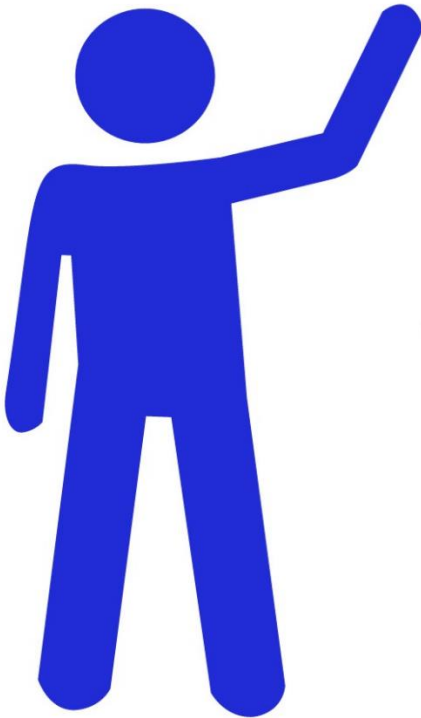


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CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

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.

ALL SAINTS WEEKEND
“COUNT ME IN!” – WEEK TWO
November 5, 2023

WELCOME

OPPORTUNITIES/GREETING

Theme of the Day: This week’s New Testament reading covers Hebrews 13 – James 4. We also remember “All Saints Day” (November 1). This weekend we continue our annual stewardship emphasis with the theme – “Count Me In!”

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP – Revelation 5

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

C: **Amen.**

P: In the book of Revelation, John gives us a picture of heaven.

C: **In a loud voice, the angels sang:**

P: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

C: **to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

P: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth singing,

C: **To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb**

P: be praise and honor and glory and power,

C: **for ever and ever! Amen.**

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy
(stanzas 1-2)

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM 10:45a
Cameron Wayne Etzler

Date of Birth: August 26, 2023

Parents: Curtis and Elizabeth Etzler

Sponsor: Katie Kronberg

DOXOLOGY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: With humble and contrite hearts, we are bold to come before the very presence of God to confess our sins and receive His forgiveness.

C: **My help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

(silence for personal confession and self-reflection)

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, I confess to You that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, 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. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

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 all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy
(stanzas 3-4)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Heavenly Father, into whose keeping we entrust ourselves, we remember the cloud of witnesses with which we are surrounded. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ may increase daily and that we may hold fast to the hope that on the Last Day we shall be raised in glory to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

FIRST READING		Hebrews 13:18-25
ANTHEM	For All the Saints	Resound/ Organ Duet
GOSPEL READING		Matthew 12:15-21

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
(stanzas 1-4)

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SERMON

“Count Me In! ... To Live By Hope”
Hebrews 13:20-21

Pastor Shawn

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

In the Beauty of Holiness

Resound

APOSTLES' CREED 8:00a

PRAYERS

ACKNOWLEDGING THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

We remember Mickey Buschman, Dean Cartwright, Mary Corkwell, Nila Goshert, Dorothy Halwarth, Marge Jesse, Bette Kendall, Joan Knapp, Carol Nelson, Lisa Olry and Peyton Render.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

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

Christ the Eternal Lord	829
Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord	637
Jerusalem the Golden	672
Praise and Thanksgiving	789
Sent Forth by God's Blessing	643

POST COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

P: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

HYMN	For All the Saints	677
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SILENT PRAYER

Lord, as we remember those who have gone before us, "count me in" as one who has kept the faith and fought the good fight in the name of Jesus! Amen.

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Rhonda Patterson, Communications Director

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COUNT ME IN!

Last weekend we launched our “Count Me In!” stewardship focus for 2024. You should have received a letter in the mail that included a financial pledge card. Additional cards are available in the Lobby if needed. After prayerfully considering your financial giving to the Lord through the ministry of St. Michael for next year, please place your card (envelopes are available) in the box at the display. Also, **everyone** is asked to complete any of the other cards at the display to indicate additional ways you can connect with others as a part of St. Michael’s ministry. As you fill out the cards, place them in the box also. Let’s see the box fill up as we see the people of God at St. Michael say to each other, “Count Me In!”

CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK AND MEETING

Sunday, November 19 at 5:00p in the gym

Please join us for this opportunity to fellowship and participate in the business of your church including our budget review and approval! We will also receive a recommendation to extend a call to Emma Deines as Director of Youth Ministry. Childcare is provided. Dinner is at 5:00p and the meeting will follow.

A-F bring a main dish

G-L bring a side

M-S bring a salad

T-Z bring a dessert

SEND US YOUR VIDEOS!

This month we would like to capture how The Church has made a difference in your life and how you, as The Church, are making a difference in the world around us. To be a part of this, please email or text a picture or short video (10 seconds or less) to Celine Newman at celine@stmfw.org or 450-7916.

GO AND SERVE THANK YOU!

More than 150 people packed meals, gave blood and participated in the Super Shot Clinic! Thank you for your time and service in the name of our Savior!

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH—November 5

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month

Middle school youth from 4:00-6:00p and High school youth from 6:00-8:00p

Calling all 8th grade students and parents: "Connect" is a time for 8th grade students and parents to meet with DCE Intern 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.** Whether you are there for the whole time or just for 30 minutes, this time is set aside to build a connection and community between students, parents, and to get to know DCE Intern Emma.

November 19 at 4:00p

All youth 6th-12th grade are invited to celebrate Youths-Giving!

HELP! We need six youth who like donuts, cookies, and service! On Saturday, **November 25 at 8:30a**, youth are needed to move totes with Christmas decorations, undecorate for fall, and help decorate the church for Christmas. Plan for any portion of 3 hours. To schedule, text Lisa Schaefer 409-5662 or email emma@stmfw.org. This event can be used as service hours.

PARENTS OF YOUTH FALL SEMINARS – 1ST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH

Join Celine Newman on the first Sundays of the month this Fall (November 5, December 3) for a parent seminar. Celine will be talking about a variety of subjects focusing on sharing faith with your students. Middle School and High School parents join us from 5:00p-6:00p in Luther Hall.

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (BSF) FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35

St. Michael is hosting Young Adult BSF on Monday evenings from 6:45p-8:15p in Luther Hall. Discover that the wisdom of the Bible is relevant to every age.

SHEPHERD'S HAND BLESSING OPPORTUNITY

Shepherd's Hand will once again be hosting a Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, November 19. Instead of food donations this year, we are asking people to consider a monetary gift of \$25 to provide a blessing bag with the makings of a Thanksgiving meal for a family of 4. Please place your donations in the white Shepherd's Hand box in the lobby. We are blessed by your generosity! Deadline for donations is November 15.

REDEMPTION HOUSE UPDATE

We will provide a meal at Wayne Street on November 5/December 17 and Fairfield Avenue on November 12/December 17. Contact Candi Luchnenko to provide a dish at 422-2061. Please join us at St. Michael on Sunday, December 3 at 4:00p, as we host the graduation for three ladies from the Redemption House. **Come and be a part of this celebration!**

DISCIPLESHIP FOUNDATIONS CLASS (3 sessions)

Sunday, November 5, 12, 19 from 9:30a-10:30a

DFC is for anyone taking further steps connecting into the church. It includes current members and those joining in membership at St. Michael by transfer from another LCMS church. Contact celine@stmfw.org.

HANDBELL CHOIRS

We have a beginning handbell choir for children from 3rd - 5th grade. There is no cost. All abilities are welcome in our adult handbell choirs! Contact Celine Newman at celine@stmfw.org with questions.

BOOK CLUB—Thursday, November 16 at 10:00a

Book club will meet the third Thursday of the month in the conference room. This month we are reading *West with Giraffes* by James Read. Contact Camille Blake at 409-9196 with questions.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF INDIANA (LSSI)

The Cup of Kindness Program, through referrals from social-service agencies and Lutheran congregations, offers supportive services through case management, financial-literacy education and/or financial assistance to help families move toward financial stability. Call LSSI Works at 426-3347.

J.O.Y. GROUP—Thursday, December 14 at 12:00p

Begin your Christmas festivities with enjoying Christian fellowship, a catered Christmas buffet by Goeglein's, songs by our ESM children's choir and special music by Jubilant Fields. All that and a Christmas carol sing-a-long! RESERVATIONS REQUIRED by November 30. Cost: \$20.00. Reserve your spot by completing the form in the lobby and returning it to the office with your CHECK made out to St. Michael Lutheran Church (reference JOY Christmas on the memo line). Questions - call Penny Pequignot at 580-8730 or Janet Maxson at 438-7442.

DO YOU LIKE FOOD AND REFRESHMENT?

We are looking to gather all people who are interested in helping to support and further develop St. Michael's service groups that provide food and refreshments in early November. If you would like to be a part of this conversation, please contact Celine Newman at celine@stmfw.org.

COFFEE BREAK WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us the second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:15 a for Christian fellowship and the study of God's Word!

JOIN THE ST. MICHAEL FAMILY FOR THANKSGIVING!

St. Michael has two special Thanksgiving services: **Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00p** with instrumental music from the hand bell choirs and **Thursday, November 23, at 10:00a** with choral selections from the adult choir. Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow!

HANGING OF THE GREENS CELEBRATION—Wednesday, November 29

Join us at 5:30p in Luther Hall to make an ornament for your tree and one for St. Michael's tree! Pizza and drinks will be provided! Following at 7:00p is a special worship service which includes scripture, music, and explanation of the decorations in our sanctuary. There will also be a time during worship for kids to bring up one of their ornaments to place on the tree.

COUNT ME IN!

Saturday, October 28	120
Sunday, October 29	416
Sunday Livestream	195

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL!

Our Fall Family Festival was a huge success, and it's all thanks to the wonderful volunteers who went above and beyond in preparing food, hosting the event, and making sure everything ran smoothly. Our youth group stepped up too, providing fun games that made for an exciting day for the children of all ages who attended. We sincerely appreciate all the generous donations of food, drinks, and candy. Without your support, we couldn't have created such a warm and inviting atmosphere that welcomed families from our church community and beyond. And of course, we can't forget to recognize the creativity and enthusiasm of the 18 families who participated in our trunk or treat and added an extra layer of fun to the festival.

We are so grateful for everyone's hard work and support in ensuring the Fall Family Festival was an outreach! Way to connect others to Christ and bless the community around us, St. Michael!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK November 6-12

Monday, November 6

3:45p Grace Notes
6:00p Harmony Ringers
6:45p BSF Young Adults
7:00p Parables of Jesus Bible Study
7:00p Resound Rehearsal
(Advanced Grade 8-adult)

Tuesday, November 7

1:00p Purls
1:00p JOY Bible Study
6:30p Trustees Meeting
7:00p Church Council
7:00p Praise Teams Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 8

10:30a Men's Bible Study
6:30p Men's/Women's Choir
7:00p Adult Choir

Thursday, November 9

12:00p J.O.Y. Veterans Day Event
6:30p Orchestra Practice
7:00p Jubilant Fields Rehearsal

Friday, November 10

10:00a Altar Guild Meeting
8:00p Men's Basketball

Saturday, November 11

5:00p Worship

Sunday, November 12

8:00a and 10:45a Worship
2:00p Visual Faith Gathering

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.

- **November Milestone Birthdays:** Connie Easterday, 11/7, 81; Martha Seidel, 11/7, 89; Jerry Pieper, 11/12, 82; Pat Armstrong, 11/19, 83; Willie Biddle, 11/19, 83; Carol Sims, 11/20, 82; Annie Eckrich, 11/24, 88; and Edie Bearman, 11/28, 89.
- **Altar Flowers:** God's blessings and thank you to Ron and Kendra Nieman for our altar flowers this weekend in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary!
- **Pray for:**
 - Maxine Sternberger, mother of Diane Menze
 - Randy Hoover who will have carpal tunnel surgery on both wrists this Friday. Pray for all who will care for him.
 - The family of Peyton Render, nine-year-old great, great nephew of Liz Edwards who died last Sunday.
 - Dennis Brink who will have knee replacement surgery on November 8th. Pray for all who will care for him. Pray also for Lynnette.
 - For Colleen Kobi-Berger's spine that it straightens and her pain is relieved.
 - For Jacob, the nephew of Dennis and Lynnette Brink.
 - Continued prayers for Sharon Marks, Otis Vincent, Stephanie Weaver, Beth Ann Hargrove, Joe and Casey Lee, Gary Gotsch, Amber Afarin, Kendra Nieman, Don and Kathy Magner

SERVING AT ST. MICHAEL this weekend

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

Greeters: Carol Hilkey; Steve and Anni Rhodes (5p); Jama Fry; Heather Moloney (8a)
Brad and Jen Chaffee; Karen Ebey (10:45a)

Lay Readers: Cindy Mendenhall (5p); Alicia Levitt (8a); (10:45a)

Children's Church: Kira Clendenen (10:45a)

Acolytes: James Cunningham (5p); Elizabeth Johnson (8a); Abigail Carsten (10:45a)

Information Desk: Celine Newman(5p); Rich and Linda Kraus (8a)
Holly Booth (10:45a)



Reading through the New Testament—Week 44 November 5-11

Becoming more like Jesus—growing in His Word

Saints, Not Super-Christian Heroes

Excerpt from Article by John T Pless on 1517.org

We confess in the Apostle's Creed, "*I believe in... the communion of saints,*" not *I see* the communion of saints. In a sermon on Acts 2:42-47, preached in the midst of World War Two, Hermann Sasse reminded the congregation that we do not turn the example of the early Church into an ecclesiastical law which demands we imitate these early saints by doing things exactly as they did. For example, the selling of all personal property and living in some communal form of existence as we see in the book of Acts. Sasse notes the danger of lionizing these early saints, making them into super-Christian heroes:

"No, the Early Church is something completely different than the Church of the holy in the sense that they were perfect and exemplary Christians for the Church to follow in the coming centuries. The Church of the first century was a communion of saints in exactly the same manner as the Church of all centuries is the communion of saints. They are a congregation of justified sinners."






They are saints, God's holy ones, in the same way that we are, through the forgiveness of sins which is daily and richly preached in Christ's Church. The glory of the saints is the Lamb: "For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 7:17).

Those who have gone before us in the faith have no more need of absolution, for their baptisms have been brought to completion and they are eternally free from sin and done with death. They are forever with the Lord, beyond the grasp of temptation and the old evil foe. For them, death is no more. We are one with them in the Lamb who is their Lord and ours. He has cleansed them and us by His blood. They are written indelibly in the Lamb's Book of Life, and Jesus will call them by name on the Last Day. When this happens, they will know the voice of their Good Shepherd and follow Him forever, not as super-heroes, but as forgiven sinners clothed in Christ's righteousness.

Also, check out <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/james> as we read the first few chapters of James.

New Testament in a Year—November 5-11

Hebrews/James

Chapter 13  1  2  3  4 

Additional Reflections from this week's reading

This week as you read, take note of the narratives or stories that stand out to you from each chapter. As you notice these stories, ask the question:

1. What from this scripture connects with my life?
2. Pray: God, what are you speaking into my life through this reading?

Hebrews 13: See sermon notes

- 1.
- 2.

As we begin to look at the book of James, here is a new resource to dive a little deeper:

Dr. Harold Buls (1920-1997) was a professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, as well as an oversee missionary. His lecture notes on the three-year lectionary series have been preserved at pericope.org.
<http://pericope.org/buls-notes/james/james.php>

James 1:

- 1.
- 2.

James 2:

- 1.
- 2.

James 3:

- 1.
- 2.

James 4:

- 1.
- 2.

Blessing the World

Now may the God of peace...equip you with every good thing to do his will...

Hebrews 13:20-21

This week we heard about legacies and prayed for the Saints that have died over this past year. Each leaving their own legacy behind them. One way to bless His world is to leave a legacy of grace, hope, and mercy - helping others as they connect to Jesus. How are you pouring into the people around you, leaving your legacy? Name 3 people in your life that you are (or want to) pour into:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What can you do this week to let them know you are praying for them, thinking about them, and care?

Belonging in Community

As we consider the idea of legacy let us recall a concept shared back in February when we had Pastor Robin Dugal as a guest speaker. He shared a legacy concept using three chairs.



The chair in the middle represents you and I sitting in the here and now. The chair to the left represent those who have "sat in the chair" before us. The chair to the right represents those who will "sit in the chair" after us.

- Who was one of the people who sat in the chair before you and given you a lasting legacy in your life?
- How did they help you to grow in faith?
- How did ____ live by hope?
- Who is a person in your life that has had a lasting legacy through you? (This may be children, friends, those you serve in a volunteer capacity...)
- How do you see the legacy living on in them?

As we consider how to pass on our faith to those around us consider these four actions. Be inviting, be generous, be connecting, and be serving.

What are ways you are or can begin to do this in your daily walk with Jesus?

The stewardship cards at church give some prompts for these action steps. You are encouraged to take some time to ponder this and filling our a "Count Me In" sheet in response.

THIS WEEKEND'S SERMON OUTLINE

Count Me In To Live By Hope

Hebrews 13:20-21

Legacies:

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Living By Hope

Hebrews 1:1

Hebrews 4:12

Hebrews 11:1

Hebrews 12:1-2

Hebrews 13:20-21

Living our hope!

Before (By Celine Newman)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Psalm 90:1-2