



# January

newsletter

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2023!





We all know that it's not uncommon for people to establish new year's resolutions. Maybe you've made a few yourself, but what percentage of us keep them?

In an article last year in the business magazine **Inc.** entitled, "Studies Show 91% of Us Won't Achieve Our New Year's Resolutions. How to Be the 9 Percent That Do," the author makes four suggestions:

1. Set specific and challenging goals.
2. Set goals you want to pursue with relentless drive and passion.
3. Get a support system.
4. Focus on smaller goals to hit your big goal

If you make any new year's resolutions, maybe those four points are helpful. **But the real reason I mentioned them is because I have a goal (a challenge) for all of us this year.** As a congregation, I propose we read through the New Testament in 2023. Read on and see how the four points above apply to us on page 2!

## CONNECT WITH PASTOR GOFF

-  1. Our goal is specific – read through the New Testament in a year. (Notice I didn't say, "Read through the whole Bible in a year.")
-  2. Pursue it with relentless drive and passion. Don't think of it as a chore. Prove to yourself that intentionally spending time in God's Word is something you value. Commit to it. Embrace it. Own it.
-  3. Have a support system. You have one, the rest of the congregation! But what is even a better support system is if you are in a Connect Group here at St. Michael, or a family group, or Bible study group or whoever it is that you regularly walk through your life and faith with.
-  4. Smaller goals help us hit our bigger goal. The plan we are proposing for reading through the New Testament is reading a chapter a day, five days a week. That's it. One chapter a day, five days a week, for 52 weeks – and you will have read the entire New Testament in 2023.

Check out [stmfw.org/reading-plan](http://stmfw.org/reading-plan) for more information and additional resources in the Parish Notes. We will provide you with a 52-week reading plan—hard copy or an app—to use for your daily reading. Also, each week in worship, we will provide an outline to use alongside what you will read in the coming week.

**Our church's mission statement is simply, "Connecting people to Jesus, and others."**

But how can we do that, or how can we best be equipped to do that? Our approach at St. Michael is

**". . . becoming more like Jesus, belonging to His body (the church), and blessing His world."**

That's how our church describes what it means to live out being a disciple of Jesus Christ, and a significant part of "becoming more like Jesus" is reading God's Word.

I'm excited for the new year before us, and I look forward to walking with you in reading through the New Testament this year. I pray you will resolve to be a part of this too.

*Pastor Dennis Goff*



### **NEW BIBLE STUDY! MAKING RESILIENT DISCIPLES FOR LIFE—January 8**


The theme for the 2022-2023 academic year for Emmanuel-St. Michael Lutheran School is, "Making Disciples for Life." However, drawing upon the recent research from the Barna Group outlined in the book, "Faith for Exiles: 5 Ways for a New Generation to Follow Jesus in Digital Babylon," Pastor Goff and ESM Principal, Dr. Ben Stellwagen will lead the adult Bible class on Sunday mornings entitled, "Making Resilient Disciples for Life." Not only has the pandemic fostered social isolation and broken connections in relationships, it has been made worse by existing trends in modern social behaviors and norms that impact our life as disciples of Jesus. **In a post-pandemic environment, what opportunities does the church have to heal the hurting, restore with hope, and fulfill our mission?** We believe youth and families can emerge from these challenges with a renewed resolve and confident in the joy and purpose that is assured to us in Christ. We will explore how nurturing the faith, vocational training, and forming Christ-centered relationship can strengthen a Christian community that is both resilient and missional. **"Making Resilient Disciples for Life" is an eight-week study, relevant for everyone!**


## CONNECT WITH PASTOR SHAWN

Happy New Year! This year as we concentrate on reading through the New Testament together, I am excited to hear what God is speaking into all of our lives. Hearing and responding to God's plan for us helps us understand what it means to "Go and make disciples..." in our context. (I'm skipping a little ahead, Matthew 28.)


In the weekly resources, we will look at what it means to *Bless His World* both personally and corporately as we work with our partners-in-ministry. Opening the Bible on a regular basis gives us a missional mindset, which means we are hearing and responding to what God is speaking into our lives.


As we begin this journey together, here are the Bible tools that I use on a regular basis to help me process and live out what God is speaking into my life:

 **NIV Bible**, this hard copy of the Bible does not have notes or other distractions, which allows me to stay present in my reading.

 **Youversion Bible App** ([Bible.com](https://www.bible.com)), this Bible App allows you to read or listen to different versions of the Bible, along with joining in reading plans that help you break down daily readings. This QR code will take you directly to the St. Michael reading plan.



 **OliveTree Bible App** ([olivetree.com](https://www.olivetree.com)), this app allows you to piece together a library of resources to dive deeper into the Bible. Contact me if you would like to learn more.

 **BibleHub.com**, this free website has a plethora of free information to help unpack verses in the Bible in unique ways by offering many resources in one place. The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge (TSK) gives a great cross reference of verses allowing discovery of how scripture interprets scripture. You can also take a glimpse at the original Hebrew or Greek of a verse to discover deeper meanings.

Over the past year, I was blessed on a journey of learning how to be a leadership/life coach. In that journey, one of the courses I took was "Coaching for Spiritual Growth." If you feel overwhelmed at the thought of reading the New Testament in a year or want to explore tools to help you discover what God is speaking into your life, let me help. Here is a link to my calendar to set up a time to grab a coffee, lunch, or a coaching session: [calendly.com/pastor\\_shawn](https://calendly.com/pastor_shawn).

I look forward to hearing and responding to what God is saying to me and helping you discover what he is saying to you as well.

Pastor Shawn

### WELCOME!

On January 8, we welcome our DCE Intern, Emma Deines. We look forward to helping Emma learn how to put her education through Concordia University (Seward, Nebraska) to practical use in ministry at St. Michael and beyond.

Help us welcome Emma by joining us at her installation at 10:45a!



We would also like to bless Emma as she begins her ministry with us. We are seeking unique ways to help her explore our community and state. Do you have a favorite activity or restaurant that you would like to share with her? Connect with Pastor Shawn or Celine as they put together ways to bless Emma throughout the month of January.

# NEWS FROM STEPHANIE

Is your New Year's Resolution to try out one of St. Michael's music groups?! Great! Now is a great time to join since we are starting fresh with new music!

**Vocal groups** will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, January 4. We have a TTBB Men's Choir that sings once a month and SATB Adult Choir for high school-adults that sings about twice a month. We also have a SSA Women's Choir. Check out the schedule below for rehearsal times. We'd love to have you join us!



### Vocal Groups (meet in the sanctuary)

Men's Choir (TTBB):	Wednesday	6:30-7:00p
Women's Choir (SSA):	Wednesday	6:30-7:00p
Adult Choir (SATB):	Wednesday	7:00-8:00p

**Handbells** will begin rehearsal again on January 9. We currently have two groups for adults, Resound and Harmony Ringers, and a kid's choir for students in grades 3-8. If you are interested in any of our bell groups, please contact our bell director, Celine Newman at [celine@stmfw.org](mailto:celine@stmfw.org). **Bell groups (meet in the sanctuary):** Harmony Ringers (high school-adult) meet Monday 6:00-7:00p; Resound (high school-adult) meet Monday 7:00-8:00p; and **Grace Notes** (3-8 grade) meet Monday 3:30-4:45p.

**Instrumental Music** has several offerings! Our **orchestra** includes brass, woodwinds, percussion and string players. The orchestra is a great place for students who have had at least one year of band up to adults. (Even adults who have not played their instrument for a while!) Please contact our orchestra director [denicebeights@gmail.com](mailto:denicebeights@gmail.com) for more information. St. Michael's flute choir practices Sunday mornings from 9:00a-9:45a and plays about once a month. Contact our music director at [stephanie@stmfw.org](mailto:stephanie@stmfw.org) for more information.

St. Michael's **Blue Grass Band**, Jubilant Fields meets Thursday evenings at 7:00p to play gospel blue grass. Come join us!



We are excited to introduce **New Song**, a band that will be part of the rotation leading Saturday worship. This group will be led by Pauline Benner and allow us to include more musicians in our ministry. Praise God for continuing to provide musicians with a heart to serve Him!



**Guitarist? Drummer? Piano player?** Stephanie would love to talk to you and find out how we can get you plugged into music at St. Michael. Please contact her at [stephanie@stmfw.org](mailto:stephanie@stmfw.org) or 432-2033 ext.202 for more info on how to get involved in one of our bands.

**A New Sound System** will be installed in the sanctuary in January. This will replace our outdated system, improve our live stream mixing capabilities and give our band members the ability to control their own monitor mixes. We will also be providing tech training. If you are interested in being part of our tech team, please contact Marisa Wren at [marisa@stmfw.org](mailto:marisa@stmfw.org).

**Concordia High School Symphonic Band** will be part of both services on Sunday, January 15. Come support these talented young musicians (including some of our own youth) as they share their music and lead us in worship.

Tune in to **Worship Anew** on January 21 to hear our Adult Choir sing. View Worship Anew online at [worshipanew.org](http://worshipanew.org) or on WISE Channel 33, WINM Channel 12 or DIRECTV Channel 377.

## Saturday Band Line-up

January 7 New Song    January 14 Life Song    January 21 King's Strings    January 29 Life Song



## ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

We had over 40 students and their teachers participate in our Christmas recital! What a blessing to hear and see students use their gifts in music, dance and art! Semester II still has some openings for private lessons in piano, violin, guitar, and woodwinds. Visit our website at <https://academy.stmfw.org/> to register. Private lessons and group classes begin January 10. Kindermusik classes resume also.



Congratulations to Amaya Tietz and Joel Weisner the two new recipients of the St. Michael academy **Music Merit Scholarship**. Students receive this award based on dedication to practice, exceptional musical growth, and service to the Lord with musical gifts.

Did you know that over half of our Academy students are not members of St. Michael? The Academy of the Arts is definitely an outreach into our community! Along with students who share their gifts at St. Michael, our students are also sharing and leading music in their home churches. What a blessing to be able to equip and encourage these students to share their musical gifts to the glory of God!

## COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Are you aware that January is Mental Wellness Month? Make a new year's resolution to strengthen your mental wellness! Mental and behavioral health issues can be a silent battle. But there's always hope on the horizon. Whether you want to raise awareness, reduce stigma, find help or assist others—it's time to Look Up. You can start by looking at [lookupindiana.org](http://lookupindiana.org) for resources, information and providers. Celebrate National Compliment Day on the 24<sup>th</sup> and National Fun at Work Day on the 27<sup>th</sup>!

### LUTHERAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lutheran Foundation has scholarships (starting at \$1,000) to award to students pursuing degrees in nursing or other healthcare professions. This broad category encompasses undergraduate and graduate students in nursing, counseling, physical therapy, mental health, dental and medical programs, and more.

***Please forward this to anyone in northeast Indiana who is pursuing a degree in healthcare!*** Application deadline is noon on February 1, 2023. ***Click here*** for full eligibility information, scholarship application instructions, and an application!

## FAMILY MINISTRY FROM CARRIE



**Family Fun Brunch on Saturday, February 11  
from 9:00a-11:00a**

**Help! Does your business or workplace order paper reams in bulk? If so, please save and bring in your paper ream boxes for VBS!**

# THOUGHTS FROM CELINE

## BELONGING TO GOD'S PEOPLE AT ST. MICHAEL

As we begin our new year, we continue working to get people at St. Michael connected into His community. By God's design, Christian community is an essential part of being a disciple. It is in Christian Community that we are encouraged, supported, and find accountability, and it is Christian community that we are both reminded of our unshakable belonging in Christ as well as experience belonging amongst his people. Being a part of Christian community is essential to growing into the people God calls us to be. With this in mind...

*Community Groups at St. Michael exist as a means for people to experience connection with Jesus through intentional Christian community.*



### Types of Community Groups at St. Michael

We know that it takes time and repetition to get a new concept in our minds. So, I wanted to take this opportunity to share the design of our Community Groups at St. Michael. I hope that as you look at how you are connected to God's people, this will be an important piece to help with knowing how you can become more connected or how to help others become more connected. Below are the three large categories that groups are split into:

Bible Study Groups	Connect Groups	Serve Groups
<i>Groups gathered around the study of God's word.</i>	<i>Groups gathered around common interests, geography, life-stage.</i>	<i>Groups gathered around the intention to serve or lead inside and outside the building.</i>
<i>The main focus is edification in God's word</i>	<i>The main focus is fellowship.</i>	<i>The main focus is to actively be fulfilling a need.</i>
<i>These groups will likely reform everytime a new topic is begun.</i>	<i>These groups are likely to be "life-long" or members may come and go as they identify with the identity of the group.</i>	<i>These groups will be active as long as the needs exist, resources of people, and money are available.</i>

This chart is an attempt to make things clear for communication purposes, but groups may fit characteristics of several categories. In fact, the more a group does this, the more well-rounded it will be. For example, a Bible Study group scheduling time for fellowship and participating in service events together; a Connect Group spending time in God's word together and participating in service events; and a Serve Group being purposeful about devotions at each gathering and gathering with a focus on fellowship and not service.

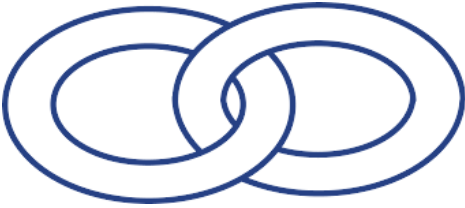


*"I'm still unclear about Connect Groups and Bible Study Groups, and you have been talking about them a lot. Can you help me understand the difference?"*

Sure! Continue reading!

## THOUGHTS FROM CELINE *continued*

Bible Study Groups are formed with the purpose of going through a specific study such as looking at Love Languages or going through a book of the Bible and when that study is done then the group is done.



A connect group may do a Bible study together, but members of this group will stay in the group after the Bible study curriculum is done. Perhaps they will continue to gather for prayer, meals, or even the next study. It is always possible that a Bible Study group becomes more of a Connect Group.

Connect Groups may also form around an activity, such as dartball; a stage of life, such as being a mom; and location, a small group that meets in families homes.

We certainly hope that you find community and connection in both types of groups! It is not as important that a group fits a category as it is that we are finding belonging at St. Michael. If you have further questions, would like to be a part of community life at St. Michael, or are interested in starting a group, then let's meet up! I want to hear more.

*Celine Newman, Director of Belonging*

## Dear St. Michael...thank you!

Sharon and I Just wanted to take a moment to give a shout-out and thank you to all the women and men that took time out of their busy schedules to decorate our church home. The sanctuary and lobby were beautifully decorated and delivered a very warm welcome to everyone entering the church. Thank you for your time and commitment to make St. Michael such a warm place to worship.

Also, we wanted to thank the members of the choir, orchestra, and hand bell choir for the time they put into preparing their part in our Christmas celebration. The music was beautiful and set the tone to prepare us for the coming of our Savior. The message delivered and the warm atmosphere shouted out a Merry Christmas to all who came to St. Michael's this season!

*Dan and Sharon Smith*



**T**hank you so much to the many members of St. Michael who helped us and prayed for Jim during his recent hospitalizations, surgeries, and recuperations. We appreciated all the meals that were sent as well as the yard work, which was so beautifully done for us as Carol continues with her cancer treatments. Thank you for all the cards and texts of encouragement as this difficult period dragged on for months. But most of all, thank you for the prayers for healing. God has blessed Jim with good doctors and surgeons and is now looking forward to a full recovery. God is good!

*Jim and Carol Weide*

# BELONG

## NEW BIBLE CLASS—FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Join us during the Sunday school hour, January 15 through March 12. The cost per individual/family is \$79.99 which includes all the virtual materials needed for the class. If you would like a physical notebook, please order it online. Important Note: individual/family finances are not discussed during the class! Please register at <https://www.fpu.com/1156792>.

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



Tuesday, January 3 and 17

Pastor Bruckner leads us in Bible Study the first and third Tuesdays!

## PRAYING FOR OUR NATION—January 4/18

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](mailto:charrison75@comcast.net)).

## PURLS—January 3/17



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—January 11/25

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](mailto:jmo11434@gmail.com). If you're planning ahead, mark your calendars for February 8/22, March 8/22 and April 12/26.



## BOOK CLUB—Thursday, January 19, at 10:00a

Book club will meet the third Thursday of the month in the conference room. This month we are reading *Dreamland* by Nicholas Sparks.

## CELEBRATION LUNCHEON FOR WOMEN IN MISSION—February 5

Join us to celebrate the women who are in mission at St. Michael! At noon on Sunday, February 5, we'll have a lunch; fellowship and a guest speaker addressing different ways for women to be active in mission. This event is sponsored by the LWML of St. Michael. Please register at [stmfw.org/events](http://stmfw.org/events).

## LWML WEEKEND—February 4/5

The LWML is collecting mites. Along with giving cash, please make checks out to St. Michael and put LWML mites in the memo line.



# BELONG

## LENTEN DINNERS

If you or your small group are willing to prepare a Lenten meal prior to our midweek services, please contact Tina in the church office at 432-2033 or email her at [tina@stmfw.org](mailto:tina@stmfw.org). Thank you for serving!

## CONNECT GROUPS

If you are willing to lead a group or have questions, please contact our Director of Belonging, Celine Newman. If you would like to get connected to a group go to <https://stmfw.org/connect>.

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST—January 21 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](mailto: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](mailto:Dennis.Brink@att.net).



Join the group of members participating in the **Northeast Indiana March for Life on January 28 at 12:00p**. The rally begins at the University of St. Francis Performing Arts Center at 431 W. Berry Street.

**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. ❄️

**WHO BENEFITS FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY?** Everybody benefits from Stephen Ministry. Those receiving care from Stephen Ministers benefit because they receive prayer and support throughout the crisis they face. Stephen Ministers benefit through the spiritual growth they experience from being involved in meaningful ministry. Our pastors benefit because caring ministry at St. Michael is expanded, and fewer people will slip through the cracks. Most of all you benefit from the knowledge that special care is available to you should you need it. In addition, you now have a place where you can refer a friend, neighbor, coworker, relative, or anyone else you know who is going through a difficult time so that they can receive special care when they need it most. Stephen Ministry makes St. Michael a much more caring place! Call Linda Kraus for more information at 446-4347.

# EMMANUEL-ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Emmanuel-St. Michael Lutheran School will be joining with Lutheran Schools around the country and the world to celebrate during the week of January 22. We are thankful for Emmanuel and St. Michael congregations and their faithful support of ESM both spiritually and financially. ESM celebrates its unique mission as a distinctively Lutheran school in providing 'Education for Life and Faith for Eternity'!



## ESM KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL INFORMATION AND ENROLLMENT SESSIONS

Are you exploring Preschool or Kindergarten options for your child? Do you have a friend or neighbor who is looking for an excellent school for their family? With a long history of academic achievement, Emmanuel – St. Michael Lutheran School exceeds the standard for excellence of education in northeast Indiana. However, at ESM we hope to provide even more. In partnership with families, that foundation of faith, academic excellence, and preparation for a life of service and leadership is formed. Come learn more! **REGISTER ONLINE** at [www.esmeagles.com](http://www.esmeagles.com).

### KINDERGARTEN Information and Enrollment Sessions:

- Wednesday, January 18 OR Wednesday, February 15
- 6:30p-8:00p | Getz Road Campus - 2131 Getz Road



### PRESCHOOL Information and Enrollment Sessions:

- Thursday, February 2 | Getz Road Campus - 2131 Getz Road  
OR Thursday, February 9 | Union Street Campus - 1123 Union Street
- 6:30p-7:30p
- Information session for parents



**QUESTIONS? - Contact Erin Clark, Director of Admissions | 260.422.6712 | [eclark@esmeagles.com](mailto:eclark@esmeagles.com) | [www.esmeagles.com](http://www.esmeagles.com).**

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**KINDERGARTEN**  
INFORMATION & ENROLLMENT SESSION

**BELONG BECOME BLESS**

## St. Michael welcomes Emma Deines as DCE Intern



St. Michael welcomes Emma Deines, our new Director of Christian Education (DCE) Intern! Emma is from St. Charles, Missouri, and grew up attending Immanuel Lutheran Church and Immanuel Lutheran Day School. Emma played field hockey at Lindenwood University before she felt God's call to Concordia University Nebraska. At Concordia, she took on a dual major of DCE and Elementary Education and will graduate following her internship.

Emma loves to spend time with my family and friends and traveling to National Parks to hike. She enjoys watching and playing all sports, but her favorite is ultimate frisbee and mountain biking.

Emma is excited to join the staff at St. Michael! Her hope is that she can learn more about being a leader, grow as a DCE, and use what she has learned in school to help grow the community of St. Michael. She is looking forward to meeting the congregation and getting to know the city of Fort Wayne!

**Emma will be installed on Sunday, January 8 at 10:45a!**



### YOUTH NIGHTS IN JANUARY

Middle School meets at 4:00p on January 22

High School meets at 6:00p on January 8 and January 22

## CLHS



### JOIN US FOR OUR "LAST CHANCE" OPEN HOUSE

Join Concordia Lutheran High School for our "Last Chance" Open House from Noon to 3:00p on Sunday, January 22. This is our last open house of the year. You will have the opportunity to tour the high school, meet our teachers, and learn about our great academic and extracurricular programs. Register now at <https://www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/open-house>.

### LEARN ABOUT CLHS THROUGH OUR RECORDED WEBINAR SERIES

There's a lot to think about when finding the right school, so let's break it down! We have been running a [webinar series](#) about what it means to be a Cadet at CLHS. Hear about our academics, extracurriculars, and our foundation in faith. The webinars are on demand so [click here](#) to see past webinars.

### GYM FLOOR DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF EUGENE PARKER

Concordia celebrated the dedication of its new gym floor, the Eugene Parker Court, on Friday, December 9. The Eugene Parker Court is named in remembrance of Eugene Parker, a 1974 Concordia graduate. He was a standout basketball player at Concordia and then later at Purdue University. He continued to carry his faith and servant heart into his business and life. He founded a sports agency where he served professional clients in athletics and entertainment, including Emmitt Smith, Deion Sanders, and Rod Woodson. He was also inducted into the Concordia Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010 during its inaugural year and is a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Parker passed away in 2016 following a battle with kidney cancer.

**BELONG BECOME BLESS**

# ST. MICHAEL FINANCIAL UPDATE

## January to November 2022

<u>INCOME</u>	Actual	Budgeted	Actual vs budget
Offerings	\$1,295,211	\$1,496,669	\$(201,458)
Facility	\$5,938	\$6,875	\$(937)
Interest	\$5,384	\$-	\$5,384
Grants	\$36,122	\$47,653	\$(11,531)
Fellowship	\$829	\$-	\$829
ESM/CLHS Support	\$4,557	\$-	\$4,557
Misc.	\$11,964	\$6,100	\$5,864
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,360,005</b>	<b>\$1,557,297</b>	<b>\$(197,292)</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Missions	\$ 22,361	\$32,824	\$(10,463)
Education	\$ 595,642	\$594,138	\$1,504
Youth & Family	\$ 20,443	\$20,175	\$268
Administrative	\$ 35,409	\$45,463	\$(10,054)
Pastoral Support	\$ 6,080	\$8,527	\$(2,447)
Worship	\$ 10,662	\$16,885	\$(6,223)
Boards & Committees	\$ 17,598	\$11,587	\$6,011
Utilities, Maintenance & Supplies	\$ 159,826	\$150,239	\$9,587
Salaries	\$ 434,354	\$492,685	\$(58,331)
Taxes and Benefits	\$ 124,660	\$163,623	\$(38,963)
Nursery, Gym Setup, Worship	\$ 5,627	\$8,393	\$(2,766)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,432,662</b>	<b>\$1,544,539</b>	<b>\$(111,877)</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$(72,657)</b>	<b>\$12,758</b>	<b>\$(85,415)</b>



Exhibit A



Exhibit B

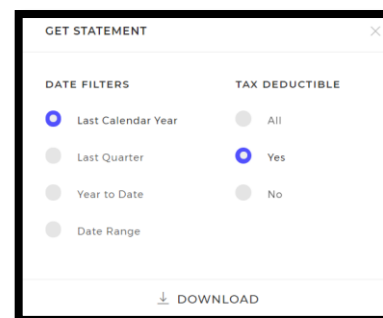


Exhibit C

## How to Retrieve Your Offering Statements

1. Go to <https://stmfw.fellowshiponego.com>.
2. Logon with your user name and password. If you do not know your user name and password, email [tammy@stmfw.org](mailto:tammy@stmfw.org) or click on Forgot Password.
3. Click on the circle in the top right corner with your initials. You will be taken to your profile.
4. Select GIVING (Exhibit A above).
5. This will display your pledges and all your offering history.
6. Select STATEMENT (Exhibit B above).
7. Click on the required date filter (Exhibit C above) and which transactions you want to include on your statement (ALL, tax deductible (YES), or non-tax deductible (NO)).
8. Click on DOWNLOAD at the bottom of the window.

If you have any questions or would like the church office to print you a copy, feel free to reach out to Tammy Bruns, Executive Director, at [tammy@stmfw.org](mailto:tammy@stmfw.org).

## Pledge Cards

Your pledges are between you and the Lord. St. Michael does not use the pledge card to modify your online giving. If you need help updating your online giving, please contact Tammy Bruns, Executive Director, at [tammy@stmfw.org](mailto:tammy@stmfw.org).

## Automated Giving

St. Michael offers electronic giving for members. Visit our website and click on "Giving".



# BELONG BECOME BLESS

## LWML NEWS

Plans are in the works for the National Convention in Milwaukee, WI, 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 know as soon as possible.

## REDEMPTION HOUSE

The regularly scheduled meals will be January 8 at Wayne Street and January 15 at Fairfield. If you would like to help, please contact Linda Chapman, 417-3052.

## GAP MINISTRY—January 21/22

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**

**IMPACT** is a High School Winter Retreat, held January 13-15, planned and led by the Leadership Impact Team (LIT) of High School aged individuals that are selected by Camp Lutherhaven for the event. In other words, Impact is by High Schoolers for High Schoolers. Under the direction of Lutherhaven, this will be an event that focuses on connecting in relevant and authentic ways with participants. Because the leadership team is intentionally made up of peers and role models their own age, participants experience a ministry impact carefully and prayerfully crafted from those immersed in the uniqueness of teenagers growing with Jesus in a complicated world.

# JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



God's blessings to...	Day	Years	God's blessings to...	Day	Years
Zach and Nicole Evans	1/6	22	John and Carol Olry	1/13	55
Philip and Ashley Murphy	1/8	1	Bill and Mary Davis	1/21	56
Steve and Anni Rhodes	1/8	41	Walt and Diane Hess	1/21	27
Paul and Jane Sieber	1/11	48	Jim and Pat Williams	1/21	56
			Marty and Paula Cole	1/26	32

# JANUARY BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

We will celebrate baptism birthdays on January 21/22. Please pray for Jack Burgess; Jack Bains; Sophia Fieldhouse; Aubrey Peterson; Evan Meyer; Elijah Jomo; Franklin and Ben Mendenhall; Joey Brooks; Lincoln Bruce; and Anora Bornheimer.





# 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.

Beginning January 1, 2023, St. Michael will resume its practice of having the common cup as an option at Sunday worship services when Holy Communion is offered. Both individual cup and common cup will be available on these Sundays.

## 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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