

APRIL newsletter

St. Michael
Lutheran Church

He is risen! He is risen indeed



WHAT TO EXPECT OF HOLY WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL

Holy Week is a season of the Church calendar that includes Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter worship services. This week in the church year is a favorite of many.

Palm Sunday Weekend (April 1/2) We celebrate Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem. Palm branches will be handed out as we recount the celebration of the coming of a king, all the while knowing he arrives to provide the ultimate sacrifice in his death on the cross for us.

Maundy Thursday (April 6 at 11:00a and 7:00p) We remember Jesus' Passover meal with his disciples. He washed their feet and taught of his coming sacrifice. At this meal, he also instituted the practice of communion. Purple is the color of the cloth that adorns the sanctuary. As we participate in this service, we solemnly acknowledge the humility, love, mercy, and obedience that Jesus displayed. **One hour before and after the worship services, you are invited into Luther Hall to pray.**

Good Friday (April 8 at 11:00a and 7:00p) is a service that began in the early Christian church. It is also called the Order of Tenebrae or Darkness. Black cloth is draped throughout the sanctuary and during the service, light is gradually removed. Scriptural accounts tell the story that brings us closer to the crucifixion of our Savior. As the last bit of light leaves the sanctuary, we hear a loud sound representing the point in history when the tomb was closed. This is not a funeral service for Jesus, but a means of bringing us into repentance and contemplation of the price Jesus' paid for our sins as well as the powerful hope of resurrection. **As we enter into the church building, you will notice several prayer stations set up in the Lobby. Please take time to visit them.** Experience meditative music 30 minutes before the service with artwork depicting Jesus' life and ministry. We enter and leave in silence.

Easter (April 9 See below for service times) is a service with extreme contrast from how we left on Good Friday. The sanctuary is decorated with white cloth and flowers to signify the promise of a new and holy life we have because of the resurrection of Christ. As we left in silence and repentance on Friday, we will celebrate with even more conviction Sunday morning because of the promises fulfilled in Christ. There will be fanfares, proclamations, and the pain and weight of death can be overcome by the joy we have in Christ.

EASTER SUNDAY

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

9:30a

A contemporary Holy Communion service of celebration with praise music in Luther Hall

11:00a (also livestreamed at stmfw.org)

A festival Holy Communion service of celebration with choir and orchestra

EASTER BREAKFAST

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

Enjoy the community at St. Michael plus biscuits and gravy, baked French toast crumble, 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@stmfw.org.

Easter Nursery Space

St. Michael loves having families in worship! For our Easter services, we invite those with young children to pick up one of the special pre-school bags on the table outside the sanctuary.

CONNECT WITH PASTOR GOFF

Returning back to parish ministry, one of the things I'm trying to be sensitive to these days is "church trends." The reason is, I'm convinced ministry today is very different than it was even a few years ago pre-pandemic and is changing rapidly. If that's true, then I'm curious...

**What does that mean in broad terms for the state of Christianity in our country,
and more specifically for our congregation?**



The following are some observations, not necessarily answers or solutions, but observations that may impact who we are and how we go about ministry. This is taken from a recent article by Carey Nieuwhof entitled, "Future Church: 8 Trends to Watch in 2023." (I'm highlighting two of the eight.)

CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS

Born between 1946 and 1964, the Boomer generation has been the heart of the church for the past few decades. In 2023, the oldest Boomers will turn 77 and the youngest Boomers will be 59. I can't say I understand why, but statistically Boomers have been the least likely demographic to return to church since the pandemic; only 65% of Boomers have returned to church in person.

Apparently though, Gen Z (born between 1997-2013) are the most unchurched generation, but the most open generation to spirituality. Interestingly, 59% of Gen Z say they are more open to God today than before the pandemic. What does that mean? A spiritually open generation is actually a reachable generation. It doesn't mean changing anything with our theology or beliefs, but it may cause us to rethink how we communicate the message. I think that is particularly applicable for confirmation age, youth ministry, and young adults.

DIGITAL AND ONLINE MINISTRY

I'm reading more and more that a fantastic, robust online presence is essential as that is what drives in-person experiences. Said another way, having a quality online presence isn't a threat to in-person experiences, but rather fuels it. If this is true, then I believe the local church will need to staff for high quality when it comes to digital ministry and also staff for it.

Not surprisingly before the pandemic 27% of churches offered live stream services and/or sermons. However, since the pandemic 92% of churches are live streaming. If that is the case, then the competition for attracting a digital presence is even greater today and not something to be ignored.

The purpose of greater attention for online ministry may actually be two-fold. One, like mentioned above, it becomes an on ramp to take the next step into in-person connections. But two, there are people whose engagement may only be online and if that is the case, how can the church thoughtfully and strategically invest in online strategies? Could that result in micro-church experiences (house churches), small groups, and deeper engagement?

If the above is true, then it at least prompts us to examine how we go about "doing" church these days. However, let me be clear that none of this suggests the message we share changes. It's still all about Jesus! But, as the old hymn says (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty),

Let's "ponder anew what the Almighty can do."

CONNECT WITH PASTOR SHAWN

EASTER INVITATION

Is there someone in your life that you would like to invite to church but just don't know how? Or maybe you haven't seen someone at church for a long time and you want to invite them to join you? Easter celebrations are a great chance to be invitational. As you get ready for your own Easter festivities, use this as a time of connection and invitation.

If you don't know where to start with the invitation with someone who knows about Jesus, try this:

- Did you know next weekend is Easter? My family is going to go to breakfast and worship at St. Michael and would love to have you join us. It would be great to share a meal and worship alongside you!

If you are inviting someone who may not know anything about Jesus, try something like this:

- This weekend my family is going to enjoy a great breakfast and celebrate Easter. It's an opportunity to hear about being connected to Jesus' love and forgiveness. We would love to have you join us!

GO AND SERVE

Join us April 22 / 9:00a-12:00p

We will go and serve throughout the community with our partners-in-ministry and in our neighborhood as we connect people to Jesus. Invite someone to serve alongside you, as we become Christ hands and feet. Here are the areas we are serving:

SHEPHERD'S HAND CENTER

- Diaper packing
- Maintenance in outdoor container garden

NINE | Northeast Indiana Neighborhood Engagement

- Details to come

CAMP LUTERHAVEN

- Trail Clean Up
- Painting

ST. MICHAEL

- Neighborhood prayer walk
- Outdoor and Indoor Cleaning

SHEPHERD'S HAND CENTER

Annual 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, May 13 from 9:00a-11:00a

Enjoy a fun healthy activity with your family! Registration is \$25. 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. Thank you!



CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 7, at 10:45a

At this special service, 17 of our eighth graders will confirm their baptismal faith and receive communion for the first time. **If you are not celebrating a confirmand, you may want to consider attending an alternate service.**

NEWS FROM STEPHANIE

Music Musings

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er the battle done,

Now is the Victor's triumph won;

Now be the song of praise begun, Alleluia!

The Strife is O'er the Battle Done is a hymn that has been around awhile, It first appeared in a hymnal in 1695 and was translated to English in 1861 by Francis Pott. The words of this historic hymn continue to ring true! Death has lost its sting because of our Savior Jesus! We sing alleluia three times- because we cannot contain our joy!

The last line of each stanza is a response of praise:

Let shouts of holy joy outburst, Alleluia!

All glory to our rise Head, Alleluia!

Let hymns of praise His triumph tell, Alleluia!

That we may live and sing to Thee, Alleluia!

We have been in a war, a battle, experienced strife. Now we our victor; we have triumphed; we have won through our Savior's victory! **Death has been swallowed up in victory!** Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. **But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

1 Corinthians 54b-57

THANK YOU INSTRUMENTALISTS!

Thank you to our amazing instrumentalists who add so much energy and joy to our Easter celebrations! Our **orchestra will continue to meet** this month to prepare Confirmation on May 7 at 10:45a. Here are the upcoming rehearsals: Thursday, April 20 and 27 at 6:00p and Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00p Contact our worship director, Stephanie Maxson at stephanie@stmfw.org for a set of music.

CHOIR REHEARSAL'S CONTINUE THROUGH WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

We have entered into the final stretch of our choir season, and would love to have you join us as we prepare for weekend services including Confirmation and work on music we will sing over the summer. Starting April 12 the (SATB) Adult Choir will meet weekly on Wednesday's from 7:00p-8:00p in the sanctuary through May 25. The Men's Choir (TTBB) will meet at 6:30p on Wednesday April 19, May 3, and May 17. The Women's Choir (SSAA) will meet at 6:30p on Wednesday, April 12, April 26, May 10, and May 24.

SMLC ACADEMY NEWS

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Annual Academy Fundraiser! Special thanks to Chef Terry for the roasted pork dinner and the 10 students who provided special music. Because of your generosity, we will be able to continue to offer scholarships in the coming year.

Many of our teachers will be offering lessons through the summer, so it is not too late to sign up! You can register at <https://academy.stmfw.org/>.

JUBILANT FIELDS/BLUE GRASS BAND SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Invite your friends to come and worship with us as we praise God with old gospel favorites, banjos and fiddles for worship on Saturday, April 15.

ESM 4/5 GRADE MUSICAL MADE FOR A MISSION

Join us in the St. Michael gym on Friday, April 21 at 7:00p as our fourth and fifth grade students share through song and drama how we are all made for God's mission!



SATURDAY BAND LINE-UP

April 1 Life Song **April 8** No service **April 15** Jubilant Fields **April 22** King's Strings **April 29** Life Song

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SUPPORT THE SHEPHERD'S HAND COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center located at 1231 S. Anthony Blvd is an organization that seeks opportunities to enhance health and wellness for community members in southeast Fort Wayne. By providing healthy cooking classes, distributing diapers, and connecting people to services through quarterly health fairs, Shepherd strives to fulfill the mission of "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." On May 13, you can help raise funds for this vital ministry by participating in the annual 5K Run/Walk held in the neighborhood surrounding the center. Check out the details on page 4.

REDEMPTION HOUSE

All St. Michael members are invited to attend the **Redemption House Butterfly Gala** at the Grand Wayne Convention Center beginning at 5:00p. Individual tickets are \$50 per ticket, tables are \$500 and seat 10. Tickets, donations, silent auction, and other information is available at redemptionhousefw.org/donate/butterfly.



The Fairfield house renovation is underway! The meal for the month will be at Wayne Street only on April 23. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Linda Chapman at 417-3052.

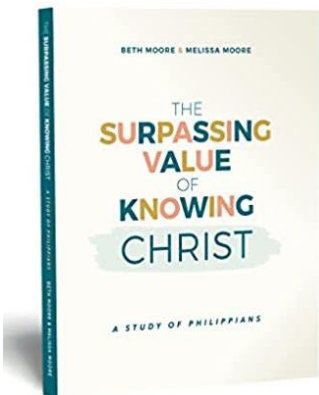
COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Did you know that April is Stress Awareness, National Autism Awareness, National Counseling Awareness, and National Minority Health Awareness Month? Whew! That's a lot of awareness! As always, check out <https://lookupindiana.org/> for resources on mental and behavioral health issues. They can be a silent battle, but there's always hope on the horizon. Call 877-257-0208 or text LOOKUP TO 494949 to find providers.

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WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

What kind of mindset makes a person like Paul: unstoppable in love, faith and good works even in a steady flow of frustration, conflict and opposition? What keeps a person from becoming cynical when people are notoriously exploiting the gospel and preaching Christ out of selfish ambition?



Paul's brief letter to the saints in Philippi may well capture the mindset that set him apart like no other piece of correspondence from his pen. The book of Philippians is exhortation driven by unabashed affection, inviting the reader to join in imitating his joyful, single-minded pursuit of Jesus.

Women of all ages are invited to join us for a 5-session study on Philippians based on *The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ* by Beth and Melissa Moore.

- There will be two in-person groups (1:00p-2:45p and 6:30p-8:15p).
- We will meet every other Thursday from June 1 through July 27.
- The cost of the book is \$23.
- Email tammy@stmfw.org if you have any questions or register by May 22 at stmfw.org/events.

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ST. MICHAEL RUNS!

Join in some group runs starting at Lutheran Health Trail Center (7171 Engle Rd) at 2:00pm Sunday afternoons beginning April 23rd.

CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK AND MEETING

Sunday, April 16

Fellowship and participate in the business of your church! Childcare is provided. Dinner is at 5:00p and the meeting will follow.

A-F bring a salad
M-S bring a side

G-L bring a dessert
T-Z bring a main dish



FAMILY MINISTRY FROM CARRIE



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! It's time to charge into medieval times—a world brimming with breathtaking castles, regal kings and queens, fire-breathing dragons, brave knights, and epic battles. Keepers of the Kingdom: Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth is this year's VBS theme. Our knights will learn how to be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom! Our Royal Majesty's kingdom is under attack, and we must prepare for battle!

Join in the fun at this year's VBS, taking place from 9:00a-12:00p, June 26-30 with a King's Celebration after the service on Saturday, July 1!

IN THE LOBBY SOON!

This year we're asking every family that registers for VBS to take home a piece of poster board and create your own Family Coat of Arms. We'll be displaying these throughout the building during VBS as part of our decorations. What fun the children will have searching for theirs and learning about their friend's families too!



This year's volunteer needs and job descriptions are [here: VBS Job Descriptions 2023](#)

We welcome all adults and students entering grade 6 and up as volunteers, however, all volunteers should be committed to improving our participants' relationship with and understanding of God by being an active, enthusiastic, and engaging leader!

Check out the VBS table in the lobby for take home decoration kits and keep an eye on the parish notes for decoration making days during the months of April and May!

Our puppet ministry is ready to be a part of this year's VBS as well, but they need some more puppeteers! If interested, please contact Carrie at Carrie@stmfw.org for info!

Our VBS wish list is [here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1TIYOQRI1OE1?ref=wl_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1TIYOQRI1OE1?ref=wl_share)

In addition to those items, please send in paper boxes and toilet paper/paper towel tubes! More items will be added as VBS draws near!

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SERVINGBOWLS FUNDRAISER RETURNS

Our SERVINGbowls Chili/Soup Fundraiser is returning this year on Saturday, April 22 from 5:00p-7:00p before the spring play, "8 Minutes Left." The cost is \$20 per person. The proceeds will benefit the Cross Connections Art Therapy program. Save the date!

CHECK OUT CONCORDIA'S SPRING PLAY!

8 Minutes Left - April 22 at 7:30p and April 23 at 2:00p



"The world is coming to an end at exactly 4:44 PM today, and no one has had any time to prepare. **8 Minutes Left** follows the residents of Charlesville, NJ as they navigate their final moments on this Earth — from a couple with a bunker in their backyard who can't quite figure out how to get in, to two elderly frenemies who fight over their favorite park bench, to a mother observing her children on a playground as she wonders what their lives would have become, this thoughtful and keenly observed play manages to find the intimate humor of humans in crisis."

JROTC TO COMPETE AT WORLDS

During April, our JROTC VEX Robotics team will be competing at Worlds to defend their two-time championship title. The students build and program robots to compete in a challenge. This year, that challenge is frisbee golf.

SUMMER CAMPS AND CLASSES

Registration is now open for Summer Camps and Classes at Concordia Lutheran High School! Camps and classes are open to any area student. We have everything from sports to band and drama to computer camps for grades K-12 (2023-24 school year) and classes in a variety of subjects for grades 8-12 (2022-23 school year). Register now at www.clhscadets.com/summer

CLHS ACAPELLA CHOIR

Enjoy the A Cappella Choir as they join Concordia University Nebraska's A Cappella Choir on their April 15, 7:00p concert at Kramer Chapel of the Concordia Theological Seminary. We have multiple alumni in the group. Please share this with your families with the attached information.

EMMANUEL-ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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RENOVATION UPDATE!

Phase 2 of the Union renovation is complete! How exciting to see the progress that they've made and the new learning spaces opening! As has been the case throughout the project, we appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we navigate schedules, movement, and change.

J.O.Y. GROUP (Just Older Youth 55 and older!)

Thursday, April 13 - **MOVIE DAY** at 12:00p

Bring a sack lunch. JOY will furnish snacks and drinks! Our featured movie is "What the Blind Man Heard".

Thursday, May 11 - **GUEST SPEAKER** at 12:00p

Lunch will be provided. Charge for the event is \$5.00. Pre-register by calling Penny Pequignot at 580-8730 by May 4.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 AT 7:05P FOR THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION!

Take your family out to the ballgame and dinner! Tickets are \$13. Enjoy select concessions for just \$2! Register between Monday, April 17 and Sunday, May 28 at stmfw.org/events, or fill out a form at the Information Desk. Call Diana Sims at 433-2063 with questions.

PRAYING FOR OUR NATION—April 5/19

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—April 4/18



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. A supply of shawls is available in the lobby for members to take and present to someone in need. Direct your questions to Pat Armstrong through the church office.

COFFEE BREAK WOMEN'S STUDY—April 12/26

New members welcome! We will meet the second and fourth Wednesday from 9:15a-10:45a in Luther Hall over coffee and God's Word as we study *Rediscover Jesus*. Questions? Contact Janet Olson at jmo11434@gmail.com. If you're planning ahead, mark your calendars for April 12/26.



BOOK CLUB—Thursday, April 20, at 10:00a

Book club will meet the third Thursday of the month in the conference room. Join this fun group and discuss *The Judge's List* by John Grisham.

CONNECT MEALS ON THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH



It was great to begin forming connections this past month. Are you looking for some connection? Come and join us for a meal at a local restaurant after the service on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next one will be April 15. Contact Celine Newman if you are planning on joining or for further details.

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LWML

Plans are in the works for the National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 21-25. Indiana District has a bus reserved to pick us up in Fort Wayne, deliver us to the convention and bring us home. The cost of the bus is \$150, so if you want to reserve a spot, let Linda Chapman (417-3052) know as soon as possible. Online registration for the convention itself is now available at <https://www.lwml.org/2023-convention>.

The Indiana District Retreat will be **April 14-15** in Brown County. The speakers will be Lewis and Joy King, and their ministry of NINE (Northeast Indiana Neighborhood Engagement). Contact Linda Chapman if interested in attending.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST—April 15 in the Gym

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. For more information, contact Dennis Brink at 238-4046 or Dennis.Brink@att.net.

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.



YOUTH WITH EMMA

My primary goal this quarter is to build relationships with members of the school, youth, families, and all members. If you are interested in getting to know more about me or the internship process, I would love to talk over coffee or a meal after church or during the week! Here is a link to my calendar to meet up for a coffee or grab some lunch! https://calendly.com/dce_intern_emma.

Youth Nights - A time of fellowship, food, and faith with friends!

High School

April 2

April 16

April 30

Middle School

April 30



@STMFYWOUTH



During the month of April, our devotion time will take a deeper dive into the New Testament readings for the week and how we can use them as we go out and share the Gospel!



Food and Fellowship! - April 19th! This is a time for youth to gather together and support one another. We will head to **Electric Works** and spend time in food and fellowship. Email emma@stmfw.org to sign up or if you have any questions.

PICK UP YOUR EASTER PIE!

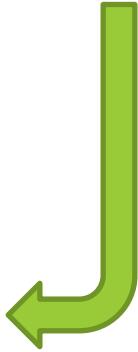
Please pick up your pies in the kitchen on Saturday, April 8 from 12:00p-12:30p, or Easter Sunday from 8:30a-9:30a, or immediately after 11:00p worship service. Thank you! We sold 60 pies!


ST. MICHAEL FINANCIAL UPDATE

February 2023

INCOME	Actual	Budgeted	Actual vs budget
Offerings	\$293,314	\$276,483	\$16,831
Facility	\$705	\$2,083	\$(1,378)
Interest	\$2,475	\$1,167	\$1,308
Grants		\$5,044	\$(5,044)
Fellowship	\$400		\$400
ESM/CLHS Support	\$40		\$40
Misc.	\$410	\$-	\$410
Total Income	\$297,344	\$284,777	\$12,567
EXPENSES			
Missions	\$1,391	\$2,750	\$(1,359)
Education	\$109,458	\$109,458	\$-
Youth & Family	\$572	\$2,433	\$(1,861)
Administrative	\$6,716	\$6,625	\$91
Pastoral Support	\$832	\$1,658	\$(826)
Worship	\$3,588	\$2,937	\$651
Boards & Committees	\$1,919	\$2,458	\$(539)
Utilities, Maintenance & Supplies	\$29,160	\$27,877	\$1,283
Salaries	\$83,605	\$88,674	\$(5,069)
Taxes and Benefits	\$27,884	\$29,161	\$(1,277)
Nursery, Gym Setup, Worship	\$1,325	\$1,456	\$(131)
Total Expenses	\$266,450	\$275,487	\$(9,037)
Net Income (Loss)	\$30,894	\$9,290	\$21,604

Online Directory
 Did you know that St. Michael has an online directory for members? It is called *Fellowship One Go*. You can download an app to your phone or access it through a browser.



app	browser
 <p>search google play or apple store for fellowship one go and download</p> <p>domain: stmfw.fellowshiponego.com</p> <p>user ID / password – if you don't know it, email tammy@stmfw.org</p>	<p>Stmfw.fellowshiponego.com</p> <p>domain: stmfw</p> <p>user ID / password – if you don't know it, email tammy@stmfw.org</p>

- Once logged in to Fellowship One Go, you can view your profile, look up member phone numbers and addresses, view your offering history, and print your statements.
- If you have any questions or need help setting it up, contact Tammy Bruns at 432-2033 or email tammy@stmfw.org.
- Please note that offering statements were emailed on January 12. If you can't find it, check out the instructions in January's newsletter (page 12) or email jmlee3@gmail.com.

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GAP MINISTRY—April 15/16

St. Michael believes in the importance of prayer. God Answers Prayer members want to pray for you and with you. Join them in the worship conference room after the services.

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



Camp Lutherhaven

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Go on an expedition this summer! Join others for a trip across the lake in a canoe, test your aim at archery, or take a hike through the woods. With youth programs for K-12, family programs, and Servant Events for grades 8-12, you can come and enjoy all that Lutherhaven offers. Not sure which week to sign-up? Our Director of Belonging, Celine Newman will be Minister of the Week and at Camp during the week of June 18-23. Register online today at lutherhaven.org or call 636-7101 for more information.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

God's blessings to...	Day	Years	God's blessings to...	Day	Years
John and Laura Elmer	2	29	Randy and Lois Squire	18	8
Ricky and Heidi Marks	2	41	Dan and Cathy Busse	19	37
Matthew and Melyssa Lenningto	3	14	Jon and Tina Conrad	20	10
Chon and Sharon Michael	4	25	Timothy and Lisa Klein	20	16
Keith and Jana Peters	5	15	Paul and Mae Rogers	20	55
Charles and Lou Ann Presti	11	36	Mark and Cindy Kaszowski	21	44
Dan and Brenda Mauricio	13	27	Kent and Amy Litchin	23	35
Curt and Stephanie Graber	15	34	Dave and Sandy Hopper	24	20
Ted and Brenda Hathaway	16	46	Kent and Karen Baker	26	48
Jim and Olga Mendenhall	18	14	Doug and Lori Inman	28	6

APRIL BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

We will celebrate baptism birthdays on April 15/16. Please pray for Maddy Biggs; Nathaniel Heilman; Max Henry; Hunter, Lennon and Sullivan Smith; Conor Burgess; Oakley Sorlie; and Autumn Peters.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be required.” “Who then is the faithful and wise manager?” Luke 12:48

Think about what all you have been given. Almost any reading of the Bible reveals what the Lord desires to give us beginning with his Son. “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4: 10). To what extent are you making the most of all you have been given?

Ask yourself, to what extent does “keep making the most of all you have been given” mean to me? In Luke 12 the Lord said, “... your Father knows what you need. But seek his kingdom and these things will be given to you as well (30-31). Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (33-34).

“Who then is the faithful and wise manager? From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be required (Luke 12: 48).” We will make the most of all we have been given by:

- **Counting our blessings several times each day**
- **Wisely using our power of choice**
- **Going the extra-mile**
- **Proclaiming our rarity – we are terrifically and wonderfully made**

Because of what Christ has done, we are called to lives of Christian stewardship - to make the most of all we have been given. How do you choose to respond to the charge that you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace? Zig Ziglar summed it up when he said, “You can get everything in life you want, if you help enough other people get what they want.”

UP AND COMING

CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS CLASSES

Sunday, April 16/23/30 from 9:30a-10:30a

Explore the foundational beliefs of the Church. Contact Celine Newman at celine@stmfw.org for more information or to sign-up.



THE ST. MICHAEL GREEN TEAM NEEDS YOU!

Do you enjoy weeding, trimming and watering God’s amazing creation? Join us on Wednesday, May 3 at 9:00a to maintain our beautiful grounds. Contact Julie Rohrbach at 409-0427.

ST. MICHAEL SPRING BLOOD DRIVE—Saturday, May 6

Save the date, save lives! Registration details are coming soon.

ELDERS

The elders would like to encourage everyone to pray for and reach out to people they have not seen in church for some time. The staff and elders certainly make an effort to reach these people but sometimes a contact from one of you is even better. So, if there is someone you have not seen in a while, please pray for them and look for a way to connect with them. We appreciate anything you can do in this regard.

WHO IS YOUR ELDER?

If you are not sure who your elder is, 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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God's blessings on your Easter season! He is Risen!