

Energizing Mission

Psalm 89:1-2



St. Michael Lutheran Church

Saturday at 5:00p

Sunday at 8:00a and 10:45a



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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 17, 2024
THE YEAR OF JUBILEE: SET FREE TO TELL THE STORY

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

Theme of the Day: Our Old Testament character we read about this weekend is again Moses. However, this is one of the weekends we also have a little different focus. We welcome Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler as our guest preacher this weekend.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP – Philippians 2:4-11

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

C: Amen.

P: “Let each of you look not only to his own interests,

C: but also to the interests of others.

P: Have this mind among yourselves,

C: which is in Christ Jesus,

P: who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

C: but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant,

P: being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form,

C: He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

P: Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,

C: so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

P: in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

C: and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

HYMN

Christ The Eternal Lord
(stanzas 1-3)

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:6)

C: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we claim to be without 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 us our sins and cleans us from that is not right.**

P: Most merciful God,
C: **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

Christ The Eternal Lord
(stanzas 4-5)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lord Jesus, You resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Grant us true humility in Your likeness that we may not lord over others, but rather take on the nature of a servant in the spirit of Your sacrificial nature in service to You and others; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

FIRST READING		Exodus 18:13-27
ANTHEM 8:00a 10:45a	The Lamb Give Me Jesus	Resound Harmony Ringers
GOSPEL READING		Mark 10:32-45

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Please pray for Anahi Alberto; Alexander Alia; Emma Bains; Bradyn Bender; Henry Carsten; Chloe Childs; Archer Christman; Ali Davis; Branson Engle; Gavin Evans; Charlie Klein; Myles Larkin; Johnathon and Wyatt Overby; Kristian Peeper; Cameran Rush; Gavin and Blake Schroeder; James Sult; Henry Vachon; Brooks, Kroy and Tate Young.

HYMN Great is Thy Faithfulness **809**
(stanzas 1-3)

SERMON "Catastrophic Grace" **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**
Lutheran Hour Ministry Speaker

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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY 8:00a What Wondrous Love **Resound**

EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMATION TESTIMONIES

Henry Mueller whose verse is Psalm 34:4; *Maggie Evans* whose verse is Romans 12:9

PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

PREFACE/PROPER PREFACE/SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/THE PEACE OF THE LORD/AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

O Lord We Praise Thee **617**

O Love How Deep How Broad How High **544**

Jesus Christ Our Blessed Savior **627**

Thanks to Thee O Christ Victorious **548**

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 Sent Forth by God's Blessing **643**
(stanzas 1-2)

SILENT PRAYER

Lord, thank You for the people You put in my life who remind me I am loved by You. Lead me to share the same with others. Amen.

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March 16/17



LENTEN WORSHIP

Please join us this Wednesday, March 20 at 11:00a or 7:00p as we explore the topic of deception. Holy week begins with Palm Sunday, March 24. Worship with us:

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

EASTER JUBILEE CELEBRATION—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@stmfv.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.

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.

GUEST PREACHER THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we welcome Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler as our guest preacher. Dr. Zeigler began serving as the Lutheran Hour Speaker in 2018. Prior to that, he pastored congregations in the St. Louis area. In addition to being a graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis MO, Dr. Zeigler is also a graduate of U.S. Air Force Academy. Along with his speaking and traveling schedule, he also serves as a part-time Air Force Reserve Officer at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. To find local listings to listen to The Lutheran Hour, go to: <https://www.lhm.org/broadcastresult.asp>.

THE SHEPHERD'S HAND ANNUAL 5K WALK/RUN—Saturday, May 4

Help raise funds for this vital ministry by participating in the 4th annual 5K walk/run held in the neighborhood surrounding the center. **Families** are encouraged to attend and enjoy a fun, healthy activity together! **Early bird registration is \$20 per person through March 31** and guarantees a race T-shirt. Registrations after that date will be \$25, and participants will receive a T-shirt as long as supplies last.

Children 8 and under are free! If you are unable to participate in the race, you can support the ministry by sponsoring a race slot to benefit another participant or make a general donation. For more information and to sign up or donate scan the QR code!



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.

FOUNDATION AWARD PROPOSAL REQUESTS ARE OPEN! Deadline April 6

Perhaps you seek funding for specific Youth Group activities, a Connect Group ministry, or a Men's Ministry project. Submit an explanation letter 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.

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. **We will meet to rehearse:** Sunday, March 24 from 1:30p-3:00p. We would love to have you join us!

EASTER PIE ORDERS

Thank you! 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.

J.O.Y GROUP EVENTS

Join us Thursday, April 11 at 11:00a at the Coventry Pizza Hut. Donnie Foster (the subject of the books "Face Down: The Donnie Foster Story", and "Face Down...but God") will be joining us to update his mission "Misfits". Please reserve your spot by calling Penny at 580-8730 by April 4.

Join us Thursday, May 9 at noon for MOVIE DAY and lunch. We'll watch "What if....", a funny, heartwarming story centering on "What if God gave you a second chance?" Cost is \$5. Please reserve your spot by calling Penny at 580-8730 by May 1.

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!

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://tinyurl.com/3dnxafy5> or follow the QR Code. Thank you!



RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Saturday, March 9 **131** Sunday, March 10 **321** Livestream **133**

YOUTH NEWS!

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

Join us 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 7/21.

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!

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!

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.

PRAYING FOR OUR NATION

Please note our time changes and join us! Prayer is powerful. We will meet on March 20 from 12:00p-1:00p. Starting on August 21 we will meet weekly to pray for the election through November 5.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

- **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 24 from 4:00p-6:00p.**

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>

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS MISSION PRESENTATION

Join us as our friends Nathan and Sarah Federwitz talk with us about their mission! We will be hosting them for a desserts and discussion on Monday, March 18 from 6:30p-8:00p in room 13 (extended care room).

CHECK OUT CAMP LUTHERHAVEN!

Registration for summer camp is now open! 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.

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!

TOWN HALL MEETING SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 14 at 9:30a

The governance team 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. Join us at a question and answer session on Sunday, April 14 at 9:30a as we review revised bylaws and possible policy templates.

LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS' PRODUCTION OF DEAR EDWINA JR.

We invite you to join the middle school students of our area Lutheran schools for a performance of Dear Edwina Jr.! Performances take place on Friday and Saturday, March 22/23, at 7:00p in the Concordia Lutheran High School auditorium. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and will be available at the door.

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 Bear (5p); Dave and Kathy Trinklein (8a);
Ron and Kendra Neiman; Jan and Randy Fillmore (10:45a)

Lay Readers: Mary Leininger (5p); Gretchen Weerts (8a); Rich Kraus (10:45a)

Children's Church: Emma Latin (10:45a)

Acolytes: Ellianna Butler (5p); Austin Wagner (8a); Franklin Mendenhall (10:45a)

Information Desk: TBD (5p); Linda Kaufman (8a); Jan Fillmore (10:45a)

Elders: Ryan Meyer (5p); John Hein (8a); Paul Selking (10:45a)

Nursery: Helene and Vaughn Hendrickson

Fellowship: Jerry Murday; Aimee Stir; Jessica Krauter

Altar Guild: Candi Luchnenko

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK March 18-24

Monday, March 18

3:30p Grace Notes
6:00p Harmony Ringers
6:30p Federwitz Mission Presentation
6:45p BSF Young Adults
7:00p ESM School Board Meeting
7:00p Men's Bible Study/Jones
7:00p Resound

Tuesday, March 19

1:00p Purls
1:00p J.O.Y. Bible Study
6:30p Griefshare Ministry
6:30p Mental Wellness Education
7:00p Praise Team
8:00p Bible Study/Kaufmann

Wednesday, March 20

10:30p Men's Bible Study/Wickert
11:00a Lenten Worship
12:00p Praying for Our Nation
6:30p Men/Women's Choir
7:00p Lenten Worship
8:15p Adult Choir

Thursday, March 21

10:00a Book Club
6:00p Orchestra Rehearsal
6:15p Puppets Practice
6:30p Lower Rowers Men's Bible Study
7:00p Jubilant Fields Rehearsal
7:00p Youth Board Meeting

Friday, March 22

8:00p Men's Basketball

Saturday, March 23

10:00a Youth Pie Making
5:00p Worship

Sunday, March 24

8:00a Worship
9:30a Easter Jubilee in the Gym
10:45a Worship with Holy Communion

Thursday, March 28

11:00a Maundy Thursday Worship
7:00p Maundy Thursday Worship*

Friday, March 29

11:00a Good Friday Worship
7:00p Good Friday Worship*

Saturday, March 30

No Worship

Sunday, March 31

7:00a Easter Traditional Worship
9:00a Easter Traditional Worship*
11:00a Contemporary Worship*

*livestreamed

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...

- Levi Smith, pray God would wrap Levi in his protective arms and calm his fears.
- Sarah, daughter of Jerry and Mary Nichols, seeking employment and recovery after minor car accident.
- The students of Beth Ann Hargrove at South Adams school.
- Kate Ahlersmeyer, friend of Karen Hall, diagnosed with cancer and undergoing treatment.
- the health of Scott Grover, Molly's father.
- Larry Urban, father of Keri Latin, undergoing heart surgery on March 13. Pray for the doctors and nurses who will care for him. Pray also for his family.
- The family of Maggie Boyd, Robert's mother 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
- George Lutz – continued healing from heart surgery
- Julie Boze - concussion
- Alan Claus – health issues
- Arlene Lasley – continued healing, breathing and oxygen levels

Those who continue to struggle with cancer

- Tina Vergest, friend of Jerry Murday
- Jan, friend of Dave and Kathy Trinlein
- Chris Huber, friend of the Briney family
- Randy LaFrentz, friend of Joel and Gretchen Weerts
- Misty Hernandez
- And all others we know suffering with cancer or treatments

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

READING PLAN for MARCH 17-23, 2024

Exodus 18-24

Becoming more like Jesus – growing in His Word

This weekend we take a week off from our Old Testament character focus as we have Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler with us as our guest preacher. Nevertheless, continue your reading in Exodus. For our Old Testament reading this weekend we hear from Exodus 18.

Chapter 18 | From you have read so far, what can you infer was Moses' job description? When Moses' father-in-law suggested he go about things differently, what were the key elements of Jethro's plan? As Jethro suggested that Moses find other people to help him, what kind of characteristics or qualities did Jethro suggest that they have?

Chapter 19 | Why do you think so much emphasis is placed on barring people from the mountain (v.12-13; 21-24; see also Num. 3:28)? Why the special effects (dense cloud, thunder, lightning, trumpet blast, smoke, etc.)?

Chapter 20 | What does it mean that God is a "jealous" God? Restate each of the Ten Commandments positively, or in the affirmative and see if that helps to appreciate or better understand the intent of each one.

Chapters 21-24 | As you read these chapters, what do you think about some of the regulations that are described here?

SERMON NOTES