lead us to the candidate that He has already selected for our congregation.*

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*“Not with eye service, or as man pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart....” Ephesians 6:6*

Each month members of Caring Connections and Women's Fellowship coordinate an effort to make a difference to our church members. Be it a card, personal note of encouragement or help with a special request or meal, members have let those in need know they are loved and cared about. None of this could be accomplished without the help of so many of you that contribute your time, talents, and cooking skills. You are the servants of God who make this happen. A special thank you for all the blessings you have faithfully provided for those in need. It may seem like a small thing for you, but for many it makes all the difference in the world. Through your actions you have blessed us all.



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN - Sunday Morning Classes are available during the 9:45 AM Learning Hour. Mondays 3:15-4:30 PM Kid's Knitting Group. Wednesdays 5:15-6:30 PM Life Skills Class.

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 5:30 PM; Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings at 5:00-7:00 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, unless holidays fall within the last week of the 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/>

## FEBRUARY FINANCIALS

4 Months

11/1/2025 - 2/28/2026

Church Revenue	\$ 362,385
School Revenue	\$ <u>461,066</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 823,451
Total Expenses	\$ <u>570,462</u>
Net Surplus (deficit)	\$ 252,989
Expense Budget	\$ 612,424
Under/(Over) Budget	\$ 211,027
Working Cash Balance	\$ 122,946
Mortgage Balance	\$ 913,109

### Designated Fund Balances

Endowment Fund	\$857,199
Building Contingency	\$ 34,814
Parking Lot Fund	\$ 30,000
HVAC	\$ (2,204)
Technology Refresh	\$ 1,993
Sunday School	\$ 4,895
Youth Donations	\$ 12,326
Youth Accounts	\$ 3,848
Good Samaritan	\$ 11,135
Memorials	\$ 14,462
Fellowship	\$ 4,974
Champion Church Network	\$ 401
L.A.M.P. Mission Trip	\$ 10,200
Quilting	\$ 561
POBLO South Asia Ministry	\$ 7,596
Student Debt Fund	\$ 143
Church Worker Scholarship	\$ 400
Luth Medical Emergency Fund	\$ 250
School Improvements	\$ 17,343
Tuition Assistance	\$ 31,371
School Music	\$ 1,601
School Sports	\$ 2,849
Flower Fund	\$ 2,384
Building Utilization	\$ -
LWML	\$ 2,976
Women's Fellowship	\$ 1,160
Faith Budget	\$ -

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

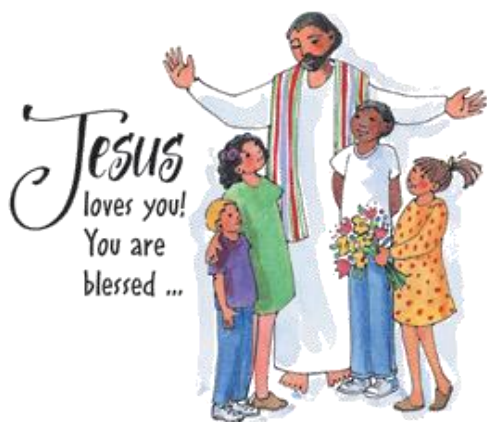
Annual Avg. 2025 . . . . . 389

January '26 Avg. . . . . 325

February '26 Avg. . . . . 418

March '26 Avg. . . . . 430

# ARE YOU WONDERING ...



## SHEPHERD GROUPS

Lay Minister	Family Names Start with	Family Names & include
<b>Kerry Batten</b> 269-491-8128	A	Boelman
<b>Harold DeFouw</b> 269-569-6869	Boulis	Chadderdon
<b>Rich Conklin</b> 616-889-0201	Chilcott	D
<b>Jeff Lauterbach</b> 269-578-6415	E	Franzen
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<b>Dave Johnson</b> 269-599-2195	H	H
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<b>Greg Wedel</b> 312-961-4636	Shuler	Stolsky
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<b>Arlan Wendzel</b> 269-816-5632	U	Z



**ANDY ALLAN**

Q - Shook



**KERRY BATTEN**

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**RYAN BIGELOW**

K - Lapekas



**RICH CONKLIN**

Chilcott - D



**HAROLD DEFOUW**

Boulis - Chadderdon



**DAVE DRZEWIECKI**

Fromman - G

**“WHO IS MY FAMILY’S LAY MINISTER?”**



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Sullivan - T



**DAVE JOHNSON**

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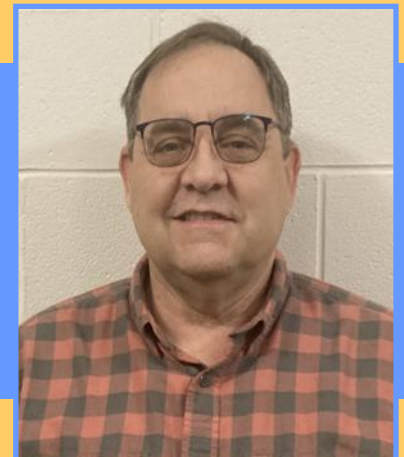
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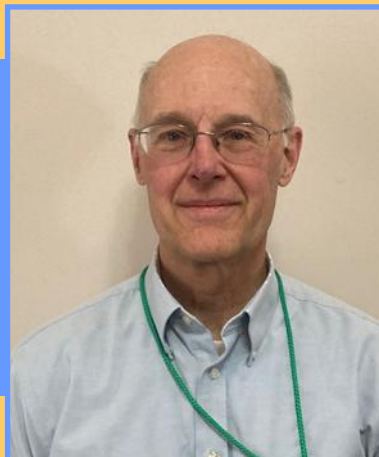
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Neumann - P



**BILL SCHINZER**

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**GREG WEDEL**

Shuler - Stolsky



**ARLAN WENDZEL**

U - Z

# 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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Jennifer Humbarger

### **FOURTH GRADE TEACHER**

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Megan Cummins

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