

MOSES

Exodus 16





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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 2024

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE: SET FREE TO TELL THE STORY

PRESERVICE

WELCOME

OPPORTUNITIES

Theme of the Day: As we consider Old Testament people this year, perhaps one of the most well-known Old Testament character is Moses. From God's first call to Moses from a burning bush to Moses leading the people of Israel out of Egypt and on the way to the Promised Land, Moses was a major character in telling the salvation story.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP – Exodus 15:1-2, 18

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

C: **Amen.**

P: After they escaped from the Egyptians through the Red Sea, Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

C: **"I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted.**

P: Both horse and driver He has hurled into the sea.

C: **The Lord is my strength and my defense;**

P: He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him,

C: **my father's God, and I will exalt Him.**

P: The Lord reigns,

C: **forever and ever."**

HYMN

Praise to The Lord the Almighty
(stanzas 1-3)

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Most merciful God, I confess to You that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and action, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

(silence for personal confession and self-reflection)

P: Almighty God, in His mercy has given His 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.**

HYMN

Praise to The Lord the Almighty
(stanzas 4-5)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Holy Lord God, You have taught us the way by Your commandments. We pray that You would pour out Your grace and cause Your Word to bear fruit in our lives. May we always be directed to do Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life, walking in the steps of our Lord Jesus Christ, for You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

FIRST READING	Exodus 14:10-14; 16:2-12	
ANTHEM 8:00a 10:45a	Go Down Moses Day by Day	Adult Choir 6-8th grade ESM Choir
GOSPEL READING	John 6:25-40	

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
(congregation sings chorus only)

SERMON “Someday . . . Yesterday . . . Today” **Pastor Goff**
Exodus 14:10-14; 16:2-12

APOSTLES’ CREED 8:00a

NICENE CREED 10:45a

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 10:45a What Wondrous Love Is This **Grace Notes**

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

If you are visiting with us this weekend, please see our explanation of the Celebration of the Lord’s Supper on page 11.

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

PREFACE/PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (sung to the tune of *Dearest Jesus We Are Here*)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/THE PEACE OF THE LORD

AGNUS DEI (sung to the tune of *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord	637
I Am Jesus' Little Lamb	740
The Body Given for Me O Savior	619
Soul Adorn Thyself with Gladness	636

POST COMMUNION (Nunc Dimittis)

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	Children of the Heavenly Father (stanzas 1-4)	725
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SILENT PRAYER

Holy God, help us to daily believe that, "You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of everything living thing" (Psalm 145:16). Amen.

St. Michael Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

St. Michael Lutheran Church
2131 Getz Road 46804
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March 9/10



LENTEN WORSHIP—now through March 20

Please join us on Wednesdays at 11:00a or 7:00p as we explore the topic of darkness including denial, disconnection, doubt, despair and deception. The light of Easter is all the brighter when you come out of the darkness.

Maundy Thursday	March 28	11:00a and 7:00p
Good Friday	March 29	11:00a and 7:00p
Easter Sunday	March 31	7:00a, 9:00a and 11:00a 9:00a and 11:00a are livestreamed

ORDER EASTER FLOWERS—through Monday, March 25

Beautify our sanctuary on Easter with your flower order in the Lobby or online at stmfv.org/events.



EASTER BREAKFAST—March 31 from 8:00a-11:00a

Enjoy the community at St. Michael plus biscuits and gravy, baked French Toast, scrambled eggs and fruit, all prepared by Chef Terry Hammond. A free will offering will help to cover the cost of the event. Can you help with service or cleanup? We are looking for 20 volunteers between 7:00a-12:00p. Contact celine@stmfv.org.

PURCHASE AN EASTER PIE AND SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL YOUTH!

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



COME JOIN THE FIRST EVER ST. MICHAEL "GOSPEL" CHOIR!

This group of singers will help lead worship for the 11:00a Easter Contemporary Blended service. Our repertoire includes *Christ is Risen* (Matt Maher) *My Redeemer Lives* (Reuben Morgan), *Resurrection Power*, *God so Loved* (We the Kingdom) and *Praise* (Elevation Worship) as well as more traditional hymns like *Blessed Assurance* and *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*. **We will meet to rehearse:** Sunday, March 10 from 3:00p-4:30p and Sunday, March 24 from 1:30p-3:00p. We would love to have you join us! Contact our Worship Director, Stephanie at stephanie@stmfw.org if you have any questions.

EASTER JUBILEE CELEBRATION—join us Palm Sunday, March 24

All ages, join us for this fun-filled celebration of the Easter season with activities, games, and treats for the whole family. **We will need volunteers (Jen@stmfw.org) and donations of peanut-free candy for this special event. Please drop them under the lobby shelf outside the church office! Thank you!** Adult Bible study will meet in Luther Hall.

FOUNDATION AWARD PROPOSAL REQUESTS ARE OPEN!

Submit an application for a SMLC Foundation Award. Think about St. Michael's future! Do we need funding for additional signage? Funds for our Shut-In ministry? Confirmation supplies? Improved technology needs? Adult mission needs? Requests are due at 5:00p on April 6. Submit an explanation letter to the St. Michael Foundation in care of Ron Menze, Foundation Advisor (menzeron@gmail.com) (260-341-5289) or into the Foundation mail slot at church.

MARCH MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Phyllis Brockmann, 3/12, 82; Cassandra Hebermehl, 3/18, 81; Karen Werling, 3/26, 83; Darrell Jenkins, 3/29, 92; Roger Panning, 3/30, 82. God's blessings on your birthday!

GO AND SERVE / SAVE THE DATE—join us Saturday, April 27

We are working with our partners in ministry and other community organizations to finalize all the details. We want you to be a part! Save the date and be the hands and feet of Jesus right here in Fort Wayne!

LUTHERAN LAYMANS LEAGUE ANNUAL CONVENTION—March 16

Join us at St. Michael from 9:00a-2:30p 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>. Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler will be our guest preacher throughout the weekend and teach Bible class on Sunday! Everyone is invited to learn and energize your spirit with ways to help others know Christ!

SAVE THE DATE for VBS! Breaker Rock Beach June 17-21

At *Breaker Rock Beach VBS*, kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love. Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock! To get a sneak peek of the music, check out: <https://vbs.lifeway.com/breaker-rock-beach-resources/>

Check out our Amazon wish list for Breaker Rock Beach 2024 at <https://tinycl.com/3dnxafy5> or follow the QR Code. Thank you!



YOUTH NEWS!

MIDDLE (4:00p-6:00p) and HIGH SCHOOL (6:00p-8:00p)

Join us next SUNDAY, MARCH 17 for Youth Night! Join us as we learn and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Green Extravaganza! Future Youth Nights include April 7 and April 21.

High School Food and Fellowship at Electric Works – Join us March 19 from 6:00p-8:00p for amazing food, games, and a Lenten devotion.

"**Confirmation Connect**" is a time for 8th grade students and parents to meet with DCE Emma, play games, have snacks, and get to know one another. "Connect" is every Tuesday from 3:00p - 5:30p at Union Street Market at Electric Works.

SPRING CLEANING HELP AVAILABLE!

The St. Michael Youth would like to help you with your Spring Cleaning! Contact DCE Emma at emma@stmfw.org with any of your spring cleaning needs. This event will be a fundraiser for our youth heading to North Carolina this summer and for the 2025 National Youth Gathering. We want to help serve you as you have supported our youth!



ASK THE EXPERT WORKSHOP—Thursday, May 2 at 11:30a and 6:30p

Everyone is invited to ask questions about financial planning, estate planning, updating your will, guardianship issues and more. Save the date! Our panel includes Estate Attorney Mark Witmer, Certified Financial Planner Chip Olson, Foundation Advisor Ron Menze, and Pastor Dennis Goff. Look for more details and registration coming soon!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Saturday, February 24 **110** Sunday, February 25 **569** Livestream **114**

WE NEED PUPPETEERS!

Have you ever wanted to become involved with something fun and creative? Are you available to practice on Thursday's from 6:30p-8:00p? Are you available to perform for VBS from 8:30a-9:30a, June 17-25? The puppets and VBS need YOU!!! No experience needed, we will train you. We are in need of 4-8 people. Text or call Amy Crow at 459-9320.

HOLY COMMUNION IN THE PEW

Would you like to receive Holy Communion in the pew? Please contact the church office, as we try to keep a running list for the Elders. Also, please mention your desire each Communion service to an usher or Elder.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

- **A Hebrew Perspective for Understanding the Bible** This study will examine Hebrew culture, tradition and language exploring Scripture and further understanding its meaning. Location – Gym.
- **Thrive: Living Resilient and Renewed** Using the Thrive workbook, this class is designed for helping anyone have strength, recovery and resilience from any mental health difficulty or disorder. Location – Library
- **Money and Marriage God's Way** This class provides insights for your marriage and your finances. You will explore what God's Word says about earning, spending, giving, debt reduction, and investing. Location – Conference Room
- **Creative Faith** with Jen Clendenen and Anna Davis Location – Room 13

BRIDGE MINISTRY NEWS!

The Bridge Ministry is working towards helping young adults connect deeper into God's Word and to each other. One of those ways is by setting up a monthly time, place, and space to gather young adults from St. Michael, Emmanuel, and the community. Join us at Electric Works in the Upper Room (at the GE Club) on **Sunday, March 25 from 4:00p-6:00p.**

FUTURE LUTHERAN CHURCH WORKER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

St. Michael is blessed to have several young people who are currently attending, or will be attending, one of our Lutheran universities or seminaries in preparation for professional church work (i.e., pastor, teacher, DCE, etc.). If you are one of those, you are invited to submit an application for a grant to the St. Michael Foundation. The deadline is April 6 (5:00p). Submit a letter of request to the St. Michael Foundation in care of Ron Menze, Foundation Advisor (menzeron@gmail.com) (341-5289) or into the Foundation mail slot at church.

GRIEFSHARE

- It's not too late to sign up!
- You do not need to commit to the entire 13-week class!
- You will learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.
- Join us Tuesday evenings through May 28 from 6:30p-8:30p in Room 13. Contact Robert and Rebecca Boyd with questions at (863) 409-4520 or bb4bboyd@gmail.com. Sign up at <https://stmfw.org/register>

PLAN TO JOIN US AT A TOWN HALL MEETING!

The governance is listening and learning so much from our Town Hall Meetings! Thank you so much for attending, your insightful questions and encouragement. We are working hard to create a governance structure that is God-pleasing, effective and serves the family of St. Michael well! Email comments and questions to governance@stmfw.org.

- **March 12 6:30p online via Zoom March 16 6:15p in Luther Hall**

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH/AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Join us in Luther Hall on Saturday March 16 from 8:00a-1:00p! The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime! [Click here to make an appointment](#) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and search sponsor code STMICFW or call 1-800-REDCROSS. Thank you for supporting this important organization!

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.

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: Mary and Rich Busch; Valerie and Damien Hensley; Sue and John Baker (5p);
Marilyn and Tim Crum (8a); Jerry and Mary Nichols (10:45a)
Lay Readers: Bruce Schroeder (5p); Norma Endersby (8a); Karen Hall (10:45a)
Children's Church: Macy and Vaughn Hendrickson (10:45a)
Acolytes: TBD (5p); Elizabeth Johnson (8a); Abigail Carsten (10:45a)
Information Desk: Gloria Fahlsing (5p); Gretchen Weerts (8a); Holly Booth(10:45a)
Elders: Ryan Meyer (5p); John Hein (8a); Paul Selking (10:45a)
Nursery: Caitlyn and Emma Stir
Fellowship: Jim Maxson, Laura Goff
Altar Guild: Candi Luchnenko

JOIN THE CREATIVE TEAM!

Did you enjoy the psalms and poetry that we used during our midweek Lenten services? Do you enjoy creating art, journaling, or arranging music? Do you have ideas about what we could visually display in our building or on our website to connect people to God's Word? We would love to have you join us in creative brainstorming! We will meet next on **March 21 at 6:00p** in the St. Michael lobby to discuss the theme of *Identity*! Please come!

CHECK OUT CAMP LUTHERHAVEN!

Registration for summer camp is now open! It may feel chilly and cold right now, but the summer sun will be here before you know it! Camp Lutherhaven has so many fun activities, including boating, hiking, making crafts, and of course... Capture the Flag! These activities and so much more are available for those of all ages—from kindergarten through High School, even some for the whole family! Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org, or call for more information at 260-636-7101.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK March 11-17

Monday, March 11

8:00a Mom's Bible Study
6:45p BSF Young Adults
7:00p Men's Bible Study/Jones

Tuesday, March 12

6:00p Worship Team Meeting
6:30p Griefshare
7:00p Church Council
7:00p Smith Small Group Study
7:00p Praise Teams Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 13

9:15a Coffee Break Bible Study
10:30p Men's Bible Study/Wickert
11:00a Lenten Worship
6:30p Men/Women's Choir
7:00p Lenten Worship
8:15p Adult Choir

Thursday, March 14

11:30a J.O.Y. Event
6:00p Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14 continued

6:15p Puppets Practice
6:30p Lower Rowers Men's Bible Study
7:00p Jubilant Fields Rehearsal

Friday, March 15

5:30p Youth Pie and Pizza
8:00p Men's Basketball

Saturday, March 16

8:00a Red Cross Blood Drive
8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00a LLL Convention
5:00p Worship with Holy Communion
6:30p Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, March 17

8:00a Worship with Holy Communion
9:30a Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:45a Worship
2:00p Quilting
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.

Please pray for...

- Charlie, son-in-law of Trisha Englert, who was in an auto accident. He has a fracture and ligament damage to his right knee. Praying strength for his family.
- All who struggle with addiction. Pray for God's strength and peace during their struggles.
- Maggie Boyd, mother of Robert Boyd, who is under hospice care.
- The family of Brian Seiy who died last weekend.

Those who continue to recover from surgery or other medical procedures

- Doreen Muntzinger – cataract surgery
- Audrey Meyers – breathing
- Brad Benner – continued healing from blood clot and COVID, recent rotator cuff surgery
- Eric Olson – hip surgery
- Katie, Paul and Darlene Buuck's daughter – continued healing from influenza
- George Lutz – continued healing from heart surgery
- Julie Boze - concussion
- Alan Claus – health issues
- Arlene Lasley – continued healing, breathing and oxygen levels
- Rita Russell – knee replacement
- Simone, niece of Amy Stir – rods to straighten spine
- Noah Lee – cracked collarbone

Those who continue to struggle with cancer

- Jan, friend of Dave and Kathy Trinklein, who begins more chemo. Pray for minimal side effects and relief from pain.
- Chris Huber, friend of the Briney family, recently removed from chemo due to advanced stage of pancreatic cancer.
- Randy LaFrentz, friend of Joel and Gretchen Weerts
- Misty Hernandez
- And all others we know suffering with cancer or treatments

Continued prayers for Amber Afarin, Michelle and her family, Derrick Minnick, Marjorie Grace and Madison Leininger, Britt and unborn child (daughter-in-law of Debbie Waldick), Wayne Scrogam, Erin Drummond (daughter of Adam and Jami Jo Hahn), John Ribar, Margaret Jones, Mike Rohrbach, Kristen Wetzels, Judy Pieper, Don and Kathy Magner, Brian Wielosinski and Mason Leininger

WEEKLY READING PLAN for MARCH 10-16, 2024

Exodus 12-17

Becoming more like Jesus – growing in His Word

As we continue our focus on Old Testament Biblical characters, we turn to Moses this week. Moses may be one of the most well-known OT figures – the burning bush, leading the people of Israel out of Egypt, receiving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, and more. Our OT reading plan this year will not cover every chapter in the OT, although you are encouraged to read as much as you want! However, considering the focus of this week’s sermon, the chapters below help to tell the broader story of what Pastor Goff preached on this weekend. As time permits, read the broader story of what takes place before and after what we heard in this week’s message.

Chapter 12 | Reading and understanding the Passover event is extremely helpful in comprehending the significance of the occasion where Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples at the Last Supper. How does the Passover symbolism help in understanding the meaning of the Lord’s Supper today? After reading about the Passover, what insights does that offer to you as you celebration Holy Communion?

Chapters 13-14 | After the ten plagues, it seemed like Pharaoh has had enough. However, in reading 14:5, apparently he won’t give up. Notice what Pharaoh was most concerned about based on what he said in v. 5. As the Egyptians came after the Israelites, notice the reaction of the Israelites in vv. 11-12. Why would they say this? As you read on, notice how Moses handles their complaints. Retrace the movement from fear (14:10-12) to faith (14:29-31). What was instrumental here? What do you think it meant to the Israelites that the same sea which “piled up” in their favor also destroyed the Egyptians?

Chapter 15 | What emotions does the “song of Moses and Miriam” reflect? What main idea does each stanza of this song reinforce? What was Miriam’s role in this celebration? Following their celebration, notice how quickly the people have gone from *prison to praise to protest*. What does this say about our human reaction to God’s work?

Chapter 16 | Given the miraculous escape from Egypt, how do you account for the people complaining so soon? What does this say about their relationship with God? As far as the manna, why provide food that lasts only one day? What was different about the sixth and seventh days? What does this say about the trust relationship God desires?

Chapter 17 | How does the first part of this chapter compare to 16:1-4? Why do you think God waited until the people complained before causing water to come out of the rock? Was thirst the only problem? What is the deeper problem here?

SERMON OUTLINE