

Abraham and Isaac



“The Lord will provide.”
Genesis 22:14



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.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
February 11, 2024
THE YEARS OF JUBILEE: SET FREE TO TELL THE STORY

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

Theme of the Day: This year our preaching series is from the Old Testament (with a few exceptions for special services). This weekend we hear about Abraham's long awaited son, Isaac, and how Isaac was a reminder to Abraham that the Lord provides.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C: Amen.

P: When God tested Abraham by asking him to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice, Abraham obeyed.

C: But instead, the Lord provided a ram for the sacrifice.

P: Abraham called that place,

C: The Lord Will Provide." (Genesis 22:14)

P: God does indeed provide.

C: "God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

P: "The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food at the proper time.

C: You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing." (Psalm 145:15-16)

P: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." (Psalm 23:1)

C: The Lord does provide.

HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
(stanzas 1-2)

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for personal confession and self-reflection)

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

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY 8:00a
10:45a**

Hymn to Joy

**Karen Manges
Grace Notes**

PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 10:45a

PREFACE/PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (sung to the tune of *Ye Sons and Daughters*)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/THE PEACE OF THE LORD

AGNUS DEI (sung to the tune of *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Just as I Am	570
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	709
Be Still My Soul	752
Son of God Eternal Savior	842
Children of the Heavenly Father	725

POST COMMUNION (sung to the tune of *for All the Saints*)

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

Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me
(stanzas 1-3)

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SILENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I thank You for the daily bread (provisions) You provide me each day.
Amen.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

St. Michael Lutheran Church
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February 10/11



PLAN TO JOIN US AT A TOWN HALL MEETING!

We want all members of St. Michael to have opportunities to come and learn more about the proposed changes, ask questions, and connect with one another at “town hall” style meetings. Please mark your calendar for one of the dates below. We look forward to seeing you there!

- **February 11** 9:30a during Adult Bible Class in the Gym
- **February 20** 1:00p during JOY Group in Luther Hall
- **February 29** 6:30p at St. Michael in Luther Hall
- **March 3** 12:00p at St. Michael in Luther Hall
- **March 12** 6:30p online via Zoom
- **March 16** 6:15p following Saturday night service in Luther Hall

LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, at 11:00a and 7:00p

The practice of receiving ashes as we begin the season of Lent reminds us of our sinful nature. Although these ashes can wear off or be washed away, the greater mark of sin is buried deep within and requires a cleansing of another kind. Please join us as we mark the beginning of this meditative church season.

ASH WEDNESDAY MEALS—12:00p Luncheon and 5:30p Dinner

Practice Christian community and join us for one of these celebratory meals sponsored by the J.O.Y. Group and St. Michael Youth.

PRAYER STATIONS IN THE LOBBY ON ASH WEDNESDAY

What are prayer stations? Prayer Stations are designated spaces set apart for contemplation or prayer. Each station will offer a specific topic or direction for prayer and will include elements such as lighting, action steps, candles, pictures, or other things that can remind us of something to ponder and pray. This year each station will be geared around the topic of our Ash Wednesday theme: The Heart of Darkness. You and your family are encouraged to take a little extra time before and/or after either service to experience these stations.

ADDITIONAL ADULT BIBLE CLASSES STARTING SOON

Beginning Sunday, February 18, a few additional Bible classes will begin!

- **A Hebrew Perspective for Understanding the Bible (6 weeks).** This study will examine Hebrew culture, tradition and language exploring Scripture and further understanding its meaning. Topics will include, but are not limited to, the impact of the Ancient New East practice of foot washing, the effective teaching methodology employed by Jesus, and exploration of “authority” in both the Old and New Testaments, and the people of Jesus’ time (i.e., Sadducees, Orthodox Jews, Gentiles, Zealots). Location – Gym.
- **Thrive: Living Resilient and Renewed (12 weeks).** Using the Thrive workbook, this class is designed for helping anyone have strength, recovery and resilience from any mental health difficulty or disorder. Location – Room 22 in the school (Mrs. Smith 2nd Grade Classroom).
- **Money and Marriage God’s Way (7 weeks).** This class is a video based Bible study from Compass Ministries. It provides insights for your marriage and your finances. Together, you will explore what God’s Word says about earning, spending, giving, debt reduction, and investing. You’ll also discover how to communicate more effectively and resolve conflict. Location – Conference Room
- **Christian Foundations (5 weeks) – beginning March 3.** This class is designed for those who are new to the Christian faith or new to the Lutheran church. This is also a great class for anyone who would like to renew some basic and foundational topics we confess and practice in the Christian faith. Location – Luther Hall.

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)

GRIEFSHARE: NEW OFFERING AT ST. MICHAEL

Through this 13-week adventure, you’ll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Join us Tuesday evenings, March 5-May 28 from 6:30p-8:30p in Luther Hall. Contact Robert and Rebecca Boyd with questions at (862) 409-4520 or bb4bboyd@gmail.com.

JUBILEE GENEROSITY EVENT—February 24 from 6:00a-10:00a

We kick off our Jubilee Celebration with a generosity event Saturday morning in Luther Hall. Generosity is at the heart of God and His gifts are meant to be shared with the world around us. We would love to have you join in and serve our public servants with your presence while enjoying some delicious breakfast food prepared by our congregation members. While you are here, make a plaque for our new members, and be sure to make and take a gift bag and make a connection with your neighbor. We will also be doing a prayer walk covering our building in prayer. Can you donate items for our gift bags? We would love microwave popcorn, \$1 word search/Sudoku books, and decks of cards!

JUBILEE HISTORY DISPLAY

Check out the lobby display celebrating the inception of St. Michael with pictures, personal accounts, and items from the church’s archives!

ACADEMY DINNER—March 9 at 6:30p

Menu: Bronze chicken, garlic smashed potatoes, oven roasted vegetables, garden salad and dinner roll

Cost: \$15/adult
\$10/children 12 and under



RESPONDING TO GOD’S LOVE

Saturday, February 3 **115** Sunday, February 4 **325** Livestream **122**

FEBRUARY MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Sonja Sodano, 2/1, 83; Carol Korte, 2/2, 83; Mike Bristol, 2/3, 80; Margaret Jones, 2/13, 82; Peggy Macke, 2/18, 87; Jim Biddle, 2/28, 85.

LUTHERAN LAYMANS LEAGUE ANNUAL CONVENTION—March 16, 9:00a-2:30p

Join us at St. Michael to hear our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, speaker of the Lutheran Hour®. The cost is \$20 including lunch. Registration deadline is March 5. Register to attend here: <https://stmfw.org/register>.

ATTENTION ST. MICHAEL, SAVE THE DATE!

February 15 is WINTER JAM! This is an amazing concert where Christians from all over Fort Wayne gather together at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum to praise our Heavenly Father! If you are a youth, family, or **anyone from St. Michael** please join us for this amazing opportunity to worship together. Please RSVP using the QR Code!



PURCHASE AN EASTER PIE—SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL YOUTH!

Purchase a strawberry, key lime, or peanut butter pie, as well as a Chocolate Torte for \$25 each. Proceeds will support the youth trip to North Carolina and the 2025 National Youth Gathering. Pies will be available to pick up on Saturday, March 30, from 12:00-12:30p and Easter Sunday from 8:00-11:00a in the gym. Please place your order by March 15. Thank you!



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS!

MIDDLE (4:00p-6:00p) HIGH SCHOOL (6:00p-8:00p) **Join us Sunday, February 18** for YOUTH NIGHT! We continue our new series of Identity: Beliefs and Practices! Over the next several weeks we will take a deep dive into how our identity is shaped by what we believe and what we practice. Future Youth Nights include March 3, March 17, and April 7.

2024 High School Servant Event

Are you ready to Behold God's Miracles in the High Country? Join us this summer as we head to Camp Linn Haven in North Carolina for the 2024 Servant Event! Students from incoming 9th graders to graduating 12th graders are invited to participate in this amazing week, where we will share the hope of Christ as growing disciples and serving others through a variety of ministries. **Registration closes on February 15.**



Ash Wednesday Dinner - HELP NEEDED!

Help bless the St. Michael community on February 14 from 4:30p-6:45pm. We need youth volunteers to help serve the meal, clean up, and help with food donations. Let DCE Emma know if you are able to help at emma@stmfw.org.

ESM ENROLLMENT 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!

KINDERGARTEN Information and Enrollment Session:

- Thursday, February 15
- 6:30p-8:00p | Getz Road Campus

SAVE THE DATE FOR EAGLES RISE 2024!

Please join us for Eagles Rise, Emmanuel-St. Michael's annual fellowship and fundraising event, on **Friday, March 8** at Goeglein's Homestead. The evening will provide an opportunity for parents, supporters of ESM, former students, teachers and administrators to gather, share fellowship and raise money for our school. Watch for more information coming soon! **Register:** <https://www.esmeagles.com/giving/eagles-rise>

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: Terry Hammond; Valerie and Damien Hensley (5p); Tim and Marilyn Crum (8a);
Jerry and Mary Nichols (10:45a)
Lay Readers: Bruce Schroeder (5p); Robert Boyd (8a); Randy Fillmore (10:45a)
Children's Church: Macy and Vaughn Hendrickson (10:45a)
Acolytes: James Sprunger (5p); Isabelle Johnson (8a); Austin Pieper (10:45a)
Information Desk: Liz Edwards (5p); Gretchen Weerts (8a); Jenny Hendrickson (10:45a)
Elders: John Baker (5p); Mark Muntzinger (8a); Steve Manges (10:45a)
Nursery: Emma Latin and Lexi Panning
Fellowship: Tina Hoover and Debbie Waldick
Altar Guild: Sue Baker

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK February 12-18

Monday, February 12

8:30a Mom's Bible Study
3:45p Grace Notes
6:00p Harmony Ringers
6:45p BSF Young Adults
7:00p Men's Bible Study/Jones
7:00p Resound Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 13

1:00p Pastor Circuit Meeting
6:00p Worship Team Meeting
7:00p Praise Teams Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 14

9:15 Coffee Break Bible Study
10:30p Men's Bible Study/Wickert
11:00a Ash Wednesday Worship
12:00p Ash Wednesday Luncheon
5:30p Ash Wednesday Meal
6:30p Men/Women's Choir
7:00p Ash Wednesday Worship
8:15p Adult Choir

Thursday, February 15

10:00a Book Club
6:00p Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30p Lower Rowers Men's Bible Study
7:00p Jubilant Fields Rehearsal

Friday, February 16

8:00p Men's Basketball

Saturday, February 17

8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast
5:00p Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, February 18

8:00a Worship with Holy Communion
9:30a Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:45a Worship
2:00p Quilting Group
4:00p Middle School Youth
6:00p High School Youth

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. **Pray for:**

- Alan Claus struggling with health issues
- Chad, friend of Beth Ann Hargrove, who lost his wife to cancer last week.
- Those who celebrate anniversaries this month
- Britt and her unborn child, daughter-in-law of Debbie Waldick, that she is able to go the full term and Debbie's son Mark.
- Arlene Lasley suffering with breathing issues and low oxygen levels.
- Derrick Minnick as he seeks God's discernment for his future.
- Marjorie Grace, daughter of Madison Leininger, who was born at 25 weeks. Pray for God's protection and continued health for both mother and child.
- Those who continue to recover from surgery or other medical procedures
 - Rita Russell – knee replacement
 - Simone, niece of Amy Stir – rods to straighten spine
 - Dottie Rohrboch – broken hip
 - Noah Lee – cracked collarbone
 - Pat Armstrong – knee replacement
- Those who continue to struggle with cancer
 - Misty Hernandez – surgery
 - Roger Fenker, friend of Ron and Kendra Nieman
 - Brad, brother-in-law of John and Sue Baker
 - Brian Seiy
 - And all others we know suffering with cancer or treatments
- Continued prayers for Wayne Scrogam, Mary Bear, Erin Drummond (daughter of Adam and Jami Jo Hahn), John Ribar, Margaret Jones, Tony Chavez, Mike Rohrbach, Kristen Wetzel, Judy Pieper, Don and Kathy Magner, Brian Wielosinski and Mason Leininger

WEEKLY READING PLAN for FEBRUARY 11-17, 2024

Genesis 21-23 / Becoming more like Jesus – growing in His Word

Finally! "Twenty-five years after the promise was given, a child is born to Abraham and Sarah. His name is Isaac, 'he laughs,' calling to mind the past laughter of his parents and describing their joy upon his birth. The parents needed patience and faith as those 25 years came and went. How impatient we can become when things do not go as we think they should, even over short periods of time, even when God has clearly promised that all things will work together for good. But God is faithful, even when our patience and faith fall short. He has delivered the greatest of His promises, to give salvation and everlasting life to all who believe in the Lord Jesus."

From *The Lutheran Study Bible*, p. 46

Genesis 21 | What is your reaction to Abraham sending Hagar and Ishmael away? While outside of God's covenant promise, what does Hagar receive instead (vv. 13-21)? What does this reveal about God?

Genesis 22 | Knowing God waited 25 years before providing a son for Abraham, what do you learn about Abraham based on his prompt, obedient actions to what God asked him to do? (vv. 3-10) This story seems to focus on the faith of Abraham, but what about the faith of Isaac as he walked alongside his father and as he was laid on the altar as a sacrifice?

Genesis 23 | In the opening verses of chapter 23 about the death of Sarah, it appears that Abraham may not have been with Sarah (may not have been living with her) at that time. Consider the events of chapter 22 and could there be a clue here as to why Abraham and Sarah might have been in separate locations. Why might the property Abraham negotiated be an important part of God's plan for Abraham (see 25:7-11)? Why do you think Abraham was willing to bury his wife in Canaan but does not allow his son to find a wife there (24:3)?

TODAY'S SERMON OUTLINE

"A Test"

Genesis 22:1-19

Ornithology

"Sometime later, God _____ Abraham." (22:1)

"Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love . . . and _____ him." (22:2)

"So Abraham called that place, The Lord Will _____." (22:14)

"_____ will worship and then _____ will come back to you." (22:5)

"Now I know that you _____ God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." (22:12)

The sacrifice of Isaac, the sacrifice of Jesus:

- Mount Moriah
- Your only Son whom I love
- Boy, lad, young man
- On the third day
- Carrying wood, carrying cross
- Where is the Lamb for the sacrifice?

Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

"He who _____ His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:32)