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#### **Hello from Pastor Goff!**

One of the challenges (in a good way) in coming to a congregation as a new pastor is to try to figure out all the rhythms and routines in the life of the church. I still have more to learn here (it's only been seven months), but I think I'm catching on.

And maybe one of the things for me to keep in mind is that while there are a number of things I find myself doing on a daily basis, as well as the rest of the staff, maybe some of that doesn't always get communicated to you, and it's not by intentional omission. So, with this month's article, I thought I would highlight a few projects related to the ministry life of St. Michael. Check them out below and on the following pages!

- > On Sunday, May 21, we received 32 people into membership here at St. Michael by adult confirmation, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of membership! Two people in that group, an adult and an infant, will also be baptized in a few weeks.
- May 26 was the last day of school for ESM. There was forty 8th graders graduating this year. Next year's enrollment will again be a record year. A few of the grades already have waiting lists.
- It's not unusual for there to be some staffing changes in the school each year. However, this spring there have been seven positions which needed to be filled for the coming school year. So far, six of those have been completed, guided by the diligent leadership of our principal, Ben Stellwagen, whose efforts this first year as our principal have been exemplary and tireless. (Thank you Ben for all you do for ESM and for both congregations!) The one remaining open position is for a new position created next year, Shepherd of the School. Just this week, a call was extended to a pastor for this position. He and his family will be visiting in the next few weeks as they pray over the opportunity to join in ministry with us at ESM next year.
- With two positions to our school being brand new next year, the School Counselor and Shepherd of the School, that necessitates the need for office space to accommodate them. Our St. Michael Trustees will be working this summer on making a few spacing adjustments in the school building to accommodate office space for both positions.

# PASTOR GOFF continued

- Next week, the church office staff will spend two days in a planning session for the next year (June 2023 August 2024). One of our main goals is to see how everything we do as a church flows out of the mission, vision, values, and objectives that have been established here.
- As a staff and lay leadership, some things we will begin to address this year are church governance, future staffing needs, and facility assessment.
- ➤ We formed a small committee, led by Pastor Shawn, to update our website and our digital communication footprint.
- > Speaking of Pastor Shawn, his call here to St. Michael is to be our "missional pastor." During the senior pastor vacancy, Pastor Shawn's focus became very generalized as he faithfully served the overall ministry needs of St. Michael. However, now we want to reconsider, together with the Elders, what the more specific role will be for Pastor Shawn as our missional pastor here.
- ➤ We formed a small committee, led by Celine Newman, to review our membership database and clarify membership status for some people we don't often see.
- Work is ramping up for our annual VBS, led by Carrie Gould, scheduled for the last week in June.
- As a part of her DCE internship experience, we have asked Emma Deines to review and revamp our Confirmation process and curriculum goals.
- As I'm typing this article, I can hear a crew of people outside my window who are part of the "Green Team" who come here every Wednesday to see that our landscaping and exterior looks inviting. THANK YOU!

There is certainly much more to share, but this is just a sampling of some of the many things going on as a part of the ministry of St. Michael to honor our Lord, serve His people, and carry out our mission of "Connecting people to Jesus and others." I'm humbled by, and thankful for, the many people I see as a part of this ministry on a daily basis. So thankful to be here with you!

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# **DID YOU KNOW?**

# 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.



We do read what you share on the back and follow through with connection, thoughts, and ideas. So, if you can just take a moment of your time each week and let us know you are here, we greatly value the information!

# **CONNECT WITH PASTOR SHAWN**

#### **BLESS HIS WORLD**

Over the past few weeks, we have been looking at the book of Acts in our read through of the New Testament together. (I hope and pray you are joining us in this adventure.) In the early days of the church, we see the Holy Spirit working.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47

Summer is kicking into high gear as school ends, students graduate, and vacations begin! As you plan your summer, my hope is that you are prompted by the Holy Spirit to live out your faith in ways that connect you more and more to Jesus. This summer we, as a congregation, have several opportunities to be hands and feet to our community and live out the idea of helping others and connecting them to Jesus.

#### JUNE COLLECTION



WE ARE COLLECTING GREEN BEANS AND CANNED CHICKEN! YOU CAN DROP OFF FOOD AT THE INFORMATION DESK OR IN THE LABELED BASKET BY THE OFFICE.

We are helping two organizations that are tackling food crises in our community throughout the year: NINE (Northeast Indiana Neighborhood Engagement) and New Life Lutheran food pantry. To learn more about NINE contact Dawn Buuck (804-1294 or tomordawn@msn.com) and to learn more about New Life Lutheran food pantry contact Jeanie Berger (804-1013 or jemburger@msn.com).

#### **NEW JULY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!**

What: Back to School Clinic in Luther Hall

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

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

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

Contact: Pastor Shawn at pastordavis@stmfw.org

#### REDEMPTION HOUSE NEWS



# Sunday, June 4 and July 9

The meal for the month is at the Wayne Street location. Please contact Linda Chapman at 417-3052 if you are able and willing to contribute! The renovation to the house on Fairfield is coming along well. An after-renovation Open House is planned for Saturday, August 5. Plan to celebrate with us!

Wayne Street Location

# **NEWS FROM STEPHANIE**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you **abide in my word** you are truly my disciples, and you will **know the truth**, and the truth will set you free. So if the Son sets you free, you will be **free indeed**. John 8:31-32, 36

For you who fear my name, the **sun of righteousness** shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out **leaping** like calves from the stall. Malachi 4:2

Sunshine! Regardless of the temperature, seeing the sun warms my soul and puts a spring in my step. Abiding in Jesus, the Son, brings us joy, peace, and hope for all eternity. How does this affect us? We have more than a spring in our step; we LEAP; like a calf that is freed from the stall!

#### **INTERN UPDATE**

Owen Kaiser has been busy his first few weeks as our music intern! St. Michael is blessed to have Owen share his many talents with us this summer. So far Owen has helped lead Saturday worship, shadowed ESM choir and music classes, chosen music for instrumental groups, put together choral packets, attended staff meetings, helped with planning for VBS, and written orchestration for 3 hymns. WOW!!!!! What did we do without an intern?!?!

#### **VOCAL MUSIC**



Rehearsals may have ended, but our choirs will continue to provide music throughout the summer. If you are interested in joining our choir this summer, please contact our Worship Director, Stephanie Maxson, at <a href="mailto:stephanie@stmfw.org">stephanie@stmfw.org</a> to get a packet of music and a schedule!

#### INSTRUMENTAL PRACTICES

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

Thursday 7:00p Blue Grass (Jubilant Fields)

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

Sunday 9:00a Flute Choir

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

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

*NEW* Middle School Music Option! Students in grades 6-9 can sign up for a special music elective during VBS. Students will help lead music each day during the opening and closing, and combine their talents, vocal or instrumental, to learn songs for worship on Saturday, July 1. **Please register** at stmfw.org (follow the VBS volunteer link)

#### **BLUE GRASS**

Our blue grass band, Jubilant Fields, will be playing both at home and on the road during the summer months. We will be playing at Camp Lutherhaven at 11:00a on Sunday, July 9, at the Towne House on Friday, July 14 and leading music during our 5:00p service on Saturday, July 29. We'd love to have you join us!

#### **SMLC ACADEMY NEWS**

**Summer lessons** are available! If you would like to continue/begin lessons, there are spots available. Many of our teachers will be continuing lessons through the summer, so it is not too late to sign up! You can register at academy.stmfw.org.

#### INSTRUMENTALISTS AND SOLOISTS

St. Michael continues to offer special music in our services through the summer. If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts by singing/playing a solo or with a small group during our Sunday worship services, please contact our worship director, Stephanie Maxson at <a href="mailto:stephanie@stmfw.org">stephanie@stmfw.org</a>. To God be the Glory as we praise His name!

June 3 Praise Band Leaders June 10 King's Strings June 17 New Song June 24 Life Song



# **FAMILY MINISTRY FROM CARRIE**

VBS is almost here! If you haven't registered your child to participate, or yourself to volunteer, do it now before registration closes on June 18th! We still need lots of volunteers! VBS will be held on June 26-30 from 9:00a to noon. We will have a King's Tournament Celebration on July 1 after the Saturday night service with games, food trucks, and family fun! Even if you can't make it to VBS, please join us for some fun on Saturday night!



Already registered? Have you made your family coat of arms yet? If so, bring it back to church and place it under the VBS table. If not, pick up a piece of poster board and get started!

We are still in need of a few items to help us make VBS great. Check out our wishlist <u>here</u> or scan the QR code at the VBS table! There are also tags in the Lobby for needed snack items. Please take a tag, purchase the item, and bring it back to church. You can place it under the VBS table or under the counter outside the office.

We also need to borrow a few items for our games. Check out the list below and contact Carrie at <a href="mailto:carrie@stmfw.org">carrie@stmfw.org</a> if you have any of the items and are willing to let us use them for the week.

- 2 small kiddie pools
- plush/soft balls
- Large size shoe boxes
- Bowling pins



We will be holding another VBS decorating workshop on Friday, June 2 from 10:00a-noon in Luther Hall. Please join us to help make decorations!



Decorating will begin on June 13 at 9:00a. We will work until 4:00p every day from the 13 to the 24 (except Sunday, June 18) so come in whenever your schedule allows, even if it's just for a short time and we will put you to work! On Sunday, June 25, we will need a handful of people to help us move the sanctuary decorations into place after the 10:00a service. We will need an entire crew of people to help tear down decorations on Friday, June 30 around 12:30p.

We will also need help setting up games and activities for the King's Tournament on July 1 around 4:00p. If you can help man a station during the celebration, please sign up!

Volunteer Training will take place on Sunday, June 4 from 9:15a-9:45a in Luther Hall and again on June 21 from 7:00p-7:30p. Please plan to attend one of the training times.

#### KING'S TOURNAMENT VBS CELEBRATION

#### Saturday, July 1 from 6:00p-8:00p

Join us for our VBS Celebration after the Saturday night service! We will be holding a King's Tournament, filled with games, food, and fun! We'll have horse racing, jousting, horseshoes, archery, and more! You won't want to miss it!



We need volunteers to help run our stations so please sign up to help!



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

# ESM has two important things to share as we discover the plans God has for us in ongoing ministry!

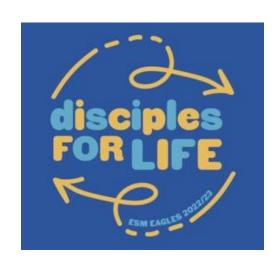
- 1) Rachel Malone will be teaching 4th Grade next year, with Abby McCoy moving to 6th Grade. Rachel has been teaching 4th Grade at Holy Cross the past 5 years and has many years of experience as a teacher and instructional coach with a master's degree in Reading Education. She is excited to join the team! And many thanks to Abby for her willingness to serve in a new capacity!
- 2) We have extended a Divine Call to Pastor Jeremiah Jording to serve as Shepherd of the School! Pastor Jording currently serves as sole pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in South Bend and is heavily involved in the ministry of their association school, Resurrection Lutheran Academy. He and his wife, Natalie, have three kids--Leah, Josiah, and Theophilus--and will be planning a visit. We wrap them in prayer for clarity and joy as they discern God's good plans for them! And we pray for St. Paul in South Bend as they do the same.

God remains faithful and His provisions are abundant. It is a tremendous blessing to serve alongside you all here. Glad hearts! The Lord has done great things for us (Ps. 126). And through you!

#### THE LUTHERAN EDUCATION LIFER AWARD!

Concordia Lutheran High School would like to recognize our 2023 graduating students that have gone through our Lutheran Schools from Kindergarten through the 12th grade. This is a list of our ESM students!

Dakota	Hitzemann	ESM and Sub Beth
Andrew	Scheiderer	ESM
Campbell	Twomey	ESM
Ruth	Kaiser	ESM
Addison	Kaiser	ESM
Kathryn	Thompson	ESM
Charlotte	Loechner	ESM
Olivia	Walker	ESM
Ethan	Madden	ESM
Anellah	Lichtenstiger-Jones	ESM
Wyatt	Raney	ESM
Jacob	Stir	ESM



This is our way to acknowledge family and student commitment to Lutheran education and the blessed foundation it builds for the next generation of Christians serving church and world. God bless Lutheran Education!

# Congratulations to our ESM EAGLE eighth grade graduates!



God bless your future plans!

You are a disciple for LIFE!

## **BELONG**

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

Join us the first and third Tuesdays for Bible study in Luther Hall at 1:00p!

#### 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 beginning June 23 and ending 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.

#### **PRAYING FOR OUR NATION**—June 7/21

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

# PURLS—June 6/20



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.

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



It was great to begin forming connections this past month. Are you looking for some connection? Come and join us for a meal at a local restaurant after the service on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next one will be June 17. Contact Celine Newman if you are planning on joining or for further details.

# **GAP MINISTRY**—June 17/18

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 AT THE TINCAPS

Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00p

If you've registered for tickets, please pick them up from Diana Sims before or after worship on June 3/4 or June 10/11.



# YOUTH WITH DCE INTERN EMMA DEINES

#### **CHECK-IN WITH EMMA!**

I have officially entered the 2nd quarter of internship! Over the next few months, I will continue to work and build relationships with elementary, confirmation, and high school students. I will also begin to branch out in some new teaching areas with the J.O.Y group. 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 <a href="mailto:emma@stmfw.org">emma@stmfw.org</a> 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.

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

**High School** 

**Middle School** 

June 25 from 6:00p-8:00p

June 11 from 4:00p-6:00p

# FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT! JUNE 14 from 6:00p-8:00p

High School Youth had a blast last month at Electric Works! There were intense games of UNO Flip, Avocado Smash, and amazing food with great fellowship! Keep your calendars open and join us again at Electric Works on June 14! See you there!

# WEEK OF SERVICE JULY 17-21 from 9:00a-12:00p

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. More information will be coming soon! If you have any questions contact DCE Intern Emma (emma@stmfw.org).



# **CLHS**

#### REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMPS AND CLASSES

Come and join Concordia this year for our many Camps during June and July! We have something for all interests and all ages (K-12). We also offer Summer Classes for students in grades 8-12 during the 2022-23 school year. Check us out now at www.clhscadets.com/summer.

#### SUMMER ALUMNI SHOW: BIG FISH

June 30 and July 1 at 7:30p

Directed by: Mr. Chris Murphy and Mrs. Rachael Wood

Based on the celebrated novel and the acclaimed film, BIG FISH tells the story of Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest...and then some! Edward's incredible, larger-than-life stories thrill everyone around him—most of all, his devoted wife Sandra. But their son Will, about to have a child of his own, is determined to find the truth behind his father's epic tales. Overflowing with heart and humor, BIG FISH is an extraordinary musical that reminds us why we love going to the theatre. *All tickets are \$7 for this show*.



#### **JOB POSTINGS**

Concordia Lutheran High School has an immediate opening for a key leadership position as we seek our next **Marketing and Communications Coordinator**. This candidate will play a crucial role in our high school's continued growth, strategic direction, and influence in the Fort Wayne area. The ideal candidate will relish growth opportunities, understand the importance of collaboration in the workplace, adhere to the values set forth in our Statement of Faith, and believe strongly in the mission of our high school. For a full job description, please contact Matt Konow, Chief Advancement Officer at <a href="mailto:mkonow@clhscadets.com">mkonow@clhscadets.com</a> or (260) 483-1102, ext. 251. We look forward to meeting the candidate the Lord has in mind as He works His will in the lives of the Concordia community.

Be a part of professional excellence at Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana. We are hiring for a **Social Studies Teacher** for the 2023-24 school year. In this position, you will be teaching in the areas of World History, United States History, and Geography, but you will have the freedom to educate students in new and creative ways (including a World Foods Day). We are seeking someone with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in Secondary Education, or a related field, a Teacher's License in Social Studies, and someone that possesses classroom teaching experience. However, recent graduates are welcome to apply. To learn more about the position and to apply, please visit <a href="www.clhscadets.com/employment">www.clhscadets.com/employment</a>. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

# ST. MICHAEL FINANCIAL UPDATE

# April 2023

April 2023							
<u>INCOME</u>	Actual	Budgeted	Actual vs				
			budget				
Offerings	\$535,442	\$552,967	\$(17,525)				
Facility	\$7,135	\$4,167	\$2,968				
Interest	\$5,527	\$2,333	\$3,194				
Grants		\$10,088	\$(10,088)				
Fellowship	\$647	\$-	\$647				
ESM/CLHS Support	\$80	\$-	\$80				
Misc.	\$410	\$-	\$410				
Total Income	\$549,241	\$569,555	\$(20,314)				
<u>EXPENSES</u>							
Missions	\$3,243	\$6,517	\$(3,274)				
Education	\$218,917	\$218,917	\$-				
Youth & Family	\$2,254	\$6,142	\$(3,888)				
Administrative	\$11,874	\$12,750	\$(876)				
Pastoral Support	\$1,942	\$3,565	\$(1,623)				
Worship	\$5,897	\$5,873	\$24				
Boards & Committees	\$3,685	\$5,667	\$(1,982)				
Utilities, Maintenance & Supplies	\$60,494	\$59,186	\$1,308				
Salaries	\$170,529	\$177,348	\$(6,819)				
Taxes and Benefits	\$41,610	\$58,394	\$(16,784)				
Nursery, Gym Setup, Worship	\$2,650	\$2,911	\$(261)				
Total Expenses	\$523,095	\$557,270	\$(34,175)				
Net Income (Loss)	\$26,146	\$12,285	\$13,861				

#### **FAMILY MINISTRY COORDINATOR**

St. Michael is looking for a part-time Family Ministry Coordinator to work five to ten hours per week. This important position helps connect families with children young (newborn to 5th grade) to Jesus and to others through Sunday School, VBS, and family events. If you are interested in applying or finding out more about the position, email Tammy Bruns at tammy@stmfw.org for a complete job description and application.

## **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			
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 <a href="mailto:tammy@stmfw.org">tammy@stmfw.org</a>.

**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 Christ Centered, Discipleship Directed, Family Focused and Mission Minded





# STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

### In Money We Trust by John Rinehart

Most pastors don't teach on money very often and most of us don't think we have a problem with it. But Jesus said it was our number one spiritual obstacle. About twenty-five percent of his teaching dealt with it. Can you imagine if your pastor taught on money once a month?

Jesus knew that something will always be in the center of our hearts and if it's not God, the most likely substitute is money. This is as true for housewives as for investment bankers, for ministry leaders as for corporate executives. Our main rival to loving God is loving money.

#### **From The Beginning**

The worst day in history was the day we stopped believing God is generous. You remember the scene in the Garden of Eden. Satan spun a lie that God is holding out on you. You can't trust him. If God really loved you than you could have everything you wanted. The devil took Adam and Eve's eyes off God's generosity and got them to focus on the one tree God said not to eat from. And they ate.

They are because they believed life would be better if they took what they wanted. They are because they believed God is not generous. This is where our love of money began. We loved created things more than the Creator, good gifts more than the Giver.

#### **Something's Missing**

We all wake up in this world with those same lies echoing in our hearts. We seek security and chase comfort in our bank account balances. We implicitly believe more money really would make us happier. We may not say this out loud, but at times we can all look to money as the answer.

Jesus told a story about a younger brother who was thinking this way and eventually spoke up and asked his father for an early inheritance so he could go have some fun. He took his father's wealth and chased his own first-century version of Las Vegas. Wild parties and expensive drinks were probably the kind of happiness he sought. But at the end of every night and the bottom of every glass something was missing.

Money didn't keep its promise. The friends it bought were temporary. The pleasure it provided ran out. And the surprising reality of money set in; it's not enough. Money will fail us. Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but there is coming a day when money will fail us.

#### **Generous After All**

The younger brother quickly found himself in survival mode, feeding pigs for some random farmer just to make a buck and Jesus said, "no one gave him anything." The world was cold and hard, not warm and giving. The only flicker of light left was the memory of his father's generosity. His father's hired servants had more than enough bread and they were only hired servants. He was a son. Perhaps, his father was generous after all.

Jesus highlights this as his turning point moment. This was his breakthrough. Seeing the truth of his father's generosity is what unlocked the lie. We too must learn to see our Father in heaven as the most generous being we could ever imagine. It's the way out of slavery to money. It's our first step back home.

Instead of holding out on us, God desires good for us and is working all things for our good all the time. (Romans 8:28) He even gave us his one and only son! God doesn't prevent all pain and struggle because his goal is our Christlikeness, but make no mistake, his heart is to bless us, to provide for us, and to give us good gifts. Do you see God this way? This is what I invite you to.

Every coin and bill of US currency has "In God We Trust" printed on it because our temptation is just the opposite. Like the prodigal son, we need to see and remember who our Father truly is. This is the life that's truly life.

# **ELDERS**

#### WHO IS YOUR ELDER?

You are encouraged to contact your elder any time you feel a spiritual need or concern! While members get assigned a particular elder, you are always free to connect with any elder. If you want to know who your assigned elder 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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We are pleased that Paul Selking, Mark Muntzinger and Nathan Nix are renewing their elder terms. We welcome Al Claus and Steve Manges as new elders! And we thank Harry Jones, Bob Kaiser, Zach Evans and Tom Latin for their years of service. You are all a blessing to St. Michael!

# **GOD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR JUNE ANNIVERSARIES!**

God's blessings to	Day	Years	God's blessings to	Day	Years
David and Dolli Hollmann	6/1	49	Brooke and Brandon Coe	6/16	11
Ken and Corinne Lyttle	6/1	21	Chad and Nicole Bohnke	6/17	17
David and Lynette Doust	6/2	39	Joe and Becki Fulcher	6/19	13
Kyle and Trisha Sorlie	6/3	6	Harry and Margaret Jones	6/19	52
Curtis and Elizabeth Etzler	6/4	6	Keith and Mickey Martin	6/19	41
Rick and Tammy Bruns	6/5	19	Ted and Cherie Walda	6/19	52
Dave and Jan Davis	6/5	58	Jim and Carol Weide	6/19	47
Nathan and Heather Nutter	6/5	19	Russell and Jane Grose	6/20	53
Jerry and Tammy Miller	6/6	25	Mark and Shannon Rose	6/20	8
Dan and Kris Reuille	6/6	36	Chad and Brenda Wagner	6/20	14
Mary Stiffler	6/7	43	Joseph and Jillian Harrison	6/22	11
John and Jenny Hendrickson	6/8	49	Stefan and Shelly Thieme	6/22	22
David and Kelly Kaufman	6/8	27	Donald and Peggy Fogle	6/23	50
Steve and Jan Smith	6/8	49	Josh and Amanda Howard	6/23	16
Doug and Sandy Manck	6/9	44	Rick and Monica Donaghy	6/24	44
Christian and Brandy Schult	6/9	16	Ron and Carol Korte	6/24	62
Zach and Hannah Maresh	6/10	6	Jason and Lisa Render	6/24	28
Steve and Linette Godfrey	6/11	35	Norm and Becky Biggs	6/25	18
Jason and Katie Johnson	6/11	18	Tim and Stephanie Maxson	6/25	29
Lynn and Sharon Scrogham	6/11	41	Carroll and Shirley Rands	6/25	68
Shane and Amy Collins	6/12	19	Paul and Darlene Buuck	6/26	41
Frank and Gloria Helfrich	6/12	52	Al and Deb Goebel	6/26	30
Todd and Melyssa Stock	6/12	24	Shanon and Elizabeth Ruch	6/26	24
Jim and Willie Biddle	6/13	66	Wayne and Karen Scrogham	6/26	19
Drew and Lindsay Landgrave	6/13	14	Jeff and Gretchen Screeton	6/27	14
Don and Becky Sir Louis	6/13	36	Jim and Jill Anelle	6/28	37
Peter and Adrienne Clendenen	6/14	15	Ed and Jill Kerr	6/28	15
Mike and Kay Zipse	6/14	43	Hank and Linda Koithahn	6/28	37
<b>Bob and Manna Bruckner</b>	6/15	55	Jon and Cristie Gerken	6/30	49
Kirk and Susan Eggebrecht	6/15	38	Joel and Gretchen Weerts	6/30	44
Steve and Margaret McDonald	6/15	21			
Steve and Colleen Berger	6/16	16			

# JUNE BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

We will celebrate baptism birthdays on June 17/18 with Lexi Bowman, Josie Bornheimer, Charlie Henry, Scarlett Leslie, Rylee Moloney, Riley Runyan, Braden Weible, Leo Leslie, Lena and Warner Thompson, Elliana Etzler and Thomas Lutz.



# All Are Invited!

# WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 6:30p in the Lobby

June is the month we celebrate our German heritage, so why not have some fun?

Please join fellow members and friends for an evening of *FELLOWSHIP, FUN,* and *DESSERT*!

Learn all the exciting details of a 2-day motor coach tour to FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN planned for OCTOBER 16-17, 2023.

Please attend, and bring your friends!

Don't miss out!

Call the church office at 432-2033 or email your RSVP to Janet Maxson

jandmaxson@comcast.net by June 25, 2023.



