

JUNE NEWSLETTER

BUSYNESS.

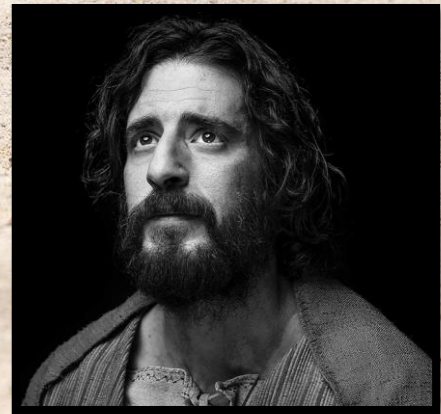
Overall, June seems to be a time when the busyness of life fades, at least a bit. When parents have children in school, that part of busyness subsides. School vacations translate into family vacations. Even we retired people wind down a bit during the summer months. It's part of the cycle of life for us. We welcome it. We need it, and we enjoy it.

This time of year may well be a time of reflection about the busyness of our lives. Perhaps we can think about things on the beach or on a lounge chair on the porch or in the back yard.

What keeps us busy, sometimes too busy? Have we complicated our lives too much? Are we trying to do too much? Are we busy with the right things, the things that really matter? Is our busyness all about ourselves? Is there a balance to what keeps us on the go?

Jesus took time to get away and rest. He felt the need and he used it, often for prayer. It can be the same for us. Quiet times come more easily perhaps, times you can use for Bible reading, reflections and prayer.

One special opportunity is coming your way June through July. Perhaps you'll have time for it or make time for it. It's a special summer study based on "The Chosen." This excellent film series will spur your thinking and enrich your appreciation of how the Bible describes Jesus' life and ministry. The episodes are faithful to the Scriptures and help understand what may well have been some of the background to events.



Susan and I have seen all of seasons one and two and have greatly enjoyed it. We're quite certain you will, too. It is unique and increasingly available throughout the whole world!

Pastor Karl Frincke

CONNECT WITH PASTOR SHAWN

COACHING FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

I recently took a class entitled "Coaching for Spiritual Growth" in which we learned about roadblocks and pitfalls people encounter as they work towards spiritual growth; for us that is becoming more connected to Jesus. We know that no matter what, we are covered in his grace in all that we do. But... how do we learn more about that love and forgiveness in our daily lives, and in turn live it out in the world around us. There is no panacea or quick fix. Becoming more connected to Jesus means figuring out what your next step is in learning and listening to God, putting action steps together to get there, and taking those steps. If you are searching for your next steps in becoming more connected to Jesus, let me know. It would be a blessing to use the frameworks I learned in class to help you connect more to Jesus grace and live it out. Set up a call or coffee to explore your next steps at calendly.com/pastor_shawn/coaching.

BLESSING THE WORLD AROUND US...

As we move into the summer months, we have some unique experiences that teach us what it is to bless the world around us. These experiences help us as we share our stories with the "person(s) of peace" in our lives who are pressing to know about the grace that covers us. As we join in serving our community, we see how God is at work, gain experience and stories to share.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY | PANEL (HOME) BUILDS

What: Sponsored by Ten Point Coalition/NINE
When: June 24 and July 29, 9:00a-2:30p (one hour to all day slots available)
Where: Weiser Park Elementary Parking Lot
How: Sign up at habitatgfw.volunteerhub.com/lp/tenpointcoalition/



SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP | PONCE, PUERTO RICO

When: October 9-14, 2022
How: Informational Meeting: June 14, 6:00p-7:00p in Luther Hall

FOOD TRUCK PARTY | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

What: Volunteer opportunities for the week of and prior to VBS.
When: July 25-29, 9:00a-12:00p
How: Sign up [here](#) or visit stmfw.org and click on the VBS banner

BELONGING TO COMMUNITY GROUPS



CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, 6:00p-7:30p in Luther Hall

I will be leading the post-viewing discussion on June 6, July 28, and August TBD.



DINNER AND GAMES | YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

June 24/July 22, 7:00p-9:00p in Luther Hall

Young adults (20-40 years old) gather for fellowship, pizza, and games. Kids are welcome! We will take time to discuss what comes next as we look to the year ahead and beyond! **RSVP to pastordavis@stmfw.org**.

NEWS FROM STEPHANIE

MUSIC MUSINGS

My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being! Psalm 108:1

Worshipping God involves our entire being! **Physically** our voices produce notes, our hands may clap, our feet may tap; **Mentally** we express our emotions- grief, joy, and thankfulness; **Spiritually** we show repentance, we receive forgiveness, we acknowledge trust, and we proclaim hope. God created us to worship. He provided all we need to worship him in body, mind and spirit. So...let's worship this summer and always!

SUMMER MUSIC

Vocal Music



Rehearsals may have ended, but our choirs will continue to provide music throughout the summer. If you are interested in joining our choir this summer or would like to sing/play as a soloist please contact our Worship Director, Stephanie Maxson, at stephanie@stmfw.org for more information.

Instrumental Practices



Tuesday 7:00p Praise Band (Life Song and King's Strings) practices

Thursday 7:00p Blue Grass (Jubilant Fields)

Bass, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, harmonica, guitar, dulcimer, dobro, 'jug' or washboard.....anyone is welcome to join us as we play gospel blue grass. Great for all skill levels.

Sunday 9:00a Flute Choir

This group practices between the Sunday services and plays ensemble music. New players welcome!

Blue Grass

Our blue grass band, Jubilant Fields, will be playing both at home and on the road during the month of June. The group will be leading music during our 5:00p service on Saturday, June 4, and also playing for worship at Camp Lutherhaven at 11:00a on Sunday, June 25. We'd love to have you join us!



Patriotic Hymns

Our music during worship on both Saturday, July 2 and Sunday, July 3 will feature patriotic hymns as we honor God and thank Him for the blessings of our country.

SMLC ACADEMY NEWS

Summer lessons are available! If you would like to continue/begin lessons, there are spots available. Our summer session will run from June 6-July 1. Many of our teachers will be continuing lessons through the summer, so it is not too late to sign up! You can register at <https://academy.stmfw.org/>.

Saturday Band Line-up

June 4 Jubilant Fields Blue grass

June 11 Life Song

June 18

June 25

July 2

King's Strings

Life Song

Keyboard player

THOUGHTS FROM CELINE

When I was younger...yes, I am beginning this article this way, not so much a nod to the nostalgic...there is a reason, I promise.

When I was younger, Sunday was a day that many, if not most, stores were closed. I am told that in the decades prior to that, pretty much all services were closed on Sunday, even what we now consider essential services such as food and gas. The day was spent eating a meal together, participating in leisure activities, and resting. It was in the culture to collectively practice a time each week where we would stop and not be dedicated to productivity or be pulled away. Instead we were encouraged to be home and to be present with the people around us. It was a collective day set aside for what we call Sabbath.

- I begin with this in mind, not to say that we were once a more religious culture and we need to bring that
- back, but instead to consider the notion that practicing the spiritual discipline of Sabbath is a practice that
- will require us to be a people that are set apart. That has always been true. (Deuteronomy 14:2, John 17:19,
- 1 Corinthians 12:2 - look for words such as sanctified, which means made pure and holy and set apart.) And
- we will likely only continue to feel the strain of growing more and more counter-cultural.

In regards to Sabbath, there is very little external motivation to stop. Most stores remain open seven days a week and if a service is closed for a day, we often find ourselves annoyed. We have things to do and our time is precious. But that is just it. Our time is precious. And finite. We cannot make more of it, we can only choose how we use it. The only being that is not tied to time, God, still chose to Sabbath. So, I promise. There is a gift waiting for you in choosing to practice Sabbath. It is a gift of restoration and connection. And those are not things that you can get through working harder or better. You will find them taking a day to stop - be still - rest - enjoy - and to intentionally connect with God.

You may have noticed that two of the above actions, or maybe we call them inactions, are things we have already talked about. Resting and being still are important spiritual practices that can become a part of everyday rhythms. However, practicing those alone is not the practice of Sabbath. A day of Sabbath is intended to be set apart and made holy. It is a time to rest and connect with God. It is a time that we choose to set aside activities that are time-fillers and entertainment and instead we opt for activities that restore.

So here is our practice beginning this month.

- Choose a day, ideally a 24-hour period - but start where you can, and set it aside for Sabbath.
- Begin to distinguish between activities that entertain, distract, or numb and those that help to connect you to Jesus and those around you.
- Consider setting boundaries for yourself and your family such as no purchasing, making your meals at home, setting aside technology.
- Choose activities that restore and maybe even feel like you are treating yourself. Take walks, get lost in a book, nap, play board and card games, make music, create. These are ideas. I encourage you to explore and find things that truly are restorative for you and know that if you are in a family, it won't be the same for everybody.
- Be intentional about connecting with God. Use time for worship, to be in His word, and to be in conversation with Him. (See the box on page 11 for more resources.)

KEEP THE
Sabbath
day
HOLY

Final thought, Sabbath is not a day for rules and lists. Setting up boundaries to resist the call of the hurried life around us will be necessary, but it's not a day for "should"s. Failing to practice the Sabbath will not bring condemnation on you. This is an invitation. An invitation from your God into restoration and connection. So, stop and enjoy. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. (Aka - set apart.) Exodus 20:8

J.O.Y. GROUP

JUNE 28

Join us for a Bible study with Pastor Karl on *Coming up –New Bodies* from Corinthians chapter 15.

JULY 14

“CHRISTMAS in JULY” Enjoy our make-up annual Christmas Dinner for a catered lunch by Goeglein’s, entertainment, and of course some surprises. Lunch served at noon. Your reservations will include \$10 at the door and a \$5 wrapped generic gift to put under the tree! Please feel free to wear your favorite Christmas sweater. This event will be held at the Hefner Pavilion (1903 St. Mary’s Blvd—a favorite venue for past events). Please call Penny at 570-8730 to reserve your spot by July 3.

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM J.O.Y

Our world has been and still is in a season of constant change, especially in the last two years. We have been impacted by losses both in our own families and those close to us, not to mention our world. As a result, the J.O.Y. ministry is facing significant issues that need your help. We have a problem, but also the solution!

In the past, we have been a very active group that facilitated group trips, meals, entertainment, education, Bible studies, service projects, and just plain socialization with old and new friends. We have had several of our committee members over the last two years step down because of health issues. Yet we are excited to continue this ministry and have worked diligently to engage our seniors (anyone 55 or older) post COVID.

Here is where YOU come in! The average age of our current committee is roughly 77 years young. We need some new “younger” people to join the leadership team to help coordinate and be hands on at activities. Please consider this opportunity to serve on our committee. Numerous personal and heavenly rewards await you!

Contact Penny Pequignot or Jim Maxson with questions about the J.O.Y. ministry and how you can help. Be looking for our “Christmas in July” event, a recruitment effort for YOU to come and meet us!

Thank you for your prayerful consideration,

Penny Pequignot (580-8730)

Jim Maxson (466-4171)

BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet again on September 15. Until then, keep reading!



PRAYING FOR OUR NATION—June 1/15

Join us at 1:30p in the Lobby as we pray for our leaders and our nation. We will meet regularly on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Please connect with Christine Harrison for more information and to engage in this ministry (charrison75@comcast.net).

PURLS—June 7/21



This fun group meets from 1:00p-3:00p on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Everyone who knits, crochets or wants to learn is welcome to join! The St. Michael PURLS knit and crochet shawls that are 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. A supply of shawls is available in the narthex for members to take and present to someone in need. Direct your questions to Pat Armstrong through the church office.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry equips members of a congregation with the skills, knowledge, and spiritual support to provide distinctively Christian care to those who are hurting. Are Stephen Ministers Counselors? No, they are trained lay caregivers. Their role is to listen and care--not to give advice or counsel. Stephen Ministers are also trained to recognize when a care receiver's need exceeds what they can provide. When that happens, they work with care receivers to help them receive the level of care they really need. To request care from a Stephen Minister or find out more about Stephen Ministry at St. Michael, contact Linda Kraus at 446-4347.

Support: To hold in position to keep from falling, sinking, or slipping

Support is something we all need. God gives us support through our Christian brothers and sisters. Let us all be sensitive to one another's needs and take the time to support each other through prayers, phone calls, friendly chats after church, and even visits. Also, remember that we have Stephen Ministers who are willing to give their support. For more information about Stephen Ministry, please contact Linda Kraus at 446-4347.

*"When I said, my foot is slipping, your love,
O LORD, supported me"
Psalm 94:18*

TEEN/WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY—Wednesdays, 6:30p-8:00p

- *Anxious: Fighting Anxiety with the Word of God*
- We don't need to watch the natural disasters and political unrest in the news to know what our bodies already know. There's plenty to worry about, and the world is full of faulty solutions for our anxieties, but true peace comes when we learn to hold God's Word up to what worries us.
- This eight-session study by Scarlet Hiltibidal will teach us how we can practically take hold of the perfect peace that is only available through God as we dive deeply into His Word, embrace the practice of prayer, and live authentically in the support of our communities of faith. We will host two studies covering the same subject—one for teen girls and one for adults. Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers and family to join us this summer from June 1-July 20. Teen books are \$18 and adult books are \$23.

FAMILY MINISTRY FROM CARRIE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Ready to cook up some fun? This year's VBS invites children age 3 to 5th grade to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party. Children are invited to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11: "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God -and that it is by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met.



At the center of the Food Truck Party is a special food truck called "On a Roll." Here, kids, (or Chefs as we'll call them this year) will learn from the food truck's Top Chef, along with DJ Cupcake (an adorable cupcake puppet), about the Daily Specials (daily learnings), which are lines from the well-loved prayer that teaches us to turn to God to meet our needs.

On Saturday, July 30, families are invited to join us for worship at 5:00p, where the students will sing some of the fun songs from the week. Afterwards, inflatables and real food trucks will be in the parking lot for families to enjoy!

Registration for VBS participants and volunteers is open now! Click here <https://stmfw.org/children> to go to the VBS registration page where you can view all the volunteer opportunities with job descriptions, or visit the table in the lobby for more information! VBS is open to children in grades PreK-5th grade. Volunteer opportunities are available for students in 6th grade all the way through adulthood. Sign up now!!

The entire congregation is invited to our Food Truck Party on Saturday, July 30 from 6:00p-8:00p, after the 5:00 VBS culmination service. There will be inflatables for the kids and three food trucks in the parking lot with food for purchase. Come celebrate with us!

Can't help with VBS but still want to be involved? We are looking for monetary donations from business owners or individuals to help fund our Saturday night celebration. If you would like to provide a monetary donation, please write VBS on the memo line of your check and contact Tina in the office to drop it off. You can also make a one time donation via your Fellowship One Go giving account and designate it for VBS.

We are also in need of several supplies for snack, decorations, games, and craft time. See a list of things you can help provide on the next page or pick up a copy from the VBS table.

DECORATION PREP DAYS

Join Carrie and BethAnn as they prep and prepare decorating materials for VBS. Pop in to Luther Hall anytime from 9:00a-noon or 4:00p-6:00p on June 15, 16, and 17. No craft experience necessary!! If you'd like a take home kit, contact Carrie at Carrie.gould1137@yahoo.com

We are calling all Cricut / Silhouette users to help out with prepping our main VBS craft! A file and vinyl will be provided and we need people to cut and weed the project to get it ready for the kids!

VBS DONATION REQUESTS

Thank you for supporting VBS with your donations! We couldn't do it without you! Below is a list of items we need. You can drop supplies off under the counter in the lobby.

ITEMS NEEDED BY JUNE 5

White acrylic paint - large bottles
Foam brushes - medium sized, need 50
Construction paper in bright colors
Rolls of butcher paper in bright colors and white
Rolls of clear contact paper
Pinwheel flowers
White poster board - 20 sheets
Foam insulation board from Lowe's - 5 sheets
Packing tape
Plastic colored straws
Fabric in various colors (remnants, ½ yard increments in pink, purple, brown, red, and yellow)
Spray paints in red, blue, and purple
Chef hats



ITEMS NEEDED BY JULY 10

(If you want to provide a food item, please contact Carrie and Carrie.Gould1137@yahoo.com so she can provide accurate numbers and dates for drop off.)

Ice cream serving cups - 200
Spoons - 200
2 bags of play sand or pea gravel
Bag of lemons
Popsicle sticks
Rice Krispie treats
Melting chocolate
Sprinkles
Bananas
Variety of breads
Blocks of cheese
Kabob skewers
Pineapple
Grapes
Strawberries
Pretzel sticks
Cuties
Blueberries
Goldfish crackers
Chex cereal
M&Ms
Raisins
Mini marshmallows
Sandwich bags
Skinny pop popcorn

Pretzel rods
Twizzler's pull and peel
Paper plates - 1,000
Paper cups - 8-9 oz. Size - 1,000
Napkins - 1,000
Empty crystal light plastic containers (or similar plastic bottles/containers)
Plastic or wooden rolling pins
Empty 2-liter bottles - 5
Turkey baster - 5
Masking tape
Ping-pong balls
Empty coffee cans or large metal canned food cans
Skein of white yarn
Red craft pom poms
Small bottles of green and brown acrylic paint

ITEMS TO BORROW

(NEED BY JULY 17; RETURNED JULY 31)

Outdoor chairs
Picnic table
Small bistro type table and chairs
Fake trees and plants
Chocolate melter/warmer/chocolate fountain
Oven mitts
Apron
Uncommon kitchen utensils (potato masher, melon baller, mortar and pestle, lemon juicer, egg separator, sifter, etc.)

EMMANUEL-ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

IN ALL GENERATIONS

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Psalm 90

For nearly 155 years, one of the most powerful and enduring ministries of Emmanuel and St. Michael churches has been our school. Each day, almost 400 students hear about the love of Jesus through ESM, and our congregations understand well the generational calling God has given through this amazing ministry. In 2022, Emmanuel will begin a long-needed process to renovate and improve the Union Street school building. Check out the renderings of some of the proposed renovations at [Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Campaign Overview](#).

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

EMMANUEL-ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL, in partnership with our churches and families, is raising up the next generation of students who know the love of Christ! Schedule a visit today! Contact Erin Clark, Director of Admissions | 422-6712 | eclark@esmeagles.com | www.esmeagles.com.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Hudson Kraft is our Valedictorian and Hannah Clark is our Salutatorian! We are excited for all our graduates!

Ryan A.	Andrew C.	Clayton G.	Mia L.	Jillian P.
Tierney A.	Na'Shaun C.	Andrew H.	Isabel M.	Hunter P.
Sawyer B.	Lucas C.	Joy H.	Keylee M.	Elixander R.
Joseph B.	Katie D.	Isaac H.	Elijah M.	Hayden S.
Milla B.	Atreyu D.	Helene H.	Shadrick M.	Nicholas S.
Adam B.	Joseph D.	McKenna H.	Beckett M.	Olivia S.
Benjamin B.	Preston E.	Nicholas J.	Ali N.	Gwyneth T.
Jacob B.	Katherine F.	Taylor K.	Nolan N.	Chase W.
Kathryn B.	Jocelyn G.	Patrick L.	Violet O.	Elliot Y.
Isabelle B.	Kaitlin G.	Charles L.		



JOB POSTING—FINANCE MANAGER

Mrs. Karen Clendenen will be retiring at the end of the current school year and we are now in the process of seeking qualified applicants for the position of Finance Manager. Working under the supervision of the school principal, the Financial Manager will see to the day-to-day financial procedures and transactions and ensure the accuracy and integrity of ESM's financial management system. Qualifications include but are not limited to a Bachelor's degree in Finance or Accounting, 5 – 10 years work experience, the ability to work and effectively communicate with administrators, staff, and families, and a good working knowledge of Excel, Word, and Power Point. Responsibilities include but are not limited to managing the day-to-day financial operations of the school (payroll, employee benefits, accounts payable, etc.), preparing and presenting monthly, quarterly and annual nonprofit financial reports, working with the Finance Committee to establish an annual budget, maintaining long-term trends and projections for the school's finances, processing scholarship application and facilitating meetings with families as required, ensuring compliance with accounting principles and regulatory requirements and other duties as required. For a complete job description and an employment application, please call the school office at 260-422-6712 or email Kathy Lash at klash@esmeagles.com.

EMMANUEL-ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

ENROLL NOW!

At Emmanuel-St. Michael Preschool, children play, learn, and actively explore God's world under the guidance of caring, dedicated teachers who daily model and teach Christian values. A positive start to school begins with a strong partnership between parents and teachers. At ESM, we value that partnership providing *education for life and faith for eternity*. If you are interested in learning more about ESM's preschool programs, visit our website at esmeagles.com/earlychildhood. Please contact Jennifer Ackmann at 459-1616 or at jackmann@esmeagles.com with any questions you might have!

ESM PRESCHOOL IS HIRING FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

ESM is searching for an individual who desires to share the love of Christ with our littlest learners in preschool. An assistant is needed to work with 3-5 year olds at the Union Street Campus from 12:30p-4:30p each day. Previous experience working with young children is preferred. If you would like to be considered for the position, please complete this [APPLICATION](#) and submit to jackmann@esmeagles.com.

CLHS

Mr. Daniel Adair, Valedictorian

Mr. Daniel Adair, son of Mark and Jennifer Adair, plans to attend Purdue University and study Biomedical Engineering. **He attends Emmanuel Lutheran Church and graduated from Emmanuel-St. Michael Lutheran School.** He has been involved in Cross Country, Track, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Foreign Language Club, Honors Academy, Koinonia Leader, Latin Club, and National Honor Society during his time at CLHS. What he loves about Concordia is "how teachers and coaches care about students inside and outside of their classroom or activity."

Mr. Nolan Labahn, Salutatorian

Mr. Nolan Labahn, son of John and Kristen Labahn, plans to attend Indiana University - Kelley School of Business and study Finance. **He attends Emmanuel Lutheran Church and graduated from Emmanuel-St. Michael Lutheran School.** At Concordia, he has been involved in Basketball (Boys), Soccer (Boys), GAPP (German American Exchange Program), German Club, Honors Academy, Koinonia Leader, and National Honor Society. At Concordia, he loves "the diversity of classes and small class sizes, as well as the integration of Christ into everything we do."

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	April 2022	January – April 2022	April 2021
Offerings & Other Income	\$117,883	\$523,264	\$111,944
Ministry Expenses	\$116,484	\$499,970	\$114,154
Income over Expenses	\$1,399	\$23,294	\$(2,210)

Automated Giving

St. Michael offers electronic giving for members who want to have offerings transferred electronically to the church's account. Visit our website and click on "Giving."

ST. MICHAEL FOUNDATION

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

If you are wishing to examine a more complete history of the Foundation, please see the lobby Foundation plaque. It contains the 2022 annual meeting minutes of the Foundation Board along with the history of award recipients. The plaque also displays the names of designated gift donors.

Awards this year were based on our deposited fund value on March 31, 2022. Our total investment is \$462,910. Funds are deposited in Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing, Minneapolis, MN. Only a portion of the endowment is spent with the principle growing and providing a permanent source of income to support St. Michael ministries. This year 4.25% of qualified funds was awarded based on member requests. **This is the largest awards given in Foundation history!** This year \$18,587 is awarded to the following:

Sanctuary Sound System Support	\$4,000
Education Support of ESM + CLHS	\$3,954 Shew Fund
ESM Outdoor Learning Support Items	\$2,000
Lay Leadership Thank You Weekend	\$1,500
Leader & Volunteer Training Program	\$1,500
Vacation Bible School Support	\$1,488 VBS Fund
International Adult Mission Trip	\$1,249 Bruns Mission Fund
Local Go & Serve Fall Event	\$600
St. Michael Life Team	\$580 Life Team Fund
Youth Mission in SW Fort Wayne	\$500 Youth Mission Fund
Education Support of ESM + CLHS	\$483 Braun Fund
St. Michael Music/Academy of the Arts	\$483 Music Fund
Family Fun Night	\$250

The Foundation is supported by your cash gifts, securities, memorials, bequests and life insurance. **\$133,505 has been awarded in the last 16 years.** Contact the church office or Ron Menze for additional information.

MORE RESOURCES FOR SABBATH INFORMATION...

<https://runhardrestwell.org/?s=sabbath>

<https://practictheway.org/teaching/rest-for-your-soul>

<https://practictheway.org/rest/part-one?rq=sabbath>

https://www.christianbook.com/keeping-the-sabbath-wholly/marva-dawn/9780802804570/pd/0457?en=bing-pla&event=SHOP&kw=academic-0-20%7C0457&p=1179517&dv=c&msclkid=44e8b5a6e2b91a4afca6d72e326e0673&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Shopping%20Main&utm_term=4580290569393575&utm_content=s-academic

YOUTH

YOUTH MINISTRY

Help wanted! Do you have a love for energetic youth; playing games, pizza, and helping 6th, 7th, and 8th graders connect to Jesus? We could use your help. As we look at next school year, we are seeking an adult leader to help lead the Jr. High Youth Ministry. If it's not you but you know someone that might be interested let us know and we will contact them. For more information, contact Pastor Shawn (pastordavis@stmfw.org) or Tammy Bruns (tammy@stmfw.org)

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECTS/FUNDRAISER FOR NYG

If you have a project and need a helping hand, please contact stephanie@stmfw.org!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING UPDATE

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the youth with service projects, prayers, and providing Thrivent Grants. Thanks to your generosity and the wise stewardship of our Youth Leadership Team we are able to keep the cost of the trip to \$100/participant. WOW! What a blessing! We will continue to do service projects through June and look forward to sharing details of our trip to Houston with you in July.



YOUTH NIGHTS IN JUNE

Stay tuned for information!



GET CONNECTED

GET CONNECTED on FELLOWSHIP ONE GO

Download FELLOWSHIP ONE GO from your phone or tablet. Just go to your Apple app or Google play store (look for the GO icon), search for the app, and install it! With the app, you can interact with members, view the church calendar, and view your giving online. If you need a login and password, please contact the church office at 432-2033.



Connect through our Facebook and Instagram pages!



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



CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee continues to consider and interview pastor candidates. We trust that the Holy Spirit is guiding the work and leading us in the direction God desires. We thank you in advance for your ongoing patience, prayers and support.

BELONG BECOME BLESS

REDEMPTION HOUSE

St. Michael will support the residents with meals at Wayne Street on June 5 and July 10; and Fairfield Avenue on June 26 and July 17. Please call or text Candi Luchnenko at 302-2909 to help!

GAP MINISTRY— June 18/19

St. Michael believes in the importance of prayer. God Answers Prayer members want to pray for you and with you. A G.A.P. member will be available after the worship services in the conference room.

ST. MICHAEL MISSION

Connecting People to Jesus!

OUR MANDATE

"I appeal to you, by the mercies of God...be transformed." Romans 12:1-2

OUR MOTIVES

We are to be Christ Centered , Discipleship Directed, Family Focused and Mission Minded

OUR MAP

We **BELONG** to Christ and to Community, We **BECOME** like Christ through the Word, and we **BLESS** our Church and our World!



Camp Lutherhaven

Camp is more important now than ever with the connection, encouragement, and faith-based, personal growth that it offers. We have created a path moving forward with our summer programs and we're committed to a safe environment while creating a great experience for each camper. Now, all we need is **YOU!** Check out our summer calendar for Kindercamp, Grades 1-12, and family programs including mother/daughter and father/son camp at lutherhaven.org.



ST. MICHAEL FUN AT THE TINCAPS! Brought to you by J.O.Y.!

Join in community with this great evening in downtown Fort Wayne!

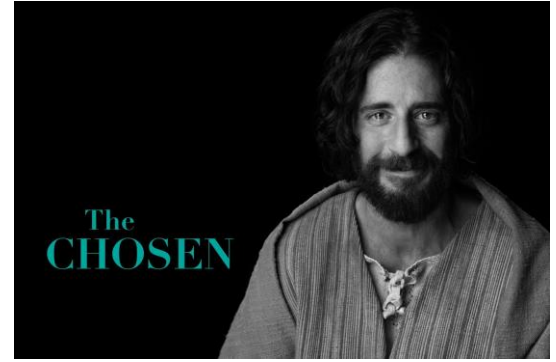
- Tuesday, June 21, 7:05PM
- Ticket price: \$13 each
- Reserve tickets online at stmfw.org by June 12.
- No refunds please.
- You may also fill in the form in the lobby and return to the office.



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

We're excited to begin a Bible Study series based on *The Chosen*, a television drama based on the life of Jesus of Nazareth. The show is a combination of scripture and artistic license and does depict some of what might have happened in between the Bible verses.

Each Monday this summer from 6:00p until approximately 7:30p, we will take time together to watch an episode and then spend time in scripture and discussion surrounding the topics covered in the episode. The episodes range from 35-60 min in length, so some weeks may run a little longer than others. At the beginning of our time together, we will also have a short time of praise.



You are invited to this study with your family, as a small group, or as an individual. There will always be popcorn, community, and time to dive into God's word together!

ELDERS

WHO IS YOUR ELDER?

Your elder is listed in your profile in F1Go, or you may call the church office at 432-2033. You are encouraged to contact your elder any time you feel a spiritual need or concern! Find their email below, and phone number in F1Go. They are also listed on the church bulletin board!

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

The mission of St. Michael's Lutherans for Life (LFL) Team is to equip our Church to be a gospel-driven champion of life from conception to natural death. For more information, contact Dennis Brink at 238-4046 or Dennis.Brink@att.net. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 7, at 7:00p in room 13.

Links

- Lutherans for Life <https://lutheransforlife.org/>
- LCMS Life Ministry [Life Ministry - The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod \(lcms.org\)](https://www.lcms.org/life-ministry)
- Right to Life of Northeast Indiana <https://www.ichooselife.org/>
- A Hope Center <https://ahopecenter.org/>



STEWARDSHIP

LIVING AND GIVING DURING RETIREMENT (from the Christian Stewardship Network)

Guest Post by [Donna Nicholson Stief](#)

Interestingly, the Bible does not have much to say about retirement. This is not a bad thing. After all, the Bible doesn't say anything about vacations, birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, or honeymoons either. And all those things are good. There is only one reference in the book of Numbers, chapter 8, where retirement is loosely mentioned. In this passage, God instructs the Levites for men over the age of 50 to withdraw from a specific duty of service and then assist and serve their fellow Levites and guard the Tabernacle, where the younger rotated into their work position. If the Bible says so little about retirement, how are we to interpret it and what are we to do about it?

THE ORIGIN OF RETIREMENT

Retirement is a more modern-day privilege, historically speaking. In 1883 German Chancellor Otto Von Bismark introduced a retirement program, offering a pension to those after turning age 60. In the United States, Franklin D Roosevelt proposed the Social Security Act of 1935, instructing workers to pay into their own retirement. The idea was to allow younger men and women to enter the workforce and have jobs available to them by allowing those who are older to withdraw from the workforce and still be able to support themselves.

To understand how to transition to retirement in a way that honors God, we need to dive deeper into what God has created us to do. God gave Adam a job, even before the fall of man. Genesis chapter 2:15 reads, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it." God himself is always at work.

Working and being productive is a good thing according to God. **There are many passages in the Bible that support the act of working and earning a living. But there's no biblical support for stopping work altogether and living solely for our own pleasure.**

For as long as we have breath in our lungs, God wants us to remain kingdom-focused, allowing Him to use us to bless others. It's undoubtedly okay to retire from years and years of being in the workforce, but that doesn't mean we retire from allowing God to use us and use our earthly possessions for eternal purposes. **We can retire from our job, but we should never retire from our mission of spreading the gospel, being useful to God, and blessing others.**

Serving in June 2022

	Dates	Saturday	Sunday	
			8:00	10:00a
Altar Guild	Candis Luchnenko, Carol Olry, Carla Jennings			
Elders	June	Adam Hahn	Mark Munzinger	

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON THESE JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

David and Dolli Hollmann	6/1	48	Brooke and Brandon Coe	6/16	10
Ken and Corinne Lyttle	6/1	20	Chad and Nicole Bohnke	6/17	16
David and Lynette Doust	6/2	38	Joe and Becki Fulcher	6/19	12
Curtis and Elizabeth Etzler	6/4	5	Harry and Margaret Jones	6/19	51
Rick and Tammy Bruns	6/5	18	Ted and Cherie Walda	6/19	51
Dave and Jan Davis	6/5	57	Jim and Carol Weide	6/19	46
Heather and Nathan Nutter	6/5	18	Russell and Jane Grose	6/20	52
Jerry and Tammy Miller	6/6	24	Mark and Shannon Rose	6/20	7
Dan and Kris Reuille	6/6	35	Chad and Brenda Wagner	6/20	13
Mary Stiffler	6/7	42	Joseph and Jillian Harrison	6/22	10
John and Jenny Hendrickson	6/8	48	Stefan and Shelly Thieme	6/22	21
David and Kelly Kaufman	6/8	26	Donald and Peggy Fogle	6/23	49
Steve and Jan Smith	6/8	48	Josh and Amanda Howard	6/23	15
Doug and Sandy Manck	6/9	43	Rick and Monica Donaghy	6/24	43
Christian and Brandy Schult	6/9	15	Ron and Carol Korte	6/24	61
Jonathan and Jennifer Alia	6/10	10	Jason and Lisa Render	6/24	27
Zach and Hannah Maresh	6/10	5	Norm and Becky Biggs	6/25	17
Steve and Linette Godfrey	6/11	34	Tim and Stephanie Maxson	6/25	28
Jason and Katie Johnson	6/11	17	Carroll and Shirley Rands	6/25	66
Lynn and Sharon Scrogam	6/11	40	Paul and Darlene Buuck	6/26	40
Shane and Amy Collins	6/12	18	Al and Deb Goebel	6/26	29
Frank and Gloria Helfrich	6/12	51	Shanon and Elizabeth Ruch	6/26	23
Todd and Melyssa Stock	6/12	23	Wayne and Karen Scrogam	6/26	18
Jim and Willie Biddle	6/13	65	Jeff and Gretchen Sreeton	6/27	13
Drew and Lindsay Landgrave	6/13	13	Jim and Jill Anelle	6/28	36
Don and Becky Sir Louis	6/13	35	Ed and Jill Kerr	6/28	14
Peter and Adrienne Clendenen	6/14	14	Hank and Linda Koithahn	6/28	36
Mike and Kay Zipse	6/14	42	Gary and Pamela Drake	6/30	43
Bob and Manna Bruckner	6/15	54	Jon and Cristie Gerken	6/30	48
Kirk and Susan Eggebrecht	6/15	37	Joel and Gretchen Weerts	6/30	43
Steve and Margaret McDonald	6/15	20			
Steve and Colleen Berger	6/16	15			

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS—June 18/19

God bless Josie Bornheimer; Charlie Henry' Scarlett and Leo Leslie; Luella Moeller; Rylee Moloney; Riley Runyan; Elliott Scare; Lena And Warner Thompson; Braden Weible; and Mackenzie Zumstein.

