



CONNECTING People To Jesus

St. Michael's of Richville, Michigan

Mission Fest : November 10th

There aren't as many bookstores around like there used to be. These days people order a lot of books from Amazon or some other publisher, or we opt for e-books to download on a tablet. Nevertheless we still have access to all kinds of written material. There are millions of publications to choose from. We can order novels, how-to books, cookbooks, works of fiction and non-fiction. And, of course, we have access to dozens of versions of the Bible, Portals of Prayer and other devotionals, as well as best selling Christian authors like Max Lucado, Rick Warren, David Jeremiah, and many others.

Imagine living in a country where you couldn't even find a copy of Luther's Catechism. Or trying to find a Bible that was written in a language you could understand. Suppose you wanted to read simple Bible stories to your children, but nothing was available. How could you teach them - and learn more about the Christian faith yourself - when very few Christian books are in print?

Lutheran Heritage Foundation, based right here in Macomb, Michigan, has printed and distributed Biblical and Lutheran books since 1992. They have published Christian books in 145 languages and distributed them in 90 countries. Lutheran Heritage Foundation has printed *Luther's Small Catechism* in 110 languages, and they are working on adding to that number. *A Children's Garden of Bible Stories* is popular with parents and young children. They've sent books to Christians in Bolivia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Nepal, to name just a few places.

On November 10th we will welcome Pastor Matt Heise, the Executive Director of LHF, to St. Michael's. He will be our guest preacher for our annual Mission Fest. He will also speak during our Bible class hour to tell us more about LHF. Printing and publication of

God's Word is indeed a mission field! St. Paul wrote to the Romans, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can

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they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ." That saving message - whether it is read, preached, spoken, or sung - creates faith in the hearts of those who hear.

Pastor Heise will preach at both services on November 10th, and we will receive a door offering to support this important ministry. We look forward to seeing you on the 10th!

Pastor Gillaspie

Harvest Brunch

You're invited to a
Pancake & Sausage Brunch
November 3rd
12 p.m.

@ St. Michael's Lutheran School
(Sponsored by the Board of Stewardship)

There will be a guest speaker from our
Michigan District.

There will be no cost, it's complimentary as
a thank you for all you do to support our
ministry!



RSVP by
Oct. 30th.



There are a number of significant dates coming
up at St. Michael's as the holiday season ap-
proaches. Make sure that you will be here on:

Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday, November 28, 9:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving Day Service

Wednesdays, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, 7:00 p.m.
Advent Wednesday Services

Sunday, December 8, 3:00 p.m.
St. Michael's Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 18, 7 p.m.
St. Michael's School Service

Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Services 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25
Christmas Day Service 9:00 a.m.

See you in church!



Youth Ministry Invites
Everyone to join us to

watch the
Packers vs. Lions in the Gym
at 4:00 to watch on the big screen
Free Will donation food

Lutherans Laymen's League

MEETING

Monday, November 18th

Church Overflow Room, 7:00 p.m.



Everyone is invited to join our meeting,, where we will be having a board meeting at 6:30 and guest speaker, **Pastor Ed Doerner**, from Messiah Lutheran Church in Midland.

Ed Doerner is the Senior Pastor at Messiah Church and Executive Director for Elevate Community Ministries and Gateway Healthcare. He has served both the church body and local community for 16 years. Ed and a team of leaders have launched several ministries in the community that serve as Jesus did on Earth—meeting needs and loving people. Through a grocery store, auto garage, early care and education center, appliance store, healthcare clinic, hospitality ministry, and housing ministry the community can experience the love of Jesus, most who may otherwise never walk through the doors of a church.

REMINDER : Mon. December 16th, in the Park Hall, Mark your calendars for the LLL/Mary Martha Christmas Party! Watch for more information!

We look forward to seeing you all there!

LLL Greenery Sale

Orders are due November 10, and pick up for your wreath or blanket will be **Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon** at the Church shed.



We have our beautiful full-sized **Grave Blankets** (approx. 5 ft long and 18 in. high) decorated with pine cones and three red ribbons, selling for \$49.00



We also have our **Wreaths** (approx. 24-30 in. in diameter) decorated with pine cones and a red bow, selling for \$29.00

The proceeds of this sale will be going to Pastor Steven & Martha Mahlburg, as well as St. Michael's Hot lunch Aid. This sale is supported by Thrivent Financial.

TO ORDER & FOR MORE INFORMATION, please contact:

Bruce Landskroener (989)798-8073 or

Jim Hecht (989)670-1710, (989)823-9252

PLEASE ORDER BY NOVEMBER 10TH

Thank you for supporting the LLL with our mission projects!



Gift Card Fundraising

It's that time of year again where you can simplify your gift-giving needs by purchasing gift cards through RaiseRight (formerly known as Scrip) They offer a variety of gift cards including local vendors & restaurants that are available to purchase at face value with the retailer offering a rebate that goes back to St.

Michael's. The recipient of the rebate is chosen by you, which can include school tuition, childcare costs, hot lunch, 7th/8th grade class trip or the church's Home Purpose account.

We will once again be offering the sale of select cards/order forms in the church foyer between services beginning

December 1st-December 22nd.

Orders may also be made by going online to Rasieright.com or by stopping by the school office during school hours.

This is a simple and easy fundraiser to fulfill your shopping needs or to buy for your everyday essentials. A large list of retailers and restaurants is available at Raiseright.com

We appreciate those of you who have participated in this fundraiser in the past. Call Cheryl (989)882-5621 or Lavonne (989)863-0081 if you would like to assist or if you have any questions.



Gifts & Memorials

In Memory of Nancy Palmreuter

Missions—\$10.00
Park Hall—\$85.00
School—\$30.00
Home Purpose—\$2,560.00

In Memory of James Sahr

Endowment Home Purpose—\$20.00
Endowment Tuition Assistance Fund—\$15.00

In Memory of Jack Rodammer

Missions—\$10.00

In Memory of Ray Bekemeier

Missions—\$10.00

In Memory of Ray & Arnold Bekemeier

Park Hall—\$100.00

In Memory of Floyd Auernhamer

Missions—\$10.00

In Memory of John Schluckbier

Missions—\$10.00

In Memory of Elaine Stoick

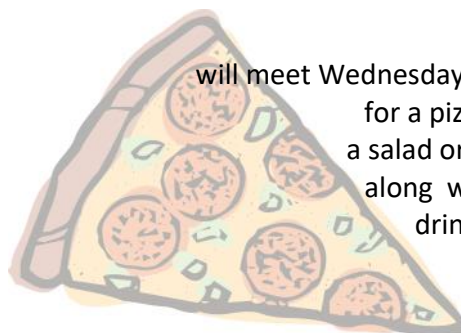
Missions—\$20.00

In Memory of Mary Ann Mossner

Missions—\$10.00

In Memory of Harlen Keinath, their father, who passed away 50 years ago on 9/16/1974

-a gift was given to Child Care by:
Karen & Stanley Bierlein and Family
Connie Hecht and Family



Sisters of Ruth

will meet Wednesday, November 6th at 12 p.m.
for a pizza potluck. You may bring
a salad or dessert if you would like,
along with your place setting and
drink. If you don't want pizza,
please bring your lunch
and join us!

Stewardship Minute

How Are You Doing?

We ask that many times of people as a form of greeting, and it's important thing to ask of our own wellbeing and those we care about. SO how are you doing?

Do we take the time to daily consider how we are blessed? As the song goes: "Count your blessings and name them one by one". We certainly have much to be grateful and thankful for. In light of the recent disaster in the south-east states from the hurricanes, we here in Michigan can be very thankful. Our prayers and support for all those affected is so needed.

This time of year is especially important to focus on giving thanks. The Lord has given us so much, and as scripture reminds us, we must also be generous in our giving as well, as the Lord wants us to be *faithful* stewards of the blessings in our lives.

Consider this about **Faith**:

Faith sees the invisible

Faith believes the incredible

Faith receives the impossible

SO when we each consider our own faith and faithfulness, let us focus our hearts on our Lord, the Almighty God, who can supply our needs and give us the full assurance of heaven, trusting in His promises to us. He gave us His very best—His only Son! What will we in turn give Him?

As the harvest winds down and as the year 2024 winds down, your Board of Stewardship would ask you to help us all in **"harvesting the debt"** We wish for you to consider our Home Purpose in your financial gifting. We have fallen behind in that category. Thanks be to God and to Him the Glory!



Shut-In and Nursing Home Residents

Winter Village, 255 Mayer, Frankenmuth, MI 48734:
Lois Bickel, Doris Rau, Elaine Engel, Carl Buetow, Lorraine Schluckbier, Nancy Klopff

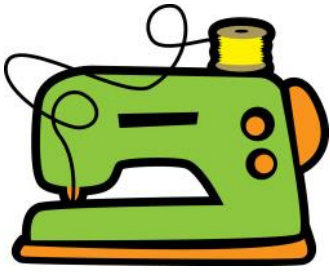
Covenant Glen, 1040 Covenant Drive, Frankenmuth, MI 48734: *Luella Buchinger, Nancy Gruber, Doris Heindl, Bernice Auernhamer, Rollie Wenzel*

Tuscola County Care Facility, 1285 Cleaver, Caro, MI 48723: *Bob Hadaway*

Vassar Comfort Care, 5830 Frankenmuth Road, Vassar, MI 48768: *Donna Schoenow*,

- *Marlene Rodammer* - Symphany Nursing Home, 6700 Westside Saginaw Rd, Bay City MI 48706
- *Joel Ehlert* - Wellspring, 725 W. Genesee, Frankenmuth, MI 48734
- *Marilyn Baesl* - 308 E. Genesee St. Frankenmuth, MI 48734
- *Doris Buchinger* - 3099 S. Quanicassee, Reese, MI 48757
- *Don Hecht* - 3696 Elmwood Court, Vassar, MI 48768
- *Doris Heindl* - 1711 S. Reese Rd, Reese, MI 48757
- *Bob and Faith Heinlein* - 124 Spruce St., Vassar, MI 48768
- *Wayne Landskroener* - 9347 W. Sanilac Rd, Reese, MI 48757
- *Margaret Schemm* - P.O. Box 113, 9358 Saginaw Rd, Richville, MI 48758
- *Charlie Weber* - 8794 W. Sanilac Rd. Vassar, MI 48768
- *Jim Karst* - 9766 Krueger Rd. Frankenmuth, MI 48734
- *Don Duperon* - 10220 E. Washington Rd, Reese, MI 48757
- *Arlene Bierlein*— 2733 S. Quanicassee Rd. Reese, MI 48757
- *Karen Wirth*—9005 W. Sanilac Rd. Reese, MI 48757

Please keep these members in your prayers. Consider brightening their day with a visit, or send a card on their birthday, for a holiday, or just "thinking of you." We have nice greeting cards available at church for 50 cents. They are on a display case near the restrooms.



Little Dresses Sewing Ministry

Saturday, Nov. 2nd
9 am - 4 pm
@ Mary Reinbold's Place.

**We are sewing dresses for
Operation Christmas Child
which supplies shoeboxes around the
world.**

We will have a potluck lunch at noon. Come for whatever time works for you. Some jobs don't require a sewing machine.

If you have donations, please put them in the blue tote in the coat room at church. If you have any questions or would like kits to sew at home, please contact Mary Reinbold.

Mary Martha Guild

MEETING

Monday, November 4th,
Church Overflow Room, 6:00 P.M.
Guest Speaker: Samaritan Youth Center

A business meeting will take place at the beginning of the meeting.



✚ Financial Report as of		09/30/23	
MISSIONS			
Missions Collected YTD	Goal \$50,000	\$	10,915.00
Non Budget Missions Collected YTD		\$	933.00
HOME PURPOSE		MTD	YTD
Home Purpose Balance as of	07/01/24		\$ (286,907.20)
Home Purpose Income		\$ 287,058.22	\$ 516,614.24
Home Purpose Expenses		\$ 143,115.78	\$ 377,938.54
Thrivent Choice in-H.P.	\$ 589.00	\$ 143,942.44	\$ 138,675.70
School Income		\$ 8,355.85	\$ 81,434.81
School Expenses		\$ 8,095.25	\$ 33,904.68
		\$ 260.60	\$ 47,530.13
Child Care/Preschool Income		\$ 63,155.98	\$ 171,022.18
Child Care/Preschool Expenses		\$ 51,540.17	\$ 150,171.50
Thrivent Choice in Childcare	\$ 37.00	\$ 11,615.81	\$ 20,850.68
Home Purpose Balance (includes Child Care/Preschool/School)			\$ (79,850.69)
New Construction Balance as of	07/01/24	MTD	\$ (18,215.51)
Income	Goal \$25,000	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 7,862.72
Expenses		\$ -	\$ -
New Construction Fund Balance		\$ 2,850.00	\$ (10,352.79)
Franklin Ave Mission	Goal \$5,000	\$ 370.00	\$ 820.00
Capital Improvement Balance as of	07/01/24	MTD	\$ 160,870.93
Collected	Goal \$80,000	\$ 2,120.00	\$ 6,696.00
Expenses		\$ 29,784.41	\$ 32,234.19
Capital Improvement Balance		\$ (27,664.41)	\$ 135,332.74

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

(OCC)



Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. They collect shoe boxes filled with *hygiene products, school supplies and other necessities* along with *wow* objects to countries where children don't have many items. They present the children a shoebox and also share the Gospel of Jesus through a course that shares stories from the Bible.

Sara Knea has been a year around volunteer for OCC for twelve years. When the leaders of the drop-off center in Caro decided step down, a need for a drop-off center in Tuscola County arose and St Michael's was asked.

The third week of November is OCC's National Collection Week. On that week millions of shoeboxes will be brought to churches and schools to start the Journey of the Shoebox. There are many ways that you can volunteer.

Volunteer Sign Up Website:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449AFA62FA4F85-51431559-operation#/>
If you have any questions, please talk with Sara or Pastor Knea

St Michael's will be collecting shoeboxes in the Park Hall:

Mon, Nov. 18: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tue, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Wed, Nov. 20: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Thu, Nov. 21: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Fri, Nov. 22: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Sat, Nov. 23: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Sun, Nov. 24: 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Mon, Nov. 25: 8:00 AM-10:00 AM



CUT THIS OUT TO HELP PACK YOUR SHOEBOX!

Packing Party Checklist



- Are you packing for a boy or girl? _____
- What age are you packing for? __ 2-4 __ 5-9 __ 10-14
- Please try to include age appropriate items from every category in your box.
- ☐ Hygiene Items (toothbrush, comb, washcloth, soap)
 - ☐ School items (paper, pencils, pens, crayons)
 - ☐ Accessories (hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, hat)
 - ☐ Toys (jump rope, small ball, instrument, cars)
 - ☐ One Game (puzzles, cards)
 - ☐ One Stuffed Animal, Doll, or Wow Item

Fill any remaining space with additional toys, school items, and accessories.

Finish your box by including a note and praying for the child who will receive your box.

Complete a packing label and tape it to your box. Thank you

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

