



# CONNECTING People To Jesus

St. Michael's of Richville, Michigan

*Join Us This Holiday Season!*



## Wednesday Advent Services:

Dec. 3rd, 10th, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
(Dec. 17th: School Program)

We will be having Advent services at  
9 a.m. as well as our 7 p.m. service this year.

The school students will attend and our parishioners are welcome to  
attend, especially those who do not wish to travel in the dark.



## St. Michael's Christmas Concert

Dec. 7th , 3:00 P.M.

## St. Michael's School Program:

Dec. 17th, 7:00 P.M.



## Christmas Eve Services:

Dec 24th, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

## Christmas Day Service:

Dec. 25th, 9:00 a.m.



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## Artifact Day in the Church Basement

Sunday Dec. 21  
Between church services,  
and 12—2 p.m.

The 175th Anniversary Committee has been sifting through some church artifacts, ledgers, photos, news clips, and more items that have been locked away in closets for many years.

We would like to conduct an open house to allow members to look over these items, and take what they would like, especially if it's tied to their family, or an church organization they were members of now or in the past.

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## Advent Devotionals

The Lutheran Laymen's League at St Michael's, with support from St. Michael's Endowment Fund, 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 Nov 30th—December 14th.**

Orders may also be made by going online to [Raiserright.com](http://Raiserright.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 [Raiserright.com](http://Raiserright.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.



*Thanks be unto God  
for his unspeakable gift.*

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

# Mary Martha/LLL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 8th, 2025  
5:30 P.M.

@ Millington Christian Fellowship  
Church

8210 State Rd. (M-15), Millington, MI  
(next to Frankenmuth Credit Union)

Program: *Jeff Bolzman*— Highlights of his  
trip to Germany and The Footsteps of  
Martin Luther Reformation Tour.

Meal at 6:00 P.M.:

Home Cooked Meal Of:  
Ham & Meatballs, Salad, Bread/Rolls,  
Cheesy Potatoes, Hot Vegetables,  
Cheesecake, & Beverages

Tickets are on sale for \$16.00  
Get Tickets by Contacting:  
Sally Janson: (989) 550-2192  
Wayne Bierlein: (989) 551-3011  
by December 3rd, 2025

*(Rides will be available for anyone that does not  
wish to drive. Please call Sally or Wayne to make  
arrangements.)*



## Ushers Needed



Members between the ages of 3 and  
103, male or female, can be an usher for  
church services.

Contact Don Bierlein (989) 529-5661.



*“They entered the house,  
and saw the child with his  
mother, Mary, and they  
bowed down and  
worshipped him. Then they  
opened their treasure chest  
and presented him with gifts of gold,  
frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11*

**December starts the season of  
gift-giving. If you have  
someone that you just don’t  
know what to gift them...**

**Consider a legacy gift to St.  
Michael’s Endowment in honor  
of or in memory of someone.**

**There are several funds already  
established for you to choose  
from. Give a lasting gift!**

**You may use the envelope  
included in your envelope box.**

*Endowment Committee*



# ★ Honor Roll/ Honorable Mention ★ 2025-2026

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: Amelia Andrich\*, Avery Ellison\*, Breslin Pike\*, Ryker Richards\*
- Sixth Grade: Avery Hecht\*, John Hoornstra\*, Sutton Keinath\*, Charleston Morley\*, Cambel Rodammer\*
- Seventh Grade: Alexis Balcer\*, Brylee Bickel\*, Lucas Bierlein\*, Elaine Cook\*, Madelyn Ellison\*
- Eighth Grade: Grady Fent\*, Nathan Hecht\*, Eliza Lobodzinski\*, Alaina Love\*, Kensington Morley\*, Eli Piazza\*, Remy Rodammer\*, Johnathan Schultz\*, Milla Thurston\*

## St. Michael's Lutheran School –

### 1st Quarter Honorable Mention: (3.00– 3.49)

- Fifth Grade: Grace Gebhardt#, Lily Heinlein#, Aliyah King#, Tessa Papizzo#, Ethan Thurston#
- Sixth Grade: Ella Auernhammer#, Abel Bekemeier#, Addison Callahan#, Caroline Lobodzinski#, Logan Love#,
- Seventh Grade: Aubrey Baase#, Bradley Rodammer#
- Eighth Grade: Brittany Bickel#, Cole Heinlein#, Luke Hoerlein#, Colby Swaffer#

***Honoring  
Excellence***

## The Caring Closet in Saginaw Supported by Outreach

We are collecting:

Toys, books, and games; Blankets, hats, mittens, socks, and pajamas; Gifts for parents and grandparents.

If you'd rather donate money, **Ann Zwerk** will be happy to shop for you!

For questions or to arrange donations, contact **Ann Zwerk** at (989) 672-9363



## Sisters of Ruth

Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, 11:30 a.m.

We will be meeting at DaVinci's in Frankenmuth for lunch.

Please contact Luann if you have any questions.



*Gifts &  
Memorials*

### In Memory

Keith Ackerman

Home Purpose—\$20.00

Willie Wirth

Missions—\$10.00

Home Purpose—\$1,810.00

### In Honor Of

Pauline Scherzer's 95th Birthday, Oct. 29th

-a gift was given to the new doors by  
Mark & Maureen Bierlein



## Interested in Church History?

In excitement of our 175<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary next year, we have books from our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and a Church Building Booklet from 1971 on the table in the foyer for you, **free of charge**.

These books have pictures that could have family members or old friends, and big pieces of our church's history!



Grab one and see what you can learn and find!



**Winter Village**, 255 Mayer, Frankenmuth, MI 48734:  
Lois Bickel, Joann Kern, Irene Gohsman, Lorraine Schluckbier.

**Covenant Glen**, 1040 Covenant Drive, Frankenmuth, MI 48734: Luella Buchinger, Nancy Gruber, Doris Heindl, Doris Rau. Bernice Auernhamer, Rollie Wenzel

**Tuscola County Care Facility**, 1285 Cleaver, Caro, MI 48723: Bob Hadaway, Norm Petzold

**Vassar Comfort Care**, 5830 Frankenmuth Road, Vassar, MI 48768: Larry Putman

- Marlene Rodammer - Symphony Nursing Home, 6700 Westside Saginaw Rd, Bay City MI 48706
- 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
- Don Duperon - 10220 E. Washington Rd, Reese, MI 48757
- Arlene Bierlein— 2733 S. Quanicassee Rd. Reese, MI 48757
- Ron & Karen Wirth—9005 W. Sanilac Rd. Reese, MI 48757
- John & Bev Schemm—4141 McCarty Rd.—Room 119, Saginaw, MI 48603
- Bob Buckner—New Hope Bay, 668. N. Pine Rd. Bay City, MI 48708
- Don Baesl—308 E. Genesee, Rd. Frankenmuth, MI 48734

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 greeting cards available at church for \$1. They are on a display case near the restrooms.

## White as Snow Women's Conference

Sat. January 24th, at St. Lorenz,  
9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Join women from 70+ churches,  
8 different states, all with one goal:  
Start 2026 CENTERED ON CHRIST

Keynote Speaker: Lee Nienhuis  
Unforgettable, Soul Stirring Breakout sessions  
(Navigating Grief, Loving all people as God does, etc.)

Cost is \$45 (Lunch included)

More information and registration can be found here:  
<https://stlorenz.org/womens-conference/>



## LLL Greenery Sale Thank You



The members of St. Michael's  
Lutheran Laymen's League  
thank everyone who helped  
make our annual Greenery Sale a success by  
purchasing a Grave Blanket or a Wreath.

With your generosity and the support from  
Thrivent we are able to make a donation to the  
Tuscola county based Sleep In Heavenly Peace  
organization, to assist them with their goal of  
providing a bed for kids that do not have a bed.

We will also provide a donation to pastor Conrad  
and his family for their mission effort in central  
America.



We hope to serve you again next  
year.

✚ Financial Report as of		10/31/25	
<b>MISSIONS</b>			
Missions Collected YTD	Goal \$50,000		\$ 14,379.01
Non Budget Missions Collected YTD			\$ 956.00
<b>HOME PURPOSE</b>		<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Home Purpose Balance as of	07/01/25		\$ (71,597.09)
Home Purpose Income		\$ 108,653.15	\$ 490,579.04
Home Purpose Expenses		\$ 183,568.87	\$ 578,501.19
Thrivent Choice in H.P.	\$ 1,830.00	\$ (74,915.72)	\$ (87,922.15)
School Income		\$ 8,165.38	\$ 35,010.67
School Expenses		\$ 14,229.28	\$ 50,999.61
		\$ (6,063.90)	\$ (15,988.94)
Child Care/Preschool Income		\$ 46,053.22	\$ 232,536.95
Child Care/Preschool Expenses		\$ 88,307.91	\$ 259,796.13
Thrivent Choice in Childcare	\$ 63.00	\$ (42,254.69)	\$ (27,259.18)
Home Purpose Balance (includes Child Care/Preschool/School)			\$ (202,767.36)
New Construction Balance as of	07/01/25	MTD	\$ 12,690.88
Income	Goal \$25,000	\$ 880.00	\$ 5,811.00
Expenses		\$ 9.62	\$ 20.35
New Construction Fund Balance		\$ 870.38	\$ 18,481.53
Franklin Ave Mission	Goal \$5,000	\$ 450.00	\$ 990.00
Capital Improvement Balance as of	07/01/25	MTD	\$ 144,257.67
Collected	Goal \$80,000	\$ 3,548.00	\$ 16,790.50
Expenses		\$ 72.81	\$ 7,248.56
Capital Improvement Balance		\$ 3,475.19	\$ 153,799.61



# Bible Scavenger Hunt

## FOR ADVENT

Prepare for Christmas with this Bible-based Advent activity. Each day in December, look up the answer to one question.



**1** What will God's Son be called?  
(Isaiah 7:14)

**2** Where will Jesus reign?  
(Isaiah 9:7)

**3** Where will Jesus be born?  
(Micah 5:2)

**4** How many generations are between Abraham and the Christ?  
(Matthew 1:17)

**5** Who tells Mary she is having a baby?  
(Luke 1:26-31)

**10** Who issues the decree about a census?  
(Luke 2:1)

**9** What does Jesus' name mean?  
(Matthew 1:21)

**8** Until his son John the Baptist is born, what can Zechariah not do?  
(Luke 1:20, 64)

**7** What does Mary say that God has done for her?  
(Luke 1:49)

**6** Which relative of Mary is also having a baby?  
(Luke 1:41)

**11** From where do Joseph and Mary start their journey to Bethlehem?  
(Luke 2:4)

**12** What does Mary use to wrap up baby Jesus?  
(Luke 2:7)

**13** What serves as Jesus' first bed?  
(Luke 2:7)

**14** Who tells the shepherds the good news about Jesus' birth?  
(Luke 2:8-12)

**15** When the shepherds tell others about Jesus, how do people react?  
(Luke 2:8-12)



**20** Where does Joseph flee with his family for safety?  
(Matthew 2:14)

**19** What three gifts does Jesus receive from the wise men?  
(Matthew 2:11)

**18** Who is upset to hear about a newborn King?  
(Matthew 2:3)

**17** From what direction do the wise men (or Magi) come to worship Jesus?  
(Matthew 2:1-2)

**16** On what day is Jesus presented in the temple?  
(Luke 2:21)

**21** When does Jesus' family return to Israel?  
(Matthew 2:19-21)

**22** In what district does Jesus grow up?  
(Matthew 2:22)

**23** What free gift does God give us through Jesus, his Son?  
(1 John 5:11)

**24** Where do all our gifts come from?  
(James 1:17)

**25** How should we respond to our gifts?  
(2 Corinthians 9:15)



Answers: 1. Immanuel 2. On David's throne 3. Bethlehem 4. 42 5. The angel Gabriel 6. Elizabeth 7. Great things 8. Speak 9. He will save his people from their sins 10. Caesar Augustus 11. Nazareth, in Galilee 12. Cloths, or swaddling clothes 13. A manger 14. An angel of the Lord 15. They are amazed, or in wonder 16. The eighth 17. The east 18. Herod 19. Gold, frankincense and myrrh 20. Egypt 21. After Herod dies 22. Galilee 23. Eternal life 24. From above, from the Father or lights 25. Give thanks to God

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