



St Michael's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Messenger

September 2023

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**Into the forest
I go, to lose
my mind and
find my soul.**

--John Muir

The understanding of sabbath (or shabbat) in Hebrew scriptures is of experiencing holy time and space that allows us to be present more fully to God, neighbor, and self. It is meant as a gift to individuals and to community. It honors God's creativity in creation.

It is my hope and prayer that each of you have experienced moments and days of renewal and of "finding your soul" in the midst of this summer season. It is something that God longs for us. God invites us into sabbath rest and renewal.

Yet, there are times we become so occupied with the details of day-to-day work and planning, our souls weary and our imaginations and wonder fade. Sabbath, then, calls us to step back and move into those spaces that allow us to reconnect with our God and our very souls—in nature, worship, time with family, silence.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to step back from the daily, weekly, and monthly tasks of ministry during sabbatical and providing the space for my soul to take flight. It has truly been a gift. This summer has included time in Geneva, Switzerland, where I explored

the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation; an opportunity to be in silence, community, and worship at Taizé, France; significant time with immediate and extended family at home and on vacation; and delving into activities and projects that allowed for life and exploration (writing poetry, working on genealogy, walking, kayaking, and waterskiing).

Of course, there have been mundane tasks around the house, mowing the lawn, and serving as chauffeur for a kid on the go, yet rest and renewal have been significant components alongside time to read and learn.

It is with excitement I step back into ministry here at St. Michael's. And hopefully you are feeling that same excitement as we jump back into the program year. There is much in store as we continue to celebrate the congregation's 70th anniversary, take in the work that has been done on the building, and to jump into all that is in store—it will be a full year! Reading through this *Messenger* you will see upcoming events in the life of the congregation, fall education opportunities for children, youth, and adults, ways that we will be serving as a community, and the worship schedule.

As the routine of fall sets in, we take an opportunity to savor a season filled with sabbath moments, and we celebrate the ways God is now calling us into these days of shared creativity, work, and ministry.

For the blessings of the summer days...and now for the fullness of autumn, we give thanks.

With gratitude and excitement,
Brad



Life of the Congregation

Thank you

St. Michael's, thank you for hosting my recital. We had a wonderful turnout that evening, and I was delighted to greet everybody that could stay for the mini-reception. I'm still overwhelmed by the amount of generous donations to my choir trip, I'm in a very good place because of your help. Thank you so much for the opportunity, this was a gift. I plan to continue singing in future services if you'll have me!

~ *Cirdan Klindworth*

Memorial

A memorial service for Robert Lambert, former St. Michael's member, was held at church on August 3. Thank you to Sandy Gibson and Ginny Roadfeldt who provided hospitality and refreshments that afternoon!

Baptism

On August 20, Lucas Koch, child of Rachel and Eric, was baptized in worship.

New Members

New (or new-ish) to St. Michael's?

Save the date for a new member gathering on September 5 at 5:30 p.m. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Learn about St. Michael's ministries and get connected to others joining our congregation! RSVP to Pastor Ali and be sure to let her know of any dietary needs.

New members to be celebrated and received in worship on September 17!

September Worship & Education Schedule

After the Labor Day holiday, we transition to our program-year schedule. Monday night services are discontinued and we begin holding two services on Sunday mornings. Education hour takes place between the services at 10:00 a.m.

September Worship Services

September 3

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Live Streamed.
No Education Hour
No Worship on September 4th

September 10

8:45 a.m. Worship Livestreamed
10:00 a.m. Education Hour
11:00 a.m. Worship

September 17

New Member Welcome!

8:45 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Education Hour
11:00 a.m. Worship Livestreamed

September 24

Co Pastor Installation

8:45 a.m. Worship Livestreamed
10:00 a.m. Education Hour
11:00 a.m. Worship

Live-Streamed Services

Each Sunday, one of our services will be live-streamed. Subscribe to the St. Michael's YouTube Channel to watch worship live on Sunday mornings if you are not able to come in person.

Scan this QR Code to go to the St. Michael's Channel:



Watch your Friday Flyer for a copy of the Bulletin to download and follow along, as well as the link to the live service.

Streamed services will also be recorded and posted on Sunday evening on our website <https://www.stmichaelselca.com/> for viewing at your convenience

Sunday Education & Fellowship Hour

Join us at 10:00 a.m. between worship services for a time of fellowship and education.

Sunday School



FALL KICK-OFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

10AM-10:15AM-REGISTRATION
10:15AM-10:50AM-ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL
ORIENTATION & GAMES

PREK WILL CHECK IN TO THEIR ROOM
K-12 WILL BE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO STAY FOR ORIENTATION

Sunday School Kick-off will be September 10th at 10am. We will have registration available for caregivers from 10am-10:15am. We will then hold orientation where students will have the opportunity to get to know their Sunday School teachers and classmates. Parents are welcome to stay or drop off for orientation. Preschool (3 & 4 year olds) will be in their classroom and kindergarten through 12th will be in the fellowship hall.

See more information about the Sunday School program on page 6.

Religion in Life

Sunday Morning Adult Education Forum

Religion in Life is an adult education forum on Sunday mornings during the program year (September-May) held as part of the 10:00-11:00 a.m. education hour. This forum brings in a variety of guest speakers and presenters to address topics such as scripture and theology, ethics and faith in the public sphere, and health and wellness.

September 10, 10:00 a.m.

Angela Denker: **Finding Hope in a Divided Country: Part II**

St. Michael's welcomes back ELCA Pastor and *Red State Christians* author Angela Denker to discuss the new edition of her book, specifically addressing the impact of COVID, George Floyd's murder, and Jan. 6 (including recent court cases and indictments of former President Trump) amidst the rise of white Christian Nationalism in America, even close to home in Minnesota. She will also share about her work as a small-town parish pastor in rural southwestern Minnesota, and working through the influence of Christian Nationalism in her own family and community - and how Lutheran theological practices and theories can combat Christian Nationalism. Bring your questions for ample Q&A time at the end!

Rev. Angela Denker is a Lutheran pastor and veteran journalist. She has written for many publications, including *Sports Illustrated*, the *Washington Post*, and *FORTUNE* magazine. Denker has appeared on CNN, BBC, SkyNews, and NPR to share her research on politics and Christian Nationalism in the U.S. Her book, *Red State Christians: Understanding the Voters who elected Donald Trump*, was the 2019 Silver Foreword Indies award-winner for political and social sciences

September 17, 10:00 a.m.

Retired Bishop John Anderson: **Rural, Urban and Suburban Ministry: How Do We Love our Neighbors in Rural Contexts Better?**

What are the realities of small town and rural communities' life and ministry? Rural and urban and suburban people often misunderstand one another. Our political frames often emphasize our divides instead of naming our deep interdependency. We will explore small town and rural ministries' (STaR) varieties, diversities, challenges, and opportunities. And we will talk about the deep question of how to love our rural neighbors better as we follow Jesus.

Pastor Jon Anderson is currently Director of Rural Ministry at Luther Seminary. Prior to that he served as Bishop of the Southwest Synod of the ELCA for 16 years.

September 24, 10:00 a.m.

Kitty Gogins: Facilitating Racial Equity Collaborative

FREC (Facilitating Racial Equity Collaborative) is a collaboration of individuals and organizations working towards just, equitable, antiracist communities throughout Minnesota. Kitty has been an active volunteer for over a decade, playing a key role in developing and annually hosting the Racial Equity Leadership Institute for educators.

Kitty Gogins is an independent consultant specializing in strategic and project leadership for nonprofits and government entities. She currently serves as a Roseville School Board member and has been active member in the League of Women Voters, FREC, and other organizations. Kitty was recently named to the Minnesota School Boards Association's (MSBA) 2023 All-State School Board, an award given to one of seven board members across the state. "The All-State School Board represents the highest example of board service. These are school board members who are committed to student achievement, determined to build support for their local schools, and unwavering in their pursuit of what's best for students."

Worship Volunteers Are Needed!



Volunteers are needed to serve as ushers, lectors, communion deacons, and fellowship hosts. These are great opportunities for folks of all ages - families are encouraged to sign up together! Head to www.stmichaelselca.com and click "Volunteer" to access signups.

Donate Worship Flowers

Did you know that you can donate toward the fresh flowers at the altar each week? We welcome you to celebrate a special occasion or honor a loved one with a dedication that will be printed in the bulletin. After services are done on Sunday, you are welcome to take the flowers home with you to enjoy. (We ask that you return the arrangement so they can be reused!)

Use the Flower Signup on the bulletin board, call the church office, or sign up online with the above QR code or through the church website www.stmichaelselca.com and click "Volunteer" to access signups.



Music News

Sing (and Ring) to the Lord a New Song

All students in **Kindergarten through 8th grade** are welcome to join in the children's music groups. Each group will be involved in worship services by providing music or leading some part of our services.

- In **Youth Bells** (grades 5-8), ringers will be introduced to ringing and learn various bell techniques.
- The **Youth Choir** will work on vocal technique, learn about Lutheran worship and hymnody, and will also be introduced to drumming and play Orff instruments. This group will sing and/or assist in worship leadership at least once each month as well as at special services.

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 13

Youth Bells 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir 6:15-7:00 p.m.

Music will also be a part of Sunday School for students in preschool through 5th grade. We will sing, play instruments and much more each week. Students will also have the opportunity to sing every month at the 11:00 worship service as well as participate in the Sunday School Christmas Pageant.

If you have any questions or would like to be added to the children's music email list, please contact me via email, **Cory Bock, Director of Children's Music**



Save the Dates: Youth & Children's Music Ministry

DATES BELOW ARE WHEN EACH GROUP WILL BE IN WORSHIP

YOUTH BELLS:

OCTOBER 1ST (BOTH SERVICES)

NOVEMBER 5TH (BOTH SERVICES)

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR:

OCTOBER 29TH (BOTH SERVICES)

NOVEMBER 12TH @ 8:45AM

NOVEMBER 22ND @ 7PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

OCTOBER 8TH @ 11AM

NOVEMBER 12TH @ 11AM

DECEMBER 17TH @ 11AM (PAGEANT)



YOU are invited to join the Adult Choir: St. Michael's Singers!

No audition required, unless you request one
High School students are encouraged to join.....please!

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 6 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

There will most likely be treats at the first rehearsal.

We sing most Sundays at either the 8:45 or 11:00am service.

A really exciting year is being planned!

Please let me know if you are planning on joining us, so that we can have a folder and music reserved for you.

We are a joyful, flexible group that works hard, and laughs a lot, and somewhere in all of that we bless each other and the congregation, and most importantly praise God.

For more information please contact Karen Wilkerson





Get to know - Children Youth and Family Ministry Committee

The Children, Youth and Family Ministry committee at St. Michael's is a group of individuals committed to creating opportunities for family and youth to have fun and grow in faith. The committee meets monthly to discuss and plan educational activities, music opportunities, service projects and special events (eg. Friday Flock). Current members include: Cory Bock, Natalie Romero, Tara Rogness, Renee Berndt, Grace Berndt, Alexi Moran, and Maria Zarambo. Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will take place on September 10, 2023 at 10am. If you would like to like to learn more or have feedback for the committee please reach out to us!

Our 2023-2024 Sunday School theme is BOUNDLESS!

Our focus will be "God's love is immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine."

Students will explore this theme through music, crafts, games, conversations and many other activities. Sunday School Kick-off will be September 10th at 10am. We will have registration available for caregivers from 10am-10:15am. We will then hold orientation where students will have the opportunity to get to know their Sunday School teachers and classmates. Parents are welcome to stay or drop off for orientation. Preschool (3 & 4 year olds) will be in their classroom and kindergarten through 12th will be in the fellowship hall.

Reminder! Sunday School Registration is open all year. Friends are welcome to join us at any time. Feel free to use the QR Code here to register!



3RD GRADE STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR BIBLES

OCTOBER 1ST
DURING WORSHIP

Please RSVP by using
the QR Code

Contact Natalie at
youth@stmichaelselca.com



Deep Dive

10th - 12th grade students are welcome to join us for our monthly "Deep Dive".

Every month we will explore a new topic.

October 4th--6:30pm-7:30pm

Join us in the Youth Room

Topic: Martin Luther--The Complicated Reality

Check out the Youth Room for more details & any prereading details.

Contact Natalie Romero at youth@stmichaelselca.com with any questions.



Friday Flock

Friday Flock was a HUGE success this summer! Over the summer, we had 30 students attend!

We had a blast playing games, making new friends, performing a short musical, assembling Grace Bags, and so much more!

A huge shout out to our volunteers for all the work they put in to make these events so amazing.



Service Trip 2023—San Francisco Continued...

As we gear up for our next trip, 2024 location TBD, we continue to share the powerful impact our Annual Service Trips has on our students.

Emma—Freshman at UMD

Even though I just graduated high school, this was only my second service trip. My first thought was “oh dear we have to wear matching shirts to the airport.” Once we actually made it to San Francisco though, I was more excited to start work and slightly less critical. We got to volunteer for three days in which I helped clean up after summer camp, play freeze tag with kids (in which they totally beat me), paint stepping stones, help with kitchen prep, and more. We also got to explore Alcatraz, see sea lions, hike the redwoods, see a John Legend concert (from afar), and have so many fun moments with one another. One thing that I’ve noticed about these trips is that all those on it always get so close. There are so many inside jokes and it always makes me smile to hear everyone laugh. Thank you all for sending us on this trip! It’s something I’ll always remember.



Angela B.- 10th Grade

Some things that were very meaningful to me was:

- On the first night John Legend was performing right next to our dorm, so we walked over there and listened to him perform.
- On Monday we went to the beach and swam around.
- On Wednesday we helped so many people. Half of us went to help make and serve food and, the other half helped sort clothes and help people find things they wanted.
- On Wednesday we also went to China Town and had very delicious food.
- On Thursday we went on a long and beautiful hike in the redwood national forest.

Overall this entire trip was so beautiful, I loved I had so much fun being with my friends and meeting new people, and serving.

Coen- Freshman at the University of St. Thomas

As this service trip was my first trip, it was great to see the smiling faces of people that we helped, and the effects that our aid had on others. A challenge I had was trying to beat Matthew at cutting up dates for meal prep at St Anthony's.



Preparation for 10th Grade Confirmation

Affirmation of Faith | Important Dates for Fall 2023

Sunday, September 24

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Courtyard Room

Capstone I: Reflect & Review

Introductory work for Faith Projects

Receive robe and photography forms

Receive pre-work for Dependable Strengths Workshop

Sunday, October 1

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Courtyard Room

Capstone II: Dependable Strengths Workshop

Confirmation robe and photography forms due

Sunday, October 8

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sanctuary

Capstone Experience III: Confirmation Worship Planning & Rehearsal

Faith Project progress check-in

Wednesday, October 25

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Capstone Experience IV: Faith Project Party

Present projects to 7th-9th grade students

Dinner served by 7th-9th grade students



Sunday, October 29

11:00 a.m. Worship

Affirmation of Faith (Rite of Confirmation) at 11:00 a.m. worship service in Sanctuary

- Arrive at the Library at 10:00 a.m. with robes for pictures

7th – 9th Grade Confirmation

Confirmation Program Overview

A parent meeting for parents of incoming students will be held on September 13th at 6:00 p.m. Please let Pastor Ali know if you are unable to attend.

The first confirmation class is September 20th and runs through May 15th.

The St. Michael's confirmation ministry is designed to help 7th - 9th graders understand that they live each day in the embrace of God's grace and love.

Confirmation classes are held for 7th - 9th grade students on Wednesday evening (6:30-7:30 p.m.) in the Fellowship Hall.



Even if your child was registered in previous years, please complete a new registration for this program year. Registration is available at <https://www.stmichaelselca.com/confirmation.html>

Please register by September 3rd.

After class registration, a detailed schedule for the year will be sent to you.

We welcome non-St. Michael's members to join in, so if you know of other youth who are looking for a confirmation program, please share the registration form!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Ali!

Social Ministry Activities

Social Ministry Calendar

- September 4: **Rezek House Meal**
- September 10: **Sandwich Making for Union Gospel Mission**
9:00 a.m. *Serving Area & Kitchen*
- September 12: **Keystone Mobile Food Distribution**
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. *in Circle Drive*
- September 13 & 27: **Quilting and Bandage Rolling**
9:00 a.m. *Fellowship Hall*
- September 18: **Loaves & Fishes**
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
- Daily: **Panera Bread Ministry**
Evening pick up at Rosedale Panera, Morning Bagging in Kitchen
- Fridays: **Every Meal Food Distribution**
Check online signup or call the church office for dates



School Supply Drive

ST. MICHAEL'S
**SCHOOL
SUPPLY
DRIVE**
AUG. 10 - SEPT 10

Help us care for students of all ages within the Roseville School District! We are gathering a variety of supplies such as markers, scissors, backpacks, and more. General items are encouraged, or grab a tag for a specific need off the collection box by the sanctuary. Donations will be accepted through September 10th.

AUGUST 10 - SEPTEMBER 10

We will be collecting supplies at the lunch on the lawn event on Sept 10!

2023 Guatemala Gala

9.24.23

The Guatemala Gala is almost here!

Last year the gala met its funding goal and was able to assist the Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala (Lutheran Church of Guatemala), our companion synod in Central America in furthering education.

The 2023 Guatemala Gala, supports the ministries of:

- education
- leadership development
- health
- music

Pastor Beatriz Castillo (the principal of the Colegio Luterano Agustino de Guatemala - an elementary school supported by the ILAG - and director of the MILAGRO Women's Education Center) and Diego Gil (ILAG's partnership coordinator) will travel from Guatemala to share stories of how your support makes a difference to the people of Guatemala.

- **4:00 p.m. - Social Hour** with cash bar, music, photo booth, Guatemalan marketplace, raffle (check or cash only). A great time to reconnect with Guatemala friends!
- **5:15 p.m. - Buffet Dinner** with an authentic Guatemalan menu from Chef Amalia Moreno-Damgaard's cookbook.
- **6:00 p.m. - Program** featuring presentations by Pastor Beatriz Castillo and Diego Gil, fund-a-need, live auction and more!

Registration:

- **Individual Tickets** - Individual tickets are \$50 per person
- **Table Sponsorships** - A table of 10 guests for \$1,000



Registration Deadline:
Sept. 17.

<https://spas-elca.org/event/2023-guatemala-gala/>



Questions? Contact the synod office at 651-224-4313 or admin@spas-elca.org.

You are Invited to the LSS 2023 Celebration for Changing Lives!

Join us as we celebrate the ways Lutheran Social Service is **Powering Potential** for communities, families, and individuals across Minnesota. The Celebration for Changing Lives is Saturday, September 16 at 5:30 p.m. at The Depot (225 3rd Avenue South, Minneapolis). For more information or to register, email the Church Partnerships Team at congregations@lssmn.org. Tickets for the 2023 Celebration for Changing Lives are available for purchase until Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

Education & Fellowship Opportunities

Lunch on the Lawn! September 10th, 12:00 p.m.



The poster features a vibrant orange background with a purple and blue gradient at the bottom. At the top, the title "LUNCH ON THE LAWN" is written in large, white, distressed-style letters. Below the title, a pink banner contains the date and time: "Sunday, September 10th 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Lawn". Three yellow starburst shapes highlight the activities: "ROOT BEER & HYMN SING" (accompanied by an illustration of two ice cream cones), "FOOD TRUCKS" (accompanied by an illustration of a green food truck with a taco on top), and "YARD GAME TOURNAMENT" (accompanied by an illustration of a pink food truck). At the bottom, the text "Don't miss this fun afternoon of food & fellowship for all ages!" is written in white.

LUNCH ON THE LAWN

Sunday, September 10th
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall Lawn

ROOT BEER & HYMN SING

FOOD TRUCKS

YARD GAME TOURNAMENT

Don't miss this fun afternoon of food & fellowship for all ages!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday, September 7

Ezekiel 33:7-11	The prophet's responsibility to warn the people
Psalms 119:33-40	I desire the path of your commandments.
Romans 13:8-14	Live honorably as in the day
Matthew 18:15-20	Reconciliation in the community of faith

Thursday, September 14

Genesis 50:15-21	Joseph reconciles with his brothers
Psalms 103:[1-7] 8-13	Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy.
Romans 14:1-12	Accepting diversity in the community of faith
Matthew 18:21-35	A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith

Thursday, September 21

Jonah 3:10--4:11	God's concern for the city of Nineveh
Psalms 145:1-8	The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Philippians 1:21-30	Standing firm in the gospel
Matthew 20:1-16	The parable of the vineyard workers

Thursday, September 28

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 The fairness of God's way
Psalm 25:1-9 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love.
Philippians 2:1-13 Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross
Matthew 21:23-32 A parable of doing God's will

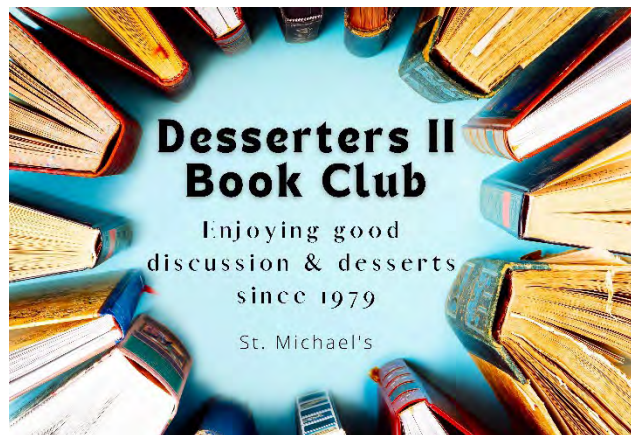
Fall Faith in Daily Life

Faith in Daily Life is one adult education opportunity in the life of St. Michael's. Each year Faith in Daily Life groups read a variety of books and gather for conversation of the lunch hour.

This fall, Faith in Daily Life is looking at holding two opportunities to gather. One opportunity will be on the second Wednesday of the month from 12:00-1:00 p.m.; the second opportunity will be in the evening (more information on exact day/time will be shared in upcoming *Messengers*).

If you are interested in reading ahead for this fall, two books we will be reading are: *The Gravity of Joy: A Story of Being Lost and Found* by Angela Williams Gorrell, and *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for the Beloved Community*.

Desserters II: the St. Michael's Book Club



Enjoying good discussion and desserts since 1979!

Sept 26, 2023 *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver
This modern-day *David Copperfield* is set in Appalachia.
Oct 24, 2023 *Swede Hollow* by Ola Larsmo
A Swedish author envisions immigrants of the 1890s living in what is now a St. Paul landmark.
Nov 28, 2023 *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
A woman in the 1950s finds more than one way to succeed as a chemist.
Jan 23, 2024 *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich
A ghost in an independent bookstore in Minneapolis haunts the Ojibwe woman who works there.

Feb 23, 2024 *Give a Girl a Knife* by Amy Thielen
This memoir moves from Minnesota to Manhattan and back to reclaim and redeem Midwestern cooking.
Mar 26, 2024 *The Double Helix* by James Watson
The story of one of history's most significant scientific findings.
Apr 23, 2024 *Fox Creek* by William Kent Krueger
Ojibwe culture is featured in this Cork O'Conner adventure in northeast Minnesota and Wisconsin.
May 21*, 2024 *Hannah Coulter* by Wendell Berry
Hannah Coulter looks back on her childhood, her loves and loss, her children, and Kentucky farm life.

Meetings on the 4th Tuesdays, as listed above. *The May date is one week early.
The group meets in Classroom 1 at the church, with Zoom by request.

Befrienders

St. Michael's provides pastoral care and support through the clergy, as well as short and long-term support and listening presents through the Befrienders team. If you are interested in either receiving additional support through the BeFriender team as you move through transitions, grief, loss, or family/life circumstances please let one of the pastors know.

If you'd like to become a BeFriender, contact the pastors for information on training and upcoming meetings!

Esther Circle

The Esther Circle is a community of women who gather for connection, conversation, and fun! The group meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Due to Labor Day, we will meet on September 12th at Ginny Roadfeldt's home (call the church office if you need the address!)

PSSST... It's Back
The Women's Christmas Buffet
Tuesday, December 5

HELP NEEDED!

Tuesday Morning

- Set up
- Decoration
- Preparation

Tuesday Evening

- Serve
- Bus Tables & Run Dishwasher
- Clean up

Interested in planning or helping?
Contact Sandy Gibson
651-636-3899
kensan2k22@gmail.com

Men and Women
welcome to volunteer!

Quilting and Bandage Rolling

Quilting and bandage rolling will meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Quilts are made for High School graduation, the Veterans Home, and new babies. We also make tote bags for wheelchair and walker handles. Come join the fun on **September 13 & 27**, everyone is welcome!

Mahjongg

Are you looking for a group to play with or do you want to learn? Join the group that plays at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Contact Sue Kuhn or Jane Doyle with any questions.

Bible and Brew

St. Michael's Men's Bible & Brew is a group of men of all ages who gather for conversation, learning, and connection over a beverage and snacks. Sometimes the group meets at a local pub/brewery, a home, or at St. Michael's.



The September Men's Bible & Brew will be a special event at a member's cabin. More information to come, watch your Friday Flyer for details.



Beginners are always welcome! If you would like to try a free class to learn more about yoga, please contact

Yoga Devotion

The fall Yoga Devotion 8 week session runs September 11 – October 30

The class starts at 6:30 p.m.

Cost \$72.00

Mary Drache for the zoom link and join us. Register & pay with this link:

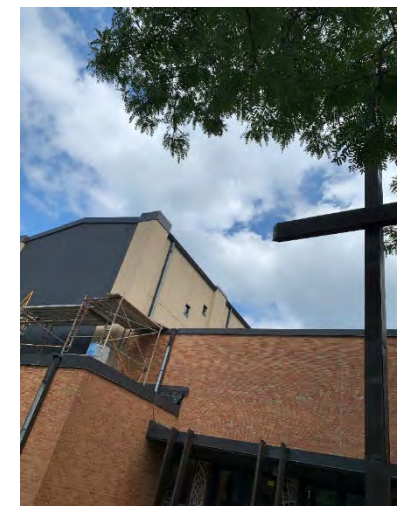


A Church at Work

Property Team Update

A lot of changes have happened over the summer in and around the building.

- The third-party inspector reported that the new water-proof and insulated sanctuary walls were constructed with “text-book skills”. We thank AE Conrad for their work this summer.
- All but a few windows have been replaced in the sanctuary upper walls. The new colored windows on the south wall have freshened up bright colors of the rainbow. Any damage to the plaster around the windows will be repaired with the interior plaster work to be completed in a year.
- The new heat-pump and air conditioner in the Fellowship Hall is proving to be efficient and quiet. The air conditioning units in the Choir Room and the Courtyard Room have also been worked on this summer to improve their function and efficiency.
- Also completed this summer was a clean-up of crumbling asbestos pipe-insulation in the tunnels. This allows work on the sump pumps, heating, internet, and electrical components in the tunnels to be worked on safely.





Building in Faith Serving in Grace

St. Michael's Capital Campaign

Generosity at Work

Capital Campaign Impact Report

August, 2023

We give thanks to God for the 121 households who have pledged \$1,063,637 in our capital campaign! If you have not yet participated in this campaign, you can submit an electronic pledge or gift at

<https://www.stmichaelselca.com/capitalcampaign.html>

Since the campaign kick-off in spring through the beginning of August, we have received \$268,051 and these gifts have already been at work! \$113,484 of those funds have been used to:

- Support our partners in Guatemala in their sanctuary construction project
- Complete work on our own sanctuary for the exterior wall work
- Install a new Fellowship Hall A/C and complete asbestos abatement in underground tunnel work

Projects that have been approved by the church council that you will see this fall and winter:

- Replacement of roof section
- Removal of diseased and dying trees in the Courtyard and Fellowship Lawn
- Outdoor shed near playground and sidewalk to playground, Fellowship Hall A/C enclosure

Other projects and gifts that will be coming before the council in the near future:

- Interior sanctuary work including plaster repair from previous moisture damage and audio enhancements
- Saint Paul Area Planting Hope Campaign contribution

As we receive gifts and pledges for the campaign, we will continue to expand our ministry areas as designated by the capital campaign: caring for our church home through increased accessibility and deferred maintenance, and caring for our neighbors with our local and global ministry partners.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the capital campaign, given of their time and skill on projects, and prayed for our shared ministry!



Church Council Corner

The church council met virtually on August 8th. Multiple motions were passed at the council meeting including:

- Internal guidelines for approving capital campaign expenses
- Approval of the following projects/benevolence out of the capital campaign fund:
 - Removal of diseased trees from Courtyard and Fellowship Hall Lawn
 - Installation of outdoor storage shed, A/C enclosure, and sidewalk to playground
 - Replace a section of roof that is leaking and due for replacement
 - Lead gift for the Guatemala Gala on September 24th

The next council meeting will be held on September 12th at 8:15 p.m. online

2023 Budget Overview and Financial Update

	July Actual	July Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income	\$36,767	\$60,066	\$489,693	\$458,659	\$868,882*
Expenses	\$55,728	\$70,145	\$480,483	\$522,325	\$868,882
Net Balance	\$-18,961	\$-10,080	\$9,210	\$-63,666	\$0

*At the Annual Meeting on January 29, 2023, the congregation approved use of Reserve Funds to balance the budget, if needed at the end of the year. This is included in the Annual Approved budget of \$868,882.

Online Giving & Mobile Giving



Did you know that you can pay for an event or set up a recurring automatic gift to support the work of St. Michael's? Authorization forms are available from the church office or follow this link:

<https://www.stmichaelselca.com/givenow.html>

Vanco also has a mobile App as another method to set up a payment or a recurring automatic gift to support the work of St. Michael's. Download the Vanco Mobile App from the App Store and search for "St. Michael's Lutheran Church".

The above QR code takes you to our Donate Now page on our website.

Worship Leaders and Volunteers Needed

Looking ahead at 2023, there are a wide variety of OPEN Worship Leader spot! Check SignUp Genius for opportunities to volunteer for: **Ushers, Lectors, Communion Deacons, Worship Flowers, and Fellowship Hosts.**

Visit Sign-up Genius to see the opportunities awaiting you. The quickest way to get there is to visit St. Michael's website: www.stmichaelselca.com and click on the Volunteer Sign-up icon



St. Michael's is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation



St. Michael's Lutheran Church lives out God's grace and love for all people. Faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we welcome those who have been part of church communities, those who have no previous church experience, and those who have felt excluded by the Church because of their race or ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental capabilities, financial resources, or family circumstances. In this witness we seek reconciliation, healing, and wholeness. As a diverse people we are then empowered by the Holy Spirit to live and work together for God's promised day of justice, peace, and mercy.

Land Acknowledgement

The ELCA has published “A Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to American Indian and Alaska Native People,” in which the church confesses its sins toward Indigenous peoples and lists the commitments it will begin working toward as it responds to its original “Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery” from 2016.



St. Michael’s Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homeland of the Dakota people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

Not getting your *Friday Flyer*?

Are you having a problem with our weekly e-newsletter, the *Friday Flyer* not showing up in your primary inbox? First check your other inbox folders—it often shows up in a spot called the *Promotions* folder. Or it could be in your *Spam* folder. If a search of those yields nothing, then contact Lisa Koland at office@stmichaelselca.com, and we’ll find a way to make sure the newsletter gets to you!

Making the *Messenger Green*

If you prefer to read your upcoming issues of St. Michael’s monthly *Messenger* newsletter in your email or on our church website instead of having a paper copy mailed to you, please notify the church office.

Got something for the September *Messenger*?

The *Messenger* submission deadline is Friday, September 22, 2023.





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