

APRIL newsletter

Come...see and hear the
good news at St. Michael
Lutheran Church

I am the
resurrection
and the

LIFE



THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR KARL FRINCKE

Greetings! Two things stand out this month, although there is a lot more going on—important and meaningful things—so be sure to read everything!



First—Easter

There is no bigger or better reason to worship and celebrate than the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus! Frankly, if this had not happened, there would be no Christian faith, just some ideas, teachings and an example of a great life from a man called Jesus. But Easter is so much bigger than that; bigger than rabbits, eggs, and chocolates.

If Jesus' Resurrection had not happened, we would still be lost in our sins (1 Corinthians 15:17), and there would be no hope now or beyond the grave. If there were no bodily resurrection of Jesus, we'd be lying against God. There would be no Christian Church, no St. Michael Lutheran Church, no newsletter. You get the point.

But thanks to God! He gave us Jesus, his Son, and Jesus paid the price for our sin and the sin of the whole world. He did it once for all. And the Resurrection is the exclamation point! If Christ had not been raised, Satan and death would have won.

But we have victory, joined to Jesus in faith. His Resurrection also means that we too will rise from death when he returns and we will also have a glorified body, like his (1 Corinthians 15:35-51). We don't often think about this part, but new, glorified bodies will be given us. Think about that as you deal with aches and pains, and worse. They're all only temporary. As tough as those things make life, someday they'll be gone.

One more thing: in order to best appreciate Jesus' Resurrection, make a point to worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. These services will remind us of what our Savior did, deepen our understanding of what he suffered for us, and prepare us for Easter's celebration.



Second—the Senior Pastor Call

This is obviously the second big thing!



At our special Voters' Meeting Sunday, March 20, we extended a Call to Pastor Jason Taylor to be our Senior Pastor. You'll remember that he presently serves Zion Lutheran Church, New Palestine, Indiana. It was great to see over 300 members come to listen and learn, talk and be heard as we sought God's will in this matter. **Thank you!** That's what our Call Committee has also been doing. We all are pleased to have made a decision that we believe is in accord with God's will, and we anxiously, and with hope, await Pastor Taylor's response in the coming weeks. Until we hear from him, please keep praying, now especially for Pastor Taylor, his family and Zion congregation, as they, too, seek God's guidance in this important matter.

Now is a good time to say to our Call Committee, "Thank you, faithful servants!"

These are fellow members who have worked hard a long time, seeking God's direction and evaluating many, many men. They have prayed a lot, taken in a lot of information, and discussed matters thoroughly from many angles, also remembering that they are your representatives in this great work. Please take opportunity to thank them personally! In many ways they are praying that their work will soon be done. They are:

Craig Patterson, Harry Jones, Keith Miller, Mark Muntzinger, Mark Rose, Paul Selking, Luke Thompson, Michael Kuhn, Keri Latin, Linda Kraus, Jodi Hartman, Dee Dee Beights, Stephanie Maxson; and Pastors Shawn Davis and Karl Frincke, Advisory.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ONCE A PASTOR IS CALLED...

A number of things happen! A congregation officer telephones the pastor to tell him that he has been called. The congregation sends official call documents and anything else that would help him understand the church and community. The pastor may or may not tell his congregation of the Call. It is certainly the wisest thing to do. He is supposed to also tell the Circuit Visitor and his District President. He, his family, and the congregation pray about it, seeking God's will. He may ask others to do the same. He and the calling congregation may have phone conversations about a variety of things relative to the Call. A visit is most often arranged for the Pastor to meet leaders, learn more about the church and community. The period for all this varies; there is no one prescribed way for these things to happen. Often (but not always) the Pastor takes 4-6 weeks to pray and deliberate with his family and possibly the leaders of the church he serves. If he declines the Call, he lets the calling congregation and the congregation he serves know. He also informs his Circuit Visitor and District President. If he accepts the Call, he notifies them, and does what he thinks is important to wrap up his ministry at the congregation he presently serves. He and his family may make a second visit to look for a place to live, look into schools, etc. Then (often) in about 4-8 weeks, he, along with his family, makes the move to his new calling and begins to settle in. This depends on a number of things like, major happenings in the congregation he presently serves, his wife's employment, the school year (for the children), selling a house, etc. The "new" congregation and he decide when officially he begins his new ministry. An installation worship service is held, which is the formal commencement of the Call.

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 (April 10) is a service where 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 14 at 1:00p and 7:00p) is a service dedicated to remembering Jesus' Passover meal with his disciples where he washed their feet and taught of the sacrifice he was about to make. At this meal, he also instituted the practice of communion. Purple is the color of the cloth that adorn the sanctuary. As we participate in this service, we solemnly acknowledge the humility, love, mercy, and obedience that Jesus displayed. **New to our practice this year - Luther Hall will be set up with a space to be invited into prayer and contemplation an hour before and after the services.**

Good Friday (April 15 at 1:00pm and 7:00pm) is a service that began in the early Christian church. It is also called the Order of Tenebrae or Darkness. Black cloth will be draped throughout the sanctuary and during the service, light is gradually removed. Scriptural accounts tell the story that brings us closer and 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 paid for our sins as well as the powerful hope of resurrection. **As we enter into the church building this year you will notice several prayer stations set up in the Lobby. Please take some time to visit them.** We also practice entering and leaving in silence to allow our meditation to be undisturbed.

Easter (April 17 See following page 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.

ORDER EASTER FLOWERS—enjoy them at home after Easter services!



Now through Sunday, April 10

Beautify our sanctuary on Easter with your flower order at the Lobby table or contribute to the flower fund by using a pew envelope designated to Altar Guild Flowers.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 17

7:00a

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

9:00a (also livestreamed at stmfw.org)

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

9:09a

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

11:00a

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 Academy Chef Terry Hammond. A free will offering will benefit the youth attending the National Youth Gathering in Houston. **Please register your attendance at stmfw.org!**

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CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 1, 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.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POTLUCK

Sunday, April 24, 5:00-7:00p

We are blessed to return to community meals at our congregational meetings! Please join us for the meal at 5:00p and meeting to follow. Our semi-annual meeting agenda will include elections for several Church Council officers, Elders, and Trustees. Childcare will be provided during the meal and meeting.

A-F bring a main dish

G-L bring a salad

M-S bring a side

T-Z bring a dessert

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR SHAWN

VOTERS' MEETING QUORUM

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity" (Psalm 133:1)! Thank you to everyone who attended our congregational meeting this past weekend. It is a blessing that we extended a call and came together in unity! I still sit in awe of the way people attended and had a voice in our future.

DCE INTERN UPDATE

St. Michael received word that we were not chosen as a site for a DCE Intern. This decision was based on the availability of interns and finding the right churches for the three DCE interns that went out from Concordia Nebraska. It was not a reflection on St. Michael! The visiting supervisor had only praise and thanksgiving to share about our ministry and leaders. Do not be discouraged! We are exploring other options to support our youth ministry!

Go and Serve "Go, and make disciples!" Matthew 20:19

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, FROM 9:00A – NOON

We are thankful for another opportunity to be Christ's hands and feet in our community. Our Go and Serve days give us an opportunity to be a positive influence in our communities and step alongside our partners in ministry to see how God is working through them. We have scheduled this Go and Serve just after Easter, so it can be a time of invitation for people you meet on throughout Holy Week. Sign up at stmfw.org to serve at one of our sites and invites others to join you!

SHEPHERD'S HAND COMMUNITY CENTER

Help with a variety of projects as directed by Deaconess Kim Trimbley, including but not limited to diaper repackaging, landscaping, helping fill a raised garden bed, and more.

CAMP LUTERHAVEN

Enjoy the great outdoors as you help camp with a variety of activities that help them prepare for the rest of spring and summer. This could include painting, weeding, blazing trails, etc.

REDEMPTION HOUSE (10:00a start)

Wayne Street House

Come alongside girls in the house to get some work down inside and outside the house as they prepare for the rest of spring and summer.

ST. MICHAEL

We will be tackling a handful of different projects around St. Michael and in our neighborhood. A group will be helping in the outdoor classroom space, a group will be going on a prayer walk and picking up trash in our neighborhoods, and another group will be helping make blankets in Luther Hall, along with other smaller projects in and around the church.

• • • NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently working on setting up serving opportunities through short-term adult mission trips. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months! There will be local options throughout the summer and a five-day option in Puerto Rico, October 10-15. Each trip will entail several training/preparation meetings, the trip dates, and debriefing day set up by the team. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Shawn (pastordavis@stmfw.org).

MUSIC MUSINGS

*Jesus Christ is risen to day, Alleluia!
Our triumphant, holy day, Alleluia,
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia,
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia,
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia,
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!*

The dark, somber songs of Good Friday give way to the light, joyful music of Easter as we celebrate Christ's "triumphant, holy day"—triumphant because God gives us victory over death and Satan. **Isaiah 25:8** says "And he will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from the earth." Each stanza in the hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* alternates between statements about the resurrection and Alleluia; a word of praise that has been absent from our music during the season of lent. We can indeed praise God with joy at what HE has done! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! **ALLELUIA!**

SMLC ACADEMY NEWS

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Annual Academy Fundraiser! Special thanks to Chef Terry for the gourmet lasagna and the 15 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! Find more information and register at <https://academy.stmfw.org/>.

JOIN THE ORCHESTRA!

Our orchestra will continue to meet this month to prepare for both Easter and Confirmation. Here are the upcoming rehearsals: Saturday, April 16, at 9:30a to rehearse for Easter; Thursday, April 22, at 6:00p and Wednesday, April 27, at 7:00p to rehearse for Confirmation on Sunday, May 1, at 10:45a. For a set of music, contact our worship director, Stephanie Maxson at stephanie@stmfw.org.

CHOIR REHEARSALS CONTINUE

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 13, the (SATB) Adult Choir will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00p-8:00p in the sanctuary through May 25. The Men's Choir (TTBB) will meet at 6:30p on Wednesday, April 27, May 11, and May 25. The Women's Choir (SSAA) will meet at 6:30p on Wednesday, April 20, May 4, and May 18.

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 30.

Saturday Band Line-up

- April 2—King's Strings
- April 9—Life Song
- April 16—No Saturday service (day before Easter)
- April 23—Life Song
- April 30—Jubilant Fields (Blue Grass)



THOUGHTS FROM CELINE

There is a story of two artists challenging one another to paint the picture of peace. One painted the picture of a quiet lake away up on a mountaintop—not a breeze stirring, not an animal moving. All was perfect stillness and silence. The second artist painted a picture of a roaring waterfall with a mighty tree hanging over it. In the crook of the limb that was bending over the turbulent waters and almost engulfed by the spray of the water, there was a tiny sparrow sitting calm and undisturbed in her nest. She was snug in the branch of the mighty oak without a worry in the world. Both artists agreed that the second picture with the still, calm sparrow was a better depiction of the concept of peace.



The practice of **STILLNESS** as a Christian brings peace, like the peace the little sparrow was experiencing. Peace, because when we stop and are still, quieting the noise on the inside and outside, we focus on God and see just how much power, love, and control he possesses.

To be still means to stop. The original words are actually closer to muzzling something or holding your tongue. So when Jesus “quieted” the storm, you can read that as Jesus looking into the wind and waves and declaring, “I muzzle you!” Personally, I love that! When the pace of life around me or my thoughts, emotions, and even my body are loud and pushing me to Go!, Do!, Feel!, Think!, the power and Spirit of God enable us to STOP!

- We have the ability to stop and observe God at work at any moment, yet we do not often practice stillness. That is nothing new. In Isaiah 30:15, we read how Isaiah laments the Israelites inability to be still. We recognize that this may not be out of pure defiance; in fact, we may even believe that we are well-intentioned— accomplishing kingdom work. Raising a family, working full-time, maintaining social awareness, engaging with friends and family as well as enjoying the little time we have left in the week.
- We may even take on mantras like “idle hands are the devil’s playground” or “stay active, stay alive.”

Isn’t being lazy a bad thing? Yes, but that’s not the same as practicing stillness. Again, stillness is when we stop. We don’t try to solve the problem, we don’t try to work harder, and we don’t try to push through. We give up. Yes, give up. If even for a moment, and we turn to God.

It’s in these moments that we can truly learn that God does have it all worked out. Want some examples? Look up these stories in scripture: 2 Chronicles 20:1-12, Exodus 14:5-14, 1 Samuel 12:16-18 (NIV), Mark 4:35-41, Luke 23:44-49.

This month as we practice stillness, look for places where you can...

- Focus on breathing—just for a few breaths, especially if you feel overwhelmed or numb.
- Take a moment and do a check with each of your 5 senses
- Physically slow down—maybe take a slower walk to/from the car, especially on a nice Spring day
- Reduce the external stimuli—turn things off, close the door, lower the lights
- Take time to listen to a song or sing a hymn—Be Still My Soul (LSB 752), Abide With Me (LSB 878), The Lord’s My Shepherd (LSB 710) are some good great hymns to start with!

resources to check out

Let the Ground Rest <https://youtu.be/yb689df236g>

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/43982455-the-ruthless-elimination-of-hurry>

Practicing the Presence of God <https://churchleaders.com/pastors/free-resources-pastors/145403-brother-lawrence-free-ebook-the-practice-of-the-presence-of-god.html>



BOOK CLUB

Book club will meet the third Thursday of the month (April 21) in the conference room. This month's selection is *Flying Angels* by Danielle Steele. Happy reading!

J.O.Y. GROUP

April 21

If you're 55 years or older, please join us for a Botanical Gardens tour and lunch at Hall's Gas House! Cost is \$7 plus your lunch. Reserve your spot by April 19 with Penny at 580-8730. Rides are available from St. Michael.



April 26

Mark your calendars for Bible study with Pastor Karl on Corinthians 15. Coffee and treats are provided.

May 12

Make plans to visit the Vietnam War Memorial Wall at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum. Need a ride? Meet at the church at 10:00a. Otherwise meet in the parking lot at 2122 O'Day Road at 10:30a. Return to the church for pizza and conversation! Reserve your spot by May 5 by calling Penny at 580-8730.

May 24

Mark your calendars for Bible study, coffee and treats in Luther Hall.

COFFEE BREAK WOMEN'S STUDY— April 13/27



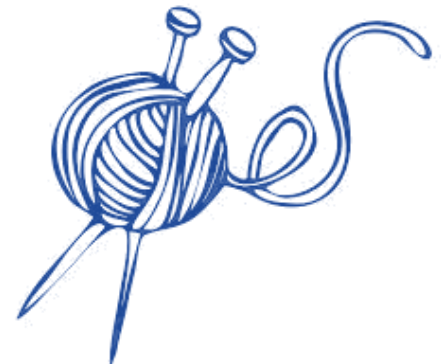
New members welcome! We will meet from 9:15a-10:45a in Luther Hall to continue our study of "Rediscover Jesus" as well as color postcards for shut-ins. We will meet every second and fourth Wednesday. Please contact Janet Olson at jmo11434@gmail.com for information.

PRAYING FOR OUR NATION—April 6/20

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 5/19

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.



BELONG

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, April 12, at 7:00p in room 13.

Upcoming Activities

- April 19 – A Hope Center Banquet
- May 7-8 – Mother's Day Carnations

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/>



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. To request care from a Stephen Minister or find out more about Stephen Ministry at St. Michael, contact Linda Kraus at 446-4347.

FAMILY MINISTRY FROM CARRIE

APRIL 3

For those families who will be in town, we will be offering a combined Sunday School hour for all ages hosted by Keith and Bethany from Camp Lutherhaven. Join us during the regular Sunday school hour for some extra special fun!

APRIL 10

Mark your calendars for St. Michael's annual Easter Egg Hunt taking place from 9:30a-10:30a. Families meet in the gym at 9:30, where we will begin with a welcome and music. We will divide into age groups and participate in fun activities centered on the Easter Story.

We are collecting donations of individually wrapped candy for our Easter egg hunt goodie bags. Please drop off your contributions under the counter in the lobby by April 3. We're specifically looking for individually wrapped bags of Skittles, Smarties, Dum-Dum suckers, and fruit snacks.

We are also looking for volunteers for the Easter Egg hunt activities on April 10. Students in grades 6-8 as well as high school youth and adults are needed to help lead and assist with our activities. You can see a full list of volunteer needs and sign up at stmfw.org.



The children will also be processing in with palm branches to start our services on Palm Sunday. If your child(ren) would like to participate, please be in the lobby 5-10 minutes before the service starts, and we'll pass out the branches and line up!

Photo opportunity! Our Easter Egg hunt day will include a coloring station, where we focus on the names of Jesus and words that describe Him. These coloring pages will then be used to create a bulletin board display in the hallway just **inside door 11** where families can have their picture taken on **Easter morning**. Be sure to bring your phone or camera and check it out!

SAVE THE DATE! VBS WILL BE FROM 9:00A TO NOON, JULY 25-29. MORE EXCITING DETAILS TO COME!!!

BELONG BECOME BLESS

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.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 15

Never explored Scholarships before? Income thresholds have increased again and many more Indiana families qualify than ever before. Check it out! [ESM Scholarship FAX Updated 2.8.22](#). Application for scholarships is separate from the enrollment process. Only families that have completed the re-enrollment process will be considered. Once completed, you can return the scholarship application AND a copy of your Federal Form 1040 to either school office. **Completed scholarship applications are due April 15 for priority consideration.** Following the priority deadline, applications will be considered based on the remaining funds available. Questions? Contact Karen Clendenen, Finance Manager: 459-1616 | kclendenen@esmeagles.com

HELP WANTED—GETZ ROAD EXTENDED CARE

We are in need of someone to work at the Getz Road Extended Care on Mondays only through the end of the school year. This would be 8 Mondays from 3:00p—6:00p. An application is available for download by clicking [HERE](#). Please complete and either scan it to Mrs. Jennifer Ackmann (jackmann@esmeagles.com) or send it to 1123 Union Street, 46802. Questions? Call the school office at 422-6712 or email Mrs. Ackmann at the above email address.

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. For a complete job description, please click [HERE](#) and for an employment application please click [HERE](#). Please call the Union Street office at 422-6712 or email Keri Latin, klatin@esmeagles.com, if you have any questions. Thank you!

K—3 MUSICAL

Please join us on Friday, May 6 as our K—3 students sing and dance their way through the musical *The Agape League*. Show times are 10:00a and 6:30p and the musical will be presented in the Union Street gym.

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!



April Activities and Events

Buddy Activities:

Getz Road Campus

Preschoolers will be paired with 3rd grade students for reading time and a Nature Scavenger Hunt

Union Street Campus

Preschoolers will be paired with 8th grade students for reading time, and Easter Egg Activity and a Nature Scavenger Hunt

Life Science:

Butterflies

PreK students at both campuses and 3/4s class at Union will learn about the life cycle of the butterfly as they watch caterpillars eat, form a chrysalid, and eventually emerge as a butterfly

Ants

The 3/4s class at Getz will get an up-close look at the fascinating life of Harvester ants! Students will watch the ants tunnel, explore, and forage throughout their rugged mountain environment

Field Trips:

McMillan Health Center

PreK students from the Union Street Campus will visit McMillan Health Center

Fire Station

Preschool students from the Getz Road Campus will visit the Fire Station



ST. MICHAEL FUN AT THE TINCAPS!

JOIN US IN COMMUNITY!

- Tuesday, June 21, 7:05PM, for \$2 Tuesday!
- Ticket price: \$13 each
- Reservations begin April 23/24 ONLINE at stmfw.org
- Deadline for reservations: June 12
- No refunds



thank you

We would like to thank our St. Michael family for all the prayers and support we received after the recent death of our daughter. You were not only a comfort to us but also an example of Christ's love to others in our family. God bless you all. *The Wittwer Family*

REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp and Summer Class registration is now open! Summer Camps are available for K-12 grade students and feature something for all interests, including sports, computers, band, drama and rocket science! We also offer summer classes for students in grades 8-12 (during the 2021-22 school year). Learn more and register at www.clhscadets.com/summer.

SIGN UP FOR OUR AJ ARNETT 5K HONOR RUN

Join us for the A.J. Arnett 5K Honor Run on May 21 at Concordia Lutheran High School. The run is organized by JROTC students and will benefit Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana and Shepherd's House Fort Wayne. This is open to anyone and is pet and stroller friendly. **ALSO, students in grades K-8 can run free!** Early registration runs through April 30. Register and learn more by visiting <http://www.ajarnetthonorrun.com/>.

JOB POSTING

Concordia Lutheran High School seeks a qualified candidate to serve as a Family & Consumer Science Teacher. A Bachelor's Degree or higher, with teaching license, Career & Technical Education (CTE) certification, or endorsement in Family and Consumer Sciences are required. Preference given to candidates with a minimum of three years of successful teaching. Consideration will be given to candidates who can acquire an Indiana Workplace Specialist License. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	February 2022	January – February 2022	February 2021
Offerings & Other Income	\$126,827	\$284,967	\$103,452
Ministry Expenses	\$132,473	\$250,675	\$94,604
Income over Expenses	\$(5,646)	\$34,292	\$8,848
Future Expansion	\$611	\$1,684	



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 Lutheran Church Foundation Award Requests

Requests for funds will be received until 5:00p on Tuesday, April 5. Awards will be announced on the weekend of April 23/24. A door collection /envelope offering will also occur that weekend to benefit the Foundation. Awards will be made from designated funds and the general endowment fund to church and mission causes. Applications are encouraged to expand the mission and ministry of SMLC. Submit an explanation letter to the St. Michael Foundation in care of Ron Menze, Foundation Advisor (menzeron@gmail.com) (341-5289) or into the Foundation mail slot at church. Electronic submissions are encouraged. The pandemic has delayed & modified the timing of our Endowment Awards for the last two years. We have returned to Spring awards!

YOUTH

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING UPDATE

THANK YOU for your pie orders! 80 pies = \$1,500! We have raised well over \$36,000 including over \$16,000 from congregational donations, \$1,500 in a leadership grant and over \$6000 from youth service projects. Wow!

Here is how you can help us reach our goal!

1. Plan to attend the Easter Breakfast and give generously.
2. Have the youth come to serve you and give generously.
3. Make a donation to our trip in honor of one of our students. Commit to praying for them.

To God be the glory as we work together to encourage and support our youth!

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECTS/FUNDRAISER FOR NYG

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

YOUTH NIGHTS IN APRIL

High school youth only (grades 9-12)	April 10/24	6:00p-8:00p
Middle (grades 6-8) and high school youth	April 24	4:00p-8:00p
Bible Study / Luther Hall led by NYG students	April 24	5:30p
NYG Parent Meeting	April 24	6:00p

CONFIRMATION



This month, we continue the tradition of having Eighth Grade Confirmands give personal accounts of how impactful their confirmation verse is on their lives. This endeavor can be daunting for many students. If you are in a service where a confirmation testimony is given, please take a minute to encourage that student after worship.

Confirmands, our class will meet on Sundays at 9:30a on April 2, 9 and 24. We will meet by zoom on Monday, April 18. We will zoom with the elders on Monday, April 25. Confirmation rehearsal is Friday, April 29 and Sunday, May 1 is Confirmation at 10:45a.

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.

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REDEMPTION HOUSE

St. Michael will support the residents with meals at Wayne Street on April 10 and May 1; and Fairfield Avenue on April 10 and May 15. Please call or text Candi Luchnenko at 302-2909 to help!

LWML SPRING RALLY

Saturday, April 23 8:30a-11:30a

Join us at Christ Lutheran Church in Woodburn. Registration is \$6 by contacting Mary Nichols at 450-0025. Bless others with your gift of blankets, socks, crossword puzzles and more. Deadline is April 17.

LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION

June 17-19 at CLHS

Join us for inspiring speakers, Bible Studies, singing, fellowship, opportunities to serve. The cost is \$50. Register at lwmlindiana.org by May 31. Contact Linda Chapman at 417-3052 with questions.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 7 from 8:00a-2:00p

To schedule your blood donation appointment please visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "stmichfw". You may also schedule via the Blood Donor App or call 1-800-REDCROSS. Can you help? Contact Tina at tina@stmfw.org or call 432-2033.

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 once again hosting a Memorial Family Work Weekend. Registration is live for this free Memorial Weekend event that runs from May 27-30. We are providing online registration to help collect information about which days and meals you may be attending. For more details and a link to register and reserve your spot, visit our [website](http://lutherhaven.org/event/family-work-weekend/) or use this link: <https://lutherhaven.org/event/family-work-weekend/>. We hope you will join us at Lutherhaven as we prepare to reach out with God's love to the 1400+ campers anticipated this summer!

We know these are strange times, but we believe 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.



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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Serving in April 2022

	Dates	Saturday	Sunday	
			8:00	10:45
Altar Guild	April	Carol Olry, Judy Pieper, Sherry Buuck, Stacey Saunders		
Elders	April	John Baker and Tom Latin	Mark Muntzinger	Harry Jones
	2/3	Open	Open	Nolan Nutter
	9/10	Open	Open	
	14	Open		
	15	Helene and Naomi Hendrickson		
	17	9a Helene and Naomi Hendrickson; 11a Taylor Klein		
	23/24	Open	Open	Nolan Nutter
	30/1	Open	Open	Naomi Hendrickson

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON THESE APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

	date	years		date	years
John and Laura Elmer	4/2	28	Randy and Lois Squire	4/18	17
Ricky and Heidi Marks	4/2	40	Daniel and Catherine Busse	4/19	36
Matt and Melyssa Lennington	4/3	13	Jon and Tina Conrad	4/20	9
Chon and Sharon Michael	4/4	24	Timothy and Lisa Klein	4/20	15
Keith and Jana Peters	4/5	14	Paul and Mae Rogers	4/20	54
Charles and Lou Ann Presti	4/11	35	Mark and Cindy Kaszowski	4/21	43
Ben and Adrienne Moeller	4/12	8	Kent and Amy Litchin	4/23	34
Dan and Brenda Mauricio	4/13	26	Dave and Sandy Hopper	4/24	19
Curt and Stephanie Graber	4/15	33	Kent and Karen Baker	4/26	47
Ted and Brenda Hathaway	4/16	45	Doug and Lori Inman	4/28	5
Jim and Olga Mendenhall	4/18	13			

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS—April 23/24

God bless Maddy Biggs; Nathaniel Heilman; Max Henry; Hunter, Lennon and Sullivan Smith; Conor Burgess; and Autumn Peters.

GAP MINISTRY—April 23/24

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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stress: Constraining forces or influences that can cause bodily or mental tension

We've all felt it and know what it is. But sometimes the stress level reaches a point where things begin to break. Do not let your stress reach that point. Stephen Ministers are available to help you work through life's difficulties and to give you a safe confidential place to vent your troubles. For more information about Stephen Ministry, please contact Linda Kraus at 446-4347.

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you. Psalms 55:22a



We would like to thank our St. Michael family for all the prayers and condolences, cards and kind words at the passing of our father, Ted. *Laura Strouts and Carl Braun*

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