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St. Michael's of Richville, Michigan

St. Michael's Midsummer Musings



Here are a few highlights and things to ponder while hopefully you are enjoying these summer months.

Vacation Bible School is July 14th - 16th from 4:30 to 7:00. More information and registration is found later in this newsletter.

Our most recent calls for a Music Director have been declined. The Call Committee was meeting in late June to consider our next steps. Unfortunately we are faced with the possibility that we will begin the school year without a full-time director and thus will have to prepare accordingly.

As of this writing we are still waiting on our call list for the position of associate pastor. Hopefully we will receive it soon. We thank both call committees for their dedication and pray that these positions will be filled soon.

Our 175th Anniversary activities continue this summer with former Interim Pastor Larry Courson guest-preaching on July 26th. Two organists who grew up here and attended our school - Monica Heissenbuettel and Brian Heinlein - will play organ for Sunday worship on July 5th and 11th, respectively. Please note more information about our 175th is in this newsletter.

School Registration is August 4th from 9:00 - 1:00, and from 5:30 to 8:00. Our first day back to school is August 24th. Yes, I agree, the summer always seems to go by too fast!

For those who haven't been to church since school let out, we still have Sunday and Wednesday worship during the summer, same time, same place! (Except July 26th and August 23rd when the 10:30 worship will be in the park, weather permitting.) *"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go*

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to the house of the Lord!" (Psalm 122:1) We'd love to see you here!

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Gillaspie



Lutheran Laymen's League

Steak Fry—July 20th

w/ Guest Speaker:

Orv Kabat

Door's Open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6 p.m.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!



Orv Kabat grew up on a farm on M-15 between Blumfield Corners and M-83. In 1960, he went to Rudyard in the Upper Peninsula as a student teacher in Vocational Agriculture. A year later, he became the Agriculture teacher at Rudyard. After teaching Ag for 4 years, Orv moved into various educational administrative positions in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. Orv acquired his first piece of property in 1963, before I-75 reached Rudyard.

Once a farmer, always a farmer. Certainly this was true with Orv. He raised beef cattle, grew timothy hay for racetracks in southern states, and kept Mackinac Island horses in the winter. About 30 years ago, he acquired 6 buffalos. The herd has since grown to about 300. Orv, his wife Susan, their son Matt, his daughter Jen, and their family are all involved in ranch activities and the meat business.

We will not have a meeting in August.

Sisters of Ruth

will not be meeting in July.

Watch the bulletin for what's ahead in August.

Mary Martha—

Serve the Lord with Gladness

Thank you to everyone that purchased flowers from our Flower Sale. We appreciate your support to fund mission grants for Orphan Grain Train, St. Michaels Hot Lunch and VBS, Sleep in Heavenly Peace-Caro, Adopt a Seminary Student-LCMS to name a few.



We praise God for the 65th Anniversary of the founding of St. Michaels Mary Martha in 1961. For 65 years, Mary Martha ladies have followed its purpose to be like Mary – doing things for Jesus, and Martha – doing things in fellowship for one another. Through the years Mary Martha has supported countless missionaries and projects within St. Michaels congregation.



On Wednesday, July 29, St. Michaels Mary Martha will host a potluck at the Park Hall beginning at 5:30. This is open to the churches within our Franconian Zone. Rev. Cameron Steele will lead a Bible Study. There will be several young women speaking about their experience as Young Women Representatives at the District Convention held in East Lansing. This will be a great opportunity for young women to hear from someone their age about ways to serve the Lord and gain skills to lead a group. An ingathering of hygiene products will be taken for Family Promise of Tuscola County with support from a Thrivent Action Card. Donations can be brought to the potluck or to church by July 26. All women are welcome to attend, there is no charge, bring a dish to pass, table service and drinks will be provided.

ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

1st ANNUAL

RAIDER OPEN

GOLF OUTING

TIMBERS GOLF CLUB

**SATURDAY
JULY 25
2026**

Register Online at
stmichaelsrichville.org

Format

St. Michael's Raider Open golf outing is a four person scramble.

Par 3 Golfers enter at the hole

Par 3's closest to the pin (Men and Women)

Skins pot (\$20.00 per team)

Orange Tees: Men

Blue Tees: Senior Men (65 & Over)

White Tees: Women

Schedule of Events

8:00 am Registration Coffee & Donuts

9:00 am Shot Gun Start - Four Person Scramble

Lunch at the Turn, Reception following , Awards and Prizes, Dinner

Registration and Sponsorship Information

Entry Fee: \$100.00 per person (\$400.00 per team). Includes 18 holes w/cart, lunch, dinner, complimentary gift bags and prizes (team, drawings and hole prizes).

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Founders Day—August 16th

As part of our 175th Anniversary we are having a special day to recognize the original 15 settlers that came to Frankenhill and started St Michaels Lutheran Church. They are:

<i>J. Martin Bruegel</i> <i>John Georg Kamm</i> <i>Anderlas Heinlein</i> <i>J. Pawlas Popp</i> <i>Kaspar Wurflein</i> <i>Friedrich H. Dahl</i> <i>J. Michael Huber</i> <i>Michael Schwarz</i>	<i>Johann Leonhard Trump</i> <i>Leonhard Sippel</i> <i>Johann Schwab</i> <i>Friedriche Schultz</i> <i>Paulas Kress</i> <i>Michael Gruber</i> <i>Johann George Bauer</i>
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We would encourage the descendants of these brave people to join us between the church services on the 16th of August. Of course everybody is invited.

We are also going to acknowledge the four St Michaels pastors that are buried here, which are:

<i>Pastor George Bernthal</i> <i>Pastor William Bekemeier</i>	<i>Pastor William Schoenow</i> <i>Pastor Victor Spiekerman</i>
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Any family members are welcome to join us that morning to pay their respects.

Celebrate 175 years with a Commemorative Christmas Ornament!

The 175th Anniversary Committee will be making commemorative Christmas ornaments available between services on random Sundays.

We will be set up in the foyer. They are \$10/each.

As of now, we have 100 available. We will only restock if demand dictates, so get yours soon!





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 – 4th Quarter Honor Roll: (3.50 or above)

Fifth Grade: Amelia Andrich****, Avery Ellison****, Grace Gebhardt#***, Lily Heinlein#***, Aliyah King##**, Tessa Papizzo####*, Breslin Pike****, Ryker Richards*##*, Ethan Thurston####*

Sixth Grade: Abel Bekemeier#***, Ruben Bierlein##*, Addison Callahan#***, Avery Hecht****, John Hoornstra****, Sutton Keinath****, Caroline Lobodzinski####*Charleston Morley****, CAMBEL RODAMMER****

Seventh Grade: Brylee Bickel****, LUCAS BIERLEIN****, Elaine Cook****, Madelyn Ellison****

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

St. Michael's Lutheran School – 4th Quarter Honorable Mention: (3.00– 3.49)

Fifth Grade: Remi Bauer##

Sixth Grade: Logan Love#####, Peyton Sheppard##

Seventh Grade: Alexis Balcer***#, Lane Gebhardt###, Brady Rodammer###

Eighth Grade: Cole Heinlein#####, Colby Swaffer##, Nolan Woodward##

Gifts & Memorials

In Memory of

Edwin Rupprecht

Home Purpose—\$10.00

Rollie Wenzel

175th Anniversary—\$125.00

Loren Bickel

Home Purpose—\$332.00

Hope Hecht

Home Purpose—\$5,825

Church Music—\$50.00

Child Care—\$100.00

School—\$115.00

Endowment (School & Edu.) - \$150.00

Doris (Bierlein) Heindl

Home Purpose—\$845.00

School—\$20.00

175th Anniversary—\$100.00

Missions—\$125.00

Capital Improvement—\$200.00

Ruth E. Schiefer

Home Purpose—\$10.00

Bernice Auernhamer

Home Purpose—\$2,370.00

Endowment (Home Purpose) - \$50.00

Kenny Hecht

Home Purpose—\$1,696.00

School Music—\$1,425.00

Technology—\$500.00

St. John's (Frankenmuth) - \$50.00

In Thanksgiving To

With much praise and thanks to God: for becoming a Centennial Farm this year; for our church's 175th Anniversary; and our great nation's 250th birthday, a gift has been made to Home Purpose and 175th Anniversary –Rodney (Cheryl) Hecht & Family.



VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

St. Michael's Lutheran School VBS

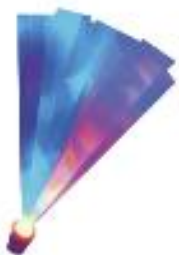
July 13, 14, 15, 16, 2026

Experience what it truly means for Jesus to be the Light of the World

4:30 - 7:00 PM

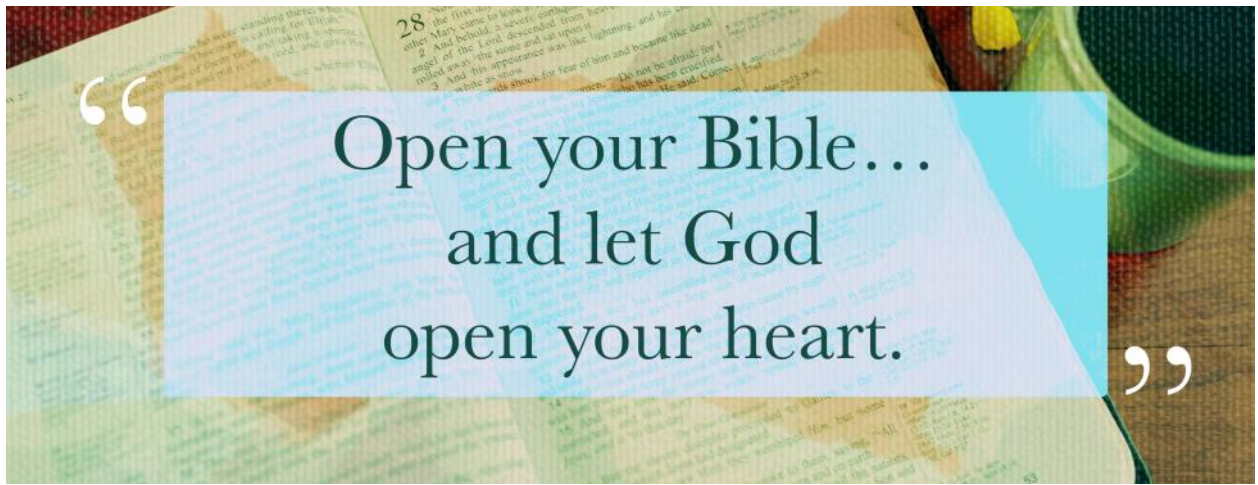
4-12 Years Of Age

Dinner will be served at 4:30 PM, followed by Vacation Bible School from 5:15-7:00 PM



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† Financial Report as of		05/31/26	
MISSIONS			
Missions Collected YTD	Goal \$50,000	\$	52,563.98
Non Budget Missions Collected YTD		\$	1,866.00
HOME PURPOSE			
		MTD	YTD
Home Purpose Balance as of	7/1/2025		\$ (71,597.09)
Home Purpose Income		\$ 114,746.01	\$ 1,416,903.26
Home Purpose Expenses		\$ 126,968.05	\$ 1,559,781.18
Thrivent Choice in-H.P.	\$ 10,148.00	\$ (12,222.04)	\$ (142,877.92)
School Income		\$ 14,163.67	\$ 78,682.98
School Expenses		\$ (1,217.26)	\$ 64,006.19
		\$ 15,380.93	\$ 14,676.79
Child Care/Preschool Income		\$ 97,176.63	\$ 710,568.01
Child Care/Preschool Expenses		\$ 75,207.58	\$ 739,560.12
Thrivent Choice in Childcare	\$ 292.00	\$ 21,969.05	\$ (28,992.11)
Home Purpose Balance (includes Child Care/Preschool/School)			\$ (228,790.33)
New Construction Balance as of	7/1/2025	MTD	\$ 12,690.88
Income	Goal \$25,000	\$ 1,465.00	\$ 16,687.00
Expenses		\$ -	\$ 53.27
New Construction Fund Balance		\$ 1,465.00	\$ 29,324.61
Franklin Ave Mission	Goal \$5,000	\$ 165.00	\$ 4,475.00
Capital Improvement Balance as of	7/1/2025	MTD	\$ 144,257.67
Collected	Goal \$80,000	\$ 4,870.66	\$ 54,901.20
Expenses		\$ -	\$ 32,171.50
Capital Improvement Balance		\$ 4,870.66	\$ 166,987.37

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