

Reformation Day

October 26th, 2025

Order of Service

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Hymns

Churches One Foundation, Choir Version

(Verse 2: Choir, Verse 4: 5th - 8th),
656, 561, 645, 849, 865

Wednesday Hymns 656, 561

Sermon

"He who has ears let him hear"
Rev. Keith Knea

Scripture Readings

Rev 14:6-7: Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Romans 3:19-28: Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a

sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Matthew 11:12-19: From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. Whoever has ears, let them hear. "To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: "'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Charles Zwerk, Scott Wenzel;*
Jason Hecht
Organist *Pam Bernreuter*
Choirs *5th- 8th Choir*
Usher *Klair Bierlein; Don Bierlein*
Altar Guild *Kay Buetow, Nicole Buetow,*
Heather Love
Acolytes *Kellen Keinath, Colby Swaffer*

Wednesday

Elders *Mark Schiefer*
Pianist. *Terese Petro*
Usher *Don Bierlein*

This week at St. Michael's

Today Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Communion (*5th-8th Choir*) 10:30 a.m.
New Membership Class 6 p.m.
Tue Winter Village Communion 1:30 p.m.
Covenant Glen Communion 2:30 p.m.
Adult Choir 7 p.m.
Wed School Chapel (at school) 10:10 a.m.
Worship Service 7 p.m.
Fri *Trunk or Treat 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*
Next Sun. *All Saints Sunday*
Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Worship Service (*5th-8th Choir*) 10:30 a.m.

Fall Back! Daylight Savings Time ends Saturday night! Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

The Life of Luther: On this Reformation Sunday, Pastor Gillaspie will start a Bible study on the life of Martin Luther. We meet in the school media center during Kidzmin.

Eighth Grade Teacher: Rebecca Gehm has been released from her called position. Katie Gebhandt will teach as a long term sub, and Lisa Heinlein will be given an extended contract.

Annual Report 2024-2025 is available in the church office.

Fall Craft & Vendor Show Sat. October 25th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Park Hall. Contact Carrie

Hoepfner (choeppner@stmichaelsrichville.org) for more information.

Trunk or Treat hosted by St. Michael's ECC on Oct. 30th from 6-7:30 p.m. Please contact Lori Powell (989)868-3830 if you would like to register a vehicle for this event.

Mary Martha Monday, November 3 at 7pm in the church meeting room, to hear a representative from Family Promise of Tuscola County. A non-profit that helps homeless and low income families achieve independence partnering with local congregations and community resources providing shelter, meals and support services. Meeting and refreshments to follow.

Sisters of Ruth will be meeting at church Wed. Nov. 5th, 12 p.m. for a pot luck.

Harvest Brunch: Join us for a free breakfast Nov. 9th from 10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Park Hall, to celebrate and give thanks for all everyone has done.

Jameson Strong Birthday Toy Drive New & Unused Toys are being collected and will be taken to the Pediatric Cancer ward at Mott's Children Hospital in Ann Arbor. A flyer is in the foyer with more details.

Little Dresses Sewing Ministry will be meeting on Nov. 1st, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Mary Reinbold's house. Please join us in sewing, ironing, and other tasks. More information can be found in the Oct. Newsletter.

LLL Greenery Sale is back again! Grave Blankets: \$49.00; Wreaths: \$29.00. To place an order, please call Bruce (989) 798-8073 or Jim (989) 670-1710. Watch for flyers!

Nominating Committee: Wayne Bierlein, Pam Bierlein, Mark Frank, Eric Roedel, Mike Ehrlinger, Dave Janson.

Chairman (1): Mark Frank; Jay Trombley
Contributions Coordinator: Carol Hess

Elder (2): Kevin Kern; Rodney Hecht; Phil Keinath
School Board (3): John Sahr; Jeff Bolzman; Lindy Richards; Josh Doud; Becky Cook

Trustee (2): Ron Spiekerman; Collin Bierlein; Kevin Hecht; Nick Erbisch

Cemetery Board (2): Dennis Reinbold; Wayne V. Bierlein; John Mossner; Matt Buchinger; Anthony Bierlein

Financial Secretary (2): Kay Schluckbier; Karen Bierlein (White); Becky Squanda; Matt Bierlein
Childcare/Preschool (1): Matt Reinbold; Emily Bierlein; Megan Bauer

Attendance

Sun. October 19th 459
Wed. October 22nd 55

Weekly Income: 10/12-10/18: \$21,746.63
Weekly Income includes: Home Purpose Envelopes, Miscellaneous Income, Gifts in Kind, IRA Donations, and Loose Plate.

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "The Way Out" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler; Jesus alone is the Way out, rescuing us from sin, despair, and death. He calls us to live as people "on the way." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Spiritual First Aid Conference: Nov 7th, 6-9 p.m.; Nov. 8th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Grand Blanc. Discover how to become a Spiritual First Aid Responder by learning simple, biblically-based framework for crisis care. Register and more information at

michigandistrict.org/events.

Prayers

Health

Randy Balzer; Karen Bauer; Bruce Bierlein; Lucas Brown; Craig Compton; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Jim Karst; Brenda MacKay; Norm Petzold; Larry Putman; Carol Roth; Les Roth; John Schemm; Bev Schemm; Rollie Wenzel; Willie Wirth

Thanksgiving

John & Bev Schemm;
65th Wedding Anniversary, Oct. 29th

Mission

Rev. Shauen and Krista Trump serve The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya, which has been their home for the last 15 years. As the LCMS’ regional director for Africa, Shauen regularly engages church leaders in more than 25 countries to equip, enable and encourage them in the work the Lord has put before them

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Financial Report as of 09/30/25			
MISSIONS			
Missions Collected YTD	Goal \$50,000		\$ 10,331.02
Non Budget Missions Collected YTD			\$ 706.00
HOME PURPOSE			
		MTD	YTD
Home Purpose Balance as of 07/01/25			\$ (71,597.09)
Home Purpose Income		\$ 115,512.67	\$ 381,925.89
Home Purpose Expenses		\$ 129,617.44	\$ 394,932.32
Thrivent Choice in H.P.	\$ 405.00	\$ (14,104.77)	\$ (13,006.43)
School Income		\$ 8,308.00	\$ 26,845.29
School Expenses		\$ 15,811.81	\$ 36,770.33
		\$ (7,503.81)	\$ (9,925.04)
Child Care/Preschool Income		\$ 70,265.79	\$ 186,483.73
Child Care/Preschool Expenses		\$ 53,529.11	\$ 171,488.22
Thrivent Choice in Childcare	\$	\$ 16,736.68	\$ 14,995.51
Home Purpose Balance (includes Child Care/Preschool/School)			\$ (79,533.05)
New Construction Balance as of 07/01/25		MTD	\$ 12,690.88
Income	Goal \$25,000	\$ 1,465.00	\$ 4,931.00
Expenses		\$ -	\$ 10.73
New Construction Fund Balance		\$ 1,465.00	\$ 17,611.15
Franklin Ave Mission	Goal \$5,000	\$ 420.00	\$ 540.00
Capital Improvement Balance as of 07/01/25		MTD	\$ 144,257.67
Collected	Goal \$80,000	\$ 3,385.25	\$ 13,242.50
Expenses		\$ 3,706.03	\$ 7,175.75
Capital Improvement Balance		\$ (320.78)	\$ 150,324.42