



CONNECTING People To Jesus

St. Michael's of Richville, Michigan

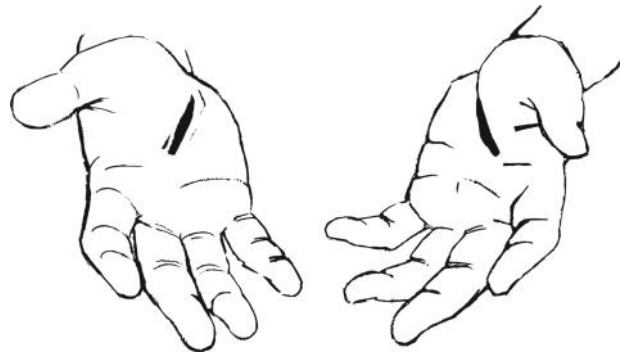
Notes From Pastor Knea...

Lent is quickly approaching.

Ash Wednesday is March 5th.

We will be looking at the Hands of the Lord during our Lenten Wednesday and Holy Week services. The Son of God decided that it was worthy to humiliate Himself from being God so that He could take our flesh upon Himself which included hands.

These hands ultimately were nailed to the cross for you and me, but also throughout the Son of God, Jesus's earthly ministry, His hands were used to change lives.



Jesus gave to the needs of the people by providing food and other needs when they needed it. He reached out to save Peter from drowning. He bound the devil as He didn't fall to his attempt to persuade Him to use His power to take care of Himself. He touched the Leper healing him. He touched the funeral bier raising the widow's son. He touched the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf and mute. He also used His hands to wash the disciple's feet. Jesus used His hands to bring about our salvation and to give us hope when we are struggling because of the evils of this world.

Please join us for Wednesday night and Holy Week services as we look to see Jesus using His hands in our life. Also, please come and join us for fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm, and we are also going to have a fellowship Paczki breakfast on *Sunday, March 2nd* between services.

**Faith &
Fellowship**

Pastor Knea

March News 2024



Lenten Suppers

Mark Your Calendar

for food and fellowship on

March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9th at 5:30 pm.

A big thank you goes to Mary Martha, Adult Choir, Early Child Care, Lutheran Laymen's League, and PTL for hosting the meals.

Please consider joining the **Helping Hands Ministry** by filling out a signup sheet located on the table in the church foyer by the basement door. Please return the form to Nancy Heinlein.

Thank you.



The Board of
Christian Service



Mark Your Calendars!

We will be having a *Fellowship Breakfast* to celebrate the coming of Lent on

Sunday, March 2nd between services.

We will be having Paczkis and coffee.

Please come and join us in the overflow room.

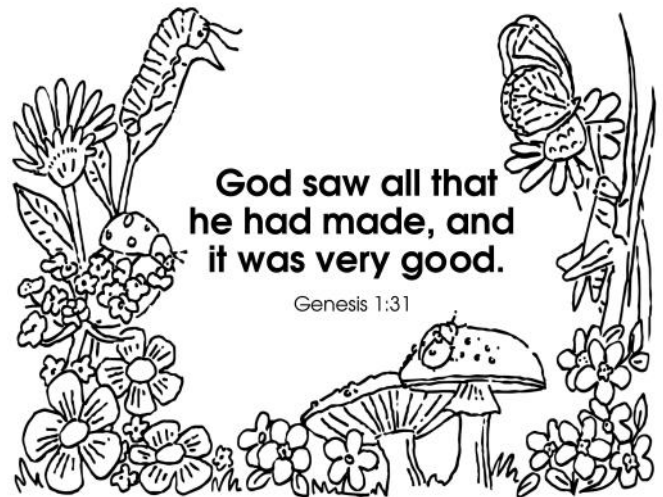


We are deeply grateful for the love, prayers, and support during this difficult time. A special thanks to Pastor Gillaspie and Pastor Knea for their visits, prayers, and family support. Also, a special thanks to the Mary Martha, and those who helped serve the luncheon. With heartfelt appreciation

- the family of Nancy (Auernhamer) Klop

I would like to thank my brothers and sisters in Christ for your thoughts, prayers and words of encouragement when I had my open heart surgery on January 29th. With God's grace and His help, my surgery was successful and my recovery is going very well. All praise to God, and His blessings to all.

-Randy Bauer



**Want your Newsletter
Through Email?
Contact the Church Office!**

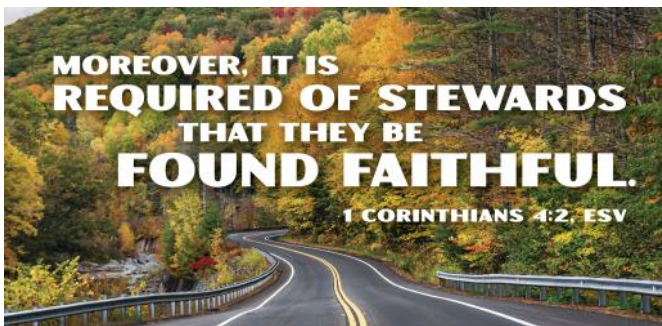
Stewardship Minute

Foreman on the Ranch or Faithful Manager

When you hear the word Stewardship what do you think of? You probably think of financial words that we are usually not that excited to discuss. Stewardship is simply **managing something that belongs to someone else**. The steward is the one who does the managing. They do not own the thing or things they are managing. To be a steward is like being the foreman of the ranch. The foreman isn't the owner. The rancher is the owner. The foreman is responsible for the ranch and is accountable to the rancher. The LCMS church defines stewardship as *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*. What has God given you to manage? A family, friends, material blessings, a school and congregation, a farm, a job. In short, everything! So be a foreman on your Dude Ranch of life. Enjoy managing this life and its resources for God's purposes. They have been entrusted to your care by the owner of all.

Genesis 1:28 says, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth"

Above text and ideas are directly from Stewardship Basics," a new eight-part Bible study from [LCMS Stewardship Ministry](https://www.lcms.org/stewardship), is available at no charge to help congregations start a discussion of whole-life stewardship. Written by Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador.

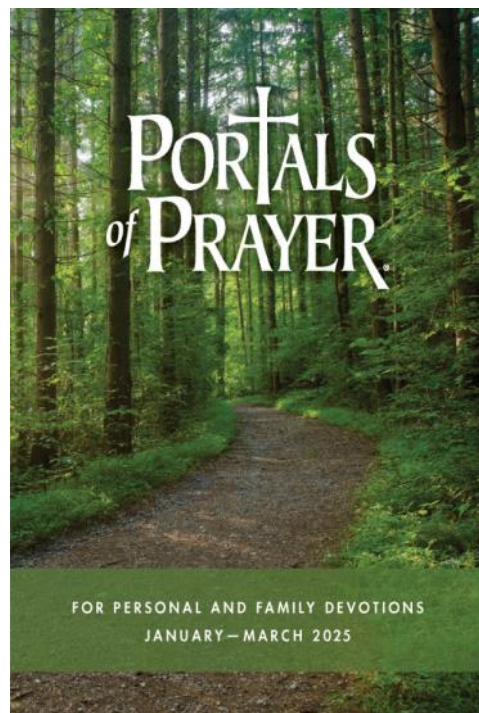


Portals of Prayer Devotional Booklets

For many years, St. Michael's has provided it's members with *Portals of Prayer* devotional booklets, along with similar devotionals for children and teens. We encourage everyone to take one home for family or personal devotions. These booklets provide daily faith-building, inspirational messages written by pastors, teachers, and regular church members. They are available in both regular and large print.

In order to keep costs down, we order a limited supply, so please just take what you can use in your immediate family. If you want extras to give away to neighbors or family members, you can order them from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Publishing House ([cph.org](https://www.cph.org)).

Just go to their website and type "Portals of Prayer" in the search box. You will find different options for ordering them there. Thank you!



Lutheran Laymen's League

Meeting

March 17th, 2025

Church Overflow Room, 7 p.m.

Board Meeting at 6:30

Terry Henne

will be our guest speaker.

Everyone is welcome!

Refreshments will be brought by *Don Bierlein*

Thank you to all Card Party Workers!



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, March 5th



Life Sunday

Life Sunday 2025 was observed on January 19 with the theme "Life Shines in Darkness," based on John 1:4-5: "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

I would like to say "Thank you!" to everyone who donated to Focus on the Family's Option Ultrasound and Lutherans for Life for Life Sunday. From our door offering we collected \$1199.23 for these pro-LIFE organizations! Also "Thanks!" to Pastors Gillaspie and Knea for their life message, liturgy, and prayers, as well as Nancy and Julia for helping me with the mailbox inserts and bulletin announcements. Thank you to everyone for your prayers and financial support. Thank you also to those who give regularly to LFL, as well as those who have used their Thrivent Action Community Impact cards to purchase diapers and other supplies which have been donated to Bay City's LifeClinic and Caro's Positive Alternative pregnancy resource centers.

Please continue to pray for Lutherans for Life and all those working on the front lines for the cause of LIFE. **We are Life and Lights shining in the darkness!**

Option Ultrasound financial information: Committing to a monthly donation requires prayerful consideration, but every contribution makes a difference. Every \$60 donated saves 1 baby from abortion through this program. Or \$30 monthly for a year can empower 6 mothers to choose life. If you wish to donate to Option Ultrasound at anytime, you may use this website FocusOnTheFamily.com/Baby or mail a check to Focus on the Family (8605 Explorer Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80920) and in the memo line put Option Ultrasound. Thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

Dianne Stresman, Life Ministry Coordinator
Lutherans for Life of
Michigan



Mary Martha

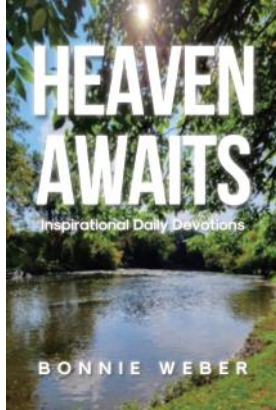
MEETING

March 3rd, 7 p.m.

The March meeting will feature guest speaker, former St. Michaels member, **Bonnie Weber**.

Bonnie wrote and had published a new devotional book, *Heaven Awaits: Inspirational Daily Devotions*.

We look forward to hearing how she was inspired to take on this project.



Rummage Sale

Friday, April 4th: 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

Saturday, April 5th: 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Collection Dates

March 31st: 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

April 1st: 4 p.m.—8 p.m.

(no collection on Wednesday)

Bring your donations to *Richville Legion Hall* items you want to donate: clothing, toys, sporting goods, furniture, decorations, etc. If you have any question call *Judy Janson 989-868-4294*.

If you would like to help get things ready. Sort things out to sell, on the collections days would be helpful. Call Judy or stop in the hall.



Gifts & Memorials

In Memory

Nancy (Auernhamer) Klopf

Home Purpose—\$50.00

Missions—\$10.00

School—\$ 1,855.00

Betty Reinbold

Park Hall Construction—\$20.00

Charles Weber

Missions—\$10.00

Cynthia Keinath

Missions—\$10.00

Shirley Putman

Park Hall Construction—\$100.00

Robert Keinath

Home Purpose—\$20.00

Park Hall Construction—\$20.00

Rick Doud

Hot Lunch—\$25.00

Home Purpose—\$255.00

Kenneth Kearns

Missions—\$10.00

Courtney Callahan

School—\$50.00

Home Purpose—\$75.00

Elaine Engel

Music—\$50.00

Home Purpose—\$170.00

In Honor

Irene Frank's 85th Birthday (January 1st)

-a gift was given to Hot Lunch



It's easy to setup electronic donations.

- Go to the St. Michael's webpage, "stmichaelsrichville.org" and scroll down and click on the "I Give Online" button. Click "Sign In"
- Scroll down to where it says, "Don't have a Giving Account?", and click on "Create one". Enter your Name, Address, and Email Address. Enter your bank account or credit card information.
- Choose a recurring donation (weekly or monthly) or a one-time 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, please contact
Mark Schoenow (989) 751-4910
and I can walk you through the process.

**Scan Here to Give
Online!**



Doug Gruber Memorial Sports Scholarship

St. Michael's high school 2025 seniors who participated in high school sports at their local high school are now eligible for a \$1500 scholarship in memory of Doug Gruber. This scholarship is run and payable through Reese High School.

Applications for this scholarship can be picked up at our church office starting

**March 1st and should be
returned there by April 4th**

Contact *Dennis and Vickie Gruber*
at (989)868-3684 if you have any
questions.



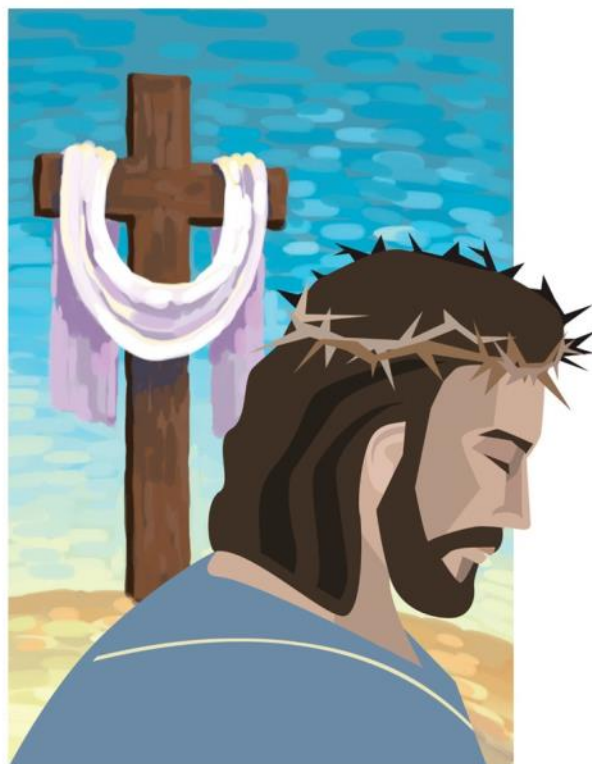
Financial Report as of 01/31/25			
MISSIONS			
Missions Collected YTD	Goal \$50,000		\$ 32,688.75
Non Budget Missions Collected YTD			\$ 1,593.00
HOME PURPOSE			
		MTD	YTD
Home Purpose Balance as of	07/01/24		\$ (291,921.16)
Home Purpose Income		\$ 83,584.73	\$ 1,145,899.11
Home Purpose Expenses		\$ 147,327.69	\$ 916,795.17
Thrivent Choice in H.P.	\$ 1,580.00	\$ (63,742.96)	\$ 229,103.94
School Income		\$ 4,752.99	\$ 106,081.69
School Expenses		\$ 8,073.12	\$ 57,269.03
		\$ (3,320.13)	\$ 48,812.66
Child Care/Preschool Income		\$ 53,793.30	\$ 394,485.98
Child Care/Preschool Expenses		\$ 51,672.11	\$ 385,101.14
Thrivent Choice in Childcare	\$ 37.00	\$ 2,121.19	\$ 9,384.84
Home Purpose Balance (includes Child Care/Preschool/School)			\$ (4,619.72)
New Construction Balance as of		MTD	\$ (18,215.51)
Income	Goal \$25,000	\$ 3,580.00	\$ 22,952.72
Expenses		\$ -	\$ -
New Construction Fund Balance		\$ 3,580.00	\$ 4,737.21
Franklin Ave Mission	Goal \$5,000	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,925.00
Capital Improvement Balance as of		MTD	\$ 160,870.93
Collected	Goal \$80,000	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 21,293.35
Expenses		\$ (216.93)	\$ 34,467.04
Capital Improvement Balance		\$ 2,066.93	\$ 147,697.24



*Watch for updates on this year's
Passion Drama!*

St. Michael's Lutheran Church of Richville presents their

24th Annual Living Passion Drama



You are invited to St. Michael's Church to learn about Christ's last hours on earth. You'll "watch the path of Jesus Christ" and see and hear live action scenes of what our Lord endured before He gave His Life for us on the cross. Because of His sacrifice, we have the promise of eternal life with Him in heaven.

3455 S. Van Buren Road,
near the intersection of
M-46 and M-15

For more information
call 989-868-4791 or
visit our website at
stmichaelsrichville.com

April 11 & April 12, 2025

Friday, April 11: 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12: 4:30, 6:00, & 7:30 p.m.

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

Join us
during this
season
of Lent.

