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**Join us for worship
Sunday morning
at 8:45 a.m.
or 11:00 a.m.**

From the Pastor's Desk



Both/And... Addressing Poverty

One of the gifts of Lutheran theology is the framework of both/and. In a religious landscape dominated by the certainty of fundamentalism, we Lutherans find our grounding in paradox. The world says you must be either this or that - you are either saved or damned. You are either pro- this or anti-that. This either/or framework forces us to become entrenched in our well-defined camps, creating an echo chamber of thought and belief. But Lutheranism frees us from these distinctions, recognizing that wisdom is found, not in the center (after all, we didn't earn our name **protest**-ant for a lukewarm-moderate-theology!) but rather by boldly accepting both finding truth within the contradiction itself. For instance, Jesus was both fully human and divine. We are both sinner and saint, God's word is both law to provide boundaries and gospel to free us. These contradictions when contemplated more deeply reveal a hidden truth about God and humanity. As David Swartling, former ELCA secretary, often noted, we are a "both and church" in an "either or world." As Lutherans, we are called to employ this subservice both/and framework in our everyday lives.

For the next three months, the church committees are going to be focusing on the topic of poverty and how our ministry touches the needs of our community. Understanding that poverty intersects with housing, healthcare, education, food equity, employment, transportation... basically every area of our lives... the conversation is vast. So how might the both/and framework help us consider where we are called to address poverty in our community and within our congregation?

Oftentimes the conversation comes down to charity vs. justice. Charity provides direct services to meet real needs such as food, clothing, and shelter. Justice promotes change in institutions and political structures. One might say that charity is directed at the effects of an issue, while justice gets at the root cause of an issue. So... which is the right way to address poverty? Is it charity or justice? Let's try that again... it is both charity and justice. Just as we cannot ignore the real symptoms of poverty in our neighborhood such as hunger, we cannot ignore the reasons why our neighbors are hungry.

Rejecting the either/or tendency which often produces simple answers to complex questions,

let us use our Lutheran framework of both/and, embrace both charity and justice together.

On page 3 of the *Messenger*, you will find ways to get involved and make a real impact in our community around issues of poverty. As we focus our ministry on these intentional areas, we are excited to highlight some amazing ongoing and long-held ministries of the church, as well as some new opportunities that our committees are dreaming up. If you want to be part of this creative process, join us at the All Church Dinner & All Committee Night where we will have a community meal for all, and where committees have the opportunity to collaborate together. Join us for a meal, and feel free to join a committee or a conversation! (After all, we are both/and Lutherans!) The next All Church Dinner & All Committee Night is on November 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Free Childcare is available after the meal until 8pm.

St. Michael's 101

On Sunday, November 3, at 12:30 p.m., join Pastors Ali and Brad for St. Michael's 101 (Exploring Membership). This is a great opportunity to connect with others, hear more about St. Michael's (past, present, and future), and discern whether you are interested in becoming more involved or joining at this time. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP in the way most convenient for you:

- ⇒ on the church website under the "About Us" tab
- ⇒ email office@stmichaelselca.com
- ⇒ call 651-631-1510
- ⇒ Sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office



Knowing how many folks are planning to attend helps us arrange for the appropriate amount of food. If needed, childcare will be provided – simply indicate your need for childcare when you RSVP.

Time Away

Pastor Brad will be on vacation and out of the office October 14-22. For pastoral care or emergencies, please contact Pastor Ali.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Update

Since last year, we have been assessing the amount of coffee and doughnut holes consumed after the 11:00 worship, as well as the amount of volunteer participation to host the second coffee hour. With coffee hour attendance after the 11:00 worship decreasing, we are no longer going to ask volunteers and cup washers to host a coffee hour after worship. If coffee and doughnut holes remain after the education hour, they will be left in the Courtyard Room in hot carafes and baskets for people to enjoy.

Thank you to the coffee servers and cup washers for their continued service in this important ministry of hospitality!

POVERTY

October Ministry Highlight

"Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy, deliver them from the hand of the wicked." -Psalm 82:3-4

To learn more about the following ministries contact the church office at 651-631-1510 or office@stmichaelselca.com

LEARN

October 6 - Adult Education Religion in Life, 10:00 am Courtyard Room
A Lutheran View of Economic Justice, Dr. Darrell Jodock, Professor Emeritus, Gustavus

October 20 - Adult Education Religion in Life, 10:00 am Courtyard Room
Immigration and Poverty: The Motivation to Begin the Journey, Dennis Skovsted

October 27 - Adult Education Religion in Life, 10:00 am Courtyard Room
Poverty & Housing: The Impact of Habitat for Humanity, Chris Coleman, Habitat CEO

GIVE

October 1-31 Winter Clothing Drive

We are collecting new or clean gently used winter outerwear for all ages for the clothing closet at Fairview Community Center! Drop-off located outside of the Sanctuary.

VOLUNTEER

Daily - Panera Bread Rescue

Collect bread from the Rosedale Panera Bakery and bring it to church where it will be sorted in the morning and donated to local community partners. Evening pick up and morning sorters are needed!

October 13 - Sandwich Making for Union Gospel Mission

Head to the kitchen at 10:00 am to help make sandwiches for the Union Gospel Mission. Additional Volunteers are needed to pick up supplies and deliver sandwiches to the St. Paul Union Gospel Mission.

October 9 & 23 - Quilting & Bandage Rolling - 9:00 am Fellowship Hall

Help make quilts for the Veterans Home and roll bandages for Global Health Ministries! No experience is necessary!

October 14 & 28 - Global Health Ministries

Address global poverty and health care needs by sorting donated medical supplies before they are shipped to clinics across the globe.

ADVOCATE

Take Action with **Lutheran Advocacy MN**. Called to work on issues of hunger, poverty and care of creation? This organization proactively supports legislation at the state Legislature, while supporting existing programs. We continue to partner with ELCA Advocacy to protect important programs and vulnerable people. Head to lutheranadvocacymn.org to sign up for Action Alerts and learn how you can use your voice to make a difference!

Life of Our Congregation

On Sunday September 22, Lars Peterson-Hartmann and Jasper Peterson-Hartmann were baptized into the St. Michael's faith community. Please pray for them as they grow in faith!

Arion Oliver, child of Willaya Barnes, was born on August 26th. Join us in celebrating his birth by praying for him as he grows!

Thank you St. Michael's Lutheran Church for all of the sympathy cards and support with the death of James Schilling. It was very thoughtful. Thanks. ~*Jill Schilling & the Schilling family*

We appreciate all of the kindnesses provided us after the death of Doris (Dennis's mother). Doris was an amazing role model and caring mother. Thank you.

~ *Dennis Skovsted and Jill Griffin*

Welcome New St. Michael's Staff

Elliot Polzin began working on our custodial team on September 3rd. He graduated from Dunwoody College of Technology and will be starting at Minneapolis Community & Technical College in January. Elliot grew up in Minneapolis and currently lives in Woodbury. He and his fiancé are planning a 2021 wedding. Welcome, Elliot!

Food Storage Containers Needed!

Oftentimes after community events we provide leftovers for people to take home or to bring to our community partners. We are running low on to-go/food storage containers. If you have extra food storage containers to donate, please bring them to the church kitchen.

All Church Dinner & All Committee Night Recap

September 10th was the inaugural All Church Dinner & All Committee Night! We gathered at 6pm for delicious meal from Ol' Mexico and by 6:40 committees were meeting and children were playing in the nursery. In addition to their normal business, committees discussed how their work can help our church address poverty which is our ministry focus until December. The council met at 8:15 pm for their regular monthly meeting.

Join us at the next All Church Dinner & All Committee Night on November 12th!

Everyone is welcome to the meal and if you'd like to use the free childcare from 6:30-8:00pm, please contact Jon Bates, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries at youth@stmichaelselca.com.

Confirmation Updates

8th & 9th Grade

Mentor night is on October 2 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

There is **no class** on Sunday October 20th due to MEA.



10th Grade

The **Faith Project Party** is on October 8th at 6:30 pm in the Courtyard Room.

The **Dependable Strengths Workshop** is on October 20th at 12:30 pm in Classroom I. Lunch included.

The **Affirmation of Baptism rehearsal and dinner** is October 23 at 6:00 pm

Affirmation of Baptism will take place on October 27th at the 11:00 worship service. Please arrive by 10:00 am with your robes for pictures.

Young Adult Care Packages

In November the High School Sunday School class will be putting together packages to send to young adults (ages 18-25) affiliated with St. Michael's —this might include college students, Peace Corps volunteers, recent graduates, those on a gap year, or those who have just moved to take their first job.

To accomplish this, they would love the congregation's assistance. We are looking for:

- ◆ 25 empty shoe boxes
- ◆ 25 brown paper grocery bags
- ◆ Treats: granola bars, mini candy bars, gum,
- ◆ Pens, pencils, highlighters, sticky notes, decks of cards
- ◆ life savers, microwave popcorn, ramen noodles, other food items
- ◆ 25 pairs of fun socks (new), or other items they might enjoy

Or, if you would like *to make a financial contribution* to offset the cost of shipping, you can simply drop your donation in the offering plate or in the church office with the memo: **Care Packages**.

For the congregation:

please bring these items, between October 1-25, and place them in the bin outside the Youth Room. All items need to be turned in by Friday, October 25th.

For parents/guardians:

we are asking that you e-mail Jon Bates at youth@stmichaelselca.com with your young adult's name and address to make sure they are included in this group.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY



Sunday School Ministries

Sunday, September 8 the program year kicked off again with another Rally Day. In the Fellowship Hall families of the congregation gathered making a welcome sign, chew toys for *No Dog Left Behind*, registered for the new program year, met new faces, and played some bingo. **Thank you** to all everyone that made this morning possible, from Sunday School volunteers, parents, and the Youth & Education Committee.

Sunday School (K-12) Updates and Announcements

- ◆ **No (K-12th Grade) Sunday School on Sunday, October 20!** (*Nursery care is still provided from 8:30am-12:15pm*)
- ◆ Have a nudge to serve in our Sunday School ministries? There are opportunities to serve for one Sunday (9:50am-10:55am), three Sundays, or even seasons of the year. Connect with Jon for more information!
- ◆ Donate your empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls, cleaned and empty food containers (margarine, egg cartons), and bring them to the Education Office by the kitchen. Keurig K-Cups (apple cider, hot chocolate) will be joyfully received to the Youth Room.
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE for LIFT—Intergenerational Sunday School:** On Sunday, November 24 all ages and all people are invited to participate in Sunday School **together** for an intergenerational experience. This will happen four times this upcoming year as we continue to, Live In Faith Together (LIFT).



Upcoming Children, Youth, and Family Ministries at St. Michael's

1ST - 5TH GRADE STUDENT

MILESTONE WORKSHOPS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
2:00 - 3:30PM

COMMUNION 1ST & 2ND GRADERS	THE BIBLE 3RD GRADERS	LEADING WORSHIP 4TH & 5TH GRADERS
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Join your child(ren) in celebrating and learning more about their first milestones in their faith journey.

- 1st-2nd Graders: Communion
- 3rd Graders: Bible 101
- 4th-5th Graders: Worship

Parent(s), please join your 1st -3rd Grade child(ren) during the milestone workshop. Parent(s) with children in 4-5th grade, you are encouraged to join your child(ren).

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Bonfire & Game Night

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
6:00PM-9:00M

Join in fellowship around the fire, snacks, and night games at St. Michael's!

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We'll roast hot dogs and s'mores around the fire. Please feel to bring a game from home and a friend.

Register online or in the church hallway.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FALL ADVENTURE

WEEKEND OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

TIME AND DATE WILL BE PICKED ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22. PLEASE USE THE DOODLE!

time and date will be picked on Sunday, September 22. please to share when you're able to make the adventure. Discuss the adventure during Youth Group!

Attend Youth Group leading up to this weekend to choose your Halloween adventure. Pumpkin carving? Hayride? Watch out for more information!

Official date and time will be in an upcoming Youth & Family Ministry Email Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES!

- ◆ Moonlight Madness (6-9th Grade Students): Friday, November 8 - Saturday, November 9. All-night lock-out across the metro. \$40 due the day of. Scholarships available and more in email newsletter.

For all events, please sign up online at stmichaels.com/cyfsignup or in the church hallway.

SAVE THE DATES! (Continued)

- ◇ **Twisted Thanksgiving (1-5th Grade):** On Sunday, November 17 from 12:00-2:00pm, bring something to donate to the Rezek House and a meal item that begins with the first letter of either your first or last name. We'll eat a feast together in alphabetical order as well as play a church-wide scavenger hunt.
- ◇ **Friendsgiving (6-12th Grade):** Sunday, November 17 from 6-8:00pm, all youth are invited to gather at St. Michael's to enjoy a meal of community together. Please bring a side a good for the Rezek House and yourself!
- ◇ **Cookie Decorating (3-5th Grade Students):** Sunday, December 8 from 12:30pm-2:30pm, eat lunch and bake Christmas cookies from 12:30-2:30pm for others remembering the true reason for the season - the love of God for humanity!
- ◇ **High School Dinner / Mission Trip Reveal (8th-12th Grade Students):** Sunday, December 8 at a to be determined location from 6-8:00pm, high school students, come and enjoy the Christmas Season as we enjoy dinner together. Bring your eager ears as we break the news of where the Mission Trip 2020's destination. Please with Jon or on the church website (stmichaelselca.com/cyfsignup).

Senior Mission Trip to Little Rock, Arkansas

June 15–June 22, 2019; 16 youth and 4 adults travelled to Little Rock, Arkansas to participate in ministry with Ferncliff Camp, Habitat for Humanity, Disaster Assistance Center, and with Women and Children First. Every month, we will be learning more about the experience.

This year, 2019, was the first year I've been able to attend the mission trip, and I am so glad I did. Many life-changing experiences happened while I was there that helped me see more clearly how lucky I am to be privileged. I am able to have opportunities to help others, which is more than what some people have. This week I feel as though I have grown as a person and that I've made a difference however small, but a difference all the same, in peoples lives. My favorite experience on the mission trip was Heifer farms. Their mission is giving animals to people in poverty. I remember one of the workers saying that just one animal can pull an entire community out of poverty. I think that's a really smart way to think about poverty and hunger.

Also later that day we were able to walk around examples of houses people lived in. There was an even a school bus that was a real house someone had actually used. Later that night we were separated into groups to cook traditional meals that some people in certain countries make on a daily basis. We cooked over a fire and my group ended up making tortillas with beans, onions, eggs, and tomatoes. Looking back at that experience it was really cool because we got a little window into what others' lives are in different countries when it comes to food and cooking. All in all, I'm really happy that I was able to go on the mission trip this year and I am looking forward to going again in the future.

~ Laura C.



Questions, comments, or called to volunteer?

Connect with Jon Bates (*Children, Youth & Family Director*):
youth@stmichaelselca.com or 651-631-1510 ext. 202



@stmichaelsELCA

Women's Circles!

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 1st at 9:30 a.m. at Ginny Perman's home. Ginny Perman and RoseAnn Bergstrom are hosting.

Elisabeth Circle will meet on Wednesday, October 2nd at 1:00 p.m. in the Courtyard Room. Carol Erdahl and Collen Dishneau are hosting.

Men's Bible & Brew

The Men's Bible & Brew group will meet on Tuesday, October 15. We will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael's in the Courtyard Room. Come with a beverage or snack to share.

Desserters II Book Club

The Desserters II Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 22. New faces are always welcome. We meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtyard Room of the church. This month we'll discuss *Hag-Seed: The Tempest Retold* by Margaret Atwood. "A revisiting of Shakespeare's play of magic and illusion."

Faith in Daily Life

Wednesdays, 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Faith in Daily Life is an opportunity to dive in and converse about faith, life, scripture, and current events—using a book as a springboard. There are three groups; each meets once a month at a different location over lunch. Feel free to join for the year or stop in as you have time or opportunity.

This year we will be reading two books, *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans, and *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to be Christian* by Brian McLaren.

The gatherings will be: Wednesday, October 2—Chianti Grill
 Wednesday, October 9—Thrivent Lunchroom
 Wednesday, October 16—St. Michael's Courtyard Room

We will discuss Chapters 1–3 of Rachel Held Evan's book *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*.

Monday Morning Ministries
Monday, October 7
7:00-8:00ish a.m.
Fellowship Hall Serving Area

This month we'll be discussing pages 1-21 from *Love Big: The Power of Revolutionary Relationships to Heal the World* by Rozella Haydée White.

Religion in Life—Sunday mornings—10:00-10:50 a.m.
Courtyard Room

The Religion in Life hour offers the St. Michael's community an opportunity to:

- *Gain a deeper understanding of the Bible and spiritual practices so as to nurture a mature faith*
- *Examine dynamics with regard to personal growth, parenting, marriage and human relationships to enhance health and well-being*
- *Better understand the significant social issues in our community, nation, and world and consider how our faith calls us to respond*

The following speakers are lined up for October...mark your calendars now!

Sunday, October 6	Lutheran View of Economic Justice <i>Darrel Jodock</i>
Sunday, October 13	Mission, Ministry & Redevelopment <i>Rev. Justin Grimm</i> <i>Director of Evangelical Mission & assistant to the Bishop</i> <i>St. Paul Area Synod</i>
Sunday, October 20	Poverty and Immigration—Motivation to Begin the Journey and Experiences After Arriving <i>Dennis Skovsted</i>
Sunday, October 27	Habitat For Humanity <i>Chris Coleman</i>

Social Ministry August Calendar of Events

Winter Clothing Drive	October 1-31	
Rezek House Meal	October 7	
Quilting & Bandage Rolling	October 9 & 23	
Sandwich Making	October 13	10:00 am Church Kitchen
Blood Drive	October 14	1:30–6:30 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
Global Health Ministries	October 14 & 28	7831 Hickory St NE, Fridley
FoodMobile Distribution	September 10	3-5pm Sanctuary Entrance Doors
Panera Bread Delivery	Daily	

St. Michael's Annual Blood Drive



Blood Drive! This year's blood drive will be on Monday, October 14, 2019 from 1:30–6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You can contact Sandy Gibson to make an appointment. Online registration is available. Please consider donating– it saves lives! Thank you for donating!

Winter Gear Drive

Each winter, Fairview Community Center and Roseville Area Schools collect coats and winter gear for community members in need. St. Michael's will once again be holding a winter gear drive to help with the high demand. Please consider donating new or gently used winter coats, snow pants, boots, mittens, gloves and hats. All sizes are needed but we especially appreciate winter gear for babies and toddlers. A donation box will be available outside the sanctuary doors from October 1 through 31. We also welcome cash or gift card donations to purchase winter gear for families in need.

Save the Dates

Reformation Services—Sunday, October 27—8:45 & 11:00 a.m. with Affirmation of Faith (Confirmation) at the 11:00 a.m. service

All Saints Sunday Service —November 3 —8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Note: this falls at the end of daylight savings time (Fall back an hour)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Fest—Wednesday, November 27. Worship at 7:00 p.m. followed by pie and socializing.

 <p>Our Guatemala Partnership</p> <p>Travel: March 7-11 & 14-21, 2020</p>	<p>Next <u>Travel</u> Meeting October 15, 6:30pm</p> <p>Next <u>Team</u> Meeting October 17, 10:30am</p> <p>Contact Lisa Koland</p>
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Word of the Month	<p>Compañero when applied to men (kohm-pah-nyeh-roh)</p> <p>Compañera when applied to women (kohm-pah-nyeh-rah)</p> <p>The term is used to describe anyone with whom we are in a relationship. We are <i>compañeros</i> with Santa Cruz de la Esperanza (Holy Cross of Hope) church in Cimiento, Guatemala.</p>
	<p>It can be used for description of a companion, a partner, a colleague, or a mate: <i>Compañeros de viaje</i> (journey) are our travel companions.</p> <p><i>A compañero/a de vida</i> is a partner for life.</p> <p><i>Compañero/a de clase</i> are classmates</p>

Myth: I need to be fluent in Spanish.

Busted! Numerous travelers who do not speak Spanish have had very successful and fulfilling trips. A fellow traveler who speaks Spanish or the ILAG staff that accompany us are always available to interpret.

Asking for help, even when done non-verbally, can be a good way to break down barriers between cultures and often provides a way to initiate a personal relationship with an individual. The children in the village are the ambassadors of first interactions, greeting you and wanting to show you around, sharing simple phrases with you over a craft project, and wanting to practice some English they have learned in school. It may take you a moment to work up the nerve to try a new Spanish word or mime a question, but the smiles (and sometimes giggles) in return for your attempt illuminate the path to a new potential friendship.

Truth: Sometimes, we have to practice graceful acceptance of offered hospitality.

Told! Maybe another serving of corn tortillas or a place of honor in the front of the church service would not have been your personal choice, but the gift has been offered to you in friendship or care and learning to accept the offered hospitality is part of the personal growth that can be experienced on a trip.

Being fully aware of your personal needs and your personal preferences can help you determine when you can practice graceful acceptance and when you need to gracefully decline. Your trip leader and the ILAG staff will always help you navigate your choices and be there to assist you when you need to make changes in a situation. Growth and learning through new experiences does not always occur in predictable ways and we will also remind you to also be gracious with yourself when confronting new situations.

Visit the Guatemala bookshelf in the Courtyard Room for introductions to the families of Cimiento and more information.

Annual Hometown Bazaar

Mark your calendars and invite your neighbors and friends to St. Michael's Annual Hometown Bazaar on **Saturday, November 2nd** from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.



For 40 years, this amazing event has been part of our church and community. Throughout those years, proceeds from the Bazaar have helped fund needs within our church and in our larger community. You are invited to help continue this tradition of creativity, community welcome, and caring!

Come and find vintage treasures, books and puzzles, seasonal crafts and gift items, and delicious homemade goodies - including lefse, ethnic specialties, and meat loaf! Buy tickets for a chance to win a quilt made by St. Michael's own award-winning quilters. Don't miss the delicious luncheon which is planned, prepared, and served with creativity and care by St. Michael's members. Enjoy coffee and conversation with friends and neighbors. And, back by popular demand; plan to bid on your favorite basket in the Basket Silent Auction!

We hope you will attend, but we also hope you can help! This wonderful event needs lots of volunteers of all ages in many areas. Here are some ways you can help:

We need Donations:

- Craft items - holiday items, wood items, needlework, etc.
- Household items in **USABLE** condition, including - vintage items, glassware, linens, kitchen items, jewelry, and miscellaneous. Items can be dropped off at church on October 31 and November 1. We are not able to accept or store items until those dates.
- Books - fiction/non-fiction, books for kids and teens, puzzles, DVDs, etc.
- Baked goods and specialty items - cakes, cookies, bars, muffins, breads, pies, ethnic specialties, jams, jellies, candies, pickles, fudge, etc.
- Kid stuff—toys, games, and books.

We cannot accept clothing items, furniture, car seats, or bike helmets.

A tisket, a tasket, consider making a basket!

The St. Michael's Bazaar committee is asking families, individuals, council members and committees, youth, church groups, and friends to consider making and donating a themed basket for the bazaar silent auction. In addition to filling your basket with interesting items, consider filling a basket with coupons for services you could offer - like music lessons, yard and cleaning services, pet sitting, etc.! Look for sign up information soon.

We need People Power:

This all-congregation event truly depends on help from all of us!

Volunteers of all ages are needed in all areas and for all time increments!

Please consider helping in these areas:

- event set-up
- sorting and set-up in individual bazaar areas
- preparing and serving the luncheon
- staffing during the day of the event
- event clean-up and take-down

Benefits include comradery, conversation, and coffee breaks!

More information about volunteer opportunities, specific drop -off times, and sign-ups coming soon. Contact Marsha Tofte or Grete Hanson for more information.

WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!



2019 Budget Overview from the Finance Committee



	YTD Actual as of 8/31/19	YTD Budget as of 8/31/19	Annual Approved Budget
Income	\$ 38,963	\$ 482,444	\$ 814,668 ¹
Expenses	\$ 61,524	\$ 537,107	\$ 814,668
Net Balance	\$- 22,561	\$ - 54,663	\$ 0

¹ At the Annual Meeting on January 27, 2019, the congregation approved use of reserve funds of \$49,822.81, if needed to meet the budget at the end of the year. This is included in the Annual Approved Budget of \$814,668.

Online Giving

Did you know that you can set up a recurring automatic gift to continue supporting the work of St. Michael's?

Authorization forms are available through the church office or on the church website at www.stmichaelselca.com/giving-methods.html

Thank you for your generosity!

Stewardship – Did you know?

Did you know that if you are 70 ½ or older, you can give a gift directly from your IRA to support the ministry of St. Michael's?! While you will not receive an income-tax deduction, you will not pay taxes on any distributions made to St. Michael's. A gift from your IRA also reduces your taxable income, which could help reduce your Medicare premiums and the amount of Social Security benefits that are taxable.

November *Messenger*
newsletter article submission deadline
Friday, October 23
at 9:00 a.m.

Go Green

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 2019	Winter Clothing Drive October 1 - 31	1 9:30 AM Sarah Circle 6:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics 7:00 PM Property Committee Meeting	2 12:00 PM Faith in Daily Life - Chianti Grill 1:00 PM Elisabeth Circle 5:30 PM Youth Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Confirmation Mentor Night 6:30 PM Celebration Singers Rehearsal 6:30 PM St Michael's Singers Rehearsal 7:30 PM Spirit Choir Rehearsal	3 Winter Clothing Drive 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Chapel Ringers Rehearsal	4	5
6 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 Milestone Workshop 6:00 PM Middle School Bonfire	7 Rezek House Meal 7:00 AM Monday Morning Ministry 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Yoga Devotion	8 3:00 PM Food Mobile Distribution 6:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics 6:30 PM Church Council with 10th grade confirmands 6:30 PM Educ. & Youth Comm. Meeting	9 7:00 AM P & A Committee Meeting 9:00 AM Quilting & Bandage Rolling 12:00 PM Faith in Daily Life - Thrivent Lunch Room 5:30 PM Youth Bells Rehearsal 6:30 PM Celebration Singers Rehearsal 6:30 PM St Michael's Singers Rehearsal 7:30 PM Spirit Choir Rehearsal	10 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Chapel Ringers Rehearsal 6:30 PM Approaching Life's Transitions Small Group	11	12 8:00 AM St. Paul Area Synod "Year of Renewal" Cohort
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