

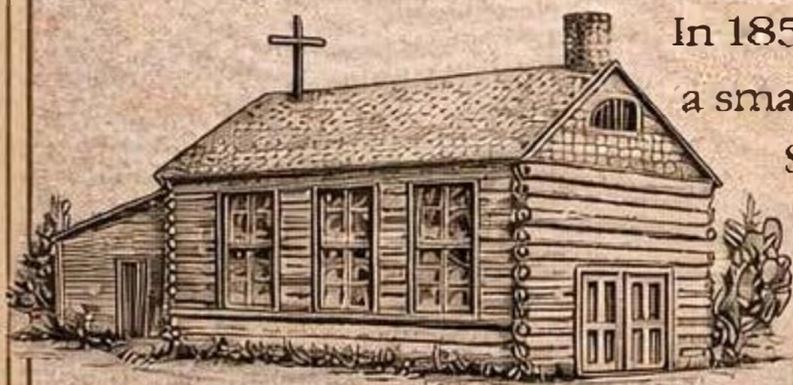
ST. MICHAEL'S

175th Anniversary

1851 - 2026

The Beginning

175 Years Ago, German families came to America to find a better life. The fourth colony in the area, Fränkenhilf, was built on the principle of helping others, offering poor families the opportunity to grow and begin a new life.



The First Church 1851

In 1851, the first worship service was held in a small family home, marking the founding of St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

2 years after the founding in 1853, the congregation had decided it was time to build a church. Each member dedicated 17 days of work to the project.

In 1874, the church was flourishing. It soon became clear that the small log church would no longer accommodate the growing congregation, and plans for a new building were made. In 1874, the congregation voted to construct a new church. Construction was followed eagerly by the members, and in 1875, the White Frame Church was dedicated. It faithfully served the congregation until 1971.

As we give thanks for what has been, we trust God for what is still to come.

**To God be the Glory for
175 Years at St. Michael's Lutheran Church.**

Faithfulness. Outreach. Worship. Community.

