



CONNECTING People To Jesus

St. Michael's of Richville, Michigan

Notes From Pastor...

What a great time of year the end of January. As a kid, I can remember Super Bowls being played at this time every year. Basketball season was getting started and also there was snow. Some people dread the snow, perhaps because it is difficult to drive in, but if you took the driving out of it snow is a gift of God.



As you know, I just moved here from southern Indiana, and we had snow, but usually it wasn't for very long. I grew up in Michigan and always loved to see the snow. After living where there isn't much snow for a while, the color of everything being brown makes winter very difficult. It is cold outside, and everything is dull brown or ugly lifeless. Sometimes this is how life is too. Sometimes we see the world as dull brown and lifeless. Things become difficult, because it seems like there is no hope. Perhaps this is due to people being mean or rude, or it is due to hearing all the bad things that are going on in our world. We too sometimes are not good to one another either. We sometimes are very selfish as we struggle to live in a selfish world. The Psalmist in Psalm 51 tells God that if He cleanses him of his sin, he will be whiter than snow. Through Jesus despite our selfishness and that of the rest of the world which makes the world brown and ugly, we are forgiven and made whiter than snow. In Jesus, we are made whiter than fresh powder on a ski hill. Because Jesus died and rose our life is not brown and ugly, and we have life in heaven to look forward to. Like looking forward to Spring and the new life that makes the grass and trees no longer ugly and lifeless, we can look forward to heaven that is free from sickness, pain, and death. Because we have been made white as snow through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we have hope that we will live eternally with Jesus in heaven.

I hope you are enjoying the snow as much as I am. This snow has been a refreshing reminder of

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the work that Jesus does for us through His death and resurrection. We are as whiter than snow and we have the hope of the resurrection to look forward to.

Pastor Knea



Blood Drive at the Park Hall on
Tuesday, February 11th
from 1 to 6 p.m.

Making appointments is
appreciated by calling
1-866-642-5663.

We hope to see YOU there, giving
the gift of life.

Lutherans Laymen's **League**

Meeting

February 17th, 2025
Church Overflow Room
7 p.m.

Michigan State Representative
Matthew Bierlein
Will be our guest speaker.



MEN'S
GROUP

Refreshments will be
brought by Don Bierlein

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Mark Your
Calendars!

Our Annual Card Party
will be
March 8th

Get your tickets now!



LLL Card Party

Sat. March 8, 2025
2 pm with dinner at 5 pm
St. Michael's School Gym

Sloppy Joes ~ Baked Beans ~ Dessert ~ Refreshments
Drawings for door prizes

**Donation—\$10.00/person in advance
or \$12 at the door**

Proceeds will go to sponsor the Saginaw
Valley Lutheran Hour broadcasts on
WSAM 1400 AM in Saginaw.

Tickets are available from any LLL member and
at the door. Supported by Thrivent Financial

Call Eric Roedel 989-295-9627
Wayne Bierlein 989-551-3011
Earl Palmreuter 989-652-9747
Jim Hecht 989-670-1710



Sisters of Ruth

We will be meeting on
Wednesday, February 5th
Watch the bulletin for more details!



Grant Applications

for St. Michael's Endowment Non-Designated Fund are now available on our website or in the church office. To locate the application on the website, go to About/Endowment and then scroll down to grant application. These applications may be turned in to the church office. The applications are due **March 30**. If you have any questions, you may contact
Pam Bierlein
at 989-971-3340



Gifts and Memorials



Nancy Palmreuter

Home Purpose—\$55.00

Missions—\$10.00

Charles Weber

Home Purpose—\$720.00

Terri Rupprecht

Missions—\$10.00

Shirley Stressman

Park Hall Construction—\$50.00

Shirley Putman

Park Hall Construction—\$150.00

Dorothy Buchinger

Missions—\$20.00

Home Purpose—\$490.00

Dave O'Connel

Home Purpose—\$10.00



Many thanks to the people who made our Christmas extra special. God's Blessings to all of you! - Jim & Diane Karst

Online Giving (Kindrid)

REMINDER from the Contribution Coordinator:

St. Michael's offers electronic giving, called Kindrid, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will especially appreciate electronic giving. It also allows members who are unable to attend church, like "snow birds" in Winter, and "up north vacationers" in Summer, to still be able to contribute. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our church. Last year, members and non-members, contributed \$162,945 to St. Michaels, with 44 members using the recurring gifts option.

How To Set Up:

To set up electronic donations, go to the St. Michael's webpage, "stmichaelsrichville.org" and scroll down and click on the "I Give Online" button. Once in the Kindrid site, click "Sign In", and scroll down to where it says, "Don't have a giving Account?", and click on "Create one". Create a giving account with your Name, Address, and Email Address. Enter your bank account or credit card information. Choose a recurring donation (weekly or monthly) or a onetime donation. Once your account is open, you can select which fund(s) to donate to. The regular funds like Home Purpose, Missions, Capital Improvement, New Construction, and Church Technology, are available, but so are all the Endowment Funds and other various funds to select. There is also a new optional button to check if you want to pay an additional 2.5%, to help offset the processing fees.

If you need help or if you have questions, please contact Mark Schoenow (989) 751-4910, and I can walk you right through the process. Attached is a QR barcode that can be scanned to enter Kindrid.

Scan
Here to
Give
Online!



Thrivent Members

Your Thrivent Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2025!

You may do so by going online at
thrivent.com/thriventchoice

OR

calling (800) 847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Don't let your Thrivent Choice Dollars expire!

Mary Martha Guild

Meeting

February 3rd, 7 p.m.

Program:

Valentine Card Service Project

**God
demonstrates
his own
love for us...**

ROMANS 5:8



Hostesses: Jan Roedel, Michelle Sage

We hope to see you there!

Want your Newsletter
Paperless?
Contact the
Church Office!

Passion Drama

Dear St Michael's Family,
Spring is just around the corner, with spring comes Easter. Along with that it is time for our 24th annual Passion Drama. This year we will once again be performing in the church. A decent amount of volunteers are still needed to make this possible. This is a good way to spread the word about what Jesus did to forgive us from our sins. You don't have to do this alone, if you have a friend or family member that likes acting or you think would enjoy being a part of our drama they are more than welcome to join us. We have had whole families participate in the drama in the past and have been told they enjoyed doing it as a family event. In the weeks to come we will have sign up sheets available that can be filled out and submitted. The dates and times for this year's Passion Drama are:



April 11th: 6:00 P.M. & 7:30 P.M.

April 12th 4:30 P.M., 6:00 P.M., and 7:30 P.M.

Watch for more updates and sign up sheets!

✝ Financial Report as of		12/31/24	
MISSIONS			
Missions Collected YTD	Goal \$50,000	\$	29,416.18
Non Budget Missions Collected YTD		\$	1,593.00
HOME PURPOSE		MTD	YTD
Home Purpose Balance as of	07/01/24		\$ (291,612.98)
Home Purpose Income		\$ 300,652.52	\$ 1,062,314.38
Home Purpose Expenses		\$ 126,784.91	\$ 769,734.22
Thrivent Choice in-H.P. \$	1,040.00	\$ 173,867.61	\$ 292,580.16
School Income		\$ 10,442.60	\$ 101,328.70
School Expenses		\$ 3,592.85	\$ 49,195.91
		\$ 6,849.75	\$ 52,132.79
Child Care/Preschool Income		\$ 54,207.55	\$ 340,692.68
Child Care/Preschool Expenses		\$ 57,464.56	\$ 333,517.94
Thrivent Choice in Childcare \$	37.00	\$ (3,257.01)	\$ 7,174.74
Home Purpose Balance (includes Child Care/Preschool/School)			\$ 60,274.71
New Construction Balance as of	07/01/24	MTD	\$ (18,215.51)
Income	Goal \$25,000	\$ 4,320.00	\$ 19,372.72
Expenses		\$ -	\$ -
New Construction Fund Balance		\$ 4,320.00	\$ 1,157.21
Franklin Ave Mission	Goal \$5,000	\$ 690.00	\$ 2,825.00
Capital Improvement Balance as of	07/01/24	MTD	\$ 160,870.93
Collected	Goal \$80,000	\$ 6,730.00	\$ 19,443.35
Expenses		\$ -	\$ 34,683.97
Capital Improvement Balance		\$ 6,730.00	\$ 145,630.31

Stewardship Minute

WINNING IS GIVING

Winning is giving your best self away.

Winning is serving with grace every day.

You'll know that you've won when your friends say it's true,

"I like who I am, when I'm around you.

You look for the best in the others you see

And you help us become who we're trying to be."

The losers keep betting that winning is getting,
But there's one of God's laws that they keep forgetting.

And this is the Law you can live and believe

The more that you give, the more you'll receive!

"GIVE TO CAESAR
WHAT IS CAESAR'S,
AND TO GOD
WHAT IS GOD'S."

MATTHEW 22:21, NIV



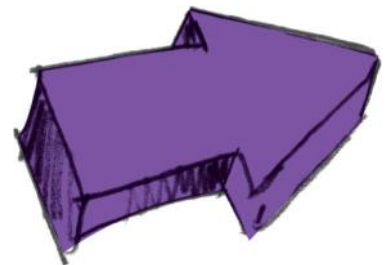
Youth Group Super Bowl Sub Sale

Order a 12 in. Sub by **February 3rd** for your Super Bowl Celebration and help support our Youth Group!

\$9 per sub.

Cut out your order form here:

And return to the School Office or
by calling Mrs. Hoeppner at (989)
327-4061



SNOW TUBING

February 22nd

We will meet at 5:30 PM at the Church and carpool to Snow Snake in Harrison. We will return about 10:30 PM.

Cost is \$20.00 a person Must RSVP by February 17 to Mrs. Hoeppner (989)327-4061 or Mrs. Leanne Rodammer (989) 863-8011 Please let us know if you can drive for this event.

Students must have two waivers:

1st is the Snow Snake Waiver:

https://www.snowsnake.net/uploadIMG/rfUploads/2024_2025_Tubing_Groups_Waiver.pdf

&

2nd is the waiver is the up to date 2025 St. Michael's Waiver <https://stmichaelsrichville.org/youth>



YOUTH GROUP SUPER BOWL SUB SALE

\$9.00 - 12 inch subs for Super Bowl Sunday

** Place your order by dropping the order form off at the school office or call Mrs. Hoepner at (989)327-4061**

Quantity

Ham Sub _____ Turkey Sub _____

☐ Provolone

Provolone

☐ American Cheese

American Cheee

☐ Lettice

Lettice

☐ Pickle

Pickle

(mustard and Mayo on side)

Total Number of Subs: _____

Total Cost: _____

Subs may be picked up at St. Michael's Lutheran School (9444 W. Saginaw Rd) on Sunday, February 9th, 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 PM. Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Lutheran Church and write Youth Support in the Memo line.

****Deadline to Order is Monday, February 3rd ****

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



**Love one
another.**

1 JOHN 4:7