



# CONNECTING People To Jesus

St. Michael's of Richville, Michigan

## NOTES FROM PASTOR KNEA

FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



Sometimes we don't always understand what God has in mind for us. We may think we have or need the answer to everything. Sometimes due to hardship, we

don't see how God is working in our life. God told Jeremiah that the people of Israel were going to suffer exile in Babylon, but it wasn't because He didn't love them. It was a punishment, but it was done in love, because God loved them. God says through Jeremiah,

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile"* Jeremiah 29:11-14.

While there is no punishment involved except for the consequences of sin, St Michael's has gone through a long time without an administrative pastor. She has seen struggles and trials due to not having two full time Pastors.

God has answered your prayers as He did for the Israelites and brought you a full-time pastor. He has answered my prayer too and brought me to serve you full-time. We have been blessed, but just because we have the answer to our prayers doesn't mean we stop asking for help. I am praying continually that God would help me to serve faithfully. I keep asking for extra help to love and encourage the members of St Michaels to love and encourage each other into life everlasting. I ask for peace that only comes from the peace that came into the world, through Jesus Christ to bring peace and hope to St Michaels members and School and Childcare families. Please keep praying for St Michaels her pastors, and her people to love and encourage one another in faith toward God and love toward neighbor until life everlasting.

I am so excited to be a part of a school ministry. I grew up in a family of Lutheran school teachers. My mom, dad, sister, sister-in-law, and wife are all teachers. My brother-in-law is also a pastor serving the Lutheran Nursing Home and Assisted Living in Seymour, Indiana. Even my aunt and uncle were Lutheran School teachers. I have always enjoyed those fun school days where we get to dress funny. I look forward to getting to know the children and families of the school, and I am a big fan of school athletics. I can't wait to get to know the children and their families and am looking forward to regis-

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tration and open house coming up in August.

This summer, I am looking forward to being a part of the VBS program that is going to be going on. I love to sing, and seeing all the crafts that are coming out is going to be fun. Plus trying to learn people's names is also something to look forward to and I pray that God helps me. My family had fun at the LLL cookout. I really appreciated the dinner following my installation. I am also looking forward to worshipping in the park. It is always awesome to enjoy God's creation and I am excited to worship in it.

You have all been very welcoming. It has been a great blessing. We have really appreciated the gift cards and the things that we have received. We look forward to getting to know you better. We also look forward to the plans that God has for all of us. God wants us to prosper. He wants us to look for him for guidance. He wants us to be in His Word and rely on Him for provisions. Lord bless and keep us steadfast in your Word. Help us to put our focus on faith toward you and love toward one another. May we think of our neighbor before ourselves and look to love and encourage each other until life everlasting. Lord, please forgive us when we fail to love and encourage because you came and died for us. Amen

*Pastor Keith Kuea*



Lutheran Laymen's League presents:

## LLL Steak Fry

Monday, July 15th @ 6 p.m.  
Park Hall

Complimentary for all men wanting to learn more about the Lutheran Hour Ministries that our LLL supports. We have a special guest speaker—**Mike Avery** of Michigan Outdoors/Outdoors Magazine—who will speak on hunting and fishing in Michigan. Mike is a fellow Lutheran from Auburn.

Please RSVP by July 12th to Wayne Bierlein (989)551-3011, Earl Palmreuter (989)652-9747, Tom Daenzer (989)652-9538 or John Schnell (989)863-1184



## Gifts and Memorials

### In Memory Of:

- William & Helen Steck  
Music Fund—\$100.00
- Bill Rau  
Park Hall—\$50.00
- Ray Bekemeier  
Home Purpose—\$200.00  
Park Hall—\$50.00
- Elaine Stoick  
Home Purpose—\$620.00  
Media Center—\$100.00  
School Financial Aid—\$455.00

## Stewardship Minute

### IT'S A MATTER OF HEART

Stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family the church, in managing all of life and life's resources, for God's purposes. Faithful stewardship isn't just about saving, getting out of debt, and being generous. It's about seeking and applying God's wisdom and glorifying Him with what He has entrusted to us, whether it's financial, time, talents, abilities, and general wellbeing.

*"For where your treasure is, there your **heart** will be also."* Matt. 6 v 21

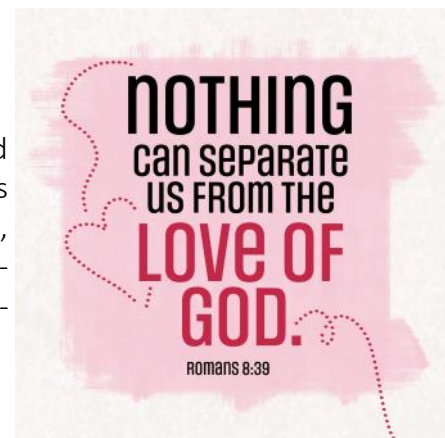
This passage is so true. Sometimes we get our priorities skewed. It's easy to get focused on lots of other things that distract us. We sometimes serve the wrong master. We need to remember who's we are, and that in Matt. 6 vs 24 we cannot serve two masters. "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

Love is all about **heart**. When Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment, He replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

**TITHING:** Do you tithe? Do you make it a point to honor the Lord first, with your first fruits of your income? Or do we give according to what's leftover after paying all the bills? This is an important question for everyone. Think on this please, and pray for Godly wisdom. Do you now give a % as a tithe? In Old Testament times it was 10% first fruits giving. Now that's no longer required, however it's a very good practice to do 10% or more. Scripture instructs us that to whom much is given, much is required of them. **It's a matter of the heart!** For God loves a cheerful giver! God doesn't need anything. He already has everything! But what He wants- is your **heart!** Faith requires action! God deserves your best (your first fruits) after all He gave us His very best in Jesus.

You are unique. You have special talents and abilities. Use your spiritual gifts especially in the area of your **hearts** desire. What are you passionate about? The opportunities to serve are endless, but of course your church also needs you, to serve from the **heart**. Perhaps you're already serving in the area of your **hearts** desire. You're doing it. Praise the Lord! We are blessed to be a blessing to others. Thank you for reading this and please take it to Heart.

Board Of Stewardship



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St. Michael's will have  
Outdoor Worship in the Park on  
**July 28th at 10:30 & August 25th at 10:30**,  
weather permitting. Please remember to bring your lawn  
chairs! We missed June because of rainy weather and wet  
grounds, so we'll hope for better weather the rest of the  
summer



**POT LUCK  
AND PLANNING  
MEETING FOR  
NATIONAL YOUTH  
GATHERING PLAN-  
NING MEETING  
2024**



Location: Hoepner's House( 6700 E. Holland )

The National Youth Gathering is July 19 - Jul 23, 2024 in New Orleans. To be eligible for the gathering you must be 14 by 7/19/25 or (entering 9th Grade) to age 20.

On Jul 14, 2024, we will have a parent and youth pot lunch dinner. The Youth Group will supply hot dogs. The parents and youth will discuss information about the Youth Gathering and brainstorm fundraising. There will also be swimming, volleyball, and cornhole available. If it rains we will meet at the church. Several parents have already shared their interest in attending as a chaperone, which is great!

If your youth is interested, but cannot attend this meeting, please contact Mrs. Hoepner (989) 327-4061 or Mrs. Leanne Rodammer (989)863-8011 about your interest.

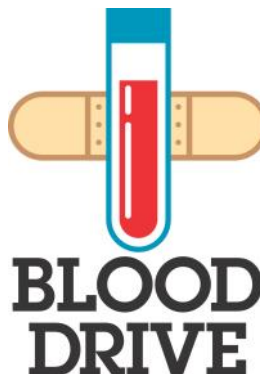
**Save the Date: August 17th  
Caseville Beach Day!**

Open to all Youth 7th-12th Grade (We will need drivers and food donations).



*Today we want to extend our sincere gratitude to every person who helped make the Annual Mother's Day chicken BBQ a huge success! Among our big helpers were: BBQ Pit Volunteers, Drive Thru Crew, Sales Crew, Kitchen Crew, Serving Crew, Cupcake Crew, Friday evening & Saturday morning Crews, Tim Bierlein, Vern Squanda, Kay Buetow, Leann & Tony Rodammer and kids, Bickel Girls, and many others. Our financial supporters and donors: Frankenmuth Credit Union, Norms Market, Cake That, Shoprite, Vassar Building Center, Dunn Hardware, Weiss Farms, Thrivent Financial, Vic & Lynn DiBerdino and The Richville Fire Department. We were able to serve and sell 1600 meals! All proceeds will benefit St. Michael's Lutheran Church & School. We are already looking forward to next year! Thanks again everyone! Your help does not go unnoticed! Sincerely, Connie Mossner, Pam (Mark) Mossner, Roxane Mossner, and Pam (Jeff) Mossner*

*I would like to thank everyone who helped with Mary Ann's funeral and dinner earlier this year, and for all the support and prayers then and now. God Bless—Allen Mossner*



**Tuesday, August 6th  
1 to 6 p.m.**

at the Park Hall  
Make your appointment  
by calling 866-642-5663  
Or by visiting [Versiti.org](http://Versiti.org)

# Voters Meeting Minutes

June 9th, 2024

- Motion made, supported, and approved to remove the following from membership: Benjamin Bolzman, Isaac Bolzman, James and Anita Mantey, Kathryn Burrows, Nicole Weber, Courtney, Brenda, and Melanie Arnold, Jason Schnell, Steven Prueter, Trinity Bloss, Alan and Kimberly Fischer, Jonathan Schlicht, Betty Matt, Jennifer Ellison, Carly Cline, Carly Goik, Thomas and Roxie Maczik, Garrett Boettcher, Angela Miller, Julie Bark, Sarah Pomeroy, Diane Seibel, Rachelle Rowbotham, Ryan Sage, Kirsten Stoeckel.  
(Pastor Gillaspie noted that the above mentioned have been removed from membership after repeated attempts to contact them and having no record of them attending a church service in 5+ years.)
- Scott Lawitske had transferred to Trinity Lutheran Church, Traverse City, MI.
- Michael Hecht has been received back into membership by Profession of Faith.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to increase the church secretary wages by 2.2%, effective July 1, 2024.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to thank and disband the Administrative Pastor Call Committee, effective immediately.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to add \$244.85 to the Stephen's Ministry line item for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the Elder's 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$77,950.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to set the 2024-2025 Mission Goal at \$50,000.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept a 2024-2025 school budget of \$97,732.50.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the following contract: Sarah Willette, Head Cook
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the following contract: Jill Sella, Assistant Cook
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the following contract: Amy Loesel, School Secretary
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the following contract: Audrey VanDeVeer, Aide
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the following contract: Pam Bernreuter, Aide
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the following contract: Leslie Brown, Media Center
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the following contract: Janel Woodward, First Grade Teacher
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the following contract: Courtney Callahan, Sixth Grade Teacher
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the following contract: Deborah Doan, Second Grade Teacher
- Motion made, supported, and approved to add two additional line17 designated accounts to Child Care/Preschool. Those items are Curriculum and Technology Upgrades.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the 2024-2025 ECC Budget of \$753,393.00.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to replace carpeting in one of the classrooms at a cost of \$4500.
- Motion made, supported, and approved for the purchase and installation of an electric entry system on the main entrance of the church, to assist in handicapped accessibility, at an approximate cost of \$6300. It will be decided where these funds will come from, but will likely come from Gifts and Memorials.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Capital Improvement Goal at \$80,000.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the Trustee 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget at \$229,000.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept a budget of \$4700 for Discipleship Board for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Please see Budget insert for Discipleship expenses.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to increase the Board of Outreach Budget from \$2000 to \$3000 for 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the 2024-2025 fiscal year Christian Service Board Budget of \$250.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the 2024-2025 fiscal year Stewardship budget of \$1500.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the Chairman's budget of \$3600 for fiscal year 2024-2025.



- Motion made, supported, and approved to remove James Trombley, past Financial Manager, from checking and savings accounts at Frankenmuth Credit Union, and to place Jacob Hecht, Financial Manager, on to St. Michael's checking and savings accounts at the Frankenmuth Credit Union.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to accept the total Wages & Benefits 2024-2025 budget in the amount of \$1,356,500.00. Please see Budget insert for total Wages.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to keep the teacher base salary of \$43,263.00 the same for fiscal year 2024-2025.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to keep the pastor base salary of \$46,678.00 the same for fiscal year 2024-2025.
- Motion made, supported, and approved to end the temporary Call of Pastor Mark Auernhamer, effective June 16, 2024.

† Financial Report as of		05/30/24	
<b>MISSIONS</b>			
Missions Collected YTD	Goal \$50,000	\$	55,124.39
Non Budget Missions Collected YTD		\$	1,888.00
<b>HOME PURPOSE</b>			
		<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Home Purpose Balance as of	7/1/2023		\$ (112,077.61)
Home Purpose Income		\$ 102,426.99	\$ 1,248,978.89
Home Purpose Expenses		\$ 176,046.37	\$ 1,436,712.39
Thrivent Choice in-H.P.	\$ 7,271.00	\$ (73,619.38)	\$ (187,733.50)
School Income		\$ 2,130.77	\$ 100,491.71
School Expenses		\$ 2,731.97	\$ 76,820.15
		\$ (601.20)	\$ 23,671.56
Child Care/Preschool Income		\$ 61,795.84	\$ 559,287.37
Child Care/Preschool Expenses		\$ 69,390.67	\$ 525,610.46
Thrivent Choice in Childcare	\$ 12.00	\$ (7,594.83)	\$ 33,676.91
Home Purpose Balance (includes Child Care/Preschool/School)			\$ (242,462.64)
New Construction Balance as of		MTD	\$ (46,394.50)
Income	7/1/2023 Goal \$200,000	\$ 5,437.00	\$ 72,198.04
Expenses		\$ -	\$ 48,135.14
New Construction Fund Balance		\$ 5,437.00	\$ (22,331.60)
Franklin Ave Mission		Goal \$5,000	\$ 159.00
			\$ 2,011.00
Capital Improvement Balance as of		MTD	\$ 197,377.30
Collected	7/1/2023 Goal \$80,000	\$ 2,423.00	\$ 67,305.30
Expenses		\$ 16,050.00	\$ 95,864.74
Capital Improvement Balance		\$ (13,627.00)	\$ 168,817.86

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# Puzzle!

After solving the equations, write the words on the correct numbered lines below. Complete Ephesians 1:3 (NIV) to discover how God shows his great love for us.

- 14 - 7 = \_\_\_ Father
- 10 + 9 = \_\_\_ heavenly
- 9 + 9 = \_\_\_ the
- 12 + 12 = \_\_\_ blessing
- 2 - 1 = \_\_\_ Praise
- 7 + 7 = \_\_\_ has
- 11 + 11 = \_\_\_ every
- 13 + 13 = \_\_\_ Christ
- 8 + 8 = \_\_\_ us
- 10 + 10 = \_\_\_ realms
- 8 + 9 = \_\_\_ in
- 5 + 5 = \_\_\_ Lord
- 10 + 11 = \_\_\_ with

- 10 + 15 = \_\_\_ in
- 10 - 5 = \_\_\_ God
- 6 - 3 = \_\_\_ to
- 12 - 6 = \_\_\_ and
- 6 + 6 = \_\_\_ Christ
- 18 - 9 = \_\_\_ our
- 22 - 11 = \_\_\_ Jesus
- 1 + 1 = \_\_\_ be
- 7 + 6 = \_\_\_ who
- 2 + 2 = \_\_\_ the
- 10 + 5 = \_\_\_ blessed
- 4 + 4 = \_\_\_ of
- 10 + 13 = \_\_\_ spiritual

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13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22		
23	24	25	26		

**Ephesians 1:3, NIV**

Answer: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3, NIV

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Psalm 33:12