



Telling the Story Noah

A Year of Jubilee at St. Michael



St. Michael

Lutheran Church

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

WELCOME!

- ❖ **INFORMATION CENTER:** Are you interested in Bible classes, Sunday School, youth activities or our J.O.Y. Group senior adult ministry? Stop by the Information Desk in the lobby—we want to meet and help you.
- ❖ **GUEST and HANDICAP PARKING:** For your convenience, parking is located across from the main church entrance and the west entrance door (4).
- ❖ **AUTOMATIC DOORS:** Two sets of automatic doors are available. One is located on the west entrance door (4) and the other is located on the main doors (2).
- ❖ **LISTENING DEVICES** for those who have difficulty hearing the service are available at the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary.
- ❖ **TODAY'S SERMON IS AVAILABLE ONLINE**, along with prior sermons and Bible studies, at stmfw.org/sermons.
- ❖ **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE** at stmfw.org/giving.
- ❖ **WE VALUE YOUR ATTENDANCE:** Please complete a connect card or visit stmfw.org/iamhere.

St. Michael loves new parents and small children!

- ❖ **WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**, but if you need it, a nursery for children under age 5 is located in Room 24B. Please ask an usher for directions.
- ❖ **THE CRY ROOM** is our lobby. Please pull up a chair so that you may watch and listen to our worship service.
- ❖ **BUDDY BAGS** are available for small children in the lobby. You may pick one up prior to service and return on your way out. Enjoy!
- ❖ **CHANGING TABLES** are located in the family and women's restrooms adjacent to the lobby.
- ❖ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** is for children 5 and under during the sermon at the 10:45a worship.

THIRD WEEKEND AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 21, 2024
“A YEAR OF JUBILEE: SET FREE TO TELL THE STORY”

PRESERVICE

Sing Ye Righteous

CLHS A-Cappella

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

Theme of the Day: This weekend we delve into the captivating tale of Noah and explore the profound lessons it holds for us. Amidst the chaos that surrounded him, Noah exemplified an unwavering trust in God. How can Noah’s trust inspire us as we look to God’s promises amidst the chaos of our own lives?

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: In last week’s worship we heard about God’s act of creation. After six days,

C: **“God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.”** (Genesis 1:31)

P: But just a few short chapters later, things were much different. God said, “I am going to put an end to all people,

C: **the earth is filled with violence because of them.”** (Genesis 6:13)

P: Without a cloud in the sky, God instructed Noah to build an ark.

C: **“Noah did everything just as God commanded him.”** (Genesis 6:22)

P: “Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them entered the ark.” (Genesis 7:15)

C: **“For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth.”** (Genesis 7:17)

P: “Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; people and animals.” (Genesis 7:23)

C: **“Only Noah was left, and those with him on the ark.”** (Genesis 7:23)

HYMN

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less
(stanzas 1-4)

575

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS – Psalm 51

P: With waters that brought forth a great flood, You brought destruction upon the earth, O Lord.

C: **But in the waters of my baptism, You have called me to follow You.**

P: “Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love;

C: **according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**

P: Wash away all my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

P: Cast me not away from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from me.

C: **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.”**

(silence for personal confession and self-reflection)

P: O Lord,

C: **have mercy on me. Forgive my sins. Turn me back toward You through the mercy of Jesus Christ.**

P: Almighty God has had mercy on you, and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, I announce to you the forgiveness of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Lord Sanctify Me Holy

CLHS A-Cappella

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Almighty and everlasting God, as You govern all things in heaven and on earth, hear the prayers of Your people. As we look to the covenants that You have made, grant us an unwavering trust knowing that You are with us all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 6:5-14; 7:1-5; 8:15-21

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

CLHS A-Cappella

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-39

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Please pray for Jack Burgess; Jack Bains; Sophia Fieldhouse; Elijah Jomo; Franklin and Ben Mendenhall; and Lincoln Robinson-Selking.

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory
(stanzas 1-4)

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SERMON

“Noah and the Flood”
Genesis 6-9 (selected verses)

Pastor Goff

NICENE CREED 8:00/APOSTLES' CREED 10:45a

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

This is My Father's World

CLHS A-Cappella

COMMISSIONING AND INSTALLATION OF EMMA DEINES, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY – 10:45a

CLHS MISSION MINUTE

PRAYERS

The G.A.P. Team will pray with you in the worship conference room after the services.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER 8:00a

If you are a visitor, please see our communion practice on page 7.

PREFACE/PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/THE PEACE OF THE LORD

AGNUS DEI

COMMUNION HYMNS

Nettleton

CLHS Symphonic Band

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

618

Jesus Savior Pilot Me

715

O God Our Help in Ages Past

733

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

711

POST COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
(stanzas 1-3)

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SILENT PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for Your covenant promise to me in the waters of baptism. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Ascending

CLHS A-Cappella

St. Michael Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Dennis Goff, Senior Pastor

Shawn Davis, Missional Pastor

Stephanie Maxson, Music Director

Rhonda Patterson, Communications Director

Celine Newman, Director of Belonging

Mark Neubacher, Visiting Pastor

Emma Deines, Youth Director

Tammy Bruns, Executive Director

Tina Hoover, Executive Assistant

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

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January 20/21, 2024



WELCOME EMMA DEINES – DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

For the last year, St. Michael has been blessed to have Emma Deines with us as a DCE (Director of Christian Education) Intern. Upon the completion of Emma’s internship, St. Michael extended a call to Emma to serve as our Director of Youth Ministry. Emma is from St. Charles MO and is a recent graduate of Concordia University, Seward NE. Emma will be commissioned as a minister of religion in the LCMS and installed as Director of Youth Ministry for St. Michael Lutheran Church this weekend at our 10:45am worship service. WELCOME EMMA!!!

ST. MICHAEL'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

In 2024 we celebrate 70 years of St. Michael! This year of Jubilee we will grow together through celebrations and spiritual practices while sharing the story of what God has done and is doing through His people. One way we will celebrate this coming year is through community events every 7 weeks (approximately). Save these dates on your calendar!

JUBILEE CELEBRATION DATES

February 24	Generosity Event
April 28	Congregational Meeting
June 8/9	Camp Lutherhaven Retreat
July 20 or 21	Cook Out Celebration
September 8	Rally Day
October 26/27	Fall Family Fun Festival
December 14/15	TBD

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN WOMEN'S RETREAT—January 26-28

Dive into what it means to live on fire for Christ in life today with speaker Sara Scheiwe. This New Year’s retreat promises to be an intentional, fun, and encouraging time with others and with Jesus. For more information and to register, please visit www.lutherhaven.org.

iLEAD—this is an amazing opportunity!

This leadership development opportunity includes large and small group sessions with current and future leaders. **Everyone in the congregation**, currently serving in a leadership role or not, is invited to the remaining large group sessions with our guest presenters.

- February 3 (8:30-10:30) at St. Peter's: Gabe Kasper, Lead Pastor at University Lutheran Chapel in Ann Arbor, MI. Gabe's focus will be to describe a resilient faith that not only doesn't fade during this cultural moment but is strengthened and refined even as the world around us changes.
- February 17 (8:30-10:30) at Emmanuel: Angie Moellering, CEO of Lutheran Social Services of Indiana will lead a panel discussion on the importance of involving women as leaders in ministry.

YOUTH EVENTS!

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHTS - We will not have Youth Night on January 21st. Join us on February 4th as we take a deep dive into God's Word. Middle school is from 4pm - 6pm and High School is from 6pm - 8pm every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month. If you are interested in helping with meals or volunteering for our youth nights please contact DCE Emma at emma@stmfw.org.

Calling all 8th grade students and parents: "Connect" is a time for 8th grade students and parents to meet with DCE Emma, play games, have some snacks, and get to know one another. "Connect" will be every Tuesday from 3:00p - 5:30p at Union Street Market at Electric Works. Our next gathering is Tuesday, 1/16.

Mark your calendar - February 15th is WINTER JAM! Join other Christians and Christian artists like Crowder, Cain, Newsong, and more for a night of worship. Winter Jam is at the Coliseum at 7pm (doors open at 6pm). If you are interested in going please email DCE Emma at emma@stmfw.org.

MENTAL WELLNESS SERIES AT ST. MICHAEL

February 20 (Tuesday), 6:30p-7:30p Depression and Faith in the Life of the Christian

It doesn't matter if you call it clinical depression, seasonal affective disorder, or just "winter," the fact is that depression is a part of our lives. We will discuss the relationship between depression and faith, and the most elusive thing when we are suffering, namely, hope in Christ. Presenter: Rev. Dr. Todd A. Peperkorn (Assistant Professor of Pastor Ministry and Missions, Director of Vicarage at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne)

PEOPLE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY

Since our preaching series this year will be focusing on people of the Old Testament, we will be reading various sections of the Old Testament through the year. Don't miss the next few weeks of our adult Bible class as Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Pulse from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, will help set the stage for our Old Testament reading this year. Dr. Pulse's class is entitled: "Reading the Old Testament Christologically." Understanding the Old Testament and its Christological foundation means first understanding the Hebrew people and their conventional relationship with God. As a result, the task is not to "find Jesus in the Old Testament," but to believe that Jesus IS the Old Testament. Dr. Pulse will lead this study January 14, 21, 28, and February 4. Additional adult study options will begin in February!

THE CHRISTIAN LEADER BIBLE STUDY

During this 8 Week series for Christian leaders we will be unpacking various topics that are relevant to being a high quality leader. Beginning January 6, an iLead Leadership seminar will be taught at a local Fort Wayne church. The following Sunday we will gather to review and discuss the topic that was discussed. During the in-between weeks we will dive into additional topics focused on helping you to grow as a Christian Leader. **This study is for any leader, those who serve at St. Michael as well as those who serve in leadership positions outside the church.**

January 21	Review of Humbler Leadership
January 28	Being the Leader God Made Me To Be - Strength's inventory
February 4	Review of Resilient Faith
February 11	The Creator of Time and the Enemy of Hurry: Rhythms of a Godly life
February 18	Review of Women as Leaders
February 25	The Ministry of Investment

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Saturday, January 13	107	Sunday, January 14	250
Livestream	207		

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Our Lord invites to His table those who have been baptized, who repent of their sin, who believe Jesus Christ is their Savior, and who believe the body and blood of Jesus is really present together with the bread and wine. Anyone who is not yet instructed in the Christian faith or who has a differing belief are asked to first speak with one of the pastors. If you need communion delivered to where you are sitting, please notify an usher or elder before the service begins. Gluten free communion wafers are available by raising your index finger as communion is distributed signaling to the elder that you wish to receive a prewrapped gluten free wafer. Grape juice is available in the purple tinted cups located in the center of the tray of individual cups. Children or adults who have not yet been confirmed or instructed in the Lord's Supper are welcomed to come forward for a blessing placing their arms over their chest.

EXCITING ESM INFORMATION!

With so many schools in the area to choose from, making the decision about where your child will begin their education is easier said than done. We invite you to join us to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about! Learn more and register using the QR codes below.

KINDERGARTEN Information and Enrollment Sessions:

- Wednesday, January 17 OR Thursday, February 15
- 6:30p-8:00p | Getz Road Campus
- Bring your future student for a fun activity with teachers!
- Childcare provided for siblings

PRESCHOOL Information and Enrollment Sessions:

- Thursday, February 1 | Getz Road Campus
- Thursday, February 8 | Union Street Campus
- 6:30p-7:30p
- Information session for parents
- Childcare provided

QUESTIONS? - Contact Erin Clark, Director of Admissions
422-6712 | eclark@esmeagles.com



NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Emmanuel-St. Michael Lutheran School will be joining with Lutheran Schools around the country and the world to celebrate during the week of January 21. We are thankful for Emmanuel and St. Michael congregations and their faithful support of ESM both spiritually and financially. ESM celebrates its unique mission as a distinctively Lutheran school in providing 'Education for Life and Faith for Eternity'!

SERVING AT ST. MICHAEL this weekend

Are you able to join a worship service team? Contact Tina Hoover at 432-2033 or tina@stmfw.org.

Greeters:	Ken and Sue Faus (5p); CLHS Students, Dave and Kathy Trinklein, Kris McKay(8a) CLHS Students, Ron and Kendra Nieman, Brad and Jennifer Chaffee (10:45a)
Lay Readers:	Kathy Palmreuter (5p); Vaughn Hendrickson (8a); Kira Clendenen (10:45a)
Children's Church:	Emma Latin (10:45a)
Acolytes:	Adriana Briney (5p); Austin Wagner (8a); Emily Peters (10:45a)
Information Desk:	Liz Edwards (5p); Linda Kaufmann (8a) Jenny Hendrickson (10:45a)
Ushers:	Dave and Myra Atkinson, Andrea Tarbet (5p); CLHS Students (8a) CLHS Students, Karen Hall, Shanon Ruch (10:45a)
Elders:	Ryan Meyer (5p); John Hein (8a); Jeremy Allyn (10:45a)
Nursery:	Vaughn and Macy Hendrickson
Fellowship:	Aimee Sir
Altar Guild:	Sue Baker

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK January 22-28

Monday, January 22

3:45p Grace Notes
6:00p Harmony Ringers
6:45p BSF Young Adults
7:00p Resound Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 23

7:00p Praise Teams Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 24

9:15 Coffee Break
10:30p Men's Bible Study
6:30p Men/Women's Choir
7:00p Adult Choir
7:00p Dart Ball

Thursday, January 25

7:00p Jubilant Fields Rehearsal

Friday, January 26

8:00p Men's Basketball

Saturday, January 27

5:00p Worship

Sunday, January 28

8:00a Worship
9:30a Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:45a Worship

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We are privileged to pray for each other. Please notify the staff on your connect card or by email if you would like your prayer needs kept private. Otherwise, we will print them in this publication on a weekly basis.

- **January Milestone Birthdays:** Dorothy Smith, 1/20, 92; Wayne Scroggham, 1/26, 81; John Ribar, 1/27, 88; Lynn Auman, 1/29, 82; Janet Davis, 1/29, 81.
- **Pray for:**
 - Pat Armstrong who will have knee replacement surgery on Monday. Pray for those who will care for her.
 - The family of Pauline Geyer who died on Wednesday.
 - Anna Jank, whose body is responding well to the current cancer treatment.
 - The family of Sue Doepner who died Tuesday evening.
 - Kathy Palmreuter's family as they care for her mother.
 - Sarah Terrell, daughter of Jim and Karen Martin, diagnosed with Thyroid Cancer. Benjamin Martin, Jim's brother, with bladder cancer. Jim's older sister who has Leukemia. His mother, who is 99 and dealing with all these family illnesses.
 - Linda Chapman recovering from COVID.
 - The family of Dean Willson, Dean's father who died last week.
 - Norma and Gary Endersby struggling with Covid and breathing issues.
 - Those who continue to struggle with cancer
 - Stacey Swedzinski, friend of Sally and Stan Scheumann, enduring cancer treatments
 - Brad, brother-in-law of John and Sue Baker
 - Brian Seiy
 - And all other members

WEEKLY READING PLAN: JANUARY 21-27, 2024

Becoming more like Jesus – growing in His Word, Genesis 6-10

As you read about God’s creation in the opening chapters of Genesis, by the time you get to chapter 6 God is ready to destroy it all. Things have gotten that bad. While we read about the flooding of the earth in chapter 6, it’s didn’t happen immediately after creation. Look again at Gen 5:28-32.

In Gen 6:6, we read where things were so bad that, “the Lord was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.” Human emotions are used here to express the pain that God experienced when He saw the corruption of humanity. Man’s sin was (and still is) God’s sorrow.

God’s patience gives way to His judgment. However, God’s growing impatience with His creation didn’t happen overnight. In fact, remember the words of 2 Pet 3:9, “The Lord is not slow to fulfil His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

You’ve heard it said, “actions speak louder than words.” If that is true, what do Noah’s actions reveal about his character and his relationship with God as he starts to build the ark?

It is said of Noah that he, “found favor in the eyes of the Lord” (v. 8) and the very next verse goes on to tell us that he was “a righteous man and blameless in his generation” (v. 9). However, that doesn’t mean that Noah was perfect. You will read otherwise in chapter 9.

Chapter 10 | “Known as the Table of Nations, this account fills the gap in history between Noah and Abraham, emphasizes the brotherhood of man, shows the relation of the Semitic nations in the broader region, and builds on this foundation for the history of redemption” (From The Lutheran Study Bible). As you read about the locations where these people lived, which ones can you find on a Bible map? What do you notice about the spread and movement of these people?

Once you complete your reading of Gen 1-10, take a look at the summary video from The Bible Project of the first 11 chapters to help fill in the blanks about what you’ve read: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/genesis-1-11/>.

TODAY'S SERMON OUTLINE

“Noah and the Flood” – Genesis 6-9 (selected verses)

The Reason for the flood.

- “The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.” (6:5)
- “Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.” (6:11-12)
- “My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years.” (6:3)

The Reason from the flood.

- “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.” (6:8)
- “So make yourself an ark of cypress wood . . . (6:14)
- “But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark – you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you.” (6:18)

The Reason of the flood.

- “So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. All the animals and all the creatures . . . came out of the ark, one kind after another. Then Noah build an altar to the Lord . . . ‘Never again will I curse the ground because of humans . . . And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.” (8:18-21)
- “Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth . . . Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.’ (9:1, 3)

The Reason of the flood.

- “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.” (Matthew 24:36-39)