



CONNECTING People To Jesus

St. Michael's of Richville, Michigan

"HERE AM I, SEND ME!"

The prophet Isaiah spoke those memorable words at the beginning of his Old Testament book, responding to God's call for a prophet to go to His people. The same God calls out today in the words of our Savior Jesus: *"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send workers into His harvest fields."* An unfortunate trend in the Church today is that we have fewer and fewer pastors, Lutheran teachers, music directors, and overall church workers. This past spring, for example, a total of 82 pastoral graduates from our two seminaries were called to congregations in our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (42 from the St. Louis seminary and 40 from the Ft. Wayne seminary). A few more were placed in specialized cross-cultural or ethnic ministries. We are thankful for these 82+ new pastors. However, our church body needs almost double that many graduates each year to fill vacant churches which currently have no pastor.

I encourage every young man who is in high school, starting college, or thinking about a career change: Have you thought about serving Jesus Christ and His Church in the pastoral

ministry? Throughout the history of the Church our Lord has raised up men to serve in this office. In I Timothy 3:1 St. Paul writes, *"If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer (pastor or bishop), he desires a noble task."* St. Paul goes on to list a number of qualifications for a pastor in chapter 3: *"able to teach, hospitable, respectable, self-controlled,"* and so on. Some of you are saying to yourself, "I really don't think I can do that." I am sure that, when we were younger, every pastor had moments of doubt, wondering, "Maybe this isn't the right career for me." I know I did! But our Lord equips us with the gifts and abilities to carry out the public ministry and, as we gain experience, we hone those skills so the Holy Spirit can use us as *"workers in His harvest fields."*

Our Church also has a tremendous need for Lutheran School teachers, administrators, music directors, missionaries, and other workers. Thousands of students have passed through the doors of St. Michael's Lutheran School. In an increasingly secular and - dare I say - pagan world in which we live, the need for Christian



education has never been greater! Please prayerfully consider these opportunities for service in our Lord's kingdom. For more information we invite you to talk to one of our pastors or teachers. You can also visit lcms.org and click or tap on the "Serve" tab. Or you can go directly to our seminary websites: ctsfw.edu and csl.edu. We have a number of colleges for teacher education training, and you can learn more about them at our lcms.org website.

Your co-worker in Christ Jesus,

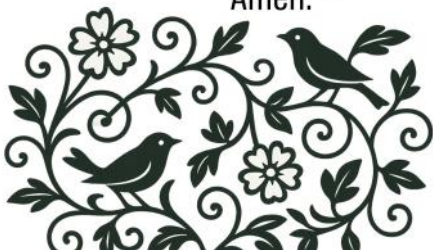
Pastor Gillaspie



Lord, in my work — whether at a
job, at home or in a service—

help me
to do it with
purpose and
peace.

Keep me from being
overwhelmed, and remind me
that my worth is not in what I
produce, but in
who I am in You.
Amen.



Have you been noticing the great deals on
school supplies?

*Now is a great time to start thinking
about packing your*

Operation Christmas Child shoebox

and take advantage of those sales! National
Collection week is *November 17-24*. Stay
tuned for more shoebox packing tips along
with ways to volunteer collection week!

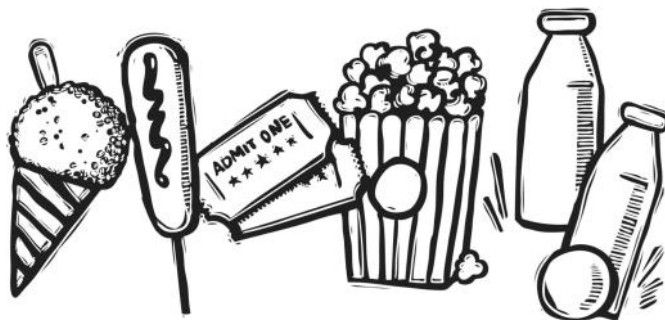


Mission & Ministry FUN FAIR

Mark Your Calendars!
September 21st, 12:30 P.M.

We're bringing back something from the past—
our annual Fun Fair—where we share fellow-
ship with games, food, and more!

Please join us as we make
new church memories! Watch the bulletin and
Facebook page for more information.



Gifts and Memorials *In Memory of*

Sally White

Home Purpose—\$20.00

Donna (Rupprecht) Schoenow

New Church Doors—\$270.00

Missions—\$10.00

Kurt Howell

New Church Doors—\$320.00

Missions—\$10.00

Dolores Bauer

Hot Lunch—\$15.00

School—\$90.00

Home Purpose—\$2,405.00

New Church Doors—\$1,000.00

Missions—\$20.00

Elberta Poellet

New Church Doors—\$40.00

Dave Rushford

Home Purpose—\$1,760.00

Missions—\$10.00

Irene Tolfree

Missions—\$10.00

Carl Buetow

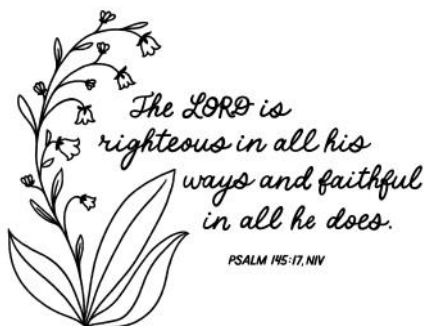
New Church Doors—\$150.00

Jameson Doud

Jameson Strong—\$8,455.00

Reinhold Hecht

New Church Doors—\$25.00



In Honor of

Leona Bauer's 90th Birthday

-gifts were given to Child Care by the Ron (Sue) Spiekerman family & Kate Kischnick and family.

Wayne V. & Patty Bierlein's 55th Wedding anniversary

- a gift was made to the 175th Church Anniversary Celebration

Doris Bauer's 95th Birthday

- a gift was given to the Endowment fund by Janice & Gary Weiss & Family.



*JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME
YESTERDAY AND TODAY
AND FOREVER.*

HEBREWS 13:8

Kidz Min

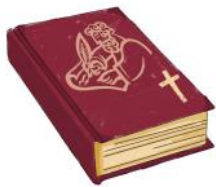
September 7th at 9:00 a.m.

will be our first Sunday for Kidzmin (Sunday School).

Parents can enroll their children online at stmichaelsrichville.org/kidz-ministry or on any day we have class. We are also looking for assistant teachers and/or substitute teachers to be on call as needed for this important ministry. Pastor Gillaspie will lead a Bible study in the school during Kidzmin so please join us while your children are in class.



Reflections Bookclub will now be meeting in the church basement *every 3rd Monday of the month.* (Location changed from Winter Village)



Lutheran Laymen's' League

MEETING

Monday, September 8th

7:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to come to our meeting, where we will be **voting on our bylaws** and having Beef Stew for lunch.



LLL Greenery Sale

The Lutheran Laymen's League will have their Greenery Sale again in 2025!

We will be offering beautiful grave blankets and wreaths, with orders starting to be placed in October. Wreaths and blankets for sale to be placed on St. Michael's cemetery or take with you before Thanksgiving. Watch the bulletin, newsletter, and flyers for more information. Any questions may go to Jim Hecht (989) 670-1710 or Bruce Landskroener (989) 798-8073.



Mary Martha

will meet on **Thursday, September 4 at 7 pm** at church. Sally will share highlights from the convention. All women are invited to learn about the resources available through the Lutheran Women In Mission organization. Devotions, a business meeting, fellowship and refreshments will be included.

Orphan Grain Train School and Hygiene Kit Collection

Mary Martha is accepting donations for Orphan Grain Train School and Hygiene Kits. Shopping lists are available in the marked envelopes on the bulletin board. Keep the lists in your purse for quick reference when you see sales. Please leave donations on the shelves opposite the coat rack by the kitchen. Kits will be assembled at the October 6th Mary Martha meeting. The kits will be delivered to Orphan Grain Train in Sebawaing where they are boxed for shipping. Recent shipments have gone to North Carolina for hurricane relief, eastern Kentucky and Lithuania. *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10*



Growing
in faith &
friendship
one meeting
at a time.



Area Church Events

- * 9th Annual Devoted Fellowship Golf Outing: September 13th, Registration starts at 8 a.m.—start at 9 a.m. at Clio Country Club. The Devoted Fellowship is a 4-person team—18 hole scramble. Lunch and Dinner are provided. All proceeds benefit Flint Mission Network and its ministries. Please call (810)285-9598 or go to www.franklinavemission.org for more information and registration!
- * St. Paul Lutheran Church in Millington is hosting a Chicken Dinner! Sun. September 21st, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., or until sold out. \$15 a dinner. The drive thru will take place at door #10 on the East side of the school.
- * "I Am Baptized into Christ: The Devil's Might Unraveled." Hymn Festival - On Sunday, October 12th, 2025, Grace Lutheran Church in Auburn, MI will be hosting a Hymn Festival: "I Am Baptized into Christ: The Devil's Might Unraveled." . The Commentators for the Hymn Festival will be Rev. Stephen Starke and Rev. Aaron Schian. Kantors for the service will be Nathan Beethe, Jon Eifert, and Brian Heinlein. There will be a Mass Choir composed of members from area congregation, instrumentalists, and pipe organ. Anyone who wishes to participate in the mass choir should contact Kantor Nathan Beethe at kantor.graceauburn@gmail.com or call/text him (989)878-2103. Please mark your calendars for this exciting event!

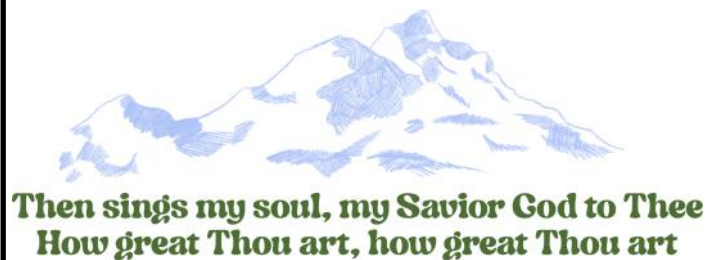


New Membership Class

Sunday, September 7th at 6:00

will be our first class. We will meet at church.

This class covers the basic teachings of the Bible and is for those who would like to become members of St. Michael's as well as any current members who would like to review. There is no cost or obligation; simply bring a pen or pencil.



Members who use/ have a Church Alarm Code...

Please contact the church office
(by phone, email, or stop in)
With your alarm code.

We will be resetting the alarm system,
and any code not received by the
office will no longer work.



Thank you!



It's the start of a new school year!

Dates to Remember

School Starts: Aug. 25th

No School: Aug. 29th & Sept. 1st

School Picture Day: Sept. 22nd

Support your St. Michael's Raiders during this Fall's Sport's Season.

Volleyball @ Home:

9/3: vs. Immanuel (Frankentrost) @ 4:30

9/4: vs. St. Paul (Millington) @ 4:30

9/10: vs. St. Lorenz (Frankenmuth) @ 4:30

9/29: Christ the King (Sebewing) @ 4:30

10/2: St. Paul (Lapeer) @ 4:45

Away:

9/2: @ Christ the King (Sebewaing) @ 4:30

9/8: @ St. Paul (Millington) @ 4:30

9/9: St. Paul (Lapeer) @ 4:45

9/18: @ Immanuel / Trinity @ 4:30

9/30: @ St. Lorenz (Frankenmuth) @ 4:30



Soccer @ Home:

9/9: vs. St. Peter (Hemlock) @ 4:30

9/10: vs. St. Paul's (Saginaw) @ 4:30

9/22: vs. Bethlehem/Holy Cross @ 4:30

10/6: vs. St. Lorenz (Frankenmuth) @ 4:30

10/7: vs. St. Paul (Lapeer) @ 4:45

Away:

9/2: @ Trinity (Monitor) @ 4:30

9/8: @ Immanuel/St. Paul @ 4:30

9/18: @ Peace Lutheran (Saginaw) @ 4:30

9/23: @ Christ the King (Sebewaing) @ 4:30

9/29: @ Faith Lutheran (Bay City) @ 4:30

9/30: @ St. Lorenz (Frankenmuth) @ 4:30



Cross Country Invitationals:

9/2: @ Mayville High School

9/3: @ St. Paul, Lapeer

9/6: Lancer Invitational, @ Midland.

9/10: @ Reese High School

9/13: @ White Pine Middle School, Saginaw

9/18: @ Frankenmuth High School

9/20: Al Kayner Invitational @ Delta College

9/24: @ Peace Lutheran, Saginaw

9/26: @ St. Michael's (HOME)

9/29: @ Mayville High School

10/1: TCLL Cross Country Meet,
@ Imerman Memorial Park, Saginaw.



Athletes: Sports Pictures will be
September 4th @ 3 p.m.

Keep our school children in your prayers for safe travels during their trips this month!

7/8 Grade Washington D.C Trip: September 11-17

6th Grade Outdoor Camping Trip: September 24-26

✝ Financial Report as of		07/31/25	
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	\$ 114,263.29
Home Purpose Expenses		\$ 149,520.74	\$ 149,520.74
Thrivent Choice in-H.P.	\$ 75.00	\$ (35,257.45)	\$ (35,257.45)
School Income		\$ (47,069.04)	\$ (47,069.04)
School Expenses		\$ 6,496.93	\$ 6,496.93
		\$ (53,565.97)	\$ (53,565.97)
Child Care/Preschool Income		\$ 49,005.75	\$ 49,005.75
Child Care/Preschool Expenses		\$ 54,981.38	\$ 54,981.38
Thrivent Choice in Childcare	\$ -	\$ (5,975.63)	\$ (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	\$ 1,955.00
Expenses		\$ 10.73	\$ 10.73
New Construction Fund Balance		\$ 1,944.27	\$ 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	\$ 4,521.25
Expenses		\$ 50.81	\$ 50.81
Capital Improvement Balance		\$ 4,470.44	\$ 148,728.11



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