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St. Michael's of Richville, Michigan

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Celebrating 175 Years of Saint Michael's, A Year of Faith, Fellowship, and Gratitude

As we wind down the observance and celebration of 175 years of St. Michael's, we can look back on a very special year filled with opportunities to honor our history, celebrate our faith, and look toward the future. Throughout the year we welcomed guest pastors and guest organists who helped make our anniversary observance memorable. In August we held our Founders' Day celebration which was very well received and rewarding. It provided our congregation with a greater appreciation of the early settlers who established St. Michael's and the history of our church. On September 13 we held a special German service that gave those attending an opportunity to experience the German traditions of worship that were part of our congregation's early years. We concluded our anniversary celebration on September 27 with a special worship service attended by 864 people. The celebration continued at the park, where we served more than 500 meals and welcomed a tremendous number of people. Christmas ornaments, anniversary T-shirts, videos, and other memorabilia helped commemorate this important milestone. We also used radio and television to share the story of St. Michael's and promote our anniversary celebration.

An undertaking of this size requires the time, dedication, and talents of many people. I would especially like to recognize our anniversary committee which worked together for more than a year to plan and organize the many activities throughout the year. Our committee members included Scott Wenzel, co-chairman; Charlie Zwerk; D.J. Weiss; Don Weber; Mallorie Rogers; Pat Roedel; Jean Rodammer; Lavonne Richards; Earl Palmreuter; Pam Mossner; Renee Marsrow; Dave Janson; Wayne Hecht; Ann Gillaspie; Pastor Gillaspie; and congregation chairman, Mark Frank. This was a wonderful group of people who shared one common goal: to observe and celebrate 175 years of St. Michael's in the best way possible. Their love for St. Michael's and their faith in our Lord were evident in the time and talents they so willingly contributed. I extend my sincere thanks to each committee member for helping make this anniversary year such a success.

I would also like to thank our congregation for its participation,

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encouragement, and support throughout the year. We have received many compliments on the anniversary events, which are a testament to the special place St. Michael's holds in the hearts of our members. Although our major celebration has concluded, we still look forward to welcoming guest pastors who will help bring our anniversary year to a close. Pastor Aaron Schian of Grace Lutheran in Auburn is scheduled to visit in November, followed by Pastor Brad Hubbard of St. Lorenz in December.

As we conclude our 175th anniversary celebration we turn our attention to the future. Perhaps the best way to look ahead is to reflect on the faith, determination, and vision of those who came before us. Our early settlers came from Germany seeking a better life and a future for their families. They faced many challenges, yet they persevered in faith and eventually built a log church and established our congregation. As St. Michaels grew, a new church was built to accommodate the growing membership. Those early members also recognized the importance of Christian education for their children. In 1951 a new school was built to continue that commitment. Then, in 1971 St. Michael's undertook another major challenge with the construction of our present church. Over the years, additional school facilities were built, and an early childhood center was established to serve even more children and families. Each generation has faced its own challenges, but through faith in God, our congregation has continued to grow and move forward. The story of St. Michael's is one of people who trusted in the Lord, worked together, and remained committed to sharing the Christian faith with future generations. There will undoubtedly be challenges ahead, but just as our forefathers looked toward the future with faith and determination, we, too, can move forward with the help and guidance of our Lord and Savior. May each of us do our part to keep St. Michael's strong in faith and faithful to its mission, both today and for generations to come.

To God be the glory for 175 years of faith. To God be the glory for all the years yet to come!

Al Rodammer
St. Michael's 175th Anniversary Chairman



Gifts & Memorials

In Memory

Bernice Auernhamer
Missions—$10.00

Waldo Hecht
Missions—$10.00

Don Daenzer
Missions—$10.00

Ann Houser
School—$50.00

Robert Hadaway
Home Purpose—$180.00
Missions—$10.00

Hope Hecht
Missions—$10.00

Doris Heindel
Missions—$10.00

Kenneth Hecht
Missions—$10.00

Irene Gohsman
Missions—$10.00

Faith Heinlein
Missions—$10.00

Julie Mossner
Parking Lot—$985.00

Bob Ziegler
Day Care—$50.00

Nancy Gruber
Missions—$10.00

Archie Eyster
Church Music—$20.00
School—$25.00

Ron Frank
Home Purpose—$2,750.00
Missions—$10.00
Church Music—$50.00
School Band—$100.00
Lutheran Hour Mini.—$970.00
St. Lorenz Found.—$100.00
Gideons (5 Bibles) - $25.00
Gift(s) to: Shriners Hospital; Lutheran Church in Willows, Cali.

In Honor

The Bekemeier Family Reunion: Cemetery—$187.50; Missions—$187.50

A donation has been made by Dave & Sally Janson in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

A donation has been made to Home Purpose by the Kalus Leonhardt family (of Wilferdingen, Germany.), in loving remembrance of Norman & Anna Mossner, Ruben & Dorothy Mossner, and Glen & Marlene Mossner, to a 70 year friendship between the families.



Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wed., November 25, 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day Service
Thurs., November 26, 9:00 a.m.

Advent Wednesday Services
December 2, December 9, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Concert**
Sun,. December 6th

School Program**
Wed., December 16

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

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

*(**Time TBD—Watch the bulletin!)*

The Technology Committee is looking for a few volunteers to help with our Facebook Live feed on Sunday mornings!

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in serving in this way, we would love to hear from you. No prior experience is necessary. We will provide all the training you need before you're scheduled to serve on your own.

The more volunteers we have, the lighter the commitment becomes for everyone involved. This is a great opportunity to use your time and talents to help our church connect with those who are unable to attend in person.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact:
Kevin Sage at 989-395-5579 or
Megan Bauer at 989-928-1094

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

Mary Martha

Meeting—Monday, November 2nd at 7 pm at church. Ann Zwerk will speak about The Caring Closet in Saginaw and their Kelly Loves Christmas 4 Kids event. Come and hear how you can get involved in this worthy cause. All women are invited. Mites will be collected with refreshments and a business meeting to follow.



to everyone that donated items or helped assemble School and Hygiene Kits for Orphan Grain Train. Sixty one health kits and sixty two school kits were assembled on October 5 and delivered to the Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Sebewaing along with Thrivent shirts, a box of socks, blankets and quilts and clothes. Mary Martha also donated $1000 towards shipping costs. On September 24, volunteers, students and donors packed a container bound for the Republic of Georgia. We praise God for leading the way as a servant and asking us to follow. For more information visit, www.ogt.org/branches/michigan

Sisters of Ruth

Wednesday, November 4th at noon

We will be meeting at church.

Pizza will be ordered, Please bring a salad or dessert.



✞ Financial Report as of				09/30/26
MISSIONS				
Missions Collected YTD	Goal $50,000			$ 12,651.48
Non Budget Missions Collected YTD				$ 515.00
HOME PURPOSE		***MTD***		***YTD***
Home Purpose Balance as of	07/01/26			$ (15,171.02)
Home Purpose Income		$ 125,870.37		$ 352,303.32
Home Purpose Expenses		$ 130,024.58		$ 381,859.52
Thrivent Choice in-H.P. $ 1,959.00		$ (4,154.21)		$ (29,556.20)
School Income		$ 3,853.50		$ 80,721.58
School Expenses		$ 34,747.73		$ 53,285.40
		$ (30,894.23)		$ 27,436.18
Child Care/Preschool Income		$ 88,470.92		$ 221,348.61
Child Care/Preschool Expenses		$ 65,223.26		$ 192,791.25
Thrivent Choice in Childcare $ 51.00		$ 23,247.66		$ 28,557.36
Home Purpose Balance (includes Child Care/Preschool/School)				$ 11,266.32
New Construction Balance as of	07/01/26	MTD		$ 31,419.99
Income	Goal $25,000	$ 1,720.00		$ 3,084.00
Expenses		$ 17.10		$ 17.10
New Construction Fund Balance		$ 1,702.90		$ 34,486.89
Franklin Ave Mission	Goal $5,000	$ 165.00		$ 335.00
Capital Improvement Balance as of	07/01/26	MTD		$ 175,624.24
Collected	Goal $80,000	$ 6,270.66		$ 13,510.63
Expenses		$ 64.80		$ 2,514.58
Capital Improvement Balance		$ 6,205.86		$ 186,620.29





LLL Wreath & Grave Blanket Sale

This is a good time to order a decorated grave blanket or a wreath for the grave site of a loved one. These wreaths can also be used for Christmas decorating.

Please order by November 8th, by calling Bruce at 989-798-8073 or Jim at 989-670-1710. The cost for the decorated blanket is $50 and the decorated wreath is $30. We will place greenery on the St. Michael's cemetery at your request the week before Thanksgiving. You may pick up the take along orders on Saturday November 21st from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon at the church shed.

This project is supported by Thrivent. The proceeds will go to Pastor Conrad and his family to help support the mission work they are doing in Central America. Camp Lu Lay Ley will also receive support from this sale.

Thank You to everyone for your support through the years.

St. Michael's Lutheran Laymen's League
Jack Hetzner, Bruce Lanskroener and Jim Hecht
Greenery Sale Committee

The Caring Closet in Saginaw

St. Michael's Outreach this Christmas season is supporting The Caring Closet in Saginaw. It is open to families in need, and everything they collect is given to them for free. On December 12th, they are having their 3rd annual "Kelly Loves Christmas 4 Kids" event where children can shop for their family members in need. We are collecting new items such as dolls, soccer/football/basketballs, trucks, games (i.e. Sorry, Trouble, Connect 4), blankets, etc. as well as gifts for their parents or grandparents. Gifts in the $5-$10 range. We would like all gifts by December 5th if possible. If you'd rather donate money, I can shop for you! Last year St. Michael's Outreach was a huge contributor for this event that served over 800 people! Thank you for helping with such a great service project and making families in need feel special for the holidays! If you have any questions, please contact Ann Zwerk at 989-672-9363.

SMALL ACTS. BIG IMPACT.

Ann Zwerk
St. Michael's Outreach

Lutheran Women in Mission

Any woman who is a communicant member of an LCMS congregation can be a Lutheran Woman in Mission.

What does a Lutheran Woman in Mission do?

- We joyfully proclaim Christ thru faith resources such as Bible studies and devotions. There are a variety of program resources for planning events and leading a group.
- We support missions. Through Mite Box offerings and prayers we bring the love and hope of Jesus to those in need thru carefully selected mission grant recipients, local, national and international.
- We equip women for service. Serving God by serving others thru small groups or individual servant activities. Resources are available to develop and strengthen each woman's God-given gifts and participate in a meaningful and encouraging way as a servant leader.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

To learn more about Lutheran Women in Mission visit, www.lwml.org or if you are interested in planning a servant activity or event, gathering for bible study or forming a group, contact Sally Janson.



Our group just provided 100 dresses for St. Michael's school collection for Operation Christmas Child girl's shoeboxes. Thank you to all the ladies who have been diligently working on this great project.

Our next goal is to begin sewing dresses in the next several months for next year's collection. We plan to have a sewing session sometime late this winter. In the meantime, to keep us working toward our goal, you can request dress kits from Mary Reinbold. Everything is packaged together. All you need to do is sew and finish the dress on your own.

The winter months are a good time to stay indoors and get out that sewing machine. Won't you consider helping with this worthwhile cause?
Thank you!

Little Dresses Sewing Group