

Notes From The Pastor...

Summer fun is almost here. The days are getting longer, the weather is being bipolar, but overall getting warmer, and the flowers are starting to come out of the ground. If you are into gardening hopefully you got your potatoes and other cold weather plants like peas and lettuce in the ground last week.

It is also the time we as Christians get to celebrate the greatest day in the church Easter or the day our Savior rose from the dead. We get to think about the new life in heaven that Jesus's won when He rose from the dead. The church continues daily celebrations after Easter. Today as Easter Wednesday, the readings focus on Jesus coming to the disciples after the resurrection while they were fishing. They were not catching anything until Jesus arrives. Things happened like the last time he met them fishing and told them to cast again, they caught a large catch. When they get to shore after Peter swam in, Jesus provided a meal for them on the beach. They struggled without Jesus.

Sometimes like the disciples' life wasn't happy after Jesus wasn't always with them after His resurrection, our life doesn't always seem to be as exciting as the coming spring and sum-

mer either. Maybe this Easter didn't seem to be as exciting, because maybe your loved one is not with you. Maybe you are struggling with all kinds of health issues, having trouble with debt, or having issues with others. Perhaps your struggles are causing you to want revenge. Maybe you have bad thoughts about others that make you sad. Jesus came to the disciples where they were. They were struggling, because Jesus wasn't with them, and they didn't know what to do so they went fishing. Fishing however didn't seem to work either. They were not catching anything. Jesus helped the situation and provided for them. He helps our situations also. It doesn't mean that our situations will be perfect, but He provides for our needs and brings us peace knowing that we have heaven as our home, and we are forgiven for our struggles with our neighbor. He also helps us to forgive, because we are forgiven.

When you have gone through a season of difficulty or cold, it is so great to look forward to the end which is near. For instance, looking forward to the coming of Spring and Summer, and it is also great to look forward to the coming resurrection in heaven where there will be

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no cold, pain, or sorrow, only peace and bliss. Jesus came where the disciples were, and He comes to us where we are. Perhaps we are struggling like the fisherman because Jesus was not there and they were not catching anything, or perhaps we are at peace with Jesus as He provides for our needs of body and soul as He provided for the disciples. Whatever and wherever we are Jesus comes to us and reminds us that He is preparing a place for us in heaven.

-Pastor Knea







Please join us for the Questioning of this Year's Confirmation Class!

> Sunday, May 4th 9:00 a.m.

Confirmation Sunday: May 18th, 10:30 a.m.

We hope to see you there!



Lutheran Laymen's League

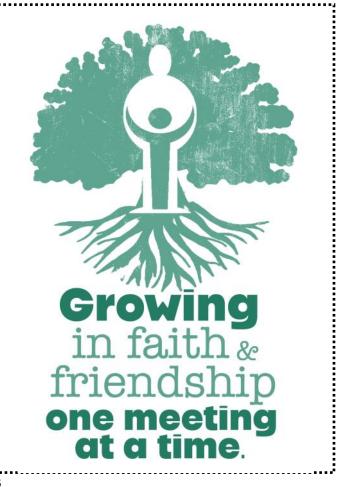
MEETING

May 19th, 7 p.m.

Watch the bulletin for more information!

There will be no more meetings for the Summer after May. Watch for updates on upcoming events!

June: Family Night July: Steak Fry





LLL Peat Moss Sale

Spring is here, it's time to order the Peat Moss you need for this year. \$4.50 for a 40 lb bag; buy 10 get one free.

Pickup & delivery: May 2, afternoon & May 3, 9-noon.

Call Mark(989)280-1166 or Jim(989)670-1710.Sponsored by Thrivent Proceeds to Lutheran Hour Ministries & Becky Grossman, Bible Translator.



Mary Martha Guild

MEETING

Monday, May 5th 5:30 p.m.

We will tour the Log House at Cross Park in Frankenmuth, then proceed to the Frankenmuth Historical Museum.

A candle making activity is optional. Meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 to carpool.

Cost is \$10 per person, plus \$2 for the candle making activity. Drinks and refreshments will be provided.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, Colossians 3:2"

Sisters of Ruth

Wednesday, May 7th

Sisters of Ruth will meet at church on May 7. We will leave the church at 10:40 and travel to the Frankenmuth Woolen Mill. Admission will be \$5.00 each. After we will have lunch in the Michigan on Main room at the Bavarian Inn. Please let Luann or Pat Roedel know if you plan on attending or if you have any questions.



We would like to thank everyone who made our rummage sale a huge success once again. special thanks to Vassar Building Center for the truck and driver who took our left overs away. There are too many others to mention, so we will just say "THANKS"

- Mary Martha Rummage Sale Committee



Order Forms can be found in the church and on the church website!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE! July 14th—17th, 2025

Watch for more information!





Interested in volunteering?
Any questions?
Please contact Heather Reinbold
(989)



Gifts and Memorials

<u>In Memory</u>

Cathy Weiss

Home Purpose—\$20.00 Child Care (Scholarship) - \$25.00 Endowment-Mission Outreach—\$500.00

Elaine Engel

Missions-\$10.00

Courtney Callahan

Missions—\$10.00

Nancy (Auernhamer) Klopf Home Purpose—\$30.00 School—\$25.00

Larry Miner

Church Music—\$145.00



A donation has been made to Home Purpose in memory of *Earl Mossner*, who died 20 years ago on May 2, 2005, and whose 90th birthday would have been June 9th.

Celebrate Mother's Day with Us!



We're celebrating Mother's Day at

St. Michael's in Richville

with a delicious Chicken BBQ!

St. Michael's Mother's Day Chicken BBQ



Sunday, May 11 | Starting at 10:30 AM Drive-Thru Only at St. Michael's School – Richville

Treat Mom (and the whole family) to a delicious meal on

Mother's Day!

\$13 per dinner – Includes:



1/2 Chicken Portion



Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy



Corn



Coleslaw



Cupcake

Come hungry and drive away happy!

Proceeds support our outreach and community efforts.



Little Dresses Sewing Ministry

We will have a spring group sewing session on Saturday, May 3rd at Mary Reinbold's house between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm with a potluck lunch at noon. We accept any donations of new fabric, narrow elastic, ric rac, and bias tape which can be placed in the blue tote in the coat room at church. If you would like dress kits to sew on your own, or have any questions, please contact Mary Reinbold. We hope to see you there.





Area Church Events

- * VLHS Fine Arts Department proudly presents "The Play That Goes Wrong" (High School Edition), May 1-2-3, 7:00 pm at Valley Lutheran. This 1920s whodunit has everything you never wanted in a show—an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines)! Tickets will be available at the door or in the school office beginning April 30. \$5/student, \$7/adult, \$24/family.
- * Students in Kindergarten through 4th Grade are invited to a STEM Event on Saturday, May 10 from 2:30-4:00 at VLHS. Stop by Room 208 to explore various science demonstrations and activities! (Plan to enter through the East doors at the end of the 'in' driveway.) RSVPs are appreciated at www.vlhs.com/STEMevent.

- The VLHS Music Department Spring Concert will be held Sunday, May 18 at 4 p.m. at St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center. All are invited!
- As the 2025 national Day of Prayer approaches on May 1st, plan now to join thousands of individuals from communities across the nation in prayer for our leaders and country. This year's theme is "Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled." based on scripture from Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope". Frankenmuth area residents will meet for prayer and praise to God on the front lawn of the Frankenmuth City Hall (240 W. Genesee Rd.) at noon, Thursday, May 1st. Area citizens have been invited to lead in prayer for Government, Family, Churches, Business, Education, Media, and the Military. Some chairs will be available, or you may bring your own. The fire hall next door will be open in the event of inclement weather.

3/31/2025

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MISSIONS			
Missions Collected YTD	Goal \$50,000		\$ 39,106.75
Non Budget Missions Collected YTD)		\$ 1,689.00
HOME PURPOSE		MTD	YTD
Home Purpose Balance as of	7/1/2024		\$ (291,957.02)
Home Purpose Income		\$ 104,599.07	\$ 1,345,661.14
Home Purpose Expenses		\$ 122,036.13	\$ 1,156,516.88
Thrivent Choice	in-H.P. \$ 6,799.00	\$ (17,437.06)	\$ 189,144.26
School Income		\$ 6,716.52	\$ 116,540.27
School Expenses		\$ 4,029.47	\$ 63,913.90
Oction Expenses		\$ 2,687.05	\$ 52,626.37
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Child Care/Preschool Income		\$ 61,402.38	\$ 510,533.00
Child Care/Preschool Expenses		\$ 56,439.40	\$ 496,303.27
Thrivent Choice in Ch	ildcare \$ 84.00	\$ 4,962.98	\$ 14,229.73
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Home Purpose Balance (includes C	niid Cale/Flescilou/Sc	11001)	\$ (35,956.66)
New Construction Balance as of	7/1/2024	MTD	\$ (18,215.51)
Income	Goal \$25,000	\$ 1,482.00	\$ 25,514.72
Expenses		\$ -	\$ -
New Construction Fund Balance		\$ 1,482.00	\$ 7,299.21
Franklin Ave Mission	Goal \$5,000	\$ 170.00	\$ 3,355.00
Capital Improvement Balance as of	7/1/2024	I MTD	\$ 160,870.93
Collected	Goal \$80,000	\$ 4,287.00	\$ 27,725.10
Expenses	G 041 \$00,000	\$ 4,287.00	\$ 37,350.68
Capital Improvement Balance		\$ 4,287.00	\$ 151,245.35

Financial Report as of

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

