



CONNECTING People To Jesus

St. Michael's of Richville, Michigan

Notes From Our Pastor....

What does it mean to take up our cross to follow Jesus? It seems like God is letting us know what it means for our life. There have been shootings at churches, and people who hold values that are determined by their faith in their Savior Jesus are being shot. The world is then praising the actions of the shooter, saying the people who were shot are getting what they deserve. We live in a dangerous world that is against us and our Savior. Jesus said I have come to not bring peace but a sword. This sword causes the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh to try to fight back. Jesus's sword is however different from the sword the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh use against us. Their sword kills, while Jesus's sword gives life. Jesus's sword, however, is so sharp that it cuts through bones and marrow. Meaning that it separates one's sinful desire and gives faith. When one's sinful desire doesn't want to believe, it sometimes uses a sword in response. It sometimes rebels and uses swords to show its rebellion. Throughout the scriptures people have been hurt by those who are struggling to believe including our Lord and Savior Jesus who was killed on the cross. Shadrack, Meshack, and Abendago, Daniel, John the Baptist, Stephen, and even Paul were also attacked and some were killed for their faith and what they did and taught.

We live in a society where we think that we should be allowed to share our hope in Jesus and not be

punished or attacked. We shouldn't have to be worried about retribution for speaking the truth of Jesus, but that doesn't mean that we are safe. A recent speaker I heard believes that because Jesus said take up your cross that attacks are part of who we are as Christians. He felt it is our honor and duty to turn the other cheek and allow the attacks against us. I don't think that it is wrong for us in our country to use the law to protect ourselves. Paul also used the law to appeal to Caesar and used it to defend himself from illegally being beaten. Beatings and killing didn't stop the Apostles from sharing the Word. It actually emboldened them to speak more. I pray that this latest rash of attack emboldens us too. It seems like we have been getting complacent, because we haven't been attacked, but let us work to share with our neighbors the truth.

Like Charlie Kirk, in love let us tell the world that living in the sin of denial of how God created us, and denying what He says about marriage and the family is bad for health and for eternal life. Getting married and having children is the best thing we can do as a society to get rid of crime and violence. There are less issues with growing up and getting into trouble when moms and dads can work together to raise children how God intended. Yes, there may be due to sin a reason for single parent families. This is when uncles, teachers, pastors, youth leaders, and



coaches get to step in and help to encourage and influence them to grow up and mature. We need to also love and encourage people to understand that abortion is always wrong. Not only is it against the commandment to kill, but also that individual that is killed may be our next leader or inventor. We could be killing someone who is going to cure cancer. We have a message to also tell them about our Savior who died for us. We can't get to heaven on our own and we need Jesus to save us. God also created this world out of nothing. The creator of the universe sent His Son born of a woman to redeem us of our sins and take us to live with Him in perfection in heaven for all eternity.

While the speaker that I talked about earlier was a little short sighted on whether to fight for our rights and privileges to tell the world about Jesus our Savior and what He has to say about how we live, he did have one thing right—we shouldn't fear telling the world. We shouldn't worry about being killed, because to live is Christ and to die is gain. When we live in the struggles of this world, we bear the cross, and when we die, we get peace and life in heaven eternal where there is no pain and sorrow.

It saddens me that we must struggle with people wanting to shoot us. However, like Peter rejoiced after being beaten by the Sanhedrin after healing the lame man, let us rejoice that we in the United States are counted worthy to be mistreated like Jesus was mistreated. May God be with us and encourage us to tell about how great you are and that you love us, died and rose for us, and you will take us home to be with you someday. Amen

Pastor Knea

PRAY MORE
worry less



St Michael's ECC

**Thursday,
Oct. 30th
6-7:30 p.m.**

Join us in the church parking lot—enter from the M46 drive or by the fire hall—for a trunk or treat and a free hot dog, chips, and drink provided. There will be a fire truck, tractor, and semi truck on site!

Contact Lori Powell (989)868-3830
if you would like to register a vehicle!

Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday

will be observed on ***Sunday, October 5.***

We celebrate all the gifts God has brought together as Lutheran Women in Mission.

Throughout the years, St. Michael's women have served the Lord through missions, sharing their faith, using their talents, skills and mite offerings. As Lutheran Women in Mission we continue to support, encourage and uplift missionaries, and also provide physical support and compassion to all people. It is the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name that motivates us to do this work.

Do you know what a Mite Box is? The Mite Box comes from the widow who gave all she had of her money for the mission of God, the spreading of the Gospel. Mite box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants to support the pastors and missionaries all over the world. You will have the opportunity to make a Mite Box offering on Sunday, October 5 as you exit church. Bring your loose change or bills to support funding of Lutheran Women in Mission grants. Take a mite box home to collect your loose change and return it to church. In observance of Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday, St. Michael's Mary Martha will offer snacks between services on this day.

Call Sally Janson if you have questions.





In Memory of

Jameson Doud

Home Purpose—\$15.00

Missions—\$10.00

Marilynn Baesl

Missions—\$10.00

Vera (Reinbold) Talaski

Home Purpose—\$90.00

Carl Buetow

Missions—\$35.00

School—\$80.00

Home Purpose—\$1,055.00

In Honor of

Lynn Hecht, who passed away 10 years ago on
Sept. 4th / 70th Birthday on Sept. 25th

- a gift from Luann Hecht & Family has been
given to Home Purpose

Glenn & Leona Doud's 66th Anniversary

- a gift was given to Home Purpose by Doug
& Sue Doud

Bus Trip to Purple Rose Theater

We are planning a bus trip to a theater in Chelsea,
MI on Thurs. Nov 6th . We will see the show Norma
& Wanda— a comedy about two sisters .

Cost is \$100 which in-
cludes the show,
lunch, and travel.

Please call Nancy
Schluckbier
(989)529-0320



Puzzle!

Who made the following statements in the Bible?

1. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Samuel, John, Cain, Andrew

2. "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have
I give to you."

Peter, James, John, Paul

3. "What is truth?"

Herod, Pilate, Simon Magus, Cornelius

4. "Choose you this day whom you will serve ... but
as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!"

Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua

5. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Nathaniel, John, Peter, Paul

6. "In a short time would you persuade me to be a
Christian?"

Herod Agrippa, Pilate, Caiaphas, Annas

7. "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from
following you. For where you go I will go."

Rebekah, Rachel, Ruth, Rahab

8. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished
the race, I have kept the faith."

Paul, Peter, James, Barnabas

Answers: 1. Cain (Genesis 4:9); 2. Peter (Matthew 16:16); 3. Pilate (Acts 3:6); 4. Joshua (Joshua 24:15);
5. Peter (Matthew 16:16); 6. Herod Agrippa (Acts 26:28); 7. Ruth (Ruth 1:16); 8. Paul (2 Timothy 4:7)



Mark your calendar for
Tuesday, October 7th from 1 to 6 p.m.
at the Park Hall. Making appointments is appre-
ciated. Call 1-866-642-5663. We hope to see
YOU there, giving the gift of life.

Lutheran Laymen's' League

MEETING

Monday, October 20th at the Park Hall



Join us for our *FUN NIGHT*
and bring a friend!

Cards: 4-6 p.m.;
Meal: 6-7 p.m.;
Meeting: 7 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be
Chris Nuechterlein

We hope to see you there!

LLL Greenery Sale

The St. Michael's Lutheran Laymen's League is having the annual Greenery Sale again this fall. We are taking orders for the beautiful grave blankets and wreaths.

They are decorated with red ribbons, bows and pine cones and are furnished by the same supplier we have used in the last few years.

The Grave Blankets are \$49.00 and the wreaths are \$29.00. To place an order or for more information please call Bruce Lankroener at (989) 798-8073 or Jim Hecht (989) 670-1710.

We will place the Blankets and Wreaths on the St. Michael's cemetery in the weeks before Thanksgiving. The wreaths and blankets for pickup will be at the church shed and available for pickup from 9:00 until 12:00 on November 15.

The proceeds from the sale will go to one of the LLL Mission projects. Proceeds will also go to "Sleep in Heaven Peace". This is a local organization that builds and provides beds to kids in Tuscola County that do not have a bed and sleep on the floor. The Sale is also supported by Thrivent Financial.

Watch for the flyers and bulletin announcements for information.

The LLL Greenery Sale
Committee
Bruce Landskoener,
Jim Hecht,
and Jack Hetzner



Little Dresses Sewing Ministry

The fall sewing day for Little Dresses will be Saturday November 1st from 9 AM to 4 PM at Mary Reinbold's house. We will have a potluck lunch at noon.

Our Dresses are packed in shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child which reach deserving little girls around the world.

Please join us to help with sewing, ironing, or other tasks. Come anytime that works for you. If you have items to donate such as new cotton fabric, narrow elastic, bias tape, or ric rack, place them in the blue tote in the coat room at church.

If you have any questions or would like dress kits to sew on your own, please contact Mary Reinbold.



Sisters of Ruth

We will be going to the Countryview Store on October 1st.

Meet at church by 10:30 a.m. and we will have lunch at the store.

If you have any questions, please contact Luann Hecht.



Reflections Book Club will now be meeting in the church basement *every 3rd Monday of the month.*





Mary Martha

MEETING

Monday, October 6 at 7 pm

to assemble school and health kits for Orphan Grain Train. We could use a few extra hands to help with this project, no special skills required. Come as you are.!



Franconian Zone Women in Mission Rally & Ingathering

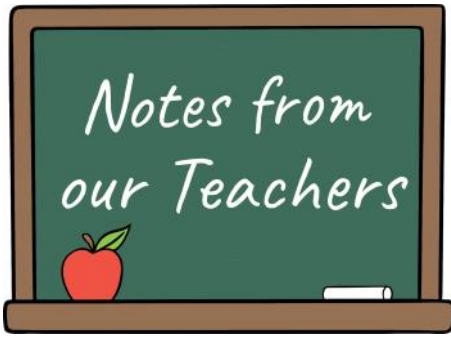
October 18th

at St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center
(850 W. Genesee St. Frankenmuth, MI 48734)

See speaker Mid MI Teen Challenge (Ingathering: Feminine Hygiene Products) Cost is \$10. Registration & Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m.

August Financial Report

Financial Report as of		08/31/25	
MISSIONS			
Missions Collected YTD	Goal \$50,000	\$	-
Non Budget Missions Collected YTD		\$	505.00
HOME PURPOSE			
		MTD	YTD
Home Purpose Balance as of	07/01/25		\$ (71,597.09)
Home Purpose Income		\$ -	\$ 114,263.29
Home Purpose Expenses		\$ -	\$ 149,520.74
Thrivent Choice in-H.P.	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ (35,257.45)
School Income		\$ -	\$ (47,069.04)
School Expenses		\$ -	\$ 6,496.93
		\$ -	\$ (53,565.97)
Child Care/Preschool Income		\$ -	\$ 49,005.75
Child Care/Preschool Expenses		\$ -	\$ 54,981.38
Thrivent Choice in Childcare	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5,975.63)
Home Purpose Balance (includes Child Care/Preschool/School)			\$ (166,396.14)
New Construction Balance as of			
	07/01/25	MTD	\$ 12,690.88
Income	Goal \$25,000	\$ -	\$ 1,955.00
Expenses		\$ -	\$ 10.73
New Construction Fund Balance		\$ -	\$ 14,635.15
Franklin Ave Mission			
	Goal \$5,000	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Improvement Balance as of			
	07/01/25	MTD	\$ 144,257.67
Collected	Goal \$80,000	\$ -	\$ 4,521.25
Expenses		\$ -	\$ 50.81
Capital Improvement Balance		\$ -	\$ 148,728.11



ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

(A snapshot of the school!)

Kindergarten –Mrs. Hoepfner and Mrs. Jammer

Our little darlings have 3 weeks of Kindergarten under their belt. We are continuing to spend a lot of time learning our routines and procedures, but this extra time spent now will help the students in the long run. They are doing a great job of learning to work as a team. We have been learning about the life cycle and parts of the apple. We were able to taste test a variety of apples to see what we liked best. We have been reviewing our 2D shapes and we used those to draw cityscape pictures with some very awesome vehicles (those can be seen above our lockers in the hallway).

1st Grade - Mrs. Janson and Miss VanDeVeer

Hi from first grade! We are off to a great start this year, learning a little more independence and focusing on our reading skills. We have introduced the Accelerated Reader Program and are having fun taking quizzes on the books we read. We are diving deeper into science and social studies as well, learning what a scientist does and how to be a good citizen in our school and community. I am really excited for this school year and have enjoyed getting to know my students better so far. It is great to be back at St. Michael's and we appreciate all of your prayers and support as we begin our school year.

2nd Grade - Mrs. Doan

We are learning to be "big kids". 2nd graders now carry their own trays at lunch. They have hard cover reading books to read out of and lots more work books to work in. They are learning to sit longer and do more pencil and paper kind of work. They clean and organize their desks and have lots of jobs and responsibilities to do now. In social studies we learned about schools long ago and schools now.

3rd Grade - Mrs. Bierlein

In 3rd grade, we are getting into the new routine of a new school year. Third grade requires some changes in how things are done in class. We have more hard cover books that we don't write in and need to learn how to transfer problems from book to paper. Third grade

is also the year we study Michigan History. We have started the year off with talking about what a state is and what makes our state special.

4th Grade - Mrs. Knea

The 4th graders have hit the ground running. We (including Mrs Knea) have accepted the 40 book challenge. We will attempt to each read 40 books of different genres this school year. We are exploring what makes something living in science doing our first investigation. In religion class we are discovering that even in the book of Genesis, there was the promise of a Savior.

5th Grade - Mrs. Krause

The 5th graders are off and running learning how to be in "middle school ", switch classes, have a couple different teachers, use binders, work on google classroom, and go to electives. They have been very excited to go to the science lab and use microscopes. We also started our first novel for literature class too. The most exciting thing about the first month-Mr. Eyster is the sub while Mrs. Krause is in DC with the 7th and 8th graders.

6th Grade - Mrs. Woodward

The school year has started and we have established our routine. I teach 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science and 6th and 8th grade advanced math. The classes have started doing labs in science and will have their first chapter tests. We are learning about cells, atoms and molecules and so much more of God's creation. Math has been a review of concepts.

7th Grade - Mrs. Lamb

Hello from 7th grade. We are super excited to head east for our big field trip to DC and all the rest. We will be gone for almost a whole week! I'm sure there will be a lot to report on next month. We have a 3D printer in our room and that has been a big hit (and sometimes a miss with printing errors) in our room. The girls always have a lot to share about volleyball and the boys about soccer. In academics, you may be surprised to hear they have 9 or 10 total teachers they will see for classes throughout the week! I actually only teach the

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7th graders Spelling/Vocab, English, and Social Studies. Then I see the 6th graders for Social Studies, Literature, and Math. I also have a combined 7th/8th Pre-Algebra class. I am loving it all and am so thankful to be here. You have a beautiful school community that I am blessed to now be a part of. I thank everyone for the warm welcome and am looking forward to a wonderful year.

8th Grade - Miss Gehm

8th grade is just getting used to the idea of being the oldest in the school and are getting back into the swing of things. They are excited and preparing to leave for Washington D.C. at the tail end of the week. We have been reading a novel about 9/11 called "Let's Roll" to prepare them to see the memorials in both Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon. We have also been reviewing our grammar from last year and working on our routine for spelling.

Resource Room - Mrs. Newton

In these first few weeks of school, I have been working to get all of our K-4 students screened in their reading skills. The information I gather will be going home to parents this week and next; and it will help us know which students will benefit from getting some extra 1:1 or small group help at school. I am also teaching the basic 7th grade Math class and a 4th grade reading group. It's going to be a great year!

Media Center/Upcoming Events - Mrs. Brown

All classes have been in and checked out books! I'm very pleased to say that most have tried to take some A.R tests from books they have read. Grades 3-6 will be working with Scholastic Story Works magazine while they have their library time. Younger grades are getting back into the habit of sitting and listening to books and checking out books. Everyone is doing a great job and I'm very pleased with all of the students! The Scholastic book fair will be here 11/10-11/14. Winterfest will be on 2/21/26 and the theme is "The Price is Right!" More info on that to come!

Early Childhood Center (ECC)

Our Preschool 4s class is off to a great start. We have a full classroom this year again with 24 children. Mrs. Brandy Meier is the Lead Teacher, Mrs. Jill Weber and Ms. Angela Sella are the Assistant Teachers in the class.

If you know of anyone that is amazing with children and is looking for a part-time job please let them know about us and have them call or stop in. We are always looking for some new teachers.

Our infants, ones, and twos rooms are all very full. The only room we have space is the Preschool Readiness Class. This room is designed to help children get ready for our Preschool 4s class. They practice their letters, colors, and numbers. You can send your child full-time or part-time. Whichever works better for your busy schedules. Call the ECC with any questions. 989-868-3830



Join us at the school
Sunday's at 9 a.m. for
Bible Class and KidzMin!

Watch the bulletin for
schedule updates.

Get your newsletter
through email,
contact the church
office to go
paperless!

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