



THE MIGHTY MESSENGER

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Stewards
Engaged

in
God's
Work

“WE’RE ENGAGED!”

Do you know anyone who got engaged this summer? I do (*no pun intended!*). In fact, I did a couple weddings this summer and have two more to do in September. For many people, especially if you have kids who are out of school for a few months, summer is a great time to get disengaged, that is, to take some time off and to get away from the usual routine. For many it’s a time to leave town, to get away, and to go off on a family vacation. Even when we’re at home there’s probably more playing, and more lounging around in the backyard or by the pool.

But now that it’s September it’s that back to school time of the year. It’s time to get reengaged once again in our routine responsibilities at home and at the office. For many people, it’s also time to get more engaged in the church as well, not only coming back to more regular worship, but also to volunteering in various kinds of service. Many of us have been working hard this summer on church work things, but even so it’s often different kinds of things than we might otherwise be engaged in. We’ve been taking surveys, doing self-studies, and putting on retreats. We’ve been strategizing, planning, and gearing up for the new school year and for the new fiscal year that will be starting up in November.

With all that in mind, we’re looking ahead to our annual Stewardship Emphasis that starts this year at the end of September. As September begins, we’ll hear from our LAMP team about their experience in Lac Brochet, and we’ll kick off our Christian education offerings of Confirmation Class, Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes and Small Group Ministry. But then, starting September 20 with a Volunteer Appreciation Sunday and session one of a special Bible study at 9:45, we will enter into what we’re calling, **“Stewards Engaged in God’s Work.”** This emphasis will continue for three more weekends of special worship services and Sunday morning Adult Bible study, and will culminate on Commitment weekend, October 17-18 at all three services.

Christian stewardship is putting our faith into action, and it involves the management of our lives and resources for God’s purposes. The ultimate purpose of our Christian stewardship is not merely the betterment of St. Michael Lutheran Church and School, but it is helping *“all people to be saved and*

to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4). As God’s stewards, we are His instruments through whom He works. We are His hands, feet, and mouth in the world, to the world.

This being the case, our theme begins with “Stewards Engaged in Sharing the Gospel.” Just before Jesus’ ascension into heaven, He instructed His disciples: *“Go therefore and make disciples...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age”* (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus commanded His disciples along with us to go spread the life-saving Gospel to all nations, that is, to all people wherever they may be. God’s love which we have received from Him overflows from within us and provides the motivation and power to share the life-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with all people. He works through us to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10).

Then the theme continues the next week with “Stewards Engaged in Serving,” because faithful stewardship demonstrates our love, devotion, and submission to Jesus. Our stewardship is motivated by God’s love. Through faith, we can love others and see them as people whom God loves and desires to spend eternity with, and therefore we see them as ones for whom Christ died and rose again. As the Holy Spirit works through us, we are empowered to use our lives and blessings in service to others.

The last week is entitled “Stewards Engaged in Faithful Giving” for God calls us to steward our financial gifts according to His will and plan. God not only provides for all our needs; He invites us to use our financial resources to assist others who might be lacking in what they need, and to support the work of His Church to extend His kingdom. Through our faithful giving, we can in fact impact a broken world. May God use **“Stewards Engaged in God’s Work”** to draw us all closer to Him and to one another as we share, serve, and give together. May the Holy Spirit use His means of grace, His Word and Sacrament, to help us be better stewards of all His good gifts to the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



WE ARE CALLED

to make disciples of *Jesus*

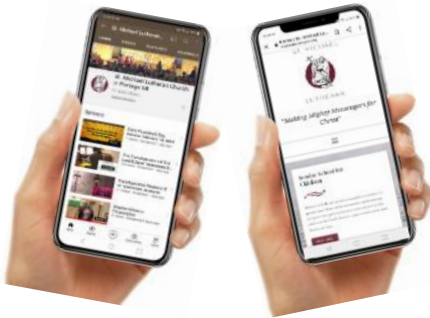
The vision of St. Michael Lutheran is to be a growing congregation within our local community that is *"Making Mighty Messengers for Christ"* by helping people:

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

YouTube



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



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Christ For Kids + 269-327-4889

mightymessengers.org

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



WILL GOLF FOR KIDS!

Please support Pastor Naumann as he plays in the Kalamazoo Youth for Christ 54 Hole Golf Challenge on September 14.

He will be playing in their annual golf-a-thon for the purpose of raising funds to reach teens with the hope of Jesus Christ.

You can make an online donation at the following

link: <https://kalamazooyfc.betterworld.org/.../rev-dr-paul-r...>

Thank you!

The advertisement features a dark background with various images of rocks, minerals, and fossils. At the top, it says "15th Annual Tkgoms" with a magnifying glass icon over the word "Tkgoms". To the right, "TAILGATE SALE & SWAP" is written in large, bold letters. Below this, it says "Buy • Sell • Swap • Discover". A calendar icon indicates the date "SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 | 9AM - 3PM". A location pin icon points to "ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 7211 OAKLAND DRIVE, PORTAGE, MI". On the right side, a list of items for sale includes "JEWELRY, ROCKS • MINERALS, FOSSILS • CRYSTALS, CRAFTS, LAPIDARY EQUIPMENT & MORE!". At the bottom, it says "PARTICIPANTS ARE INVITED TO BUY & SELL ROCK-RELATED ITEMS ONLY!" and provides the website "kalamazoockclub.org".

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

Let's be honest. We don't always feel like reading the Bible.

We mean to! Our Bible may even be sitting on the nightstand or next to our favorite chair. But the morning gets busy. By evening, we're tired. We think, "I'll do it tomorrow."

I understand. *Pastors have days like that, too.*

Some days, reading the Bible is a joy. A verse seems to find you at just the right time. It speaks directly to something you've been carrying around. Other days, you finish a chapter and realize you barely remember any of it.

That's okay. Read it anyway.

Our feelings matter, but they change constantly. They're affected by how much sleep we got, how the day is going, what someone said to us, and whatever else is on our minds. God's Word doesn't change. His promises are true when we feel close to Him. They're also true when we feel distracted, tired, or spiritually dry.

And this *isn't* another religious chore we have to complete so God will be pleased with us. Reading the Bible every day won't make Him love you more. Missing a few days won't make Him love you less. God's love for you rests on Christ and what He has done—not on how well you keep a routine.

We read the Bible because we need to hear what God says.

We forget so easily. We forget that our sins are forgiven. We forget that God hasn't left us alone. We forget that He is still at work, even when we can't see what He is doing. So God tells us again. He reminds us who He is, what He has done, and what He has promised.

You don't need to make it complicated. Read a psalm before you get out of bed. Read a few verses from one of the Gospels before you fall asleep. Use a reading plan if you find that helpful. Start with five minutes. You can also listen to the Bible while you're driving, walking, making dinner, or getting ready for work. There are plenty of free apps and websites that make that easy. **Read the Bible with your children.**

And when you miss a day, just start again.

Don't let guilt convince you that you've failed and might as well wait until next Monday—or next month—to try again. Open the Bible and begin where you left off.

We already do plenty of good things without waiting to feel inspired. We go to work. We keep appointments. We take care of our families. We eat because our bodies need food, even when the meal itself isn't especially memorable.

Reading the Bible can be like that. Not every chapter will give you a powerful spiritual moment. Sometimes it will feel fairly ordinary. But God is still speaking through His Word. His promises are taking root, often more quietly than we realize. Then, perhaps weeks or years later, a verse comes back to us when we are frightened, grieving, guilty, or simply unsure what to do next.

So read when you're eager. Read when you're tired. Read when your heart is full. Read when you feel like you aren't getting much out of it.

You don't need a perfect record. You just need to keep coming back and listening to the voice of your Shepherd.

Jesus loves you! The Bible will continue to tell you so.

Pastor Maske



A Word from His Mouth

September 6, 2026 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

God's Word is of love, forgiveness, and restoration. It is also a Word of correction and discipline. Ezekiel, the prophet, spoke this Word of God to Israel. God entrusts His Word to us so that we, too, may share His Word so all may know His love and forgiveness and that we are restored to Him for all eternity.

Sermon Text: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Readings: Psalm 32:1-7; Ezekiel 33:7-9; Matthew 18:1-20

Featured Choir: St. Paul's Choristers, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Forgiveness Cancels Paybacks

September 13, 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. William Mueller

The account of Joseph forgiving his brothers appears to be so nice and neat. We read it and marvel at the grace Joseph extends to his (at one time) ruthless brothers. But then we are confronted with the truth that we are also called to forgive like Joseph. How can we? We begin to discover the answer when we examine the "payback."

Sermon Text: Genesis 50:15-21

Readings: Psalm 103:1-12; Genesis 50:15-21; Matthew 18:21-35

Featured Choir: Holy Cross Treble Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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

God Is Not Fair!

September 20, 2026 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Scott Zeckzer

We want things to be fair. I want what I deserve, but God does not work that way. Thanks be to God that He is not fair but generous.

Sermon Text: Matthew 20:15

Readings: Psalm 116:12-13, 15-17; Isaiah 55:6-9; Matthew 20:1-16

Featured Choirs: Valley Lutheran High School, Saginaw, Mich.; Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, Centralia, Ill.

Featured Art and Architecture: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rockford, Ill.

The Sins of Our Youth

September 27, 2026 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

The sins of our youth and all of our past sins can rise up to haunt us. But the Good News of Jesus our Savior gives us comfort, reassurance, and the strength to move forward in life as mature Christians.

Sermon Text: Psalm 25:7

Readings: Psalm 25:1-10; Ezekiel 18:25-32; Matthew 21:23-27

Featured Choir: St. Paul Preble Adult Choir, Decatur, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: St. Peter Lutheran Church, North Judson, Ind.



TV MINISTRY YOU

CAN TRUST!

Access for Kalamazoo and Portage

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

Sunday 11:30 AM

Battle Creek - WTLJ 54

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, Sally Beck, Judy Chumas, Shirley Cosgrove, 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

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

The Gift of Prayer

Romans 8:26-27 (NIV)

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.



We live in a do-it-yourself society. Authors and speakers make a living selling programs for self-help and self-improvement. These range from methods of losing weight to methods of overcoming cancer. They all assume that if we adopt the right technique, we will experience success. Even if you go into a Christian bookshop, you will discover pamphlets and books for sale that offer to teach you how to pray successfully and so improve our spiritual life!

So much of the popular Christian literature and teaching on prayer reinforces the notion that improvement in prayer depends on us, our knowledge, our faith, our discipline, our attitude, and our technique. These works are popular for all sorts of reasons. They are practical and helpful. They feed on our guilt and offer to allay it. They boost our spiritual self-confidence and overlook our spiritual impotence. They promise to empower us and to make us experts in prayer. Their basic assumption is that prayer is something that we do for ourselves and by ourselves. They assume that success in prayer depends on our performance, our willpower and our capacity for spiritual self-improvement. They disconnect prayer from Jesus and His atonement for us.

Even though Jesus assumed that His disciples would pray, He differed from the religious leaders in Israel by teaching little about the theory and practice of prayer. This was not because prayer was unimportant for Him; He was after all, a man of prayer and an expert in it. The one thing He emphasized about prayer, repeatedly and forcefully was the importance of faith in Him and His Word rather than self-confidence. He taught that God-pleasing prayer depended on Him rather than the person at prayer.

God's solution to this problem is giving us the Holy Spirit as our helper, the one who prompts and empowers us to pray. By teaching us that even though we do not know how to pray or what to pray for, the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us deep inside us in accordance with God's good and gracious will so when we pray, we can follow His urging, His prompting, even if it is evident only in sighing and groaning and deep distress.

Let Go, Let God, Pray On!

Virginia Hetrick – Prayer Coordinator



“Exploring Our Faith”

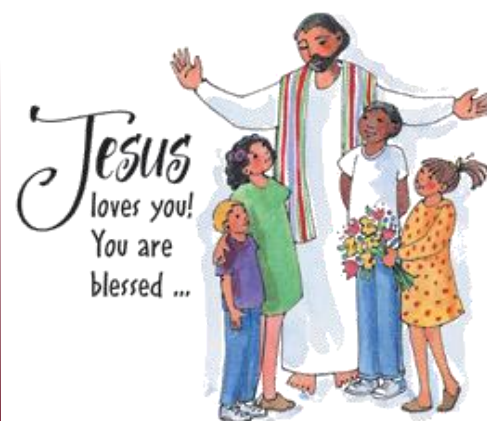
NEW CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 13!!

What makes Saint Michael Lutheran Church special?

How do we get involved in what God is doing among us?

“Exploring Our Faith” Is taught on Sunday mornings during the same time as the children’s Sunday School and other Adult Bible Classes, 9:45 am to 10:45 am.

In this course, you will find that our Lutheran faith is Bible based, and you will get to know some of the existing ministry leaders in our congregation. It will help prepare you to be a more faithful follower of our Lord Jesus Christ, and an active communicant member of St. Michael Lutheran Church and School.



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Dave Drzewiecki 616-560-2175	Frommann	G
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Matt Heintz 269-290-8507	Sullivan	T
Arlan Wendzel 269-816-5632	U	Z



Preschool - 2nd Room #123

Adults Always Invited to Join Us!

3rd - 5th Grade Room #122

New Volunteers Welcome!

6-7-8th Grade Room #111

Learn to build a relationship with Jesus.

EVENING WOMEN'S

Bible Study



Are you relaxed? You can be!

The Gospels portray Jesus as never in a hurry to be anywhere.

Join Us for this new study!

6:30 PM TUESDAYS
Beginning September 8th

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 Lutheran School and Christ for Kids Preschool/Childcare Center are a ministry in partnership with parents to nurture each child to attain their God-given abilities by providing a quality education and growing their faith through God's Word, creating Mighty Messengers for Christ.

We are dedicated to providing children with an education that:

- Ensures that Christ is the foundation of the school ministry
- Provides enriching learning experiences
- Builds compassionate relationships in the classroom, the school, and the greater community
- Openly embraces all members of the community regardless of faith affiliation

Meet the Teacher ^{NEW}



Mrs. Cole

7th Grade Homeroom
Language Arts



About Me :

Hello, my name is Arrianna Cole!

I'm so excited to be joining St. Michael Lutheran School as the 7th grade teacher this year. As a recent University of Michigan graduate with a focus in Writing and Rhetoric, I look forward to sharing my love of the English language with our students through Language Arts. Since I grew up in the area and attended a Lutheran school myself, it is a blessing to now give back through Lutheran education. I look forward to meeting and knowing all of you over the coming months.

Hobbies:

Outside of the classroom, I'm normally found writing poetry, crafting, or tending to my hobby farm animals and pets.



LWML BATTLE CREEK ZONE FALL RALLY



EMBRYO ADOPTION

"But God will redeem my life from the grave" ~ Psalm 49:15

**Speaker: Pastor Trenton Wollberg
will share what God is doing to
redeem "leftover" embryos from
I.V.F. and restore life.**



5:00 pm - Light Supper
5:30 pm - Business Mtg
6:45 pm - Speaker

Resurrection Bags (from
Liberia) will be available to
shop from Becky Grossman



**ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN
7211 OAKLAND DR.
PORTAGE, MI 49024**

**Sunday, October 4
5 - 8 pm**

**Ingathering: Diapers for Alternatives of Kalamazoo
(All Sizes)**



SERVING THE LORD IN

Belize

NEWS FROM GROTH FAMILY



July 2026

**Constant Maintenance**

Living in a tropical forest is a wonderful blessing, but it also means that everything requires a little more attention. The combination of heat, humidity, rain, insects, and constant plant growth takes its toll on buildings, equipment, and even the simplest things around the house. Something that might last for years in Minnesota can deteriorate surprisingly quickly here.

This month, our laundry line provided a good example. What looked perfectly fine eventually gave way when the material holding it up had simply rotted from exposure to the elements. It is a good reminder that life and ministry in Belize involves a steady rhythm of maintenance and repair. There is always something that needs attention, but we are grateful for the opportunity to care for the property and the resources the Lord has entrusted to us.



To be added to or removed from this mailing list, send an email message to Jason.groth@lcms.org with the word ADD or REMOVE in the subject line.

jason.groth@lcms.org**Preaching Law and Gospel**

The work of proclaiming the Gospel continues each week in Seine Bight. It is a privilege to stand before the people of this village and open the Scriptures, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Whether the congregation is large or small, the task remains the same: to faithfully preach Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins.

Ministry in a small village often happens quietly and without much fanfare. Yet we trust that God's Word does not return empty. Each sermon, prayer, hymn, and conversation is an opportunity for the Lord to work through His Word and gather His people. We give thanks for everyone who prays for the ministry in Seine Bight and for the privilege of serving Christ and His Church here in Belize.

Sunny, Hot, and Humid, but Christ Centered

One of the blessings of ministry in Seine Bight has been the opportunity to spend time with the men of the village and build relationships beyond the Sunday morning service. I am especially thankful for the opportunity to lead a men's ministry where we can gather, talk, laugh, encourage one another, and consider what it means to follow Christ as men, husbands, fathers, and neighbors.

These relationships take time to develop, and I am grateful for every conversation and every opportunity to simply spend time with people in the community. I have also been blessed to be introduced by Belize Mission Society teams to friends in the village. Through these relationships, I pray that the Lord would continue to open doors for deeper fellowship and faithful opportunities to share the Gospel.



Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD

One of the joys of ministry is being invited into the important moments of people's lives. Recently, we gathered around a mother expecting a child and prayed for her and the little one growing within her. We asked the Lord to give mother and child health, strength, and protection, and to bless their family

in the days ahead. Life is a gift from God, and it is a privilege to surround families with prayer and Christian love as they await the birth of a new child. We pray that this child will one day know the love of Christ and the salvation He has won for us.

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

MEN'S EVENT WAS A HIT!

Newman's Airfield and the Mattawan Lions Club invited the community to join in the renowned hearty breakfast, beautiful grass strip, and warm hospitality on Saturday, August 22nd at their annual Fly-in Breakfast.



You're Invited to the Annual Gathering Saturday, October 17 at 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 2026, so bring your personal calendar with you.

RSVP please to Kristi Rudowske

Home: 269-324-5792 Text: 269-532-5043

Email: kspitz2001@yahoo.com

Quilt Sunday is coming!

On September 19th & 20th the pews will be covered with the quilts made this past year by the Quilting Ministry. Enjoy this colorful display before the quilts are packed up to be sent to Lutheran World Relief or a local organization. As you choose your favorites, please pray for those who will receive them – that the cheer and warmth of these quilts will also proclaim the warmth of God's love for them.



St. Michael

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

PICNIC



September 27, 2026



12–4 PM

Immediately after late service



Location: Schrier Park

850 W Osterhout Ave,
Portage, MI 49002

*Join us for
food, fellowship & fun!* 



All are welcome!

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*

Activities For Kids

Mondays after school

Kids Knitting with Mary Wright is available Mondays after school. Meeting in Allan Hall from 3:15-4:30 PM.

Let Mary Wright know your student would like to attend, by texting: 269-779-5624



Parent or high school student support is appreciated!

Wednesdays Evenings

2nd-5th grade students are invited to join Mrs. Wright for classes on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-6:30pm. There is much to be learned and she makes it exciting.



HELP THE KIDS SEE JESUS!!

Looking for...

- Volunteers for Children's Messages
- Flexible scheduling. Training Available. Usually based on the Gospel reading for the weekend.

Contact Church Office at 269-327-7832

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/>



Operation Christmas Child is just around the corner! New to this ministry? It's headed up by Franklin Graham (Billy Graham's son) and Samaritan's Purse and is a world-wide operation.

People in many countries pack a shoebox with small toys, hygiene products, socks, shirts, etc. and through a well-organized process the boxes are shipped to poorer areas – including some in the US.

Children who receive a shoebox are also given the greater gift of being introduced to Jesus and the love He has for them. What better gift can be given?

Now is a great time to pick up school supplies to use in a shoebox, along with summer toys, flip flops, sunglasses and clothing that can be found on clearance. As a reminder, you choose a gender and age range (2-4, 5-9, 7-14) and fill a shoebox with gifts especially for that age group. Shoeboxes will be available at church in November or you can use an empty shoebox you have at home. Visit Samaritanspurse.org for more detailed information.



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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