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From the Pastor's Desk:

God's Story, Our Stories

Between newspaper articles, online blogs, social media, email chains, and our favorite books, we are constantly encountering and consuming the written word. This is especially true for us in worship on Sunday mornings when we read our printed liturgy, page through the hymnals, and look to the Holy Scriptures for wisdom and guidance. Because we are often inundated with words on a page, it is easy to forget that our religious tradition started out as an oral one; stories of God's people were told and passed down throughout the generations long before they were ever written down into Scripture and music. If anything, Scripture is a library of stories that tell of the beautiful and often messy relationships between people and God. We are a storied people - a people whose identity has been greatly shaped by the stories we hear and tell.

All of us carry stories that have shaped us; stories of our childhood and adolescence, of first loves and losses, of defeat and resili-

ence. But we are also formed by the stories of the community around us. For example, stories of our family long before we entered the world have incredible power to influence us. One of my favorite stories that gets told in my family is about my late great-grandmother who ran a shoe repair shop in St. Paul with my great-grandfather. Along with repairing shoes, they also sharpened skates and repaired hockey gear... among their clients were the Minnesota North Stars hockey team. I love hearing stories of how my great-grandmother would stay up late into the night mending hockey gear and taking care of the shop. Stories of her strong work ethic and impressive entrepreneurial skill reminds our family (especially the women) of who we are and where we came from. Though it wasn't me staying up late piecing together leather and managing a business, her story is a part of me and I think of her any time I burn the midnight oil on a sermon.



Similarly, the ancient stories of Scripture are alive in our lives today. Whenever I hear the Old Testament story of young Samuel being called by God in the middle of the night, I think of the youth in our church who are wondering what kind of future God is leading them into. Whenever I hear the New Testament story of Jesus calming the waters during a great storm, I remember those moments in my life where God was present alongside me, despite my fears. The stories of scripture and the ones alive within our congregation are woven together, providing us

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with a shared identity and reminding us of how interconnected we all are. You may be a lifelong member of St. Michael's or you may have just entered the pew last week, but either way, through Scripture and the common values we share, our stories are knit together.

This Lent, we will gather around the stories of our congregation lifted up by members of the church. Over the past year, we have identified core values that our community holds, and in Lent we will hear how those values have shaped individual lives and our communal life together. During Wednesday evening

worship we will sing, pray, and through the stories of individuals in the community, we will be reminded of how God's story of love, redemption, and grace, is ongoing.

Join us for this year's Lenten series, "God's Story, Our Stories!"

~ Pastor Ali

Lenten Worship: God's Story...Our Stories

This Lent we will be hearing stories from various members of St. Michael's on how their faith has been lived out in the community, in their daily lives, and in the world around them. Together, we will hear how God is at work in our individual lives and in our shared life together, through the values that our congregation holds.

Ash Wednesday, February 14

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Soup Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
12:30 p.m.	Worship service in the Courtyard Room
6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	Worship Service in the Courtyard Room

Wednesdays in Lent:

February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21

6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Holden Evening Prayer in the Fellowship Hall

Maundy Thursday, March 29

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
12:30 p.m.	Worship Service in the Courtyard Room
7:00 p.m.	Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall

Good Friday, March 30

7:00 p.m.	Worship Service
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Easter Worship, April 1st

8:45 am & 11:00 am	Worship Services
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Join us for Easter Breakfast! All proceeds go towards the youth mission trip to New York City
7:30 am - 8:30 am & 9:45 am - 10:45 am

Cookies Needed!

Are you a baker for fellow sweets-lover? We are looking for folks to provide 12-14 doz. cookies or bars for the Lenten Soup Suppers starting on February 14th. There are 6 soup suppers that need desserts provided. Contact the office if you'd like to sign up to bring treats for one of the weeks! Thank you!

Religion in Life - Sundays 10:00–10:55 a.m.

Join us for the following conversations:

Sunday, February 4

Building a Better Future: Habitat for Humanity

Dave Yarusso and Guest

Sunday, February 11

The Practice of Holy Listening:

Living, Learning, Interfaith Dialogue

Imam Samir Saikali,

Imam at Al-Salam Mosque, Maplewood

Sunday, February 18

Creating and Living Lives That Matter

Andy Jolivette, MA, Career and Life Coach

Sunday, February 25

The Church and Generational Change

Beth Lewis, President and CEO,

Augsburg Fortress / 1517 Publishing

Faith in Daily Life

Faith in Daily Life will meet:

Wednesday, February 7—noon

(Chianti Grill—Roseville)

Wednesday, February 14 - noon

(Thrivent Lunch Room—Minneapolis)

Wednesday, February 20—noon

(Grateful Table—St. Paul)

We are reading chapters 5—8 of *Pre-Post-Racial America* by Sandhya Rani Jha. All are welcome.

Women's Circles

Sarah Circle will meet on February 6th– 9:30 a.m. at church. Elisabeth Circle will meet on February 7th– 1:00 p.m. at church.

Monday Morning Ministries

February 12, 7:00 a.m.

Monday Morning Ministries will meet on Monday, February 12, at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship hall serving area. The group meets and discusses faith and current events. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pastor Brad.

Desserters II Book Club

Desserters II will meet on February 22 at 7 p.m. in the Courtyard Room to discuss *LaRose* by Louise Erdrich. Becky & John Anderson will host this month.

Additional Resources for Alzheimer's & Memory Loss

On Sunday, January 21 **Chris Rosenthal**, MSW, LISW, director of Aging and Disability Services Program at Jewish Family Service and **Margie Stein Solomon**, Volunteer Engagement Specialist with Jewish Family Services presented on Alzheimer's and Memory Loss at St. Michael's. Following the presentation they passed along these additional resources for those who are interested in learning more:

<http://actonalz.org/>

ACT on Alzheimer's website

<https://www.alz.org/mnnd/>

MN state chapter of the Alzheimer's Association

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/about-adear-center>

National office/Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral (ADEAR)

They are glad to provide additional resources and supports for those who are interested.

Life of the Congregation

St. Michael's member, **Marge Bertelsen**, passed away on December 30th. Her memorial service was held at St. Michael's on January 15th. St. Michael's member, **Greg Campbell**, passed away on January 15th. His funeral service was held at St. Michael's on January 18th. Jill Schilling's mother, **Louise**, passed away on January 18th. Mary Seabloom's father, **Bill**, passed away on January 21st. Please continue to keep these families and their friends in your prayers as they grieve.

A Wholehearted Thank You from Pastor Ali & Ben

Thank you for your ongoing support as we prepare for our little one! It has been difficult to be away on bed rest, but your prayers have upheld us!

Our hearts are simply filled with gratitude for the ways that you've shown love to us during this exciting time. The notes, gifts, and encouraging words mean so much to us.

We'd like to offer a special thanks to the women of the Sarah and Elisabeth Circles for the surprise baby shower in January, and to the Community Life committee for hosting the game night and baby shower in our honor. We so deeply appreciate the congregation's generous gift of presence.

In Gratitude and Love,
Pastor Ali & Ben Ferin

Vision – Mission – Values Event

Sunday, February 11

2 pm - 4 pm

in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for an afternoon of celebration and connection! All are welcome as we explore our congregation's Vision, Mission, and Values. There will be food and music as you experience different service, learning, and fellowship activities available at St. Michael's!

Vision

Gather, Nurture, Send

Mission

The community at St. Michael's Lutheran Church:
Gathers around God's grace for all in word and sacrament;
Nurtures faith through learning, music, relationships, and generosity; and
Sends us to act for justice, and serve with others following the way of Jesus.

Values

Expansive Welcome
Generous Hospitality

Gather

We celebrate that God's grace and love is for all people.
We engage the community and world with open hearts and minds, offering our time, talents, and resources.

Nurture

Vibrant Worship & Faith

We honor Scripture and the Lutheran tradition which enriches and transforms our lives through worship, education, music, and service.

Authentic Relationships

We experience God in meaningful relationships as we live, learn, grow, and have fun together.

Send

Equip in Vocation

We live out our faith by exploring our calling, passions, and questions as individuals and a community.

Acting for Justice and Peace

We are called to speak and act with and for all in need, and to care for the gift of God's creation.

Social Ministry

Social Ministry February Calendar of Events

Rezek House Meal	February 5
Rezek House Welcome Home Shower	January 14 - February 11
Bread Ministry	Weekly
Sandwich Making for Union Gospel Mission	February 11
Global Health Ministry	2nd and 4th Monday—February 12 & 26
Keystone Food Mobile Distribution	2nd Tuesday—February 13
Quilting and Bandage Rolling	2nd and 4th Wednesday— February 14 & 28

Rezek House Welcome Home Shower – *only a couple of weeks are left to donate!*

Did you know that St. Michael's partners with a youth homeless shelter in St. Paul? Rezek House is home to youth ages 16-21 who live in apartment-style housing while they complete schooling or look for work. This winter, we will be collecting items that the youth need for their apartment at Rezek House... many residents have never lived on their own!

This year we will be collecting items from **January 14 - February 11**

To participate in the Rezek Welcome Home Shower...

- ◆ Watch the Social Ministry Bulletin board for tags showing suggestions and needs
- ◆ Select the tag of an item
- ◆ Purchase the item
- ◆ Bring the item to church collection box, located near the sanctuary by February 11

Thank you for your generosity!

Mobile Food Shelf at St. Michael's!

The second Tuesday of each month from 3-5pm, St. Michael's is a site for the Keystone Mobile Food Shelf. The Mobile Food Shelf makes the Keystone Food Shelf more accessible to our neighbors in need. Volunteers are needed to welcome clients and help the Keystone staff on the food truck.

If you would like to volunteer with the Mobile Food Shelf while it is at St. Michael's, call the church office or head to the sign up genius to learn more!

<http://www.stmichaelsca.com/volunteer-opportunities.html>



Saint Paul Area Synod Conference Assemblies

Saturday, February 24—Hosted by St. Michael's

The morning of Saturday, February 24, St. Michael's will be serving as host site for the Saint Paul Area Synod Conference Assemblies. There will be opportunities for members of St. Michael's to serve as greeters, coffee/snack servers, and hosts. A sign-up sheet is on the board across from the church office; people may sign up for a two hour time slot or for the whole morning. Should there be a snow-storm or challenging weather the conference assemblies will take place the afternoon of Sunday, February 25.

Youth Activities

St. Michael's Family Day at Feed My Starving Children February 3rd

St. Michael's families are encouraged to join us at the Coon Rapids location of Feed My Starving Children for a morning of service! Together we will package meals that will be sent to hungry people all over the world. We will meet at Feed My Starving Children at **9:00 am and serve until 11:00 am**. Bring the whole family! The minimum age for serving is 5 years old.

Register online at: <http://volunteer.fmssc.org/Register/Group/JoinGroup.aspx?gid=1204874>

Family Communion Class March 18th

Together, families will learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion through games, baking bread, and experiencing communion! There will be time to learn together and for adults to bring their own questions and wonderings while the children play. All are welcome, even if you've taken a communion class in the past! 12:30-2:30pm Location: Fellowship Hall

Urban Immersion February 23rd -25th

Middle School and Senior High Students are invited for a special weekend of service learning in Minneapolis. We will stay at the Greater Council of Churches retreat center and complete service projects across the Twin Cities. Youth will learn about poverty, homelessness, and how to be advocates and leaders among their peers. **Registration closed on January 21st** – Contact the church office to see if there is space available!

Mark Your Calendars! The Senior High Youth Easter Breakfast is on April 1st

All senior high youth attending the mission trip are required to attend this important fundraising event!
Easter Breakfast Prep is on March 31st at 8am with a lunch at 12pm. More information about volunteering will be available this month.

Summer Youth Activities – Save the Dates!

Youth Mission Trip (9-12th Grade) June 16th-23rd

The Senior High Youth will be heading to New York City in June for their mission trip where they will be volunteering at Trinity Lutheran Church on the lower east side of Manhattan and the congregation's Services and Food for the Homeless (SAFH) as well as other organizations. For further information, contact Pr. Brad.

Youth Camp at Luther Crest (3-12th Grade) July 8th-13th

Register today! Early bird discount expires on February 14th! See pages 7 & 8 for registration information.

Bible Day Camp (PreK-3rd Grade) August 13th-17th

Confirmation Updates

8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Class will be held on Sundays at 10:00 am in Classroom 1.

Soup Suppers begin on February 14th! Soup Supper Dates are: Feb 14, Feb 21, Feb 28, Mar 7, Mar 14, Mar 21. Please arrive by 5pm with one parent to begin set up.

There is no confirmation mentor night in February or March!

Leapers
Completed 3rd-5th
grades

Leap into summer camp with our most popular program! Leapers will enjoy all that Luther Crest has to offer by worshipping, participating in Bible Study, swimming in Lake Carlos, doing arts & crafts, exploring the Nature Room, meeting new friends, playing all camp games, team building on the Low Lands Challenge Course, and more! There are lots of exciting activities awaiting campers who sign up for this classic camp experience, so sign up today!

Wet and Wilderness
Completed 6th-8th
grades

Get your feet wet in the wilderness of Minnesota as we canoe down the Crow Wing River! Joining with two other outdoor ministries, we'll start at Camp Emmaus near Menagha with Low and High Ropes! Then we'll head out for three fun-filled days on the river canoeing, cooking and camping! We'll head back to Luther Crest on Thursday morning where we'll engage in some water sports like wake surfing, tubing and swimming. That evening we'll watch the Summer Musical and head home on Friday after clos-

Blazers
Completed 9th-12th
grades

Discover what it means to both lead and serve by helping set up and lead worship, learn more about God and ourselves through Bible Study and prayer, assist with camp meals, participate in team building activities and show God's love to everyone around you. This program is **FREE** to all senior high students and is a great way to gain leadership experience while having a fun week at camp!

Registration Information

Youth can register online at www.luthercrest.org. On the homepage, you will find a link "CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW".

Login or create an account to register your child. 3-5th grade youth will register as "Leapers", 6-8th grade youth will register as "Wet and Wilderness", and 9-12th grade youth will register as "Blazers". Use this code to access the St. Michael's Group Hold: **2018SMLC**. This code expires after February 14th.

The total cost for 3-8th graders who register before February 14th is \$250. Registrations after February 14th will increase to \$350. This will not be evident when registering because St. Michael's will pay the remaining balance for all families.

Luther Crest does not charge for youth in 9-12th grade.

For registration assistance, call Luther Crest at: 320-846-2431

What is the Cost?

St. Michael's values outdoor ministries as a meaningful and impactful experience. Because of our commitment to this value, St. Michael's will subsidize summer camp for youth attending Luther Crest. The cost for campers who completed 3-8th grade will be \$250. There is no cost for youth in 9-12th grade. This cost also includes snacks at the camp canteen and transportation to camp.

Transportation Information

St. Michael's will provide transportation on July 8th for youth to get to camp, included in camp cost. Families must arrange for transportation home on July 13th. Families are encouraged to attend closing worship at the beachfront at **noon on July 13th** before heading home.

St. Michael's Youth Summer Camp Information

We are excited to partner with Luther Crest Bible Camp again for this summer's youth camp experience, **July 8-13th**! Luther Crest is located on beautiful Lake Carlos in Alexandria, MN and has a variety of program offerings to fit the interests and needs of your children. Luther Crest offers high and low ropes courses, a nature center, beachfront activities, field games, arts and crafts, and campfires, all in a safe and loving environment for your child to grow in faith.

St. Michael's is especially grateful for the Luther Crest philosophy: *Passionate, Authentic, and Accommodating*. To fully live this out, they have designed a *Super Camper** program, providing one-on-one counselor support for youth who have a variety of needs, ensuring that all youth can enjoy camp. Luther Crest is a safe space for St. Michael's youth to grow in their relationship with God and one another!

Youth from across the state attend Luther Crest throughout the summer, which means that St. Michael's youth will get to meet youth from other churches. St. Michael's will also have a staff presence throughout the week to support our youth.

We hope your child is able to join us **July 8-13th** at Luther Crest Bible Camp!

* Youth can register as a Super Camper during online registration.

For more information about this program, please contact Luther Crest Bible Camp: 320-846-2431.



Register online today!

Library News

The church library has added a number of significant books to its collection, covering topics ranging from theology, spirituality, and faith journeys to grief and relationships to racial justice and other social issues. Many of these new titles are displayed on the shelving immediately on the right when you enter the library (which you should do). Featured this month is *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, the Goodreads debut author of 2017. This powerful novel skillfully embeds a candid, lucid message about contemporary racial issues in a story about 16-year old Starr Carter and the devastating episode she attempts to understand and transform for her community. If you aren't in time to check this one out, Colin Whitehead's *Underground Railroad* also uses the power of fiction to examine many of the same issues, using a historical perspective - though not quite the one you remember.

Save the Date!

Travel with us to visit our partner congregation in Cimiento, Guatemala!! The trip is planned for one week over MEA weekend in October, 2018. Contact Lisa Koland or Joan Felice for more information:
Koland.lisa@gmail.com jhfelice@gmail.com

Thank You!

Thank you to the team of volunteers who designed and built our new altar ramp!
Ron Kuhn, Dennis Skovsted, Joel Bergstrom, Burle Gengenbach, Neal Chapman, and Brad

**The church office will be closed
Friday, February 2nd**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 3-5th Grade Slumber Party Rezek House Welcome Home Shower 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Education Hour-- Birth through adult 11:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM Armenian Dance Rehearsal	29 Rezek House Welcome Home Shower 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Yoga Devotion	30 Rezek House Welcome Home Shower 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 6:00 PM Sr. High Mission Trip Meeting 7:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics	31 Rezek House Welcome Home Shower 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 5:30 PM Youth Bells Rehearsal 6:30 PM Celebration Singers Rehearsal 6:30 PM St. Michael's Singers 7:30 PM Spirit Choir Rehearsal	1 Rezek House Welcome Home Shower 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 9:00 AM Quilting 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study - Pr. Brad leading 6:00 PM Chapel Ringers	2 Rezek House Welcome Home Shower 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes	3 Rezek House Welcome Home Shower 9:00 AM Family Day at Feed My Starving Children
4 Rezek House Welcome Home Shower 8:45 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Education Hour-- Birth through adult 11:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 12:30 PM Armenian Dance Rehearsal	5 Rezek House Meal Rezek House Welcome Home Shower 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Lenten Speakers Meeting 6:30 PM Yoga Devotion	6 Rezek House Welcome Home Shower 7:00 AM P & A Committee Meeting 7:00 AM Peace Education Session 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 9:30 AM Sarah Circle 7:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics	7 Rezek House Welcome Home Shower 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 12:00 PM Faith in Daily Life--Rsv 1:00 PM Elisabeth Circle 5:30 PM Youth Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM New Council Member Orientation 6:30 PM Celebration Singers Rehearsal 6:30 PM St. Michael's Singers 7:00 PM Ford V-8 Auto Club 7:30 PM Spirit Choir Rehearsal	8 Rezek House Welcome Home Shower 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 9:00 AM Quilting 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Chapel Ringers 7:00 PM Befrienders	9 Rezek House Welcome Home Shower 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 2:30 PM Set up for Celebrate VMV Event on Sunday	10 Rezek House Welcome Home Shower 9:00 AM Saint Paul Area Synod ILAG Meeting
11 Rezek House Welcome Home Shower 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Education Hour-- Birth through adult 10:00 AM Sandwich Making 11:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM Armenian Dance Rehearsal 2:00 PM Celebrating our Vision Mission Values	12 7:00 AM Monday Morning Ministry 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 8:30 AM Global Health Ministries 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Yoga Devotion	13 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 3:00 PM Food Mobile Distribution 7:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	14 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 11:30 AM Ash Wednesday Lunch 12:00 PM Faith in Daily Life - Mpls 12:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship 5:30 PM Youth Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Celebration Singers & Spirit Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM St. Michael's Singers 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship	15 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 9:00 AM Quilting 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Chapel Ringers	16 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 9:00 AM Deadline for Messenger Newsletter Submissions	17

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 8:45 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Education Hour-- Birth through adult 11:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion	19 Northern Voices Closed - No Classes 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Yoga Devotion	20 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 6:30 PM Guatemala Informational Meeting 7:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics	21 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 9:00 AM Messenger Assembly 12:00 PM Faith in Daily Life - St. Paul 5:30 PM Youth Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Soup Supper 6:20 PM Celebration Singers Rehearsal 6:30 PM St. Michael's Singers 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:50 PM Spirit Choir Rehearsal	22 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 9:00 AM Quilting 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Chapel Ringers	23 Urban Immersion Retreat 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes	24 Urban Immersion Retreat 7:00 AM St. Paul Area Synod Conference Assembly
25 Urban Immersion Retreat 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Education Hour-- Birth through adult 11:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM St. Paul Area Synod Conference Assembly - Snow Date (Back-Up date)	26 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 8:30 AM Global Health Ministries 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Yoga Devotion	27 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 3:00 PM Northern Lights Suzuki School for Violins Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics 7:00 PM Desserters II Book Club	28 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 5:30 PM Youth Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Soup Supper 6:20 PM Celebration Singers Rehearsal 6:30 PM St. Michael's Singers 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:50 PM Spirit Choir Rehearsal	1 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 9:00 AM Quilting 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study - Pr. Brad leading 3:00 PM Northern Lights Suzuki School for Violins Rehearsal 6:00 PM Chapel Ringers 6:30 PM Writing Workshop: Loss & Grief	2 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes	3 5:00 PM Northern Lights Suzuki School for Violins Concert/Reception

Introducing Pastor Jay Carlson

Joining the staff while Pastor Ali is on Parental Leave

Rev. Jay Carlson was ordained in 2004 and has served as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Vincennes, Indiana and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. He has spent most of the last year on family leave, taking care of his two daughters, Beatrice (6) and Malena (4). His wife, Kristen, works as a physician with North Memorial Hospital. When not busy getting kids ready for school or trying to keep the house clean, Pastor Jay enjoys writing, playing drums and piano, and training for triathlons. He and his family are excited to be part of St. Michael's while Pastor Ali is attending to such an important time for her family.

Pastor Jay will be officially starting on March 1 and will be with us through May. With Pastor Ali stepping back from her work sooner than anticipated, don't be surprised if you see him around the church for a few things in February.

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