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I'm writing this newsletter article on day one of Vacation Bible School. Wow! What an amazing event this is. With the theme of **"Keepers of the Kingdom: Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth,"** the church has been transformed into a castle. Everything about this week is fun and festive – the crafts, the games, the lessons, even the snacks!



The overall theme of the week comes from Ephesians 6:10-18, where the apostle Paul talks about us being equipped with the armor of God. Each day, the lessons will focus on different parts of that armor – belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, helmet of salvation, and more.

But in looking at these verses, I think there is one verse that we can't overlook. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (6:12). What that verse reminds us is that being a "kingdom keeper" is not just fun and games. In reality, it is life and death. There is truly a spiritual battle going on all around us. We don't always see it, but sometimes we do. We don't always know the effects of it, but sometimes we do experience them. But clearly behind the scenes, there are spiritual forces of evil at work. And that affects us all.

It is because of what the apostle Paul alerts us to in Ephesians 6:12 that we do everything we do here at St. Michael Lutheran Church. We host Vacation Bible School, we are a part of an amazing Christian day school here at Emmanuel – St. Michael Lutheran School, we have Sunday School classes, Confirmation instruction, small group ministry, women's Bible studies, youth ministry, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning and more – all for the purpose of equipping us to be kingdom keepers in our own personal lives and in our world. Please don't ever take for granted, or minimize, or ignore, or not be a part of – what we are all about here as a church. It is all intended to strengthen your faith and equip you in this spiritual battle.

We recognize, and regularly confess, that Jesus has won the victory. "Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of Him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil" (Colossians 1:15). And, Jesus says, "Because I live you shall live also" (John 14:19). Jesus defeated the enemy – sin, Satan, death, hell – in His resurrection. Jesus holds the victory and by faith in Jesus, so do you. But it is imperative that even as we are victorious, that we "be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power" (Ephesians 6:10).

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Carrie Gould and ALL the people who have assisted and participated in VBS here this year!!! But as fun as this week is for nearly 200 children, may we all not forget that the spiritual battle rages on and so let us continue to be equipped in our life of faith. That is why I think it is worth regularly praying what Martin Luther included in his Morning and Evening Prayer: "... let your holy angels be with me that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen." Pastor Goff

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# **CONNECT WITH PASTOR SHAWN**

#### CHECK THIS OUT!

What: Back to School Clinic in Luther Hall

- Super shots clinic
- Kindergarten eye screening
- Middle School sports physicals
- Parent resources

When: July 24/25 from 9:00a-12:00p| July 26 from 4:00p-7:00p

Needed: Medically-trained personnel, hospitality, set up and tear down

Contact: Pastor Shawn at pastordavis@stmfw.org

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—Tuesday, July 18

Join us in Luther Hall from 12:00p-6:00p and save lives! To schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org and search sponsor code STMICHFW or call 1-800-REDCROSS.

## **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Are you available for two to four hours, either morning or afternoon, to help in the church office? Volunteer requirements include: the ability to respect the confidential nature of information regarding members' personal information and/or circumstances; computer skills and familiarity with Microsoft software; willingness to learn the operation of office equipment, including but not limited to the copier, folder, postage scale, door buzzer, and phones. If interested, please talk to Tina or email tina@stmfw.org. Thank you!

## **REDEMPTION HOUSE**

The meal for July will be at Wayne Street only on July 9. Saturday, August 5, will be the "Renovation Open House" for the Fairfield location. Come and rejoice with us! We will resume meals at both houses in August. The dates are August 6 at Wayne Street and August 20 at Fairfield Avenue. Contact Candi Luchnenko at 422-2061 if you are available to prepare a dish!

## CAN YOU JOIN OUR TEAM OF GREETERS, USHERS, OR COFFEE CREW?

St. Michael aims to have over 50 people join our team of **Ushers, Greeters, Information Desk Guides and Coffee and Donuts Team**. Can you help us meet this goal even one week this year? Let Celine Newman or Tina Hoover know! (celine@stmfw.org and/or tina@stmfw.org). We have volunteer training scheduled for Sunday, August 20 at 11:30a, including lunch!

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## **BROWN BAG JULY CHILDREN'S MESSAGES**

We're bringing back the treasured brown bags! Sign up to provide an item for our children's message.



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# **NEWS FROM STEPHANIE**



## VBS

...is on my mind! As St. Michael is being transformed into a castle by our amazing volunteer decorators, I am trying to mentally prepare myself for singing *I'm a Soldier* 87 times......Ok, maybe only 42 times, but it's still a lot! Actually, we cannot be reminded too many times of the daily battle we face with sin and the temptations and lies Satan continually hurls at us. We *need* to put on the armor of God; the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes readied with the gospel message, the shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. Ephesians 6:10-20 reminds us that we are at war. *But thanks be to God who gives* 

us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! 1 Corinthians 15:57. I invite you to click on the link and listen to I'm a Soldier and remember the VICTORY has been won for each of us! Alleluia!

## **INTERN UPDATE**

What has Owen been up to this past month???? Along with transcribing music and directing our instrumental small groups, Owen is learning to play Ukulele and the bass recorder! He also helped teach our first ever VBS music youth elective, and is working on a Lenten composition project. We are very grateful to have Owen share both his talents and time with us this summer.

## ACADEMY UPDATE

The Fall Semester of St. Michael's Academy of the Arts will begin August 14. Register now at <u>academy.stmfw.org</u>. We are also looking for another piano teacher. If you are interested please contact our Worship Director, Stephanie Maxson, at <u>stephanie@stmfw.org</u>.

## ST. MICHAEL MULTI-ARTS RETREAT—October 20/21

St. Michael is partnering with United Adoration to host a retreat designed to bring artists together from our church and community for a time of creativity, collaboration, and renewal. Artists of all ages and experience levels are welcome- songwriters, visual artists, writers, poets and more. We will use scripture and our Lenten theme to glorify God with our creative gifts.

Register at https://unitedadoration.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1758970

## SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Vocal Choirs**

During the summer our choirs take a break from weekly practice, and instead practice 30 minutes before the service. Most of the songs are not difficult and give a great opportunity to give our groups a try with a minimal commitment. Feel free to join us for the following times in June. Our music director is happy to send you the music ahead of time if you contact her at <a href="mailto:stephanie@stmfw.org">stephanie@stmfw.org</a>. Hope to sing with you this summer!

July 9 @ 10:00a Men's Choir July 23 @ 8:00a Women's Choir July 30 @ 10:00a Adult Choir Children of the Heavenly Father Just a Closer Walk with Thee How Can I Keep From Singing Psalm 150



# **NEWS FROM STEPHANIE**

#### **NEW** Instrumental Choirs

Do you play an instrument? This summer we are looking for instrumentalists to play in small 'choirs'. This is a **one-time commitment**; our goal is to provide opportunities for Adults or youth who have had at least 3 years of experience to play together. Thanks to our summer music intern, Owen Kaiser, for directing and adapting music for these groups!



July 2 @ 10:00a Brass Choir July 16 @ 10:00a Flute Choir July 23 @ 10:00a Saxophone Choir August 6 @ 8:00a Strings Choir





#### JULY SATURDAY BAND LINE-UP

- July 1 VBS children and youth band
- July 8 Life Song
- July 15 King's Strings
- July 22 New Song
- July 29 Jubilant Fields (Blue Grass)

#### **CALLING ALL ARTISTS!**

Show your work August 6-September 10

You are invited to submit up to two original works for adjudication. Art should reflect the theme "Be Not Afraid", capturing the promises of hope and courage found throughout the Bible. Art need not be specifically ecclesiastical, but should express an assurance of hope for a fearful world.

Entries must be submitted in digital form by July 9 to <u>emmanuelartshow23@gmail.com</u>. Notification of acceptance will be provided by July 22. For the entry forms, dates and rules, see emmanuellutheran.org (upcoming events). Please also see the poster and QR code in the St. Michael hallway across from Pastor Shawn's office. Join in this celebration of faith and art!





It's never too late to join our New Testament Reading Challenge! Join us for the study of Romans!



# FAMILY MINISTRY FROM CARRIE



Our Keepers of the Kingdom VBS served over 190 kiddos, with half of those un-connected to St. Michael! We had over 70 volunteers helping with all sorts of things; decorating, taking things home to work on, crocheting dragons, serving snacks, working directly with the kids, supporting the volunteers, and so much more!

Every ask and wish list item was fulfilled and some of you even gave monetary gifts to help us even more. Wow! God is good and the people of St. Michael are a blessing! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

# A personal note from Carrie

As I wrap up my last month of working as the Family Ministry Coordinator, I've been reflecting on how God led me to this position and my journey through it up until now. It has been wonderful to coordinate opportunities for families to come together in fellowship with one another and in quality time spent together. It has been a blessing to me to serve the families of St. Michael as we all work together to serve our Lord. Thank you for all the support along the way and for always stepping up to meet any request I had. It has been an honor to have served in this position!

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#### PRAYING FOR OUR NATION—July 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 (<u>charrison75@comcast.net</u>).

#### PURLS— July 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.

#### LWML

St. Michael is hosting the LWML Fall Rally on Saturday, October 14. Save the date now and plan to attend!

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## SUPPORT OUR ST. MICHAEL SOFTBALL TEAM

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Join in Christian fellowship and fun at Kreager Park! July 10 Diamond 1 at 7:15p July 17 Diamond 3 at 9:15p July 24 Diamond 1 at 9:15p July 31 Diamond 3 at 7:15p

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

#### July 6 at 10:00a

Join us for coffee and donuts! We'll enjoy a presentation from Jim and Diana Sims grandson, Joe Lancaster, on his experience at the global finals of Destination Imagination.

#### July 13 at 12:00p

We welcome summertime with a picnic in the park on Thursday, July 13. Join us for fun and fellowship at the Hefner Pavilion. Reserve your spot by calling Penny Pequignot at 580-8730 by July 7. Cost is \$10 at the door.

#### August 10

Tour the "Worship Anew" recording facility on the Fort Wayne Seminary Campus with J.O.Y.! A box lunch will be available for \$8.00. Reservations will be open from July 13 through July 27 and can be made by credit card through the church website, or a check attached to the form on the flyer coming soon to the Information Desk.

#### CONNECT MEALS ON THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Join us for a meal at a local restaurant after the service on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next one will be July 15. Contact Celine Newman if you are planning on joining or for further details.



#### GAP MINISTRY—July 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.

#### **CHURCH OFFICER RECOGNITIONS**

Sunday, July 9 at 10:00a

#### CONGREGATIONAL TRIP TO FRANKENMUTH—October 16/17

Join friends and family from St. Michael for a 2-day motor coach getaway to Frankenmuth, Michigan! What more beautiful time of the year to visit Frankenmuth, Michigan, known as "Little Bavaria", when the Autumn leaves are bursting into full color and the Christmas spirit is approaching! Enjoy two full days of adventure, great food, history and fellowship with friends and family! Visit the Information Desk in the lobby for more information.

> COST: \$299.00 pp based on double occupancy Deposit to confirm reservation: \$100 pp – Non-Refundable Final Payment Due – September 1, 2023 Triple & Quad rates are available on upon request



# YOUTH WITH DCE INTERN EMMA DEINES

#### Check-in with DCE Intern Emma!

I have officially entered the 2nd quarter of my internship! Over these summer months, I have been able to connect with different groups at St. Michael. I have been able to do lots of planning and getting ready for another great year of Youth and Confirmation.

Also, part of the internship process is sitting down and getting to know families and individuals. This can be over a meal or coffee. If you are interested email me at <u>emma@stmfw.org</u> or text/call (636)-542-2876.

It has been a fantastic experience here at St. Michael! As I continue to grow as a leader, I look forward to all that is ahead in the future.

## HIGH SCHOOL WEEK OF SERVICE—July 17-21

High School youth keep your calendars open for July 17-21! We will be heading out into the Fort Wayne Community to help serve our neighbor. Throughout the week we will be going to Shepherd's Hand and Redemption House to help their communities. If you have any questions contact DCE Intern Emma (<u>emma@stmfw.org</u>). **Sign up here!** 

## YOUTH NIGHTS!

As we head into the summer, come join in the fun and bring a friend!

<u>High School</u>

Middle School

July 28 from 6:00p-11:00p

July 23 from 6:00p-8:00p

"Pool Party!"

"Lock-In"

# FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT!

#### July 19 from 6:00p-8:00p

High School Youth had a blast last month at Electric Works! There were intense games of Cornhole and Giant Jenga! Keep your calendars open and join us again at Electric Works on July 19th! See you there!





## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Middle School Youth (6th-8th) keep your calendars open for September 16/17 for the Indiana Junior High Rally at Camp Lutherhaven! This is a great opportunity to get together with other youth in Indiana to celebrate God's love for each and everyone one of us! Are you ready to "Start Your Adventure"? **Sign up here!** 







# CLHS

## **REGISTRATION AND BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE FOR CONCORDIA**



All students enrolled at Concordia Lutheran High School for the 2023-24 school year are required to complete paperwork for registration and attend the Back-to-School Open House any time at their convenience from 2:00p-6:00p on August 2/3. During this event, they will get your student's books, course schedule, and locker, and they will have their school photo taken. You will also have the opportunity to meet with our Business Office and Financial Aid as needed, and check out various clubs and activities through our different booths, including

JROTC uniforms and caps and gowns for seniors. Admission is still open for the 2023-24 school year. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Dawn Schuller, Director of Admissions and Retention, at (260) 483-1102, ext. 289 or <u>dschuller@clhscadets.com</u>.

## WE'RE HIRING!

Join an amazing team at Concordia Lutheran High School as a Grant Writer. At Concordia, everything we do starts with Christ at the Center and equipping our students for lifelong service as leaders who reflect Christ. This is a full-time position, and is responsible for creating effective and persuasive grant proposals that help fund the ministry of Concordia Lutheran High School. We are seeking someone with a Bachelor's degree in creative writing, journalism, communications, or related fields with two or more years in grant writing, researching, and reporting. They must have demonstrated proposal success and communication examples. We seek an individual who supports the beliefs and mission of CLHS and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). Candidates must demonstrate a commitment to the Christian faith in word, act(ion), and engaged membership of a Christian congregation. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit <u>www.clhscadets.com/employment</u>. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

# **EMMANUEL-ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

A Lutheran education at ESM establishes Christ firmly at the center of life and seeks to connect children and families to the grace freely offered by our loving Savior. Partnered with Emmanuel Lutheran Church and St. Michael Lutheran Church, we offer a distinctly Lutheran education, following Christ's example of intentional inclusion, where forgiveness, encouragement, growth, and faith is central to each day. ESM's highly qualified staff seek to provide measurable components of excellence in education. We are accredited by state and national programs and create an atmosphere where faith, service, and mission are lived out. With an average of 16 years' experience by our professional faculty and an average student/teacher ratio of 20:1, students are prepared with the skills and knowledge that life requires.

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#### DATES TO REMEMBER

 August 7
 1:00p-7:00p

 August 8
 12:00p-4:00p

 August 14
 6:30p-7:30p

 August 16
 All Day

Registration for all grades at the Getz Road Campus Registration for all grades at the Getz Road Campus Back to school night for all grades First day of school

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# **ST. MICHAEL FINANCIAL UPDATE**

#### May 2023

INCOME	Actual	Budgeted	Actual vs
			budget
Offerings	\$667,946	\$691,208	\$(23,262)
Facility	\$7,985	\$5,208	\$2,777
Interest	\$7,230	\$2,917	\$4,313
Grants	\$2,849	\$12,610	\$(9,761)
Fellowship	\$1,018	\$0	\$1,018
ESM/CLHS Support	\$80	\$0	\$80
Misc.	\$711	\$1,500	\$(789)
Total Income	\$687,819	\$713,443	\$(25,624)
EXPENSES			
Missions	\$4,638	\$7,892	\$(3,254)
Education	\$273,646	\$273,646	\$-
Youth & Family	\$3,814	\$8,458	\$(4,644)
Administrative	\$14,807	\$15,312	\$(505)
Pastoral Support	\$3,028	\$4,269	\$(1,241)
Worship	\$6,113	\$7,342	\$(1,229)
Boards & Committees	\$4,640	\$6,896	\$(2,256)
Utilities, Maintenance & Supplies	\$71,540	\$73,125	\$(1,585)
Salaries	\$236,672	\$243,853	\$(7,181)
Taxes and Benefits	\$55,554	\$73 <i>,</i> 835	\$(18,281)
Nursery, Gym Setup, Worship	\$3,770	\$3,639	\$131
Total Expenses	\$678,222	\$718,267	\$(40,045)
Net Income (Loss)	\$9 <i>,</i> 597	\$(4,824)	\$14,421

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.

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

Once logged in, 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 <u>tammy@stmfw.org</u>.

#### WHAT DOES THE CHURCH DO WITH THE CONNECT CARDS?

#### Does it really matter if you fill out a connect card or the "I am here form online?"

The short answer – yes! When you put your name on the card we record attendance and any prayers and thoughts are shared with the prayer team or staff as appropriate. When you fill out these cards, or the online form, it helps us to be able to keep in touch with you through communications that are more relevant to you. It is also a great way to get your thoughts and ideas to us.



# **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

#### **Biblical Financial Principles and 5 Practical Steps to Live by Them**

Financial management plays a significant role in our lives today. However, for Christians, the concept of financial stewardship goes beyond sheer money management. It is rooted in biblical principles that guide believers to view and manage their finances as a resource entrusted to them by God. In this article, we will define the principles of biblical financial stewardship and provide some practical steps you can take to live as a faithful steward.

#### WHAT IS BIBLICAL FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP?

Biblical financial stewardship refers to responsible and faithful management of the financial resources God has entrusted us. It recognizes that everything we have ultimately belongs to God and that we are called to use our financial blessings wisely for His purposes and glory.

#### WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP?

#### God's Ownership

Central to financial stewardship is acknowledging that God is the ultimate owner of everything. The Bible tells us, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1). Understanding this principle helps us adopt a humble and grateful attitude, recognizing that our possessions are gifts from God.

#### Faithful Stewardship

As stewards, we must manage our finances with faithfulness and integrity. This involves practicing honesty, diligence, and wise decision-making in our financial matters. Jesus illustrated the importance of faithful stewardship in the parable of the talents, emphasizing that faithful stewards are entrusted with even greater responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30).

#### **Putting God First**

Biblical financial stewardship requires prioritizing God in our finances. This includes giving to God first through offerings. By prioritizing God's kingdom first (Matt. 6:33), we acknowledge His faithfulness as a provider and invite His blessings into our financial journey.

#### **Contentment and Avoiding Greed**

Financial stewardship requires learning contentment and avoiding the trap of greed. The apostle Paul teaches, "But godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6). True wealth lies not in accumulating possessions but in finding satisfaction in our relationship with God. By avoiding greed, we can focus on the eternal rather than the temporal.

#### Generosity

Biblical financial stewardship encourages a spirit of generosity. As we recognize that our blessings are gifts from God, we are inspired to share them with others in need. The apostle Paul instructs believers to "do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share" (1 Timothy 6:18). Generosity not only blesses others but also reflects the love and generosity of our Heavenly Father



# **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Understanding these Biblical financial principles and many others from the Scriptures is essential, but we must go beyond knowing and understanding. To be a good and faithful steward, you must put these principles into practice.

- 1. **Develop a Budget:** Creating a budget is an essential step in financial stewardship. It helps you allocate your income wisely, prioritize expenses, and live within your means. A budget also provides clarity and control over your financial decisions, enabling you to align them with your values and God's principles.
- 2. Eliminate Debt: Debt can hinder your ability to be a faithful steward of your finances. Strive to reduce and eliminate debt by committing to a debt-free lifestyle. This may require adjustments to your spending habits and a commitment to live within the boundary of your income.
- 3. Seek Wise Counsel: Seeking advice from experienced and godly individuals can provide valuable insights and guidance for financial stewardship. Trusted financial counselors or mentors can help you make informed decisions, develop strategies for saving and investing, and help you navigate challenging financial problems.
- 4. **Regularly Review and Adjust:** Financial stewardship is not a once-and-done thing. It is an ongoing process that requires regular reviews and adjustments. Regularly assess your financial situation, review your budget, and make necessary adjustments to ensure that your financial decisions align with biblical principles.
- 5. **Cultivate a Generous Heart:** Intentionally look for opportunities to practice generosity. Give to your local church, support charitable organizations, and help those in need. Remember, generosity is not limited to finances alone; it can also involve sharing our time, skills, and resources with others

Biblical financial stewardship starts with recognizing God's ownership and our role as stewards. This role isn't something we do apart from God. Instead, we do it with God's help, which he provides through his Biblical financial principles. Through them, we can navigate our financial decisions with wisdom and purpose by prioritizing God, practicing faithful management, embracing contentment, and cultivating generosity. As faithful stewards, let us receive and practice these principles for our well-being, the advancement of God's Kingdom, and the blessing of others.

This article was modified from the Christian Stewardship Network.



# Thank you!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We want to extend our deepest and heartfelt thanks to all who sent cards, gave hugs and most of all said words of comfort for the untimely loss of our daughter-in-law, Lisa Olry. We especially appreciate your prayers. We could feel your love and comfort.

To God be the glory,

Carol and John Olry



## **ELDERS**

#### WHO IS YOUR ELDER?

You are encouraged to contact an elder any time you feel a spiritual need or concern! You are free to connect with any elder. If you have an assigned elder and want to know who that is, you may call the church office at 432-2033. Below are the email addresses for all elders. Their phone numbers can be found in F1Go. Information also is available on the church bulletin board! Please do not hesitate to reach out to an elder if you have a spiritual need. They are here to help you.

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# GOD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR JULY ANNIVERSARIES!

God's blessings to John and Susan Hein Stephen and Alyssa Bornheimer Tom and Keri Latin Murray and Cindy Mendenhall Larry and Kim Stickell Mark and Beth Behning Jared and Andrea Scherer Marc and Candy Briney Richard and Amy Grinsfelder Chris and Lisa Meeks Gary and Becky Yahnke	Day 7/2 7/3 7/3 7/3 7/4 7/6 7/7 7/8 7/8 7/8	Years 29 years 13 years 19 years 30 years 38 years 42 years 10 years 16 years 23 years 23 years 45 years
Chris and Lisa Meeks	-	-
Gary and Becky Yahnke	7/8	45 years
Kenlin and Andrea Kropf	7/12	26 years
Robert and Laura Strouts	7/14	26 years
Chad and Lisa Heilman	7/14	11 years
Joe and Judy Pieper	7/15	51 years
Jim and Pam Brewer	7/16	35 years
Ryan and Stacie Saunders	7/19	15 years

God's blessings to	Day	Years
Clint and Linda Lewis	7/20	50 years
Floyd and Carol Sims	7/22	62 years
Joseph and Nicole Wolfcale	7/22	28 years
Gary and Karen Houser	7/23	40 years
Shane and Maryann Ulmer	7/23	24 years
James and Sitterra Dumford	7/24	12 years
Bob and Rebekah Kartman	7/24	41 years
Luke and Hannah Thompson	7/24	13 years
Tim and Angie Bruckner	7/26	20 years
David and Kathryn Trinklein	7/27	50 years
Ron and Diane Menze	7/28	39 years
Fred and Marisa Wren	7/28	11 years
TR and Jen Ackmann	7/30	29 years
Terry and Sandy Butler	7/31	56 years
Paul and Barbara Gerken	7/31	52 years
Rob and Robin Kaiser	7/31	24 years

## JULY BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS



We will celebrate baptism birthdays on July 15/16 with Lennon Campbell; Ava and Jackson Clendenen; Charlotte Dougal; Mae Girardot; Norah Jones; Oliver Kuhn; Noah Lee; Logan Reidhaar; Emmaline Rose; Christina Squire; Clara Thompson; and Kaia Wren.

# **GOOD INFORMATION TO KNOW!**

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

To promote the overall health of our community, LSSI focuses on equipping willing families facing the most challenging obstacles with the skills necessary to make positive life choices as evidenced by advancement toward economic and family stability.



LSSI Works, is a workforce initiative by Lutheran Social Services of Indiana committed to providing participants personal and profession skills to find a sustainable career. Upcoming sessions begin on July 10, August, 7 and September 11. If you are seeking employment support or looking to hire ready to work employees, call LSSI (260) 426-3347 or visit <u>www.lssin.org</u>.



# WE ARE PRAISING GOD FOR VBS 2023! KEEPERS OF THE KINGDO 196 STUDENTS 85 VOLUNTEERS 38 FAMILIES/63 STUDENTS NO CHURCH AFFILIATION

