



CONNECTING People To Jesus

St. Michael's of Richville, Michigan

Congratulations on 175 years from LCMS President Harrison!



"Dear pastor, parishioners of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 1:3)

Thanks be to God for one year after another of Word and Sacrament salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone! Today we give thanks for 175 years of Spirit-filled ministry among your family, friends, community, and on into the world. Alleluia!

Although I cannot be with you in person, it is with immense joy that I join in your spirit of celebration this anniversary and God-given milestone! May this anniversary year remind you of all that God has done and continues to do, not only for His bride the Church, but also for your particular, unique congregation. You are His own creation, clothed in Christ and beloved in His sight.

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have made many visible marks throughout history. For us, we experience them often as simply daily bread

and regular worship. Thanks be to God that He provides so abundantly, sustains with such steadfastness, and preserves with His own eternal power and glory.

What an impact our Lord has had! God has mightily blessed and spread His Word, granting new life and renewal through God's Word and Sacraments, granting the forgiveness of sins and a place at His holy Table. Thanks be to God that He washes us clean and gives us what we could never earn for the sake of His Son, generation after generation.

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, know that your fellow members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod join you in giving thanks to the Lord of the Church for your confession of faith and community of love. We ask with you that His great blessing remain upon St. Michael's Lutheran Church today and in the days to come."

Under the blood of Jesus,

Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



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What is the St. Michael's Lutheran Church Endowment?

An Endowment Fund is a partnership between our members and St Michael's. This partnership is based on the idea of mutual stewardship. By supporting the Endowment Fund, members act as stewards to and for St Michaels. And by using the income generated by the Endowment to fulfill our mission, St Michael's acts as a steward to and for our members and the community. Endowment - Share the Blessings is one of the 10 accounts under the umbrella of St Michael's Lutheran Endowment Fund held with Tri Star Bank. The fund was able to contribute to ministries outside of St Michael's and for 2026 contributed to Rev Conrad's Ministry (\$12,100.00) Rev Mahlburg's Ministry (\$8,825.00), POBLO ministries (\$4,537.50) and Lutheran Bible Translators - Becky Grossman (\$550.00).

Mary Martha

Monday, October 5 at 7 pm
In the Church Overflow Room.

We will assemble health and school kits on to be delivered to Orphan Grain Train -Michigan in Sebewaing. Willing hands are welcome to help complete this task. Come and enjoy fellowship while serving the Lord.



Earlier this year Orphan Grain Train launched a food initiative called Mercy Meals. Church members and friend from children to senior's package fortified meals consisting of rice, soy, vegetables and supplemental nutrients that are mixed and sealed. The meals are shipped to areas of the world where people suffer from severe food insecurity or starvation.

Watch for more information about how St. Michaels can host a packing event.



Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 13th from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Park Hall. Making appointments is appreciated. Call 1-866-642-5663. We hope to see YOU there, giving the gift of life.

Lutheran Laymen's' League

Monday, October 19th at 7 p.m.

In the Church Overflow Room

Everyone is invited to come to a very special LLL Event at church to hear the amazing and true story of Riley Shoemaker's fight to live. Riley, a Saginaw youth, was severely burned in a gasoline fire in 2024 and died twice. The story will be retold by his father Jared. This is a medical miracle of someone who was given a 0% chance of living, and is a testimony to Ephesians 6:10-18, on putting on the Full Armor of God and the power of God through prayer. Riley along with his siter and dad will be there. We hope to see you there! There will be books available to purchase as well "RILEY'S FIGHT"

LLL Greenery Sale

The LLL men's group is taking orders for this year's Christmas Wreath and Grave Blanket Sale. These beautiful wreaths and grave blankets come decorated with red ribbons, bows and pinecones. We will place a wreath or grave blanket on the grave site of your loved one at the St. Michael's cemetery. You may also order the blanket or wreath and pick it up and take it to another location.

The blankets and wreaths will be delivered and placed on the cemetery the week before Thanksgiving. The items to be picked up will be at the St. Michaels Church storage building next to the parking lot, for pickup on Saturday November 21, from 9:00 am until 12 noon.

For information and to order a grave blanket or wreath call Bruce Landskroener at 989-798-8073 or Jim Hecht at 989-670-1710. The grave blankets are \$50.00 and the wreaths are \$30.

The proceeds of the sale will go to LLL or Church Mission projects. This project is supported by Thrivent Financial .

Thank You for participation
Bruce Landskroener, Jack Hetzner & Jim Hecht
LLL Mens Group & Greenery Sale Committee



Sisters of Ruth

Sisters of Ruth will be going to the CountryView Store in Snover on Wed. October 7th. We will meet at the church and leave at 10:30 a.m., and have lunch at the store. If you have any questions, please contact Luann.



CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

(A snapshot of the school!)

Kindergarten –Mrs. Hoepfner and Mrs. Gosse

In Kindergarten we are learning expectations and procedures. We are learning about creation, reviewing our 2D shapes, reviewing letter sounds, and learning about different emotions. In science we are learning about the life cycle and parts of the apple. On September 16th, we will be visiting an Apple Orchard. In literature, we are learning about the genre of literature called fairy tales and fractured fairy tales.

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1st Grade - Mrs. Janson and Mrs. VanDeVeer: Will be back with you next month!

2nd Grade - Mrs. Jammer

Second grade has been busy learning! We've been exploring the different types of sentences and discovering how God created us with curious minds to think like scientists and explore His amazing world. We are also becoming Bible experts! We practice daily how to find passages in our Bibles; and we are also celebrating a BIG accomplishment... We memorized all the books of the New Testament! We are learning, growing, and having lots of fun along the way!

3rd Grade - Mrs. Bierlein

Third Grade has had a good start to the school year. We have learned a lot of new routines and expectations. In math, we have started out the year reviewing place value and applying that to numbers up into the thousands. In Michigan History, we have discovered what a state is and some of the special things that represent the state of Michigan. We also got to go to Tuscola County Fairgrounds to participate in Project RED (Rural Education Day) with other third graders from around Tuscola County. It was a great day learning about the important agriculture of our area.

4th Grade - Mrs. Knea

Fourth graders have spent the beginning of the school year thinking about expectations and how we can be successful in the classroom. We've talked about our classroom being a family and practiced ways that we can work together. We have started our 40 book challenge with some students by completing 10 books already!! We are excited to get more into science and social studies and to go on our first field trip: Michigan DNR Nature

Awaits at Bay City State Park!

5th Grade - Mrs. Krause

5th grade is working on transitions-this is our first time really switching classes, taking books and binders with us, and moving rooms. We are slowly catching on to how middle school works and are excited to keep improving. We are very excited to continue working with our new smart boards from last year and seeing daily messages up on the screen along with videos for certain subjects. Some of our highlights are: band-how exciting to have this twice a week, handchimes, study hall, physical education is now just us and it's 3 times per week, and we got new chairs for our classroom and were moved into bigger desks.

6th Grade - Mrs. Woodward

Middle School Science classes started off the year reviewing the scientific method. 6th grade science is studying Life Science and starting with cells. 7th grade Science is studying Earth Science and began the year with rocks and rock layering. 8th grade is studying Physical Science and is starting with the basics in Chemistry with atoms, molecules, and mixtures. Math classes are spending the first weeks reviewing previously taught concepts as we prepare to build on them. 6th graders are preparing to head to Outdoor Education at Camp Howell for 3 days.

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7th Grade - Mrs. Lamb - Time flies when you're having fun and is it already flying or what? I have 3 math classes with students in 5th - 8th grade, 7th grade World Civilizations Class & English, and 6th Lit. We are going to learn so much! Our 3D printer is running around the clock, the kids are busy with sports, and everyone is busy, busy. The weather is starting to cool down but we are on fire in our learning. Keep up the good work students.

8th Grade - Mrs. Heinlein

Middle School Is Off to a Great Start! It has been wonderful welcoming our middle school students back to school! We have spent these first weeks reconnecting, learning new procedures and routines, and building a positive classroom community. Together, the students and I created a Social Contract that establishes expectations for a safe, respectful, and encouraging learning environment that we all agree to follow. Students also discovered whether they tend to be right-brain or left-brain learners, helping them better understand their individual strengths and learning styles. We have been assessing prior knowledge, preparing for the learning ahead, and meeting our new chapel families. Most importantly, we are building relationships and recognizing the unique gifts God has given each of us. We are off to a great start and look forward to a wonderful year of learning, growing, and growing together in Christ!

Resource Center - Mrs. Newton

Welcome back to school! It is good to be back in a routine! I am working like crazy to get reading screenings done on all the K-4th graders. I can tell that some of them did some reading over the summer! Yay! The results of the screenings will indicate which students will need a little extra help throughout the year.

P.E.- AD-Mr. Andrich

Kindergarten–2nd Grade: Our youngest students are developing their fundamental motor skills through a variety of jumping drills, running activities, and exercises that involve changing directions.

3rd–5th Grade: Students are focusing on building teamwork and cooperation while continuing to develop their strength and fitness. They are working on proper technique and form in push-ups, planks, and air squats.

6th–8th Grade: Our older students are working on improving their cardiovascular fitness and building endurance. They are also being introduced to the fundamentals of weightlifting, beginning with pull-ups, deadlifts from blocks and box squats.

AD

Our soccer, cross country, and volleyball teams are in full swing and off to a great start! Our athletes are working hard, growing in their skills, demonstrating teamwork and sportsmanship. We are proud of their efforts and excited to see what the rest of the season brings. Go Raiders!!

Music - Mrs. Tallman

In our music classes, we have been practicing steady beat and rhythm patterns. We are moving to all kinds of music. We learned about the singer Dolly Parton, her music and all the amazing things she has done for kids in our country. We played a couple of rhythm games to her music. Band students have their instruments and are getting into the swing of learning or reviewing how to play the first 5 notes and will have their first songs pretty quick! Choir students have been learning music for the 175th celebration, as well as upcoming performances. Handchimes is just getting started with some new music. We’re making a joyful noise!

Media Center/Upcoming Events - Mrs. Brown

Welcome back to the Library!! I saw all of the students now that we have had a full week of school. Every class has been able to check out books and take quizzes. I’m thrilled that the 1st Graders are so excited to try and take quizzes! I will be working on their classroom chromebooks to get them set up so they will be able to take quizzes in the classroom as time allows. I will be following the 4 quarter format for A.R Points. Please refer to the paperwork handed out at the orientation about point levels for your student. First quarter will end on October 30, students need to have their points in by the end of the school day. If you would like to know how your student is doing on their quizzes, you can sign up to receive an email from the A.R site every time your student takes a quiz. You can send me your email address and I can set it up for the parents. Even though we are a ways off from Winterfest 2027, I would like to announce the theme this year is “Super Heroes: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Grace”. So, get those ideas pumping for baskets and donations!!



Sign up for 2027 will be **Sunday, October 11th**. The calendar will be on the table in the foyer. Please sign up for 3 weeks, unless you take a holiday. If you haven’t taken a holiday in the last few years, please take your turn. New members are always welcome!

Financial Report as of 08/31/26			
MISSIONS			
Missions Collected YTD	Goal \$50,000		\$ 6,725.32
Non Budget Missions Collected YTD			\$ 440.00
HOME PURPOSE			
Home Purpose Balance as of 07/01/26		MTD	YTD
Home Purpose Income		\$ 136,327.72	\$ 226,551.60
Home Purpose Expenses		\$ 121,609.04	\$ 251,834.94
Thrivent Choice in H.P. \$ 1,270.00		\$ 14,718.68	\$ (25,283.34)
School Income		\$ 76,868.08	\$ 76,868.08
School Expenses		\$ 8,642.19	\$ 18,537.67
		\$ 68,225.89	\$ 58,330.41
Child Care/Preschool Income		\$ 78,456.30	\$ 132,877.69
Child Care/Preschool Expenses		\$ 68,297.16	\$ 127,567.99
Thrivent Choice in Childcare \$ 51.00		\$ 10,159.14	\$ 5,309.70
Home Purpose Balance (includes Child Care/Preschool/School)			\$ 23,185.75
New Construction Balance as of 07/01/26		MTD	YTD
Income Goal \$25,000		\$ 734.00	\$ 31,419.99
Expenses		\$ -	\$ 1,364.00
New Construction Fund Balance		\$ 734.00	\$ 32,783.99
Franklin Ave Mission		Goal \$5,000	\$ 65.00
			\$ 170.00
Capital Improvement Balance as of 07/01/26		MTD	YTD
Collected Goal \$80,000		\$ 4,204.31	\$ 175,624.24
Expenses		\$ -	\$ 7,239.97
Capital Improvement Balance		\$ 4,204.31	\$ 2,449.78
			\$ 180,414.43



THURS. OCTOBER 29TH
6:30 P.M.

WEAR YOUR COSTUME,
BRING A FRIEND,
& JOIN US FOR SOME
FAMILY FUN!

FREE HOT DOG
DINNER INCLUDED

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