

# March newsletter

St. Michael Lutheran Church  
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## Lent at St. Michael

Join us for midweek services, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 11:00a or 7:00p.  
Livestream at 10:45a on Sundays and 7:00p mid-week.

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FOCUS OF WORSHIP</u>
Midweek	March 8	Betrayal in View of God's Mercy
Third Weekend of Lent	March 11/12	Luke 5
Midweek	March 15	Temptation in View of God's Mercy
Fourth Weekend of Lent	March 18/19	Luke 10
Midweek	March 22	Suffering in View of God's Mercy
Fifth Weekend of Lent	March 25/26	Luke 15
Midweek	March 29	Service in View of God's Mercy
Palm Sunday	April 1/2	Holy Week
Maundy Thursday	April 6	11:00a and 7:00p
Good Friday	April 7	11:00a and 7:00p
Easter	April 9	7:00a, 9:00a, 9:30a, 11:00a* (stream)



## Speaking Up in the Church for Mental Wellness

It's a conversation I'll never forget. While talking with a local pastor one day about the mental health focus of The Lutheran Foundation (where I worked prior to coming to St. Michael), he shared something he did one Sunday morning in church.

As people gathered for worship, everyone received a sheet of paper with a list of ten questions related to mental health issues. Questions such as, "Have you ever been depressed?" "Have you ever been prescribed medication for a mental illness?" "Have you ever had thoughts of suicide?" Each person was to put a check mark next to any question that applied to them.

When everyone finished answering the questions, the ushers collected the sheets of paper. They shuffled up the papers and walked to a different part of the sanctuary and started to pass out those same sheets of paper. People was now holding someone else's paper (no names were on them.) The pastor then started to read the questions, one by one, and asked people to stand up if the question he read had a check mark next to it on the sheet they were holding.

When people in the congregation saw the number of people stand up in response to each question they could hardly believe what they were seeing. "Everyone thinks they are the only one dealing with mental health issues," the pastor said. "Too often the stigma is so great in the church they are afraid to talk about their own mental health. But the issues are real for many."

Prior to the pandemic, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reported one in five adults will experience a mental illness in any given year. Since the pandemic, that statistic has become one in four or even one in three. What that says to me as a pastor is that means one in four, or one in three, in any church. Most people may not realize that mental illness is more common than cancer, heart disease and diabetes combined.

Representing the mental health focus of The Lutheran Foundation over the last several years, I have had the opportunity to preach in various congregations in and around the Fort Wayne. On a few occasions, my message referenced the statistic above from NAMI. What surprised me was the number of people who walked out of church, shook my hand, looked me in the eye and said, "Pastor Goff, I'm 1 in 5. Thank you for speaking up about mental illness because no one else in the church seems to talk about this."

One Sunday morning I referenced mental illness in my sermon and said how important it is for us to talk to our doctors about our mental health needs and it may be necessary to see a counselor or therapist, and if prescribed by a doctor, take medication. For people of faith, seeking medical and/or clinical care is critical as we also seek God's help in our prayers.

After church that morning, I was surprised by the number of people who said they appreciated the specific references I made to the integration of seeking appropriate medical care, as well as seeking God's help. But what surprised me the most happened a few weeks later when a woman came out of church saying she was in church a few weeks earlier when I mentioned mental health in my sermon. She said she has been suffering from severe panic attacks for several years because of a traumatic situation she experienced years earlier. She went on to say that she's been reluctant to seek medical or clinical care because she thought as a Christian the reason she wasn't getting any better is because she wasn't praying hard enough. She thought she should have more faith.

However, she went on to say that when she heard me say what I did a few weeks earlier; she called a counselor that very week, and had already had several appointments. She wanted me to know that after her first few counseling sessions she is feeling better than she has in years. "Thank you," she said, "for talking about mental health in church. What you said gave me permission to seek help."

***That experience emphasized for me the importance of the church speaking up on issues related to mental health.***

With this article, I want to mention two things. One is that I would like to gather some people here who would like to discuss what mental health ministry could look for us here at St. Michael. If this topic interests you, please call or email me. Additionally, however, with their emphasis on mental health ministry in our congregations, The Lutheran Foundation wants to identify one or more "mental health advocates" for each congregation who would regularly be resourced by The Lutheran Foundation and connect with other mental health advocates in the other congregations. If this is something you would be interested in, please let me know as well. I'm convinced the local church plays a role in our spiritual, physical and mental/emotional well-being.

# CONNECT WITH PASTOR SHAWN

## Acts 1:8 | Being Hands and Feet What Does It Mean For Us...

Over the past six years we have grown to use new language around our missional efforts that take place in our neighborhood, community, nation, and world. As a refresher, here are a few of the terms and definitions that shape what it looks like for us to be Christ's hands and feet to the world around us:

### **Mission Dei** Mission of God

Simply put the mission of God is that everyone around the world would come to a knowledge of his saving grace. As a part of the Body of Believers He uses us to be His hands and feet in the world to be a witness to what He has done in our lives and share the story of Christ with others.

### **Witness** "you will be my witnesses..." Acts 1:8

As followers of Jesus we are tasked with sharing our story of being connected to Him to the world around us. This is done out of an expression of the grace we have been shown, not out of compulsion, guilt, or shame. But out of changed lives through the transformational grace God has given us.

Merriam Webster | one who has personal knowledge of something://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/witness

### **Partner-In-Ministry**

Being a partner-in-ministry with St. Michael means that there are shared values in bringing grace into our community and proclaiming the forgiveness of Jesus. This also means that our ministry together is not just one way (us to them) but is mutually beneficial through prayer and service when possible. Many of these agreements are spoken agreements with those who have a heart for the ministry while others are more formal.

### **Thank You!**

Over the month of February, we collected green beans and canned chicken. We will be distributing food items to the NINE and the New Life Lutheran Food Pantry in the coming weeks. The NINE has requested 1,200 cans of green beans for their year round food boxes and Christmas baskets, we have already put a dent in that number and will again collect in the months of July and October. Thank you for your generosity!



### **Save the Date**

Go and Serve | April 22, 9 - Noon

Be on the lookout in Parish Notes and through emails for details about serving sites and ways to be involved as we join together to work alongside our partners-in-ministry and work in our neighborhood to spread Christ's love. Invite others to join you in saving the date on your calendar.

### **Lutherhaven**

Memorial Weekend (May 23-26) | Family Work Weekend

This free event gives families a chance to join in the fun of getting camp ready for the Spring/Summer seasons of ministry. Lodging and food is provided if you register and let them know you are coming. Learn more at [lutherhaven.org/event/family-work-weekend](http://lutherhaven.org/event/family-work-weekend).

# NEWS FROM STEPHANIE

## *Lord Have Mercy* by Michael W. Smith

Jesus, I've forgotten the words  
that You have spoken,  
Promises that burned within my heart  
have now grown dim.  
With a doubting heart I follow the paths  
of earthly wisdom;  
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire within.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy on me.

I have built an altar where I worship things of man;  
I have taken journeys  
that have drawn me far from You.  
So now I am returning to your mercies ever  
flowing;  
Pardon my transgressions, help me love you again!

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy on me.

I have longed to know You  
and all Your tender mercies,  
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.  
So I bow my heart before You  
in the goodness of Your presence  
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy on me.

The repeated lyrics *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me* are similar to the repeated words we sing before communion: *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us*. As we confess our sins, we humbly acknowledge our need for God's mercy. We need God's mercy daily; over and over again. Here is the best news...God gives us His mercy daily; over and over again! ***God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8*** Thank you God for your enduring and constant love.

### ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS START MARCH 2!

Mark your calendar now to join our orchestra as they rehearse for Easter and Confirmation. Rehearsals will be Thursday @ 6:00p in the sanctuary on March 2 and 16, 8:00p on Wednesday, March 22, and Saturday, April 8 at 9:00a. You can request a packet of music (hymns and songs to accompany the choir) by contacting our music director, Stephanie Maxson, at [stephanie@stmfw.org](mailto:stephanie@stmfw.org). Thanks for passing this information on to instrumentalists you know!

### CHOIR REHEARSAL TIMES THROUGH MARCH

We would love to have you join us as we work on music for lent, and Easter. The Adult choir will rehearse at 7:45p or immediately after the Midweek Lenten services. Worship and then singing – what a wonderful evening of engaging with God's Word and each other.

### THANK YOU!

Thanks to the generous donation from one of our members, the flute choir has a new instrument! You may have noticed the addition of a brand new **bass flute** that is noticeably larger and plays an octave lower than the regular flute. St. Michael is also blessed with our very own arranger, Angie Judt, who will now be able to arrange and write music for this new instrument. Praise God for the way he uses the gifts we have to glorify Him!!!

### SATURDAY BAND LINE-UP

**March 4** New Song   **March 11** Life Song   **March 18** King's Strings   **March 25** Jubilant Fields (Blue Grass)

# ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

## Annual Academy Fundraiser

Saturday, March 18 at 6:30p

Menu: **Roasted Pork Loin, Roasted Red Skinned Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Dinner Rolls, Dessert**

Cost: \$15/adult \$10/children 12 and under

Entertainment provided by our Academy Students

Goal: Raise money to provide 10 scholarships (\$3200) for the coming year!

Register at [stmfw.org/events](http://stmfw.org/events) by March 8



Congratulations to Amaya Tietz; Lillian Asselin; Rhys Shilling; Luci Young; Madison Jenson; Norah Wisener; Julia Eckert; and Elliot Shoda for their outstanding performances at ISSMA Contest!

## BLESS

### SUPPORT THE SHEPHERD'S HAND COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center located at 1231 S. Anthony Blvd is an organization that seeks opportunities to enhance health and wellness for community members in southeast Fort Wayne. By providing healthy cooking classes, distributing diapers, and connecting people to services through quarterly health fairs, Shepherd strives to fulfill the mission of "reaching out in the city by caring for the Shepherd's people, daring to be the Shepherd's hands, and sharing the Shepherd's love." On May 13, you can help raise funds for this vital ministry by participating in the annual 5K Run/Walk held in the neighborhood surrounding the center. Families are encouraged to attend and enjoy a fun healthy activity together! Early bird registration is \$20 until March 25 and guarantees an event T-shirt. Registrations after that date will be \$25, and participants will receive a T-shirt while supplies last. Children 8 and under are free. If you are unable to participate in the race, you can support the ministry by sponsoring a race slot to benefit another participant or make a general donation. To sign up or donate go to: <https://runsignup.com/> and search for The Shepherd's Hand Community 5K.

### THE RENOVATION OF THE FAIRFIELD HOUSE BEGINS IN MARCH!

There will be only one monthly meal at the Wayne Street house, and none at Fairfield. The remaining six women at Fairfield will be moving down to Wayne Street on March 1. **There are some ways you can help during this period.** They are asking for help in packing up and clearing out the things in the kitchen and other places on Thursday and Friday, March 2 and 3. Then on Saturday, March 4, they will be moving things out of the house and into a big storage container on the property next to the house. The work will begin at 9:00a on those days. "Many hands make light work." Contact Linda Chapman for details at 417-3052.

The meal for the month will be at Wayne Street only until the work is completed. Those dates are March 19 and April 23.



## FAMILY MINISTRY FROM CARRIE



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

Registration will be coming in March so keep an eye on the parish notes and your emails for details to register children and sign up as a volunteer!

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

A list of needed supplies can be found [here](#):

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/l/1TIYOQRI1OE1I?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/l/1TIYOQRI1OE1I?ref=wl_share)

In addition to those items, please send in brightly colored yarn, paper boxes, pieces of large cardboard, and toilet paper/paper towel tubes! More items will be added as VBS draws near!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ever wonder what your kids do in Sunday School for an hour? This year we launched a new curriculum from Answers in Genesis that takes us on a chronological journey through the Bible. This four-year journey presents the gospel, beginning in Genesis, to train children to know, obey, and defend God's Word; and to encourage believers to become conformed to the image of Christ. The month of March will focus on sin entering the world, the effects of the fall, lessons learned from Cain and Abel, and how Jesus leads us to salvation.

## LOOKING AHEAD

We will hold our annual Easter Family Fun morning on Palm Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Pre-K through Grade 5 families can meet in the gym at 9:30a for a unique Easter story and a craft that will help us share God's love with the world around us. Children will also make a goodie bag filled from a candy buffet!

A few volunteers are needed to read brief Scripture verses during the story. Contact Carrie at [Carrie@stmfw.org](mailto:Carrie@stmfw.org) if you're willing to help read!

We also need candy donations! Please bring in PEANUT FREE candy and leave it in the baskets under the counter outside the office. Dum dums, skittles, and smarties are great allergen free choices but other varieties are welcome as well! Thank you!!



## COMMUNITY AWARENESS



Did you know that March is American National Nutrition Month? Practice self-care and eat healthy! Speaking of food, thank you to our Kroger shoppers. We have 57 households that donated \$160 through the rewards program. Thank you!

## FINE ARTS FESTIVAL—March 19

Concordia Lutheran High School will host the annual Fine Arts Festival. The festival showcases art and music from high school and grade school students, including a collaborative piece from all grade schools. The art show will take place around the high school gym from 1:00p-3:30p, and the music showcase will be at 2:00p. The event is free and open to the public. Your ESM Choir will be performing!



## AP STUDENT ART POPUP SHOW

Come and see artwork from Concordia's AP Art students during a special popup show at The Garden on March 29 from 6:00p-7:30p. This show features projects from seven students that they have been working on all school year. The event is free and open to the public.

## ST. MICHAEL STUDENT WINS SGO CONTEST

Congratulations to junior Grace Levitt for winning the "Why I Love my School" contest for the 10-year anniversary of The Lutheran SGO (Scholarship Granting Organization). Grace won the 9-12 grade category!

## SUMMER CAMPS AND CLASSES

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

## EMMANUEL-ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

The **ESM Talent Show** is on Friday, March 3! Show time is **6:30p** at the **Getz Road Campus** in the gymnasium! Light concessions will be available for purchase. Admission is \$3.00 for children, \$5.00 for adults, or \$10.00 for a family pass (3 and under free). This is great night of family fun! All proceeds go to support the 8th grade class trip to Washington, DC.



Save the date of April 21 for the ESM musical *Mission Possible* (Grades 4 and 5) at 7:00p!

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

## LUTHERAN LIFE VILLAGES

We are two months into 2023 and there has already been big news for our organization! If you haven't already heard, Lutheran Life Villages recently acquired Northwoods Village at Inverness Lakes, a licensed memory care assisted living community. This addition increases our ability to provide residents with the specialized care they need, when they need it. We are excited to welcome North Woods staff members, residents, and their families to Lutheran Life Villages!

# BELONG

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

Tuesday, March 7

Bible Study at 1:00p in Luther Hall

Tuesday, March 21

Join us at 11:30a for a \$5 lunch! Register with Janet and Jim Maxson at 438-7442. Bible study will follow.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 13 at 12:00p for Movie Day! Bring a lunch and enjoy snacks and drinks on JOY.

## PRAYING FOR OUR NATION—March 15

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—March 7/21



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—March 8/22

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 April 12/26.



## BOOK CLUB—Thursday, March 16, at 10:00a

Book club will meet the third Thursday of the month in the conference room. Join this fun group and discuss *The Titanic Sisters* by Patricia Falvey.

## LWML

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

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





# BELONG

## 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—March 18 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).



40 Days for Life: This is a peaceful and life-affirming prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood, 2930 Lake Ave, from February 22 to April 2. If you are interested in participating, you can join others from St. Michael in one-hour shift(s) on our day, 1:00-7:00p March 29, or you can participate with others on any other of the 40 days, 8:00a to 8:00p. For more information, see <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/fort-wayne> or contact Dennis Brink 260-238-4046 [Dennis.Brink@att.net](mailto:Dennis.Brink@att.net).

# YOUTH WITH EMMA

## WHAT IS A DCE INTERN?

A DCE Intern is someone who is looking to work full-time in ministry. The internship process is unique because it is a partnership between the intern and the church. During this year, I will be able to learn about full-time ministry, learn new management skills, and develop as a leader.

During this year, I will have quarterly goals. My primary goal for this quarter is to begin building relationships with members of the school, youth, families, and all members. Therefore, if you are interested in getting to know more about me or the internship process I would love to talk over coffee or a meal after church or during the week! Here is a link to my calendar to meet up for a coffee or grab some lunch:

[https://calendly.com/dce\\_intern\\_emma](https://calendly.com/dce_intern_emma).

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

### High School

March 5

March 19

### Middle School

March 19



@STMFYWOUTH

During youth nights this month, we will continue to look at the characteristics of God, spending time in God's Word, learning more about who God is and how we can go out and share His message with others!

# ST. MICHAEL FOUNDATION

## 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FOUNDATION AWARD PROPOSAL REQUESTS ARE OPEN!

Requests for funds will be received until 6:00p on Saturday, April 1. Awards will be announced on the weekend of April 29/30. Awards will be made from designated funds and the general endowment to fund church and mission causes. Applications are encouraged to expand the mission and ministry of SMLC. Submit an explanation letter to the St. Michael Foundation in care of Ron Menze, Foundation Advisor ([menzeron@gmail.com](mailto:menzeron@gmail.com)) (341-5289) or into the Foundation mail slot at church. Electronic submissions are encouraged. We encourage applicants to work with existing ministries and church groups to craft your application. Each foundation application is evaluated by our Pastors and six designated church officers. In the prior sixteen years over \$130,000 has been awarded by your foundation. Please make this year a success with your foundation applications and your financial gifts to the Foundation.

## ST. MICHAEL FINANCIAL UPDATE

January 2023

<u>INCOME</u>	Actual	Budgeted	Actual vs budget
Offerings	\$147,290	\$138,242	\$9,048
Facility	\$529	\$1,042	\$(513)
Interest	\$1,278	\$583	\$695
Grants	\$-	\$2,522	\$(2,522)
Fellowship	\$216	\$-	\$216
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$149,313</b>	<b>\$142,389</b>	<b>\$6,924</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Missions	\$1,304	\$1,375	\$(71)
Education	\$60,100	\$54,729	\$5,371
Youth & Family	\$111	\$1,042	\$(931)
Administrative	\$4,668	\$4,062	\$606
Pastoral Support	\$924	\$704	\$220
Worship	\$1,167	\$1,468	\$(301)
Boards & Committees	\$847	\$1,229	\$(382)
Utilities, Maintenance & Supplies	\$15,023	\$13,939	\$1,084
Salaries	\$42,897	\$44,337	\$(1,440)
Taxes and Benefits	\$13,898	\$14,580	\$(682)
Nursery, Gym Setup, Worship	\$300	\$728	\$(428)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$141,239</b>	<b>\$138,193</b>	<b>\$3,046</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$8,074</b>	<b>\$4,196</b>	<b>\$3,878</b>

Please note that offering statements were emailed on January 12. If you can't find it, check out the instructions in [January's newsletter](#) (page 12) or email [jmlee3@gmail.com](mailto:jmlee3@gmail.com).

In 2023, St. Michael will be seeking grants and partnerships with local businesses to subsidize business costs and ministries. A couple of grant requests that will be written this year:

- Security upgrades
- Experience Worship Conference
- Family ministry event
- Strategic planning consultant

Opportunities for local businesses to partner with St. Michael:

- Sponsor one month of coffee and donuts (\$500)
- Sponsor newsletters (\$25-\$100 monthly)
- Sponsor upcoming events (varied costs)

If you own a business and would like more information, please contact Tammy Bruns at 432-2033 or email [tammy@stmfw.org](mailto:tammy@stmfw.org).

# BELONG BECOME BLESS

## GAP MINISTRY—March 18/19

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**

As you begin planning your summer trips, have you considered time at Camp Lutherhaven? Not only does Camp offer fun outdoor activities such as archery and kayaking, but there’s also time to dive into God’s Word. The 2023 summer theme is “game Changer,” based on Romans 8:37 and will look at God as the great Game Changer for the world and for your life! So, whether you want to connect with friends, be strengthened in your faith, have an awesome summer adventure, or all of the above, give Lutherhaven a try. If you register before April 1, you receive an early bird discount! Register online today at [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org), or call for more information at 260-636-7101.

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

God’s blessings to...	Day	Years	God’s blessings to...	Day	Years
Dan and Pam Green	2	27	Bob and Shelley Kaiser	18	6
Chip and Marcia Olson	4	34	Nick and Carrie Gould	20	19
Jim and Kathie Barron	6	30	Zach and Janna Harl	21	3
Tom and Dawn Buuck	6	47	Keith and Cheri Miller	21	25
Gary and Debbie Gotsch	10	44	Brad and Jennifer Chaffee	23	27
Rich and Linda Kraus	11	51	Samuel and Elizabeth Clendenen	23	10
Tony and Beth Ann Hargrove	14	3	Matthew and Amy Stewart	23	16
Ross and Samantha Fredrickson	16	10	Brad and Holly Hathaway	28	14
Brent and Tara Panning	16	21	Jim and Diana Sims	29	59

## MARCH BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

We will celebrate baptism birthdays on March 18, 19. Please celebrate with Anahi Alberto; Emma Bains; Bradyn Bender; Henry Carsten; Archer Christman; Ali Davis; Branson Engle; Gavin Evans; Charlie Klein; Johnathon and Wyatt Overby; Kristian Peeper; Austin and Eli Pieper; Gavin Schroeder; Blake Schroeder; Henry Vachon; Brinlee Weible; Brooks, Kroy and Tate Young.



# ELDERS

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

## WHO IS YOUR ELDER?

If you are not sure who your elder is, you may call the church office at 432-2033. You are encouraged to contact your elder any time you feel a spiritual need or concern! Find their email below and phone number in F1Go. They are also listed on the church bulletin board!

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