



What is Peace on Earth?

It seems that many of them are expecting some kind of peace on earth where there will be no fighting, no war, and no crime. This, however, is not the peace which the angels declared to the shepherds. There will never be peace on earth that the song writers were wanting, because of sin. The peace the angels declared was Jesus. He was peace that had come to earth. While He

No matter what happens we still have the peace which is Jesus. The peace that will takes us home to live in perfect peace unto life everlasting. In heaven the peace that the song writers wrote about will be real. There will be no fighting, no wars, and food a plenty. As Isaiah says as he explains what the root of Jesse Jesus was going to do and cause in Isaiah 11:6-9. *The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They*



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shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the
Lord as the waters cover the sea. We have amaz-
ing things to look forward to and the child in the
manger is who brings us this peace of heaven.
Heaven is what we look forward to and the way
we get there is through the peace that came into
the world Jesus. May the promise of eternal life in
the babe in the manger bring you peace this
Christmas. Amen.

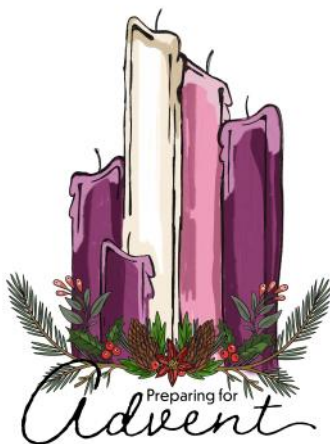
Pastor Knea



Advent Devotionals

The Lutheran Laymen's League at St Michael's has blessed us with advent devotionals. Do you have family devotions through the year? If not, perhaps you can start having them during Advent. In our church chancel, we have an advent wreath with three blue candles and a pink one with a Christ candle in the center. It used to be three purple candles and a pink one. This is not just for church, and it is not just decorative. The use of the Advent wreath is also meant to be used at home during your Advent devotions.

Perhaps pick up an advent wreath or get four candles to use in your home, and please take this time especially to use the supplied Advent devotionals for your family daily devotions.



Gift Card Fundraising

It's that time of year again where you can simplify your gift-giving needs by purchasing gift cards through RaiseRight (formerly known as Scrip). They offer a variety of gift cards including local vendors & restaurants that are available to purchase at face value with the retailer offering a rebate that goes back to St. Michael's. The recipient of the rebate is chosen by you, which can include school tuition, childcare costs, hot lunch, 7th/8th grade class trip or the church's Home Purpose account.

We will once again be offering the sale of select cards/order forms in the church foyer between services beginning December 1st-December 22nd.

Orders may also be made by going online to Rasiright.com or by stopping by the school office during school hours.

This is a simple and easy fundraiser to fulfill your shopping needs or to buy for your everyday essentials. A large list of retailers and restaurants is available at Raiseright.com

We appreciate those of you who have participated in this fundraiser in the past. Call Cheryl (989)882-5621 or Lavonne (989)863-0081 if you would like to assist or if you have any questions.



Sisters of Ruth

We will be meeting at
Innovation BeerWorks In Richville
Wednesday, December 4th
11:30 P.M.
for a Christmas Gathering.
See you there!



A decorative border of red poinsettias with green leaves frames the entire page.

Wednesday Advent Services: December 4th & 11th & School Program: December 18th, 6:30 P.M.

The Advent season begins as we turn our calendars to the month of December. Again this year we will have special Wednesday night Advent worship on the theme *"His Name Shall Be Called..."* Those words are taken from Isaiah 9 and are preceded by the promise of a Savior, *"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."* This Advent season leading up to Christmas Eve we will focus on the names given to Jesus, the Christ-Child.

The first name is *"Wonderful Counselor."* The second name is *"Mighty God,"* the third is *"Everlasting Father,"* and finally *"Prince of Peace."* Each of these names is loaded with meaning. The first name tells us that God Himself is amazing, even incomprehensible. He not only has the wise counsel of salvation; He also has the unique ability to carry it out. *Mighty God* assures us that Jesus was not merely a human prophet sent from God, but He is the true God incarnate, Immanuel, living in human flesh and blood. *Everlasting Father* tells us that the Son of God is co-eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one Holy Triune God, as Jesus said, *"I and the Father are one."* *"Prince of Peace"* is one of those curious and oft-misunderstood sayings. If Jesus came to bring *"peace on earth,"* what went wrong? We hear of *"wars and rumors of wars, persecutions, nations in distress, and great anxiety in the land."* It's been this way for thousands of years and shows no sign of getting better! But the peace that Jesus brings is to reconcile us to God by His holy life, sacrificial death, and triumphant resurrection. It all began that Holy Night in Bethlehem.

Please note that we have made a slight change to our Advent Wednesday schedule. Worship will be at 6:30 PM on December 4th and 11th, and the 18th will be the School Christmas Program. We are trying a 6:30 PM worship time to see if it is easier for everyone to get home earlier, especially parents with young children.

We invite you to set aside time this December to worship the Savior who came into our world born of Mary, who comes to us today in Word and Sacrament, and who will come again at the last day to judge the living and the dead!

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Gillaspie

Stewardship Minute

Thank you for your all that you do to support the ministries here at St. Michael's ! Your service and support are very appreciated.

The Harvest Brunch on Sunday Nov. 3rd was a success! The pancakes and sausage and the other entrees were well received. Our speaker from the Michigan District did a great job informing us about Lutheran education and how important it is in the lives and futures of our children. Thank you to all the volunteers who made it possible and for Thrivent to help out financially.

Our next event that is being planned will be a
Charitable Planning Workshop/Seminar.

Ideas on how to maximize your giving currently, and also with your estate plan, will be shared with the participants. Stay tuned for the details that will soon be provided.

One popular idea to implement before the end of the year and to maximize your giving is the QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution). For those who are age 70 ½ and have an IRA, can give up to \$100,000 per year directly to your church/charity and not pay any taxes!!! This strategy is remarkable and a fantastic way to give more for less! Consult with your advisor for the details. YOU ARE RICH! You are rich and blessed in so many ways. We have the privilege to work towards the greater good of others and serve by connecting people to Jesus, who is OUR GREATEST TREASURE OF ALL. Discover what it means to Be Rich Toward God. *"So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich towards God."* Luke 12:21

GROW YOUR FAITH—GO IN FAITH—GLOW WITH FAITH

-Board of Stewardship



Gifts & Memorials

In Memory of Nancy Palmreuter
Home Purpose—\$280.00

In Memory of Paul Harchick
Park Hall—\$20.00

In Memory of Terri Rupprecht
Home Purpose—\$25.00

In Memory of Dorothy Buchinger
Missions—\$95.00
School—\$50.00

In Memory of Shirley Putman
Park Hall—\$2,340.00
Home Purpose—\$45.00
Day Care—\$100.00
School Sports—\$100.00
Missions—\$10.00

In Memory of Bob Hubbard
Music Fund—\$15.00

In Memory of Stan Grzemkowski
Park Hall—\$20.00

In Memory of Dorothy Buchinger
Home Purpose—\$3,030.00
Choir Fund—\$15.00

In Honor of Florence Bierlein's 100th Birthday 11/27
-a gift was given to Home Purpose by her family.



I would like to say thank you again to both Pastor Gillaspie and Pastor Knea for my hospital visits and the whole St. Michael's congregation for your thoughts and prayers for my return hospital stay! I am recovering at home now and God willing and your thoughts and prayers everything will be better now! My other knee will be next and hopefully it will get better when the day comes!

- Tom Mossner

Shut-In and Nursing Home Residents

- Winter Village, 255 Mayer, Frankenmuth, MI 48734:
Lois Bickel, Doris Rau, Elaine Engel, Carl Buetow, Lorraine Schluckbier, Nancy Klopff
- Covenant Glen, 1040 Covenant Drive, Frankenmuth, MI 48734: *Luella Buchinger, Nancy Gruber, Doris Heindl, Bernice Auernhamer, Rollie Wenzel*
- Tuscola County Care Facility, 1285 Cleaver, Caro, MI 48723: *Bob Hadaway*
- Vassar Comfort Care, 5830 Frankenmuth Road, Vassar, MI 48768: *Donna Schoenow,*
- *Marlene Rodammer* - Symphany Nursing Home, 6700 Westside Saginaw Rd, Bay City MI 48706
 - *Joel Ehlert* - Wellspring, 725 W. Genesee, Frankenmuth, MI 48734
 - *Marilyn Baesl* - 308 E. Genesee St. Frankenmuth, MI 48734
 - *Doris Buchinger* - 3099 S. Quanicassee, Reese, MI 48757
 - *Don Hecht* - 3696 Elmwood Court, Vassar, MI 48768
 - *Bob and Faith Heinlein* - 124 Spruce St., Vassar, MI 48768
 - *Wayne Landskroener* - 9347 W. Sanilac Rd, Reese, MI 48757
 - *Margaret Schemm* - P.O. Box 113, 9358 Saginaw Rd, Richville, MI 48758
 - *Charlie Weber* - 8794 W. Sanilac Rd. Vassar, MI 48768
 - *Jim Karst* - 9766 Krueger Rd. Frankenmuth, MI 48734
 - *Don Duperon* - 10220 E. Washington Rd, Reese, MI 48757
 - *Arlene Bierlein* - 2733 S. Quanicassee Rd. Reese, MI 48757
 - *Karen Wirth* - 9005 W. Sanilac Rd. Reese, MI 48757

Please keep these members in your prayers. Consider brightening their day with a visit, or send a card on their birthday, for a holiday, or just "thinking of you." We have nice greeting cards available at church for 50 cents. They are on a display case near the restrooms.

I would like to thank my church family for their prayers and words of strength during the past year of my health journey. Also, many thanks to Pastor Gillaspie and Pastor Knea for their home visits, prayers, and support. All of you have been a blessing to me and my family. To God Be The Glory!

- Jim Karst

St. Michael's Youth Group Ministry
Invites You to **Mom—to-Mom Sale**

When: December 14th
9:00 AM till 1:00 PM.

Where: St. Michael's Lutheran School,
9444 W. Saginaw Rd, Reese, MI, 48757

Cost: Admission is FREE.

Interested in selling?

Tables are \$15 a piece.

A Mom2Mom sale around Christmas is a fantastic opportunity to find gently used children's toys, clothes, and other items at great prices, which can be repurposed or upcycled into unique and thoughtful Christmas gifts, like decorating old toys, making handmade ornaments from old fabric scraps, or crafting personalized gift baskets with pre-owned items. We also welcome craft vendors or/ other small business vendors to join in the fun. Youth Group Ministry will also have a bake sale table. If you have any question's please call or text Carrie Hoepfner at (989)327-4061 or email choepfner@stmichaelsrichville.org



Rejoice! 
**Christ
is
Born**

Honor Roll/Honorable Mention

2024-2025

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 – 1st Quarter Honor Roll:
(3.50 or above)

Fifth Grade: *Abel Bekemeier**, *Reagayne Fent**, *Avery Hecht**, *Olivia Jurgess**, *Charleston Morley**, *Cambel Rodammer**

Sixth Grade: *Lucas Bierlein**, *Elaine Cook**

Seventh Grade: *Grady Fent**, *Nathan Hecht**, *Luke Hoerlein**, *ALAINA LOVE**, *Eli Piazza**, *Milla Thurston**

Eighth Grade: *Ava Callahan**, *Bella Daenzer**, *Nataleigh Meyer**, *Lillian Michalak**, *McKenna Mitchell**, *Warren Schegel*

St. Michael's Lutheran School – 1st Quarter Honorable Mention: (3.00– 3.49)

Fifth Grade: *Ella Auernhammer#*, *Ruben Bierlein#*, *Addison Callahan#*, *John Hoornstra#*, *Ethan Keberlein#*, *Sutton Keinath#*, *Caroline Lobodzinski#*, *Logan Love#*

Sixth Grade: *Aubrey Baase#*, *Alexis Balcer#*, *Luke Bauer#*, *Brylee Bickel#*, *Bradley Rodammer#*, *Wade Schlegel#*, *Kelsie Schlicht#*

Seventh Grade: *Brittany Bickel#*, *Eliza Lobodzinski#*, *Kensington Morley#*, *Remy Rodammer#*, *Johnathan Schultz#*, *Nolan Woodward#*

Eighth Grade: *Nathan Courville#*, *Lilliana Guzman#*, *Cedric Keberlein#*



LLL Greenery Sale Thank You

Thank you to everyone that supported the
Greenery Sale.

Proceeds to:



Steven and Martha Mahburg's
Ministry and families of the St.
Michael's Hot Lunch Program





Mary Martha
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CHRISTMAS PARTY



Monday,
December 16th, 2024

5:30 P.M.

Meal at 6:00 P.M.

St. Michael's Park Hall



Tickets are on sale for
\$18.00

Get Tickets by Contacting:
Wayne Hecht: (989) 823-7734
Tim Bierlein: (989) 868-9944
Earl Palmreuter: (989) 652-9747
Dale Janson: (989) 868-4294
by December 1st, 2024

*Proceeds will benefit the
St. Michael's Hot Lunch Program*

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Meal
Three Meat Selection
(Ham, Chicken, & Beef)

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Desserts
(Pies, Cakes,
Cookies, Jello)

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Door Prizes, Games,
Sing Alongs



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

