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General Information

At St. Michael, you "become a disciple" of Jesus Christ—by deepening your relationship with him and his church through **Becoming**, **Belonging and Blessing**. The pages of this ministry catalog list opportunities in these three areas for you. Join us as we take this discipleship journey together!

WEBSITE

stmfw.org

Visit the website for the most up-to-date information about events at St. Michael. The ABOUT tab gives a brief history of our church and introduces you to our staff. Find Sunday school resources and listen to sermons and Bible studies from the RESOURCES tab. The GET INVOLVED tab leads you to information about St. Michael ministries and ways to **Become** like Christ through the Word, **Belong** to Christ and community, and **Bless** our church and the world. The WATCH LIVE tab will provide all the links you need to livestream our worship services. Access the newsletter, parish notes, and register for upcoming events on the NEWS & EVENTS tab.

GET CONNECTED!

Connect with fellow St. Michael Members, view the church calendar, manage your contact information, and monitor your giving through FELLOWSHIP ONE GO. You can access this online at



stmfw.fellowshiponego.com as well as download the app available through the Google or Apple app stores. If you need a login and password please contact the church office at 432-2033.

Connect through our Facebook (St. Michael LCMS) and Instagram (rhondaatstmike) pages!

Subscribe to our YouTube channel — enter St. Michael Lutheran Church in the search box at www.youtube.com



Weekend Worship

SATURDAYS AT 5:00p

Contemporary Worship

Inspirational contemporary music is led by a praise band each week. Once a month, Jubilant Fields, our blue grass band, leads worship with old gospel hymns. Communion is served on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Communion is served on the 5th Saturday if there is a 5th Sunday in the month. Children's messages are offered each Saturday.

SUNDAYS

A wide variety of special Christian music and hymns is provided by different ensembles including our school choirs. A children's message is part of each service.

Traditional Worship, 8:00a

Communion is served the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, and Communion liturgy is sung from the Lutheran Service Book.

Traditional Worship, 10:45a

Communion is served the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, and Communion liturgy is sung to hymn tunes. Staffed nursery is offered at this time each Sunday.

SERMONS

This spring we will focus on the Old Testament, highlighting one or more Old Testament characters each week. The sermon will be based on that Old Testament figure, and there will be suggested readings for the week related to that person. Some weeks, there may be many chapters and some weeks only a short section. Overall, by the end of the year we will have a broader understanding of some of the key players throughout the Old Testament.



Christian Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We offer classes for 3 year-olds through 12th grade on Sundays from 9:30a–10:30a. This quarter's offerings go to purchase waterfront equipment for Camp Lutherhaven. Staffed nursery is offered.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- A Hebrew Perspective for Understanding the Bible This study examines
 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 is a video based Bible study where 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
- Mental Health Series in March: Dementia and Alzheimers Tuesday, March 19, 6:30p-7:30p

In this session, Anna Kohrman will address some tips and tricks to help caregivers and those involved in the journey of dementia. She will focus on what people living with dementia still have, versus what they have lost in their life.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR ADULT BIBLE STUDY *Easter Sunday, March 31*

MID-WEEK SUPPORT GROUP—GriefShare

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, March 5-May 28 from 6:30p-8:30p in Room 13. Contact Robert and Rebecca Boyd with guestions at (863) 409-4520 or bb4bboyd@gmail.com.

Christian Education

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

At St. Michael, we believe Confirmation is an essential part of the discipleship journey. We define Confirmation as "an educational experience, part of our lifelong discipleship process, that helps us become more connected to Jesus, belong to the body of believers, and bless the world." With that goal in mind, we are reminded in Colossians 2:6-7, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." St. Michael's Confirmation program allows students to engage in thoughtful discussion, ask questions, and be prepared to more fully live out their faith.

6th / 7th Grade Confirmation

Join us in Room 18 from 9:30a - 10:30a on a "Journey Through the Bible". Students will look at sections of the Old and New Testaments and discuss what it means to read and understand the Bible in our world today.

8th Grade Confirmation

Join us in Room 16 to learn more about what it means to be a Christian in today's world. Students will learn tools and spiritual practices they can use to help them navigate the world.

CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS CLASS

Sunday, March 3 from 9:30a-10:30a

This class is designed for those who are new to the Christian faith, new to the Lutheran church, or anyone who would like to renew some basic and foundational topics we confess and practice in the Christian faith. Location – Luther Hall

DISCIPLESHIP FOUNDATIONS CLASS

Sunday, April 7 from 9:30a-10:30a

DFC is for anyone wanting to take further steps in being connected into the church and will include current members and anyone wanting to join membership at St. Michael. Join us for this three-week class where we learn more about how God uniquely designed us and how we can use those gifts and talents in His kingdom.

Special Events

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays through March 20

Midweek services will continue each Wednesday at 11:00a and 7:00p through March 20. You can also attend the services via live stream at 7:00p.

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, March 24 at 5:00p and Sunday, March 25 at 8:00a and 10:45a

Children will process in with palms in all weekend services.



9:30a-10:30a Easter Jubilee!

Kids young and old are invited to join us in the gym for games, music and sweet treats! Adult Bible Study will meet in Luther Hall.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 28, 11:00a and 7:00p (livestream available) At the end of this Holy Communion service, the altar will be stripped in preparation for Good Friday services.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29, 11:00a and 7:00p (livestream available)
Tennebrae service

Special Events

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31

7:00a

A sunrise festival Holy Communion service of celebration with choir and bells

9:00a

A festival Holy Communion service of celebration with choir, bells and orchestra

11:00a

A blended contemporary service with gospel choir and band

FASTER BREAKFAST

8:00a-11:00a in the Gym

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.

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN RECOGNITION WEEKEND March 2/3

Learn more about Camp Lutherhaven and their programs as they take part in our worship.

ACADEMY OF THE ARTS FUNDRAISER

March 9 at 6:30p

Cost: \$15/adult

\$10/children 12 and under

Special Events

GO AND SERVE

April 27 from 9:00a-12:00p

ST. MICHAEL FOUNDATION

April 27/28

This weekend is your opportunity to learn more about the Foundation. Awards for 2024 will be announced and a door offering will be taken to benefit the growth of the endowment.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION WEEKEND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POTLUCK

Sunday, April 28 , 5:00p-5:30

Our semi-annual congregation meeting this Spring will include a proposal to amend the Bylaws of St. Michael Lutheran Church (information will be provided in advance of this meeting) and the election of the church Council. Childcare will be provided during the meal and the meeting. Additional information will be forthcoming on "what to bring" for the meal.

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 5, 10:45a

Join us for this special service where 20 of our eighth graders will confirm their baptismal faith and receive communion for the first time.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Saturday and Sunday, May 11/12

High school and college seniors who are members of St. Michael will be recognized.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME Saturday and Sunday, May 11/12

Connect Groups

This season, St. Michael is developing more connect groups! We pray that all members are able to find and engage with a connect group on a regular basis. These groups will be great ways for you to find connection and belonging in the St. Michael community. If you would like to lead a group or have questions, please contact our Director of Belonging, Celine Newman. If you would like to get connected to a group go to https://stmfw.org/connect.

J.O.Y. GROUP

Our purpose is to bring members who are over 55 years of age together in Christian fellowship, to share our lives, and enjoy programs that are entertaining, educational, and/or service-oriented. All events take place at St. Michael, unless indicated. For more information, contact Jim and Janet Maxson at jandjmaxson@comcast.net.

Watch for meeting details in the newsletter and parish notes!

COFFEE BREAK WOMEN'S STUDY

New members welcome! We will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays from 9:15a-10:45a in Luther Hall. Questions? Contact Janet Olson at jmo11434@qmail.com.

BOOK CLUB

Book club will meet the third Thursday of the month in the conference room. Contact Camille Blake at ldcdblake@gmail.com with questions.



Connect Groups

WEDNESDAY MEN'S GROUP

Join this group of gentlemen on Wednesday mornings at 10:30a. Call or text Larry Wickert at 602-1208 or email LW4492@aol.com with questions.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men are invited to attend this group to share in breakfast, devotion, and prayer. We meet at 8:00a on the third Saturday of each month at various locations. For the location of our meeting and more information, contact Dennis Brink at 260-238-4046 or Dennis.Brink@att.net.

YOUTH—every first, third and fifth Sunday

High School Youth Nights from 6:00p-8:00p

March 17, April 7, April 21

We will take a deep dive into how our identity is shaped by what we believe and what we practice.

Sunday Morning Bible Classes—9:30a-10:30a

Middle School Youth Nights from 4:00p-6:00p

March 17, April 7, April 21

Our middle school youth events are awesome opportunities for students to connect to one another and to God's Word. We will share a meal together, play games, and study God's Word. All middle school youth are welcome to attend and to invite your friends to these events.

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. We will also meet April 17, May 15, June 19, and July 17.

"Confirmation Connect"

8th grade students and parents meet with DCE Emma to 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.

ESM

EMMANUEL-ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Emmanuel - St. Michael exists to nurture children in Christian faith within the context of rigorous academic instruction and guide students to reflect Christ in all relationships."

We believe excellence in education occurs through:

- Christ-Centered Community Following Christ's example of intentional inclusion, forgiveness, encouragement, growth, and faith is central to every day.
- **Lifetime Preparation** A strong academic program strives to produce tomorrow's Christian leaders.
- **Dynamic Partnerships** Each family is nurtured with individual attention and care.
- **Excellent Instruction** Professional educators serve in a state and nationally accredited program.

Emmanuel – St. Michael is an accredited school of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the Indiana Department of Education. We are a Christ-centered community that teaches and responds to the love of the Triune God. Contact Erin Clark at eclark@esmeagles.com.



ESM

ESM CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Emmanuel-St. Michael School has *five* children's choirs, who sing at both St. Michael and Emmanuel during the school year. For information contact Stephanie Maxson or the director listed.

Early Childhood Choir

March 3 at 10:45a at St. Michael March 9 at 5:00p at Emmanuel

Cherub Choir (K-1st grade)

Paul Buuck, director April 21 at 10:45a at Emmanuel

Joyful Sounds (Grade 2/3 Choir)

Paul Buuck, director March 20 at 7:00p at St. Michael

Grade 4/5 Choir

Stephanie Maxson, director March 13 at 7:00p at St. Michael (Fourth grade) April 21 at 10:30a at Emmanuel (Fifth grade)

ESM Musical "Godspell"

Pauline Benner, director March 15 at 11:30a and 7:00p in the Union Campus Gym

Lutheran Schools Fine Arts Festival

March 17 at 2:00p at Concordia Lutheran High School

Music

Stephanie Maxson, Music Director

Denise Beights, Orchestra Director Paul Buuck, Life Song and Joyful Sounds Director

VOCAL ENSEMBLES

St. Michael vocal ensembles help lead worship for holiday and Sunday services. To participate in a vocal ensemble, contact our Music Director, Stephanie Maxson, at *stephanie@stmfw.org*.

Men's Choir (TTBB)

Alternating Wednesdays, 6:30p-7:00p, sanctuary Stephanie Maxson, director

Adult Choir (SATB)

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00p, sanctuary Stephanie Maxson, director

Women's Choir (SSA)

Alternating Wednesdays, 6:30p-7:00p, sanctuary Stephanie Maxson, director

FINE ARTS CAMP

What: The Fine Arts Camp is a week-long summer arts camp providing an opportunity for children to connect faith, creativity, and community with the purpose of building their faith and creative gifts. Students will choose from a variety of electives in music, art, dance, culinary arts, drama, and more all taught by professionally trained teachers. Register at stmfw.org.

Who: Students who have completed grades K-grade 8.

When: June 24-28; 9:00a-3:00p

2024 Theme: Imagine: Created in His Image



Music

HANDBELL ENSEMBLES

Handbell ensembles help lead worship for holiday and Sunday services. To participate, contact our handbell director Celine Newman at celine@stmfw.org.

Grace Notes (3rd -8th grade) Mondays 3:30p-4:45p in the sanctuary

Harmony Ringers (8th grade and up) Mondays, 6:00p-7:00p, sanctuary

Resound (8th grade and up) Mondays, 7:00p-8:00p, sanctuary

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

St. Michael instrumental ensembles help lead worship for holiday and Sunday services. To participate, contact Stephanie Maxson at stephanie@stmfw.org or the director listed.

Orchestra

Strings, brass, woodwind, percussion Thursdays, 6:00p-7:00p Denice Beights, director denicebeights@gmail.com

Flute Choir

Sundays, 9:00a-9:30a Stephanie Maxson, director

Brass Ensemble

Practices fourth Thursday 6:30p

String Ensemble

Upright bass, violin, viola, cello Practices third Thursday 6:30p Stephanie Maxson, director

Music

PRAISE TEAMS

St. Michael praise teams lead worship during our Saturday contemporary services. To participate in a band, contact Stephanie Maxson at stephanie@stmfw.org or the director listed.

King's Strings

Tuesdays, 7:00p-8:30p Music room or sanctuary Stephanie Maxson, director

Life Song

Tuesdays, 7:00p-8:30p Music room or sanctuary Paul Buuck, director pbuuck@esmeagles.com

Jubilant Fields-blue grass

Thursdays, 7:00p-8:30p, music room Stephanie Maxson, director

New Song

Thursdays, 7:00p-8:30p Pauline Benner, director bennerpauline@gmail.com



Academy of the Arts

St. Michael Lutheran Church Academy of the Arts ("SMLC Academy") is a discipleship program, whose mission is to *connect people to Jesus*. The SMLC Academy serves our congregation and the greater Fort Wayne community by inspiring, educating and empowering students of all ages through comprehensive instruction in the performing and visual arts.

We believe that the arts serve as a foundational medium for reaching, engaging, and motivating people towards a deeper relationship with Jesus. To that end, we recognize God as the ultimate source of artistic expression and we seek to instill a passion in each student to utilize their artistic gifts for His edification. Visit academy.stmfw.org to register.

Liz Edwards

Academy Coordinator

Pauline Benner

Woodwinds, guitar, piano, voice

Amy Schueler

Piano, strings

Diane Whitacre

Piano, strings, woodwinds, beginning brass

Marisa Wren

Guitar, piano, percussion

Carolyn Meyer

Violin, Viola, Piano, Voice

Eric Stalter

Guitar, cello, bass, violin



Worship Service Groups

Children's Church

A ministry to serve our younger members, 2-5 years old, with a brief age appropriate lesson, song, and craft during the sermon in the 10:45 service. Contact Emma Deines at emma@stmfw.org to share interest and ask any questions.

Greeters

St. Michael greeters are an important part of our hospitality team. The task is simple - welcoming and holding doors open for people coming to church. But the value of helping people feel like they belong cannot be measured. Everyone ages 5-99+ are encouraged to contact Tina, tina@stmfw.org, to sign-up to be a greeter for a service or event.

Ushers

St. Michael Ushers provide direction and guidance throughout our worship. They give direction during communion, help to pass the offering plates, and are available to answer questions and direct you to where you need to go or who you may be looking for. Members of this hospitality crew can be anyone 15 and older. Contact Dave Crow dcrowboilers65@icloud.com for more information or to sign-up.

Coffee and Donuts

A warm cup of coffee or tea and delicious treat is a delight! The members of this hospitality team help to provide this treat by making coffee, picking up and setting out the donuts, and setting up the stations in the Lobby and gym. At least 7 people are needed each weekend. Get more information and sign-up by contacting Tina, tina@stmfw.org.

Information Desk

There are a lot of things happening at St Michael and we would like to have a member at the Information Desk to help direct people in the right way as well as answer other questions about the ministries of St Michael. If you are interested in helping to be a part of this hospitality team please contact Celine, celine@stmfw.org.

Worship Service Groups

Lay Readers

Each worship service includes the reading of God's word. Our members are encouraged to serve in worship by reading these passages. Get more information and sign-up by contacting Tina, tina@stmfw.org.

Altar Guild

This worship team is usually working behind the scenes to manage the many items such as the paraments, communion wear, flowers and more that are used in the front altar area of our worship space. For information and questions please contact Carol Olry carololry@me.com.

Worship Arts Team

Enhance worship through changing decor that reflects the season of the church year and sermon themes. Contact Beth Brackman at brackpac@gmail.com for more information.

Nursery Staff

These energetic people help St. Michael to provide child care during church events throughout the year. Are you willing to join in the fun, craziness, and care? Contact Tammy, tammy@stmfw.org for more details.



Christian Care

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

A Ministry of Prayer and Care for Others



The St. Michael PURLS knit and crochet shawls available to give to a person who is ill, suffering a loss, or in the midst of a life crisis. What a great way to reach out to those hurting or in need of a special blessing of God's warmth and comfort when you are not physically present. Each shawl has been prayed over, believing that the recipient will be restored, healthy, and complete in God's time. A supply of shawls is available in the narthex for members to take and present to someone in need. Questions can be directed to Pat Armstrong at 432-4238. Everyone who knits or crochets is welcome to join the PURLS on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 1:00p-3:00p.

COUNSFLING

Counseling is available with both of our pastors on an as needed basis. Depending on the issue a person may be dealing with, the pastors may recommend contacting a professional counselor in the area. If a counseling need arises, contact pastorgoff@stmfw.org or pastordavis@stmfw.org.

COACHING

Helping you process through overwhelming elements of life, or situations in which you don't know what to do, and bring about some action, while understanding where grace enters the picture. Learn more at pastordavis@stmfw.org, schedule a coaching session at calendly.com/pastor_shawn/coaching

FUNERAL DINNERS

This hospitality group works to provide meals for the families that have funeral services at St Michael. If you are willing to help cook, serve, and or clean up please contact Ivy Gray at ivy.gray73@yahoo.com.

HOSPITAL AND SHUT-IN VISITATIONS

Sometimes attending worship at St. Michael is not possible due to hospital stays and inability to travel on a regular basis. If you would like to be visited by a pastor or elder let us know! Contact Tina, tina@stmfw.org or Pastor Mark Neubacher, our Visitation Pastor, at mneubacher@holycrossfw.org.

Prayer

G.A.P. (GOD ANSWERS PRAYER)

On the third weekend of the month, caring Christians are available after the worship services to pray with individuals for specific concerns, fears, struggles, and/or joys. Contact Adam Hahn at jjandak@cinergymetro.net for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN

Specific prayer requests are emailed to St. Michael members, who have volunteered to pray for individuals and families who have experienced a death, a sickness, or a loss. To have a request placed on the prayer chain, call the church office at 432-2033.

PRAYING FOR OUR NATION

This ministry meets twice a month to pray for our nation, elected officials, political leaders, Supreme Court, and the nation's judicial system. This ministry also provides prayer material for those who want to be fervently in prayer for America during their personal prayer time. Please connect with Christine Harrison at charrison75@comcast.net.

Missions

ACTS 1:8 | GO AND BE MY WITNESSES

St. Michael is committed to bringing Jesus' hands and feet to our neighborhood, community, nation, and world as we connect people to Jesus. This is done through strategic connections in our neighborhood and partnering with ministries that are being Christ's hands and feet in their neighborhoods. Contact pastordavis@stmfw.org with questions.

"The Holy Spírít will come on you and give you power. You will be my witnesses. You will tell people everywhere about me—in Jerusalem, in the rest of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world."

Missions

CONNECTING TO PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

NINE (Northeast Indiana Neighborhood Engagement)

Pastor Lewis King leads a variety of missional ministry opportunities in the heart of the city that impact churches and neighborhoods throughout Fort Wayne. Contact pastordavis@stmfw.org.

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center

As a St. Michael partner in ministry, Shepherd's Hand is reaching out in the city by caring for the Shepherd's people, daring to be the Shepherd's hands, and sharing the Shepherd's love. Motivated by the love of Christ, we serve our neighbors through quality health, education, and wellness programming for adults and children in Fort Wayne. To volunteer, please contact Susan Hein at heinsd01@frontier.com or 418-0725.

Redemption House

St. Michael partners with Redemption House by providing meals once a month and talking with the residents. If you would like to help, please call Linda Chapman at 417-3052 or Candi Luchnenko at 302-2909!

Camp Lutherhaven

Camp Lutherhaven is a year-round outdoor ministry center dedicated to creating adventurous, fun, faith-building experiences for people of all ages. Watch the newsletter for ways to serve at Camp Lutherhaven including Fall/Spring Workdays, Family Camps, and joining in the summer fun. Contact pastordavis@stmfw.org.

Liberia Children's Network | Lutheran Schools and Churches

Missionary Joe Boway helps us connect to schools and churches in Foya and Foya Tingue, Liberia. Through the schools and churches, families are being connected to Jesus. Contact pastordavis@stmfw.org.

LSSI (Lutheran Social Services of Indiana)

Lutheran Social Services of Indiana expresses the love of Jesus Christ for all people through services that empower individuals and families to move toward social, emotional, and spiritual wholeness.

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