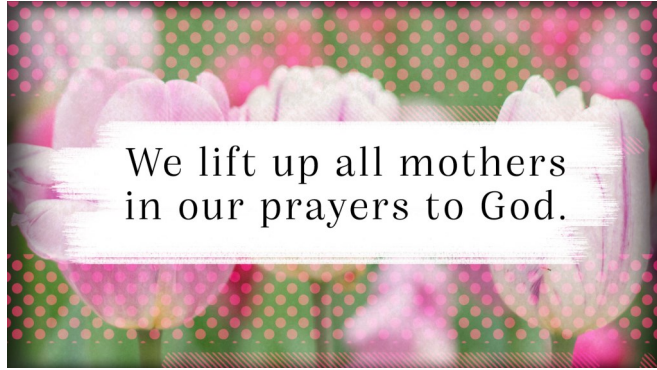


St. Michael's Lutheran Church
3455 S. Van Buren Road
Reese, MI 48757



CONNECTING People To Jesus

St. Michael's of Richville, Michigan

From The Music Director...

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.....And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts.

(Acts 2:42, 46)



How blessed they were! These first disciples, who had been live witnesses of the resurrection and had just come through the Spirit's outpouring on Pentecost, were able to then live a life built around the presence of the Lord. They gathered around God's Word, both in public and in their homes, and joined in prayer and in the Lord's Supper (the "breaking of bread"). They knew the commandment that instructed them to worship on the Sabbath, but they gathered not because they had to, but because they wanted to. How blessed they were!

How blessed we are! We, the members of the same church that was begun back in the day of the first apostles, share the same faith that

they taught. We have heard of the Lord's resurrection, we have heard of the Spirit's outpouring, and we rejoice in the Word that says "faith comes from hearing, and hearing from the Word of Christ." (Romans 10:17) We have a public place in which we gather for worship, and we pray in our homes. We even share a similar outline (a "liturgy") with them, as we gather around Word, prayer, and the sacrament. How blessed we are!

Yet life in the first century had its share of sin and distractions. Those first believers had political problems, social woes, and spiritual struggles. Still, these first believers continued to emphasize the importance of gathering regularly to hear the Word of God, and because of their witness, the church grew. (Read the book of Acts to see how it happened.)

And what about our life today? We deal with sins and distractions as well. Are we still making the same commitment to gathering weekly to receive the gifts that God gives through His Word and sacraments? May our prayer be that of the hymn writer:

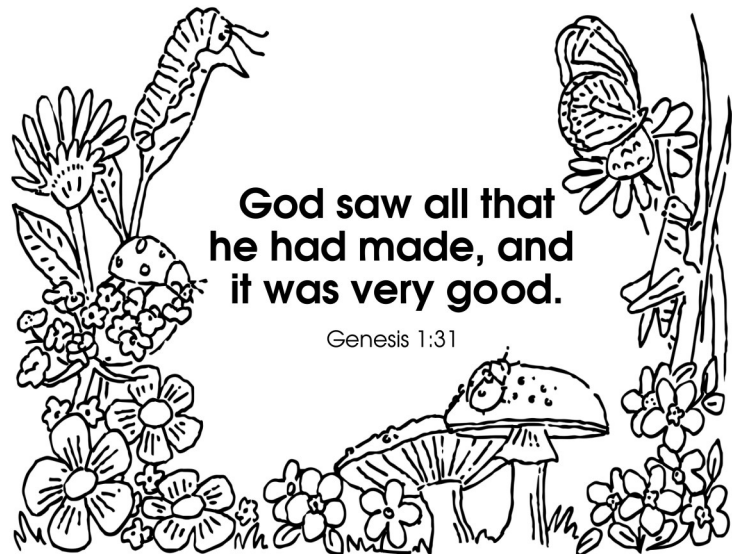
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Lord, be our light when worldly darkness veils us,
 Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails us,
 And in the day when hell itself assails us,
 Grant us Your peace, Lord:

Peace in our hearts, where sinful thoughts are raging,
 Peace in Your Church, our troubled souls assuaging,
 Peace when the work its endless war is waging,
 Peace in Your heaven.

(LSB 659)



Chicken BBQ

Sunday, May 12th

The annual St. Michael's Mother's Day BBQ begins at 10:30 a.m. and continues until sold out. Drive -thru only (at the school), \$12/dinner.

1/2 Chicken, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw and cupcake. Proceeds benefit the church and school. Supported by Frankenmuth Credit Union, Thrivent, Cake That, Vassar Building Center, Weiss Farms.

Thank
you,
 moms

Honor Roll/Honorable Mention 2023-2024 School Year

Students listed below are to be congratulated for doing well academically. Those whose names appear in all capital letters had all "A's". Students receive an asterisk (*) to denote each marking period of the current school year for which they have qualified for the honor roll and a pound sign (#) for each marking period as honorable mention.

St. Michael's Lutheran School – 3rd Quarter Honor Roll: (3.50 or above)

Fifth Grade:

Sixth Grade: Brittany Bickel***, Grady Fent***, Nathan Hecht***, Luke Hoerlein***, Eliza Lobodzinski***, ALAINA LOVE***, Kensington Morley***, Eli Piazza***, Remy Rodammer***, Johnathan Schultz##, Milla Thurston***

Seventh Grade: Ava Callahan***, Nataleigh Meyer***, McKenna Mitchell***

Eighth Grade: Brooke Bickel***, Eva Hecht***, Maya McCloud##, Braelin Rodammer***, Aidan Welsh***

St. Michael's Lutheran School – 3rd Quarter Honorable Mention: (3.00– 3.49)

Fifth Grade: Aubrey Baase##, Brylee Bickel###, Lucas Bierlein*##, Elaine Cook###, Hoyt Pike**#, Bradley Rodammer###, Wade Schlegel##, Kelsie Schlicht###

Sixth Grade: Ashlynn Eeckelson###, Colby Swaffer###, Owen Welsh**#, Nolan Woodward###

Seventh Grade: Warren Schlegel###

Eighth Grade: Kaitlen Palm**#



CIRCUIT CONVOCATION

June 8, 2024, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church, Reese, Michigan
 "His Church, His Mission; Our churches, His Mission"

How is our Lord at work in His Church in our congregations? You can find out and you'll be uplifted and inspired. Michigan District Circuits #9 and #10, Frankenmuth and Saginaw Circuits present a Convocation where all of us can gather together to see just how many places the Holy Spirit is at work among us. Join us Saturday, June 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Reese for our Convocation titled: "His Church, His Mission. Our churches, His Mission." We begin at 9:00 am.

When you arrive, meet your brothers and sisters from our two circuits. Take some time to browse Mission displays. See what your sister congregations are doing in their local communities. You'll be surprised to find out all the various ways Our churches serve His Mission!

After we worship together, we'll hear from a Missionary Couple who have connections to our area. Adam and Christine Lehman serve the Lord with their four children as Missionaries in Puerto Rico. Hear their stories of the Lord's blessings and learn how the Mission Work of the LCMS is organized. You can be a part of this!

Lunch is provided for everyone. In the afternoon you can attend two sectionals about ministries that offer us opportunities to participate in His mission. Each of these is led by an organization based right here in Michigan! These include: LAMP, Orphan Grain Train, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, MOST Ministries and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. How will you choose which sectionals to attend? Find some information on each of the ministries on the church bulletin board.

† Financial Report as of 3/30/2024			
MISSIONS			
Missions Collected YTD	Goal \$50,000		\$ 45,575.39
Non Budget Missions Collected YTD			\$ 1,888.00
HOME PURPOSE			
		MTD	YTD
Home Purpose Balance as of 7/1/2023			\$ (112,077.61)
Home Purpose Income		\$ 137,161.84	\$ 1,049,191.30
Home Purpose Expenses		\$ 136,744.19	\$ 1,148,062.51
Thrivent Choice in-H.P. \$ 4,628.00		\$ 417.65	\$ (98,871.21)
School Income		\$ 10,921.57	\$ 94,064.97
School Expenses		\$ 3,872.96	\$ 71,857.34
		\$ 7,048.61	\$ 22,207.63
Child Care/Preschool Income		\$ 53,410.40	\$ 435,441.68
Child Care/Preschool Expenses		\$ 46,014.80	\$ 399,211.57
Thrivent Choice in Childcare \$ 12.00		\$ 7,395.60	\$ 36,230.11
Home Purpose Balance (includes Child Care/Preschool/School)			\$ (152,511.08)
New Construction Balance as of 7/1/2023		MTD	\$ (46,394.50)
Income	Goal \$200,000	\$ 11,946.00	\$ 60,811.04
Expenses		\$ -	\$ 48,135.14
New Construction Fund Balance		\$ 11,946.00	\$ (33,718.60)
Franklin Ave Mission	Goal \$5,000	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,652.00
Capital Improvement Balance as of 7/1/2023		MTD	\$ 197,377.30
Collected	Goal \$80,000	\$ 3,710.00	\$ 61,010.30
Expenses		\$ -	\$ 79,814.74
Capital Improvement Balance		\$ 3,710.00	\$ 178,572.86

Stewardship Minute STEWARDSHIP OF THE TEMPLE

Many times we have often ignored a fundamental issue of Christian stewardship---the use and treatment of our bodies. Far too many Christians abuse and misuse their bodies.

Man has been given the authority and dominion over the earth by God. We should at all times seek to achieve God's purpose in the use of the body and with our world, as we are God's managers in all that He has given us.

Our attitude and beliefs will determine our actions. If we believe we have great worth and we should, we need to treat our bodies accordingly. We have great value because God tells us and has demonstrated that for us. We all have been given gifts, talents, and abilities in which to serve others and glorify our Lord. We have real significance and meaning as we grow in Christ and walk in faith with Him.

Our healthy well-being is wholesome when we cherish our spiritual, mental, and physical health. These are inseparable, as one affects the other!

God placed a high value on our bodies when He said "Do you not know that your body is a *TEMPLE of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought*

at a price, so honor God with your body." 1Cor. 6 vs. 19-20

God has established laws and principles in which to promote good health. We are commanded to glorify God in our bodies. Poor health can adversely affect our work, our family, our social life, and everything else. We should seek to gain knowledge and develop good healthy habits to ward off disease, lack of energy, and lack of zeal. We are God's creation and His managers of His creation of which man was created in His own image. We are very special of whom He loves greatly!

Here's some basic principles for good bodily stewardship:

1. Breathe clean air and drink clean water
2. Consume nutritional food with a balanced diet
3. Get adequate sleep and rest
4. Get adequate sunshine
5. Get regular exercise
6. Have proper hygiene, especially dental
7. Do all things in moderation
8. Avoid tobacco and other stimulants
9. Work—it's good for you
10. Strengthen your faith to keep you from fear and worry
11. Exercise your brain with wholesome thinking
12. Develop and maintain a positive and grateful attitude

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Lutheran Laymen's League

LLL Peat Moss Sale

Sale days May 3, noon to 5 pm and May 4, 9 am to 1 pm. pick at the Church parking lot. 40# bags, \$4.50 each buy 10 get 1 Free.

Call Mark 989-280-1166 or Jim 989-670-1710.
There may still be some available today.



Michigan LLL District Convention

Join the Michigan LLL District at their annual Lutheran Hour Ministries gathering hosted at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church Worship & Event Center in Frankenmuth, Michigan on Saturday, May 11, 2024. All are welcome to attend. Guest speakers are Lutheran Hour Ministries staff members Jeff Craig-Meyer, President, U.S. Ministries and Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies, Vice President, Ministry Engagement focusing on Energizing Mission. Join other LCMS Michigan District Board of Directors for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission. Doors open at 9 a.m. with the convention beginning at 9:30 a.m. No cost to register – free-will offerings will be gathered during the event to assist the MI LLL District with meal costs. Please register by May 3 for meal and seat count for the day. Send your name, address and contact information of all attendees and return to Philip Krauss, MI LLL District Treasurer, 112 Marshall St. PO Box 74, Brooklyn, MI 49230. If you have any questions or need more information you can contact Dennis Engelhard, MI LLL District President by phone: 989.670.8028; by email: dennisengelhard59@gmail.com. The theme for the convention is as follows: "I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands forever; that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself." Psalm 89:1-2.

Peat Moss Sale

RICH & ORGANIC!

GREAT FOR YOUR GARDEN AND FLOWER BEDS!



Friday May 3: Noon—5
Saturday May 4: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Church Parking Lot

40# BAG \$4.50 each
Buy 10 bags, get 1 free

* Bulk Peat Moss is not available this year *

Orders now being taken

Call
Mark Schiefer 989-280-1166
Jim Hecht 823-9252 or 989-670-1710

St. Michael's, Richville
Lutheran Laymen's League

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There will be no more meetings for the summer.

Watch for updates on upcoming events!

June: Family Night
July: Steak Fry

Area Church Events

- The Valley Lutheran Drama Department invites you to their spring production of 'Little Women'. Showings are nightly, May 2, 3, and 4th at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$7/adults, \$5/students, or \$24/family.
- Valley Lutheran is excited to host the Concordia Vocal Jazz Choir (from Concordia, Nebraska) on Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m. for the first ever concert in the VL Music Room! The Concordia Vocal Jazz Choir was formed in the fall of 2006 and has earned a reputation for fine singing of jazz/pop influenced choral music, touring throughout the United States performing concerts and school assemblies. All the members are also members of the University A Cappella Choir, an internationally acclaimed touring concert choir. We

invite you to hear this group at Valley on May 6th!

- Summer Camps return to Valley Lutheran! Head to www.vlhs.com/camps to see this year's offerings and schedule and to sign-up! Camps are in June and include one-week, half-day offerings in sports, technology, and the arts. Contact Tasha Mulder, Summer Camp Coordinator, at tmulder@vlhs.com with any questions.
- Chicken Dinner Take-out Fri., May 3rd from 11AM-3PM during the M-15 Garage Sales. It will be held on Center St. in the Baptist Church/Millington Township parking lot and sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran Church, Millington. The cost is \$15.00 and you will receive ½ a chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, and a bottle of water. Come and enjoy.

Thank You's

A huge thank you to all who volunteered to help with the benefit for Sherry Krieger. It was a big success! We're grateful to all those who came for the sloppy joes and all the generous donations that have come in. God bless all of you, and may He continue to be with Sherry and Roger through this journey. To HIM be the glory.

-Friends & Family of Sherry Krieger

Thank you to everyone who supported us through the Sloppy Joe benefit, and Thank you to all our friends and family that keep Sherry in their prayers, and volunteered to help with this event.

-Roger & Sherry Krieger

It's hard to believe that it has been over a month since we put on our 23rd Passion Drama. We want to thank everyone that was involved and help made it happen. Thank you to the people that helped promote it during the Living Nativity at Frankentrost, and all the advertisement that was done; To the cast members that did an spectacular job on playing their parts; The talented musicians that played and sang during the drama; and also to everyone behind the scenes that helped make it possible from the people that served refreshments and dinner and the setup crew that got everything ready and swapped out scenes during the Drama. We were able to spread the wonderful word of God's love for us to just shy of 300 people. Some coming as far as Kalkaska, Royal Oak, and Tawas city just to name a few. We are already looking forward to next year. Once again, thank you, and God bless.

Passion Drama co-chairs,

Josh Doud, Duane Weiss Jr.



Lutherans for Life of Michigan's annual Diaper Shower is coming soon.

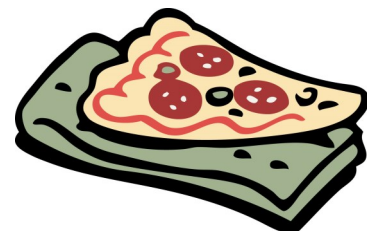
The project runs from Mothers' Day May 12 through Fathers' Day June 16, 2024. Please bring in any size diapers (especially size 6 or any larger sizes if possible) and place them in the box in the foyer anytime through Fathers' Day. LifeClinic Community Resources in Bay City, a pregnancy resource center, is so appreciative for the support we at St. Michael's will give them. We are an answer to their prayers.

Life Is a Gift



Sisters of Ruth
Wednesday, May 1st
 We will be having a Pizza Potuck!
 Pizza will be included.

Bring a salad, dessert, or drink.
 See you there!



Mary Martha Guild

MEETING

Monday, May 6th

7:00 p.m.

Flats \$17.00
Geraniums \$5.25
Greens \$3.75 pot
Vines \$3.75

Flower Sale
Saturday
May 18, 2024
8 a.m. until noon
Storage Building
In Church Parking Lot

Alyssum - Begonia - Dahlias - Dusty Miller - Impatiens - Geraniums - Gerbera Daisy - Marigold - Moss Roses - Pansies - Daisy - Petunias - Salvia - Spikes Ferns - Vinca Vine - Zinnias

Order by May 12th
 by calling or Email
 (989)868-4670
 (989)262-8098
 (989)392-7947
 (989)798-2051
 church@stmichaelsrichville.org

Sponsored by St. Michael's Mary Martha Guild
 with additional funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Proceeds go towards Mission Projects

Order Forms can be found in the church and on the church website!



Gifts and Memorials

In Memory

Wanda Reinert

School Music—\$90.00

Val Bierlein

Athletic Fund—\$40.00

Sharon Dietrich

Athletic Fund—\$605.00

School Financial Aid—\$600.00

Bill Rau

Park Hall—\$1,071.00

Lutheran Special Edu. Ministries—\$75.00

Also donations to Alzheimer's Association

In Honor

Lorine Nickodemus; 90th Birthday (March 16th)

-a gift was given to the Electronic Sign by Lorine & her family

-a gift was given to the Park Hall by Ron & Irene Frank

-gifts were given to Home Purpose by Marian Mossner, Curt Weber, Doris Bauer, Julie Ross, Marilyn Knoll, Lois Wylie, Millie Bierlein, Ken & Cathy Kern, Fred & Judy Kern, Scott & Bonnie Weber, Glen & Marilyn Nickodemus

Arlene Bierlein: 90th Birthday

-has given a gift to the Electronic Sign

Karen Haines: 60th Birthday (April 17th)

- a gift was given to Child Care by Leona Bauer, Dan & Theresa Bauer, and Sue & Buzz Spiekerman

Donation given to Home Purpose from the

Passion Drama—\$250.00