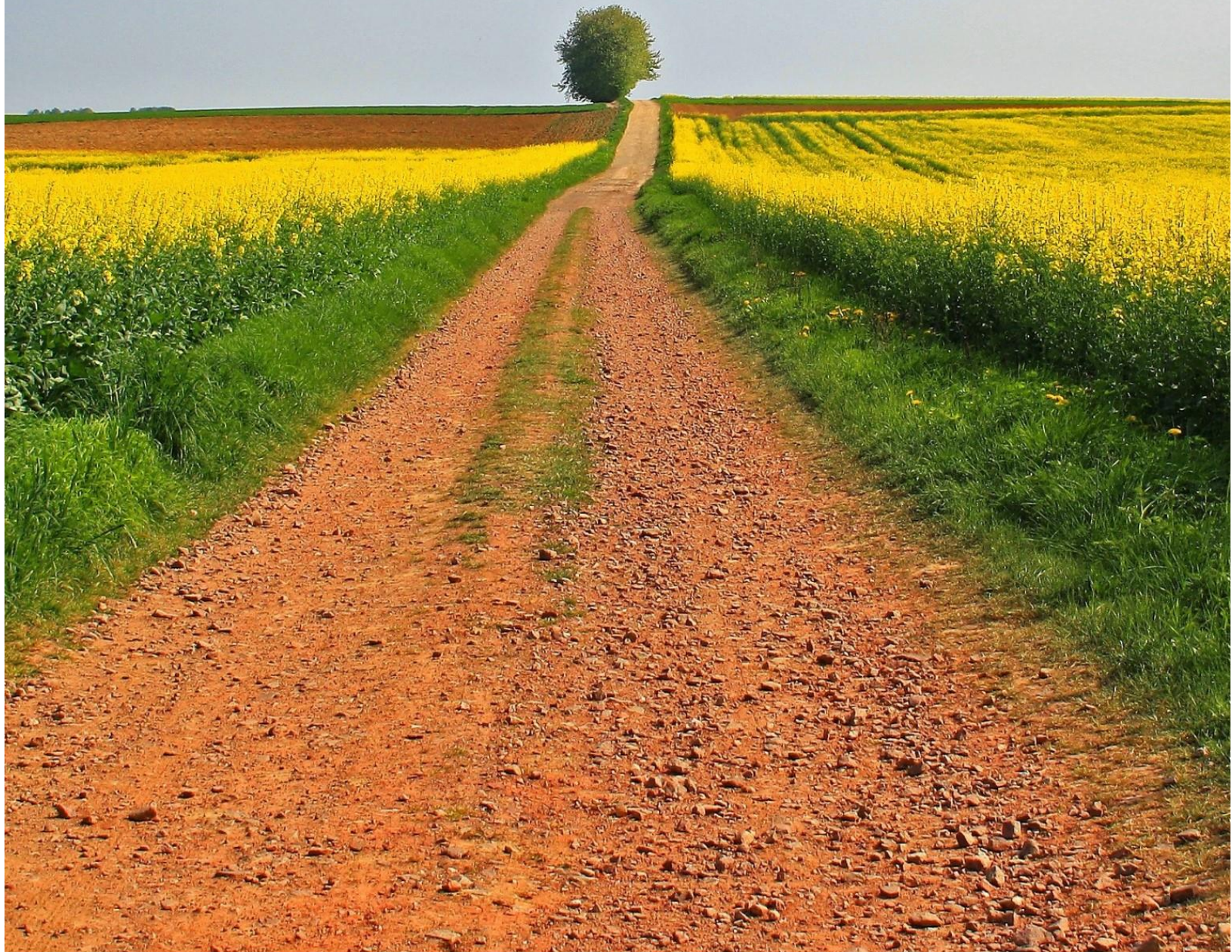


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St. Michael Lutheran Church

Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6



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CONFIRMATION 2024

God's Blessings to the Confirmation Class of 2024!

Brinley Berger - Psalm 103:11-12

Adriana Briney - Proverbs 3:5-6

Anniston Dougal - John 15:12

Adelaide Davis - 1 Thessalonians 5:15

Maggie Evans - Romans 12:9

Bionca Hardwick - Acts 20:24

Jaden Hoover - Philippians 4:13

Isabelle Johnson - Matthew 10:22

Elizabeth Johnson - Matthew 25:22-23

Ethan Loggins - Philippians 4:6

Riley McNamara - 1 Peter 5:7

Avery Meeks - Isaiah 12:2

Henry Mueller - Psalm 34:4

Emily Peters - Psalm 77:2-3

Nevaly Roehm - Joshua 1:9

Adam Ruch - John 17:3

Jacob Schult - Jeremiah 29:11

Austin Wagner - Joshua 1:9

Emilia Yoder - Hebrews 12:28

CONNECT with Pastor Goff

FUN. FELLOWSHIP. FOOD. FORWARD.

Those four words summarize the congregational meeting on April 28.

FUN. As one of our “Jubilee” celebrations in observation of our 70th anniversary, our time together began with a fun activity. Teams were established (a gold team and a blue team) for a game of “St. Michael Hears a Who” (modeled after the Dr. Seuss book, “Horton Hears a Who.”) ESM Principal, Dr. Ben Stellwagen, served as our game show host asking the teams a series of questions related to the Bible, the Catechism, the history and life of St. Michael, and of course Dr. Seuss trivia. The scores were close, but the “Blue” team won.

FELLOWSHIP. Psalm 133:1 best characterizes the overall feeling of the whole event – *“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity.”* The table conversations, the interactions with one another in the food line, the cordial spirit expressed during the meeting all reflected “God’s people living together in unity.”

FOOD. How could you go wrong with pulled pork and chicken, coleslaw, baked beans and ice cream! While it wasn’t your typical potluck, the food itself (i.e., pulled pork parfaits) added to the fun of the event.

FORWARD. The word “forward” probably best characterizes the outcome of the congregational meeting. The voters moved forward with the following:

1. The proposed Bylaw revision (governance model) passed with 92% approval. The next step in the process will be for members of the current church council, together with the newly elected church council, and members of the Governance Task Force to prepare a Policy Manual which will outline the structure for how our Church Council will operate. Our governance consultant, Jim Galvin, will be on site with us the weekend of May 31-June 2 as we begin to write that policy manual.
2. With the approval of the new governance model, a slate of candidates was elected to serve as the new Church Council beginning July 1. The newly elected Church Council will be: Tim Thoms, President; Luke Thompson, Secretary; and Melyssa Lennington, Treasurer. Additionally, there are five “At Large” members on the Council: DeeDee Beights, Corrie Cable, Matt Hendrickson, Elizabeth Ruch, and Dan Smith.
3. The role of congregational elders will change somewhat under the new Bylaws. The congregation approved the following slate of Elders: Jeremy Allyn, Bob Boyd, Adam Hahn, Paul Leininger, Steve Manges, Ryan Meyer, Mark Muntzinger, Nathan Nix, Craig Patterson, and Paul Selking.
4. In my report, I shared information on the work of our Facility Review Task Force which has been meeting since the beginning of the year. The focus of the Task Force has been to pick back up the work of a previous building committee in 2019 whose work had since been put on hold due to COVID and the senior pastor vacancy. At the meeting Sunday we heard from our principal, Dr. Ben Stellwagen, a number of facility needs to enhance our school’s ministry. Additionally, Dr. Stellwagen shared that due to the financial blessings of our school this past year, several months ago the ESM school board awarded both congregations (St. Michael and Emmanuel) \$250,000 as a matching challenge for future building needs. More recently, the ESM school board has awarded both congregations \$80,000 for more immediate building needs. With the gift of the \$80,000, the congregation approved allocating up to \$20,000 of that to begin work on conceptual building designs and gathering additional information in order to prepare further building recommendations to the congregation at the November Voter’s Meeting.

Reflecting on this most recent congregational meeting, I give thanks to God for the blessings of St. Michael and for the opportunities we have to carry out our mission of, “Connecting People to Jesus and Others.”

Pastor Goff

CONNECT with Pastor Goff continued

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH STAFFING

You are already aware that Tammy Bruns, Executive Director for St. Michael, began a new position with Brotherhood Mutual beginning mid-April. We are thankful for Tammy's nearly 15 years of dedication and commitment to St. Michael in her role on our church staff.

In Tammy's absence, we have made arrangements for Tammy's duties and responsibilities to be covered in the interim. Assisting us with administrative and financial functions is Jenny Reith who is the Parish Administrator at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (serving in a similar position at St. Peters to what Tammy had here at St. Michael) and Rhonda Scott, who is the Director of Finance at St. Peters. Pastor Goff knows both Jenny and Rhonda personally and has worked with them in other projects while he was working at The Lutheran Foundation. Jenny and Rhonda bring years of church administrative and financial leadership that will be helpful in not only filling some current gaps on our staff, but will also help evaluate what kind of position(s) will be necessary here as we move forward.

In addition to Jenny and Rhonda's assistance, newly elected St. Michael Church Treasurer, Melyssa Lennington, has agreed to assist also with financial matters for St. Michael. Melyssa's accounting background as well as a former business owner, will provide additional insights for us during this interim as well. While Melyssa's term as Treasurer of the congregation on the Church Council officially begins July 1, her early involvement not only provides some needed assistance, but also provides her a first-hand financial look as our incoming Treasurer. Over the next several weeks, we will evaluate our long-term needs and then make recommendations for moving forward.

We also want to thank Jen Clendenen for serving in the position of Family Ministry Coordinator for the past year. In that role, Jen has recruited and supported our Sunday School staff, and helped to plan various family activities such as our Fall Festival and Palm Sunday/Easter Egg-stravaganza, etc. Jen will be taking on some additional responsibilities in the school (ESM) next year and feels that she needs to step away from what she has been doing as our Family Ministry Coordinator. Our church staff and congregation leaders will re-evaluate the ongoing needs for this position in the coming months. THANK YOU Jen for your energy and for your sacrificial dedication to family ministry this past year.

Thank you!



***Go and Serve 2024
Camp Lutherhaven and
St. Michael***



CONNECT with Pastor Shawn

THE BRIDGE MINISTRY

Have you ever worked with a matrix to gauge progress on a particular task? Last fall, I had the blessing of sitting down with Matt Peeples of the Kairos Network and talk about the Bridge Ministry. One of the pieces that he helped work through was setting goals and giving measures to how we know we met a goal as we look at the Bridge ministry. The matrix creates a way of looking at how all those goals help us achieve the ultimate goal of connecting people to Jesus by growing young adult leaders to lead small groups throughout our community.

One of the pieces to my matrix: I send texts asking for prayer requests to 20-25 people per week. Out of those texts:

- Usually at least five people have specific prayer requests.
- Prayer requests usually lead to 2-3 face to face connections each week.
- Those requests grow into deep conversations.

It is amazing to see how God can work through a simple text message. I invite you to join me in texting 2-3 people in your life and see what conversations come out of them! Simply say: Good morning, you are in my thoughts and prayers today. Is there anything specific I can be lifting up for you today?

BACK TO SCHOOL CLINIC

We are once again hosting a back-to-school clinic. This is an opportunity to serve our community by offering immunizations (through Super Shots), eye exams, and middle school sports physicals. We will need volunteers to help throughout the clinic.

Mark your calendars to bring your children! To volunteer email pastordavis@stmfw.org.

July 17, 9:00a – 12:00p

July 18, 4:00p – 7:00p

July 19, 4:00p-7:00

GO AND SERVE RECAP and THANK YOU!

Thank you so much. We had 45 people serving throughout the community at Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center, Camp Lutherhaven, and at St. Michael. There was lots of mulch, sand, and dirt that was moved in preparation for Spring events. We also helped with VBS decorations and picked up trash at the apartment complex around church. It was a true blessing to be Christ's hands and feet to the world around us.

REDEMPTION HOUSE BUTTERFLY GALA

On Tuesday, April 23, the Redemption House hosted its annual Butterfly Gala. We are very blessed to be invited to participate each year as they raise funds for all of the houses and work they do throughout the community. This year 650 people came to celebrate with Tomi Cardin, the Redemption House Executive Director, and all of the lives that have been touched by the programs that are offered through the organization. Four of the women, butterflies, who are graduating out of the court ordered rehab that takes place at the Redemption House, were also celebrated during the event.

REDEMPTION HOUSE MEALS

St. Michael will provide a meal and Christian community at Wayne Street on June 2 and Fairfield Avenue on June 16. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please contact Linda Chapman at 417-3052.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT MISSION TRIP!



St. Michael will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, June 9 from 7:00a -10:00a in the gym. Join us for this free-will offering opportunity to support the cause!

MISSION TRIP

Redemption House is always seeking to help our residents and graduates grow in their faith, develop new perspectives, and take steps towards goals they never thought were possible. In 2023, we launched our Missions Program to give graduates a once in a lifetime opportunity to deepen their faith by traveling out of the country in order to serve other people in the name of Jesus Christ. This year we are excited to announce that we have 4 graduates, several staff, and partners from Bridge of Grace Ministry all going on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic this June. The team will be serving at a church in a small community to host a women's retreat for the local ladies. Most Dominicans will never get the opportunity to attend a spiritual retreat, and we are excited to be able to provide this spiritual rejuvenation for a handful of women. The team will also work on some construction projects, and provide fellowship and encouragement to the local missionaries with whom they are partnering. Thank you, St. Michael's, for partnering with us to make this faith-growing opportunity available to our Redemption House Graduates!

CONNECT with Pastor Shawn continued

THE SHEPHERD'S HAND COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center located at 1231 S. Anthony Blvd. is an LCMS 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.'*

THE SHEPHERD'S HAND ANNUAL 5K WALK/RUN—Saturday, May 4

Help raise funds for this vital ministry by participating in the 4th annual 5K walk/run held in the neighborhood surrounding the center. **Families** are encouraged to attend and enjoy a fun, healthy activity together!

Registrations are \$25, and participants will receive a T-shirt as long as 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. For more information and to sign up or donate scan the QR code!



Go and Serve 2024

At The Shepherd's Hand



CONNECT with Stephanie Maxson

***Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young.
Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live,
in your love, your faith and your purity.
1 Timothy 4:12***

I love hearing kids sing! One of the benefits of having our ESM choirs sing, is hearing their voices through the rest of the service. An article I read recently asked if 'kids songs' were included in weekly worship. Hmmmm.....maybe this is something we can work on! We may be wise to learn from the simple, often repetitive 'kids' songs. For example:

***Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him in the morning, Praise Him in the noon time,
Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down!***

Yup. Pretty accurate! How about verse two????

***Thank Him, Thank Him, Thank Him in the morning, Thank Him in the noon time,
Thank Him, Thank Him, Thank Him when the sun goes down!***

Still very true! Verse three???

***Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him in the morning, Serve Him in the noon time,
Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down!***

Definitely true! And a bit convicting!

***Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morning, Love Him in the noon time,
Love Him, Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down!***

So, we can learn a lot from our kids. The way they sing out, the trust they have in God, and the simple words they proclaim!



CHOIR REHEARSALS CONTINUE THROUGH WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

We have entered into the final stretch of our choir season, and would love to have you join us as we rehearse music for weekend services (including Confirmation) and the summer. The (SATB) Adult Choir will meet weekly on Wednesday's from 7:00p-8:30p in the sanctuary through May 22. The Men's Choir (TTBB) will meet at 6:30p May 1 and May 15. The Women's Choir (SSAA) will meet at 6:30p on Wednesday May 8 and May 22.

SUNDAY SUMMER INSTRUMENTALISTS AND SOLOISTS

St. Michael has been blessed to continue 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 stephanie@stmfw.org. To God be the Glory as we praise His name!

SATURDAY MUSIC

May 4 New Song
May 11 Life Song
May 18 New Song
May 25 Life Song

SUMMER MUSIC INTERN

St. Michael is excited to welcome back **Owen Kaiser** as our summer music intern! Owen has continued to bless St. Michael by composing a Jubilee Fanfare for each of our 7 Sunday Jubilee celebrations as well as playing French Horn and Trumpet in our orchestra. Owen recently finished his third year at Concordia University Chicago where he is studying music. Owen will be on staff as an intern from mid-May to mid-August and will assist with ensembles, composing and arranging, teaching lessons in our Academy of the Arts and helping with worship planning. Welcome Owen!

ACADEMY SPRING RECITAL—Sunday, May 5 at 1:00p and 3:00p in the sanctuary

SIGN UP FOR MUSIC LESSONS THIS SUMMER!

Many of our Academy Instructors are offering lessons through the summer. To register and see teacher and class availability, check out stmfwacademy.mymusicstaff.com. Summer teachers include:

Owen Kaiser	French Horn, Trumpet
Carolyn Meyer	Viola, Violin, Piano
Eric Stalter	Guitar, Banjo, Violin, Cello, Bass, Mandolin, and Ukelele
Rochelle Starnes	Voice, Piano, Flute, Guitar, Ukulele, Percussion
Diane Whitacre	Oboe, Piano, Flute, Clarinet
Marisa Wren	Percussion, Guitar, Piano

FINE ARTS CAMP (FAC) JUNE 24-28

Drawing? Cooking? Singing? Bells? Creative Writing? Drama? Sewing? Painting? Fiber Arts? Murals? YES! All of this and more is part of St. Michael's first ever Fine Arts Camp June 24-28 from 9:00a-3:30p.

Register at <https://stmfw.org/fineartscamp>.

Hope to see you at FAC this summer!



WE NEED PUPPET VOLUNTEERS!

St. Michael has a rich history of using puppets to touch both kids and adults. In fact, VBS wouldn't be the same without our puppets! As we say **thank you** to some of the volunteers who have served for many years we also say **please help** keep this ministry alive by coming to one of our 6:15p Thursday practices in Luther Hall. We **need you!!!!**

CONNECT with Celine Newman

JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT CAMP LUTHERHAVEN

On June 8-9, St. Michael will be leading a weekend of recreation and rest at Camp Lutherhaven. This camp is 45 minutes from church and has a host of outdoor activities, including a lake, beachfront, archery, and crafts. Throughout the weekend we will enjoy all that Camp has to offer as well as our own fun outdoor games and activities, plus great campfire time at meals and devotions. On Sunday, we will worship with the Lutherhaven community before heading home.



Camping provides the perfect opportunity to break away from normal routines and lean into the many benefits that God provides through creation and community. Activities will be geared towards those who love being outside and getting a little messy, but you can always just come and enjoy being in a place set-apart throughout the weekend. Old and young, families, couples, and singles, are all welcome. You can register at stmfw.org/events. Got questions? Email Celine Newman celine@stmfw.org.

JUBILEE DECADE II 1965-1974 PHOTOGRAPHS

Check out some of the history and pictures from the second decade at St. Michael in the Lobby. We are so thankful for the people who persevered through difficulty to make us stronger today.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:23-25

DISCIPLESHIP FOUNDATIONS CLASS

During the weeks of April 28, May 5, and May 12 we will be offering our Discipleship Foundations class where we learn about the opportunities for connection at St. Michael and how we can be intentional about integrating our faith on a daily basis. We are excited to grow and learn together.

Throughout our time together we encourage an atmosphere where we can ask questions and learn about Belonging to His church, Blessing His world, and Becoming More like Jesus (Our discipleship model). Even those who have been a member at St. Michael can benefit from this class as we discuss our Bible Study opportunities, leadership structure and opportunities, and the logistics of being a member and our Fellowship1Go Database. It's also a great way to get to know the people joining our church this Spring.

JUBILEE EVENT RECAP



On Sunday, May 28 we enjoyed our second Jubilee Gathering. People of all ages were able to enjoy the time in community and able to gather as long-time and new church members. There was conversation, laughter, and good competition as we participated in table activities, a game of trivia. The event was capped by a DELICIOUS meal of BBQ Pork and Chicken served in “parfaits”, wraps, and as plates. This delicious meal was prepared by Laura Goff and a team of volunteers and the savory pork was prepared by Nick Gould. We are so thankful for the service of those who made this event possible!

CONNECT with Celine Newman continued

As we continue our year of remembering and celebrating we take a look at the 2nd decade of St. Michael from 1964 - 1973. The decade began with Reverend Bernard Hemmeter continuing as St. Michael's first pastor. He retired in 1968 and St. Michael welcomed it's second pastor, Rev. Donald E. Meyers. This was a tough decade in the history of our church. The A-frame was finished in May 1958 and the church membership had grown to nearly 350. Unfortunately, the building of the A-frame left a large debt which led the church to sell a portion of the property in order to relieve some of the weight. As some of our original members wrote, "we didn't really want such a fancy church-but the powers assured us that the area was destined for rapid growth and we would soon have new members to help support St. Michael. They were right when they said the area would grow. Only their prediction was 20 years late in coming."

In addition, in 1967 the first church building, the Pioneer Building, which was still being used for Sunday School rooms, youth group gatherings, etc. caught fire which led to it being dismantled.

During this decade the larger Lutheran Church Missouri Synod was experiencing some conflict largely centered around the means of how to interpret scripture. In this time of conflict, a group of pastors, seminary professors, and seminary students began a movement away from the conservative LCMS practices. Many churches were affected by this rift and St. Michael was one of them. Pastor Meyers recommended we leave the Missouri Synod and become affiliated with the newly forming Lutheran Church of America. It wasn't long until lines had been drawn-those agreeing with the move and those saying they wanted to remain with the Missouri Synod. The official vote was close but St. Michael remained with the Missouri Synod. Half of the congregation left with Pastor Meyers to form St. Andrew Lutheran Church which was located on Homestead Rd. They later joined forces with Lord of Life and became known as Risen Savior Lutheran Church. The congregation of St. Michael was left with no pastor, the church building, an enormous debt, and painful memories. As Pastor Shawn mentioned in a recent sermon, this was a season of drama and trauma. Thankfully, as a member of the LCMS the pulpit was filled with ministers from the Seminary. And healing was able to begin.

A bright spot in all of this was Emmanuel - St. Michael School (ESM). It began just before this decade in 1962. The school continued to grow as they built or remodeled the school property at Emmanuel to develop a new gym/auditorium, a meeting room with kitchenette, a stage, showers and three classrooms. Ted and Donna Braun continued to serve the school as teachers and school cook and Chuck and Mary Daenzer were both called to teach in 1965. Chuck Daenzer later became principal where he served until his retirement. Mary Daenzer served as a Kindergarten teacher until her retirement. She also led the Adult Choir and both she and Chuck led the youth for many years. What a blessing they and many others were.

Although this is a tough decade to remember, we are living proof that God walks with His people through all things. We continue to gather and serve today with the blessings of an amazing community and a strong school. All praise to our Lord God Almighty!

JUBILEE TRIVIA GAME AND RECAP

See if you can answer these questions!

1. At what time of day did God create Adam?
2. What book did Dr. Seuss write that emphasizes the importance of hearing every voice, no matter how small?
3. What is St. Michael's current communicant membership?
4. Name 3 symbols depicted in the sanctuary stained-glass windows?
5. How many pews are in the sanctuary?
6. What spiritual gift is demonstrated when people have important decisions and they come to you for prayer and biblical counsel?

ANSWERS: 1. A little before Eve 2. Horton Hears a Who 3. 1053 4. Commandments, Alpha/Omega, Baptism, Cross, Sun/Creation, Bread/Wine, Chi-Rho, Dove/Holy Spirit 5. 29 6. Wisdom

IDENTITY - KNOWING WHOSE YOU ARE

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

In May there are so many exciting things to celebrate! Confirmation and graduations are an exciting part of youth ministry. In this edition of the newsletter, we would like to congratulate and praise God for all our wonderful Confirmands. This is not the end of the road, but only the beginning. Know that you are loved and forgiven and always welcome at St. Michael. May God bless you as you continue to grow in your relationship with Him. We would also like to take the time to congratulate our High School graduating seniors. Seniors, we will be recognizing you on May 11/12 at all services. Please grab a form from the Information Desk fill it out and return it to DCE Emma. We want to create a special booklet to commemorate this amazing accomplishment. God has great plans for you and he will continue to guard your heart and your mind as you continue on your discipleship journey!

As we get ready for the summer there will be plenty of opportunities to connect with the St. Michael Youth Group. Get ready for some exciting summer events like Slip n’ Slide Kickball, Pool Parties, and late nights!



St. Michael’s Youth Ministry offers students a variety of opportunities from Youth Nights, to small groups, and fellowship events. Youth can come together and spend time in the Word and grow together as they continue to go the path of discipleship. I invite you to take a look at all the wonderful events we have coming up. Whether you are a frequent attendee or you have never been before I invite you to come and see what STMFV Youth is all about!



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION—MAY 11/12

We are thrilled to celebrate this momentous achievement with you at St. Michael! On May 11th/12th, during all services, we'll be honoring YOU! You and your parents will be invited to the front for a special blessing and a gift from St. Michael. Please grab a Graduation Recognition Form (from the information desk) fill it out and return it to DCE Emma.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!

Thank you to everyone who purchased an Easter Pie! Your donations will help our Youth share the Light of Christ in North Carolina this summer and in New Orleans next summer. We have a few more fundraising opportunities coming up, take a look!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

On May 10 from 6:00p-9:00p, drop off the kiddos and enjoy a night out! This is a free-will offering/fundraiser to support our St. Michael Youth 2024 Servant Event. Children will enjoy a night of games, snacks, and fun! To sign up or ask questions please email DCE Emma at emma@stmfv.org.



YOUTH with Emma Deines

CAR WASH!

In June the St. Michael Youth will be having a Car Wash to fundraise for the 2024 Servant Event and 2025 Youth Gathering.



YOUTH CALENDAR! - [SUBSCRIBE TO THE ST. MICHAEL YOUTH GOOGLE CALENDAR](#)

YOUTH NIGHTS! “FIND YOUR IDENTITY”

Youth Nights are held on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of each month. Middle School is from 4pm - 6pm and High School is from 6pm - 8pm! Learn more about “whose you are” in Christ on May 5 and May 19! Young Adults, Parents, and members of St. Michael we are looking at building some volunteer teams to help with our Youth Nights. If you are interested in helping with Middle or High School Youth please contact DCE Emma at emma@stmfw.org.

“CONNECT” FOR 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Meet with DCE Emma at Electric Works on Tuesdays from 3:00p - 5:30p for snacks, games, and fellowship. Join us to find out who will be the next Spoons Champion!

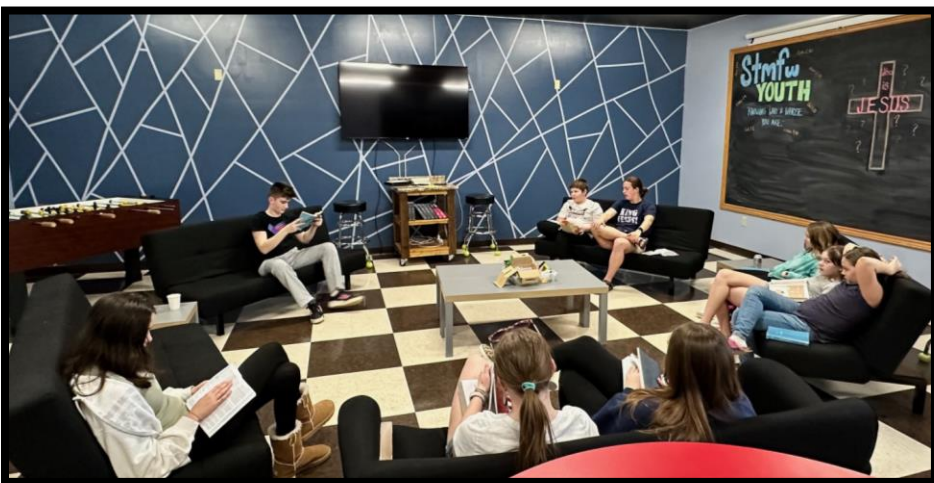
FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT!—MAY 2 FROM 6:00p-8:00p

High School Youth join us for a delicious meal, exciting games, and a devotion! Are there any games you like to play?

YOUTH SHOUT OUT!

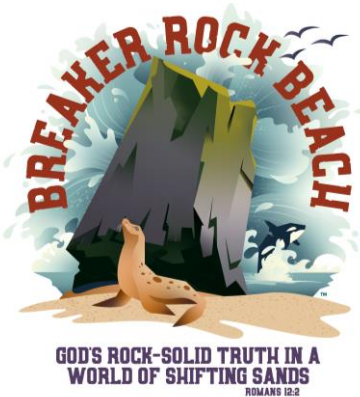
To all the 8th grade Confirmation students. Well done on your Witness Speeches! We are praying for you as you continue on your journey of faith.

Do you know a Middle or High School Youth who need a shout out? Maybe they won a scholarship or award or maybe they participated in community service. Whatever they did, we would like to give them a SHOUT OUT in our newsletter. Please send a brief description to DCE Emma (emma@stmfw.org) along with a picture and we will give your youth a SHOUT OUT for all the amazing work they are doing.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL *with Carrie Gould*

BREAKER ROCK BEACH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! June 17-21 from 9:00a-12:00p



This year's VBS theme is Breaker Rock Beach which is set in the Pacific Northwest. Kids will discover that God's truth never changes as we explore common lies that the world tells us and then compare those mistruths to God's Word. In a world of shifting sands, where culture and society try to tell our kids what is right and what is true, it is more important than ever to show them where to find the actual truth from God. We will explore 5 daily themes: Truth comes from God, God's plan is best, Everyone needs Jesus, Jesus is the only way, and Speak the truth in love.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER STUDENTS](#) (those entering preschool-5th grade) today and share the info with friends!!

Are you entering 6th grade or higher or are an adult who wants to be a part of the fun? Volunteer!

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TO HELP](#)

Can't help the week of VBS but still want to be a part of the ministry? Check out our [Amazon wish list](#) for items needed for the week. We also accept monetary donations to help pay for perishable food items as well as our Saturday night celebration. You can make checks out to St. Michael with VBS written on the memo line.



We also have some items we are looking to borrow, so start checking your homes for the following items which can be dropped off any time on the stage in Luther Hall. Just be sure to tag your items with your name and number and let Carrie (carrie@stmfw.org) know you've dropped it off!

- Christmas trees or other pine trees
- A kayak, canoe, or inflatable raft
- Large pieces of driftwood
- Logs/stumps to sit on
- Lifelike woodland animals: a fox, brown bears, eagles, deer, moose (cardboard, wood, or stuffed for our forest hallway)

Lastly, join us for the VBS celebration service 5:00p on June 22nd with a family fun event to follow!



FAMILY MINISTRY *with Jen Clendenen*

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT - WHERE FAITH SHINES BRIGHT!

Let's start with a big shout out to all the awesome parents out there who make Christian education a priority and send their kiddos to Sunday School! Your commitment to your child's spiritual growth is truly inspiring. Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of teaching your children about Jesus.

Let's start off with a shoutout to Jen Ackmann, our music ministry leader for the pre-K class. Jen chooses just the right songs and joyfully leads our little ones, creating a fun and engaging environment for them to learn and grow in their faith. In the sanctuary, Jacob Clendenen leads Kindergarten - 5th grade's Sunday School jams, with video and mic support from Dean Willson and Marisa Wren in the tech booth. It's a high-energy, interactive, rocking good time! The kids love starting their Sunday School hour with praise and fun, thanks to these talented individuals. We've been hearing from delighted parents that their children sing the songs they learn in Sunday School at home - what a wonderful way to continue spreading joy and love beyond St. Michael's walls!

A huge THANK YOU to our dedicated and faithful Sunday School teachers who lead classes and share Jesus' love with our students each week. Your commitment and passion make all the difference in the lives of our children.

Thank you, Hannah Thompson and Jayna Schroeder, for your tireless efforts in guiding our Pre-K students on their journey of discovery and learning about the Bible. Your creativity, enthusiasm, and love for teaching are truly appreciated. We also appreciate Holly Booth, Jacob Schroeder, Shannon and Mark Rose who have generously shared their time supporting this large class of busy toddlers.

The dedication and passion that Gloria Fahlsing, Erin Bains, and Natalie Meyer bring to the kindergarten through first-grade room are evident in the joyful atmosphere they cultivate. Their commitment to helping our young learners explore and experience the teachings of the Bible shines through in every activity they plan and lead.

We are so grateful to Mollie Grover, Grace Levitt, and Naomi Hendrickson for teaching our second and third-grade students. It is remarkable to see young people (two high school students and one who graduated last year), step up to volunteer and faithfully lead this Sunday School class each week. Their willingness to invest their time and talents in the spiritual growth of our children is a testament to their compassionate hearts and strong faith.



FAMILY MINISTRY *with Jen Clendenen continued*

Thank you, Jana Peters and Meredith Tourney, for your dedication to leading our fourth and fifth-grade students with passion and enthusiasm. Your unique blend of knowledge and teaching expertise has a remarkable impact on the education and spiritual growth of our students, and we are immensely grateful for your service.

We sincerely thank Adam Hahn and Matt Hendrickson, our dedicated 6th and 7th-grade teachers. Your faithfulness and ability to incorporate humor and real-life examples into your confirmation lessons have made a lasting impact on your students. Thank you for all that you do to guide and inspire their spiritual journeys.

We are incredibly blessed by the hard work and dedication of our 8th-grade teacher team - Craig Patterson, Emma Deines, and Pastor Goff. Your commitment to preparing our youth for the Rite of Confirmation is truly outstanding, and we cannot thank you enough for all the effort you put into getting them ready to profess a faith of their own. We appreciate all the lessons shared from Luther's Small Catechism, helping them select their confirmation verses, and preparing them to share their witness speeches and own their faith. Thank you for all that you do to help them grow in their faith. You are making a lasting impact on our youth, and we appreciate you!

Finally - We want to give a big shoutout and thank you to our amazing high school Sunday School teaching team - Emma Deines, Rick and Tammy Bruns, and Kathy Palmreuter! You guys rock! Thank you for all the hard work and effort you put into encouraging and guiding our young people as they navigate high school and prepare for the real world. We appreciate all you do to impart scripture to help them make important life decisions and discover their identity in Christ. Keep up the awesome work - you're making a real difference in their lives!



May 19
is our final
Sunday School
class of the
spring!

BELONG

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

Thursday, May 9 (12:00p)

Join us for lunch and a movie. The scheduled movie is "What if.....". It's a funny, heartwarming story centering on the question "What if God gave you a second chance?" Reservations are requested. Please call Penny Pequignot at 260-580-8730 by May 1.

Tuesday, June 18 (7:05p)

"SAVE THE DATE" for the annual Tin Caps Game on Tuesday, June 18. The entire congregation is invited and tickets are \$14.00. It is Parkview Field Tuesday \$2.00 night.

GAP MINISTRY—May 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 conference room after the services.

PRAYING FOR OUR NATION—May 1/15

Join us at 1:00p 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— May 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 BIBLE STUDY—May 8/22

Join us the second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:15a for Christian fellowship and the study of God's Word!

BOOK CLUB—Thursday, May 16

This month we are reading *Switchboard Soldiers* by Jennifer Chiaverini. Contact Camille Blake at 409-9196 with questions.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

You are invited to the Indiana Lutheran Women in Mission District Convention!

When: June 21-23 **Where:** Hendricks County 4-H Conference Center, Danville, Indiana

The registration cost is \$80 and the registration deadline is May 31. The ingathering will be diapers, infant clothing, grocery gift cards and duffle bags.

If interested, please contact Linda Chapman at 260-417-3052.

EMMANUEL-ST.MICHAEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2024-2025

ESM is thankful for all the faculty and staff serving every day, including the faithful work of some who are being called to begin new opportunities. In addition to Mrs. Staub accepting a Call to teach social studies at CLHS, three individuals are retiring from their current roles: Mrs. Kuker as Union Instructional Aide, Mrs. Stradling as School Nurse, and Mrs. Wudy as Union Librarian. Praise the Lord for the many ways they have served at ESM and for the good plans God has for them!

With those openings, as well as addressing other ways to best fulfill our mission, please see below for different opportunities to serve alongside the incredible team at ESM for the 2024-2025 year!

- Middle School Teacher: The Call Committee continues its work and invites [APPLICATIONS](#) for qualified teachers for 7th Grade Homeroom with a preferred emphasis in English and Language Arts. Submit a cover letter, application, and resume to Ms. Greener at mgreener@esmeagles.com.
- Part-Time Preschool Assistants: ESM is searching for individuals who desire to share the love of Christ with our littlest learners. Previous experience working with young children is preferred. If you would like to be considered for the position, please complete this [APPLICATION](#) and submit it to Mrs. Ackmann at jackmann@esmeagles.com.
- Elementary Aide: Part-time teacher aide opportunities could vary depending on experience, availability, and fit. Contact Mrs. Latin at klatin@esmeagles.com to learn more.
- PE Teacher/Athletic Director: We have been blessed by the additional work that Ms. Greener and Mr. McGuigan have done for ESM athletics and physical education this year! We are evaluating how best to meet growing needs in those areas and would invite a conversation with anyone who has experience or interest as AD or PE teacher. Contact Dr. Stellwagen at bstellwagen@esmeagles.com to learn more.
- School Nurse and Librarian: More information is coming soon, including job descriptions and applications for these positions. Contact Dr. Stellwagen at bstellwagen@esmeagles.com to learn more.

SPORTS RECOGNITION NIGHT

On Wednesday, May 15 we will recognize all of our student athletes that have participated in any sport during this school year. The program will begin at 7:00p and will be held in the gymnasium at the Union Street Campus. Student athletes are encouraged to wear Spirit Wear!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT EMMANUEL

Join us for Family Fun Night at Emmanuel on Tuesday, May 7th at 6pm, in the gym at ESM's Union Street Campus. Enjoy an evening of free entertainment for all ages featuring Brent Vernon, a singer, songwriter, and ventriloquist. Experience his energetic mix of music, stories, and puppetry with hope-filled messages and good, clean fun. Don't miss out! You can learn more about Brent [here](#). His books and music will be available for purchase as well. We hope to see you there!

BASKETBALL CAMP SPONSORSHIPS

Over the last 25 years, our summer basketball camp has asked for and received great support from ESM family businesses that have contributed to different projects in our school. We have been able to give scholarships to camp, put up new side baskets, contribute to our school library program, etc. This year's camp is July 15-19 and we are again asking for donations of \$200. Your business logo will then be placed on the back of about 120 t-shirts that are given to all of the participants. The money made through these donations will provide additional funds for a project at ESM. If you would like to give a donation or need more information, please contact Coach Eggold at 580-2528. Thank you for considering a contribution to this year's ESM Summer Basketball Program.


ST. MICHAEL FINANCIAL UPDATE

March 2024

INCOME	Actual	Budgeted	Actual vs budget
Offerings	\$395,808	\$427,794	\$(31,986)
Facility	\$1,098	\$3,244	\$(2,146)
Interest	\$6,824	\$5,625	\$1,199
Grants	\$11,850	\$11,850	\$-
Fellowship	\$1,427	\$150	\$1,277
ESM/CLHS Support	\$40	\$-	\$40
Misc.	\$900	\$-	\$900
Total Income	\$417,947	\$448,663	\$(30,716)
EXPENSES			
Missions	\$2,804	\$5,121	\$(2,317)
Education	\$167,885	\$167,889	\$(4)
Youth & Family	\$1,824	\$2,700	\$(876)
Administrative	\$7,126	\$8,063	\$(937)
Pastoral Support	\$2,387	\$2,849	\$(462)
Worship	\$3,044	\$2,993	\$51
Boards & Committees	\$4,038	\$3,438	\$600
Utilities, Maintenance & Supplies	\$51,228	\$46,583	\$4,645
Salaries	\$135,889	\$137,828	\$(1,939)
Taxes and Benefits	\$46,478	\$47,703	\$(1,225)
Nursery, Gym Setup, Worship	\$1,763	\$1,950	\$(187)
Total Expenses	\$424,466	\$427,117	\$(2,651)
Net Income (Loss)	\$(6,519)	\$21,546	\$(28,065)

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.

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

Once logged in, you can view your profile, look up member phone numbers and addresses, view your offering history, and print your statements

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.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I increase my online offering?

You can email our financial secretary at jmlee3@gmail.com with the following information:

- The current amount and the new amount you want to increase it to
- The effective date of the increase

Why did my online offering remain the same even though I increased my 2024 pledge from 2023?

- First, thank you for committing to support St. Michael Ministries. Your pledge does not give us authority to increase or decrease your offerings. We are happy to assist you, but we will need you to email Jmlee3@gmail.com with the current offering, new offering, and effective date.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Joe Lee, Financial Secretary at jmlee3@gmail.com.

GIVING OUR TIME AND TALENT *with Bruce Schroeder*

Back in February when Pastor Goff asked me to build a cross for Good Friday I thought, “sure they’re pretty easy”. I’ve created many crosses in the past so immediately my mind went to designing and construction materials. Then Pastor said he wanted it to be old and rugged, possibly a railroad tie. He wanted the congregation to nail their sins to it on Good Friday.

“OK” I said with some hesitation, and the next morning my coworker, Fred & I carried in two railroad ties that had been lying alongside the shop for about thirty years. I wanted the wood to dry out before cutting into it. I was amazed at how well they had held up over the many years. But it was the weight that was overwhelming.

As I began the machining process, I couldn’t stop thinking about the actual cross my Lord and Savior had hung upon. After cutting the cross beam and notching it to fit into the vertical post, I again was surprised at its exceptional weight. It was only 54” long! Probably shorter than the one Christ carried yet it weighed close to a hundred lbs.! Could His have been this heavy? What an unbelievable burden to carry, especially after being beaten nearly to death. The vertical beam was only one hundred inches long and perhaps weighed one hundred and fifty lbs. yet probably four feet shorter than what the Romans used.

Pastor had told me that the cross would need about five hundred holes so we could simply place our nail into a predrilled hole instead of everyone hammering their nail in. I decided to get three additional nails to represent the ones that went through Christ’s hands and feet. I thought “how long of a nail does it take to pierce two feet and hold securely in the wood of the cross?” I imagined the pain of those nails ripping through His flesh. How it would hinder or possibly stop him from being able to lift himself enough to take the slightest of breaths.

Then I started to drill the holes. One for my sins... Just one? Five hundred would not be enough for my sins. I kept drilling. Holes enough for everyone’s sins? Five hundred and three holes I drilled yet I could not comprehend the number of sins heaped upon Him. My sins, your sins, the sins of everyone in the congregation, the sins of all believers, the sins of all those who don’t believe and even the sins of all people from the beginning of time until the end of the age. Who could possibly bear such pain? Who could endure the weight of all mankind’s sins? No wonder He was sweating blood just thinking about it.

When Good Friday came, I nailed my sin to the cross along with everyone else. Then I sat there watching as person after person added their sins to the cross. An elderly woman ever so gently placed her nail into a hole and a little child found a hole near the bottom for their sins. It brought me to tears and back to the drilling of hole after hole after hole with each one representing an unknown amount of our sins all taken willingly, purposely upon Himself to save us.

What kind of God sacrifices Himself for the sake of His subjects? No, not subjects, His creation! His dearly, loved creation. Our God does! The God of love! What great love He has shown to us in His own crucifixion. What great love He shows to us, each and every time He grants us forgiveness. For forgiveness, except for death, is possibly the greatest expression of love there is.

Forever in His service,
Bruce Schroeder

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all my church friends for your prayers and cards!
Mitzie Reiter



Thank you to all our Kroger shoppers. St. Michael received \$148.76 this quarter!

STEWARDSHIP

30 GRATITUDE PROMPTS FROM *TOWARDWELLBEING.COM*

1. What is something you are looking forward to?
2. What memory are you grateful for?
3. What season do you appreciate?
4. What song or piece of music do you enjoy?
5. What is a mistake that led to something positive?
6. Name one person who has had a positive impact on your life?
7. Look around you and think about what you can see (people or objects). List the things you are grateful for!
8. What season (weather) do you like the most?
9. What is something new you learned this week/month that you are grateful for?
10. What is your favorite smell?
11. Describe your favorite place in the world.
12. Which of your personality traits do you appreciate?
13. Describe a recent obstacle you have overcome.
14. Who in your life are you grateful for?
15. What about your health or body do you appreciate?
16. What is your favorite taste/food?
17. Which piece or type of technology are you most grateful for?
18. Write down the best piece of advice you have been given.
19. Describe the last kind thing you did (without being asked, or for any reward).
20. What is your favorite time of day?
21. What is something you are looking forward to this week/month?
22. What is your favorite outfit and how does it make you feel?
23. Write down what you have done recently to look after yourself (physical or mental health).
24. What is something you can do easily, but is difficult for others?
25. Describe a time when a stranger did something nice for you.
26. What is the best gift you have ever received?
27. What traditions did you enjoy as a child, or have put in place as an adult?
28. What did it feel like to fall in love for the first time?
29. Who inspires you to keep going when things are tough?
30. What is something you are really proud of?
31. (bonus - just in case the month is 31 days) - What is best compliment someone has ever given you?

Gratitude doesn't have to end after 30 (or 31) days. Use these prompts to think about other aspects of your life. Explore your sense of wellbeing and mood before and after completing the challenge. Share your answers (or some of your answers) with your loved ones and spread the appreciation. And let me know...what was this challenge like for you?

ST. MICHAEL FOUNDATION

Last weekend, the 18th annual St. Michael Lutheran Church Foundation awarded \$18,850 to the gospel ministries affecting St. Michael. This is our largest amount awarded in our history. You may remember that the St. Michael Lutheran Church Foundation Board after thoughtful and prayerful consideration last fall transferred St. Michael’s Foundation assets to The Lutheran Foundation of Fort Wayne. In 2006 our original funds of \$31,225 were deposited into the Lutheran Community Foundation in Minneapolis, MN. At that time the local, Lutheran Foundation, was in their early days and did not manage congregation endowments. Our Minneapolis group transitioned to the InFaith Foundation and recently to Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing. We thank them for their wise investments for St. Michael these past 17 years. The St. Michael Foundation Board was interested in the lower fees that our local foundation offers along with its local and strong faith leadership component. All current account names and holdings remain the same. A unanimous vote transferred funds from Minneapolis to Fort Wayne on September 20, 2023.

Awards this year were based on our deposited fund value on February 29, 2024. Our total investment is \$460,301. Funds are deposited in The Lutheran Foundation, Fort Wayne, IN. Only a portion of the endowment is spent with the principle growing and providing a permanent source of income to support St. Michael ministries. This year 4.25% of qualified funds was awarded based on member requests.

This year \$18,850 is awarded to the following:

Education Support of ESM + CLHS	\$3,750	Shew Fund
Youth Mission to North Carolina	\$1,550	Youth Mission Fund
Vacation Bible School Support.....	\$1,400	VBS Fund
Security Upgrades	\$1,050	General Fund
Charlie McLain, Year 2 - Seminary Support	\$1,000	General Fund
<i>Lutheran Church Worker Education Support for:</i>		
William McLain, Third Year - Concordia Chicago	\$1,000	General Fund
Anna Maxson, Third Year - Concordia Nebraska	\$1,000	General Fund
Vaughn Hendrickson, First Year - Concordia System.....	\$1,000	General Fund
Grace Levitt, First Year – Concordia Chicago	\$1,000	General Fund
Writing of Policy Manual	\$1,000	General Fund
Church Jubilee Celebrations	\$1,000	General Fund
Two Mobile Display Towers	\$ 900	General Fund
Worship Leaders Experience Conference	\$750	General Fund
Website Upgrades.....	\$700	Bruns Mission Fund
“Young Life” Youth Outreach.....	\$500	Bruns Mission Fund
Education Support of ESM + CLHS	\$450	Braun Fund
Fine Art Camp Art Supplies	\$350	General Fund
Worship Leaders Experience Conference.....	\$300	Music Fund
Fine Arts Camp Supplies	\$150	Music Fund

The Foundation is supported by cash gifts, securities, memorials, bequests and life insurance. Contact the church office or Ron Menze for added information.

\$169,796 has been awarded in the last 18 years.

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR MAY ANNIVERSARIES!

God's blessings to...	Day	Years	God's blessings to...	Day	Years
Dan and Angie Rich	3	16	Dave and Meikka Bilos	22	25
John and Gloria Ribar	4	39	David and Marybeth Bienz	23	43
Mark and Doreen Muntzinger	5	40	Dave and Diane Jackson	23	54
Logan and Amanda Fillmore	6	6	Gordon and Julie Kistler	23	32
Joe and Pat Heiny	9	43	Ryan and Pam Meyer	23	32
Brian and Jill Bowman	10	16	Zachary and Jill Dougal	24	16
Shawn and Jessica McLain	11	28	Corey and Meghan Jackson	24	10
Sean and Christina Powell	11	28	Curtis and Heather Setser	24	27
Dave and Sheryl Krieg	12	34	Bob and Jeanette Zinn	24	55
Joel and Lora Esslinger	15	48	Jeremy and Barbara Allyn	25	21
Curt and Amy Wills	15	31	Al and Karen Henkel	27	52
Robert and Jo Schaab	16	54	Benjamin and Dorie Fowls	28	19
Thomas and Holly Bauman	19	51	Bryce and Abby McCoy	28	2
Chad and Erin Loggins	19	23	Dave and Andrea Tarbet	29	31
Tim and Marilyn Crum	20	52	Dan and Amanda Campbell	30	15
Steve and Karen Manges	20	47	Jeff and Julie Crum	30	24
Dan and Bivian Ann Oldsen	20	52	Kyle and Kayla Engle	31	5
David and Christine Harrison	20	41	Joshua and Aimee Stir	31	21
Eric and Janet Olson	21	32	Berry and Chris Weaver	31	27
Brian and Colleen Wielosinski	21	19			

MAY BAPTISM and MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

We will celebrate baptism birthdays on May 18, 19. Please pray for Logan Frable, Cora Gould, Keith Hahn, Will Sappenfield Urban, Maggie Rich, Hunter and Selene Fulcher, Donovan and Avery Cannon, Ava Daseler, Ezra Thomas, Novara Roehm, and Baker Sliger.

Happy Birthday and God's blessings to Catherine Rosine, 5/2, 81; Vicki Wilkerson, 5/3, 81; Jean Bristol, 5/5, 81; Nancy Panning, 5/23, 81; Nancy Kuker, 5/25, 92; and Marilyn Barlow, 5/30, 87

SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: WHEN YOU PRAY

Tuesday evenings, 6:30p-8:00p, June 4 – July 23, led by Tammy Bruns

Do you have trouble thinking of words to say to God when you pray? Are you afraid some emotions are too intense to express to God? Do you reach the end of a day only to realize you haven't prayed at all? You're not alone. Prayer is the way we relate to God, but sometimes it's a struggle. In this 7-session study, join with six beloved Bible teachers who will help you study prayers in the Bible that can inspire your own. You'll learn that God welcomes your praise and lament, your thanksgiving and intercession. As you draw near to God through prayer, you'll find your faith strengthened and your heart united to Christ. Books can be ordered through the church for \$28 (includes shipping) or on Amazon for \$25. Register today at stmfw.org/register.

B.I.E.S.S. SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Monday evenings, 6:30p-8:00p, June 3 – July 22, led by Craig and Rhonda Patterson

What if you could change the world without changing your daily routine? How do you share Jesus' grace with others without scaring them away or offending them? Uncover five simple, straightforward practices that will allow you to affect your entire neighborhood and community, one person at a time! Books can be ordered for \$18 through the church or Amazon. Register today at stmfw.org/register.