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Mid Summer Updates

As I write this we are just passing the mid-summer mark at St. Michael's. Knowing that summer is a time when many are in and out with travel, vacation, family activities, camps, and so much more, I wanted to provide updates on congregational life and the work of the congregation. While not exhaustive, hopefully these updates offer insights into all that is continuing during the summer.

Worship & Spiritual Life

- We have had Sunday morning services and Monday evening services with special music, a pick-up choir, bell choir, and more.
- Pastor Jay Carlson and I have rotated much of the preaching and worship leadership; several members of the congregation have served as assisting ministers.
- We have celebrated a baptism, honored our graduating seniors, blessed campers heading to Luther Crest, and have celebrated weekly communion. Additionally, we have held five funerals or memorial services for members or family members of people at St. Michael's.
- As a congregation we are still feeling the effects of COVID-19 with more people worshipping online. We are striving to find ways to continue to adapt.
- Planning has been underway this summer for the next program year. You will see a number of details in this newsletter as we look at Religion in Life, Faith in Daily Life, Bible study, and other learning opportunities for this fall.

Property

- Several of our Property Committee members have been very busy in tending the pollinator gardens and trimming trees and shrubs; mapping church heating, cooling, electrical, and other building systems.
- The church has upgraded the fire and security system.
- Additional audio/visual work has been carried out as we continue to enhance sound for the online worship services.
- Phone and computer networks have been cleaned up; removing obsolete cords and connections.
- The council approved patching of the parking lot in June and we are simply waiting for the contractor to complete work.
- The "big" project of adding the EIFS exterior, roof work, and upgraded windows to stop water infiltration in the sanctuary walls has been slow in moving forward. We did not receive complete bids this spring and many contractors have been struggling to have enough labor or to get products. At this point we are looking at next steps with Langer Construction with the hope of still getting the project done by the end of fall.
- The Property Committee also continues to explore the possibility of installing solar panels and other options to make the church even more "green."

Children, Youth & Family

- As you are reading this we will have a dozen St. Michael's Youth heading to Toledo, Ohio, for the High School Service & Learning trip. Having pause this trip the last two years, due to COVID-19, we are excited to be moving forward again.
- This summer there are Friday Flock events (brief evening Vacation Bible School opportunities) using themes and characters from the movie En Canto to learn more about people and stories in the Bible.

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- The second week of July thirteen youth from the church spent a week at Luther Crest Bible Camp exploring the theme “Boundless” and God’s boundless welcome, goodness, love, forgiveness, and grace.
- Connecting youth programming and property work, volunteers from the congregation have been busy working on the Senior High Youth Room with and preparing it for the new program year.

Social Ministry

- Serving at Loaves & Fishes, assisting with the Mobile Food Shelf, and making sandwiches for Union Gospel Mission have been staples this summer. It is significant to note that with the cost of food we have seen the number of meals served and food distributed increase significantly. (This past month at Loaves & Fishes 350 meals were served!)
- David Yarusso has coordinated volunteers for work with Holy Hammers and the Habitat for Humanity Projects.
- The Rezek House donations were completed in May and delivered the end of May and early June.
- The Guatemala team has been meeting and preparing for on-going points of connection with our friends in Cimiento. A member of St. Michael’s provided a significant gift to assist with their building a new church, other members continue work with their vegetable and food projects, and still others are active in planning for the synod’s Fall Guatemala Gala.
- The Refugee Resettlement Team continues to accompany three families from Afghanistan. Significant relationships have been forged, and new opportunities for support have emerged as the members of these families continue to acclimate to life in the United States.

Community Life

- The Women’s Circles had their joint luncheon in June to wrap up the program year.
- The Women’s Patio series has been going strong this summer—reading, socializing, and enjoying time together.
- Men’s Bible & Brew met in July and will be meeting again in August.
- Rich and Kathy Callinan coordinated an evening out at the St. Paul Saints game with 53 folks from St. Michael’s attending.



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Finance & Stewardship

- Congregational giving, while seeing a slight summer dip, has stayed strong this year. Thanks to all who are so faithful in support of the ministry at St. Michael's and in the world.
- The council has approved moving forward with Olson Advancement to conduct a feasibility study. Beginning in late August congregation members will be invited to participate in exploring what a potential capital campaign and future projects might look like.
- The Stewardship Committee will be kicking off work later this month as we plan for our annual stewardship campaign.

Personnel & Administration

- This summer the P& A committee is doing annual staff reviews and are currently in the midst of the process.
- Additionally, on-going work is taking shape as we explore models of shared ministry in the congregation and a co-pastor model. We hope you will join in the conversation in Religion in Life on Sunday, October 2.
- Pastor Ali will be returning from sabbatical on Monday, August 15. We look forward to welcoming her back and also give thanks for Pastor Jay Carlson's ministry and work this summer.

Leadership

- The Church Council and Executive Committee have been tending to the work and the visioning of the church. Particularly, as we look at the coming year, there is a focus on our shared values of Vibrant Faith & Worship and Authentic Relationships. In a world and a church that has been reshaped by the COVID-19 pandemic, the politics of the last several years, the renewed call for racial justice, how do we as a congregation live out these values of worship, learning, service, and relationship even more powerfully?
- The leadership also continues to review projects, finances, and plans for the fall. I am always mindful that things don't really slow down during the summer, but the pace and activities change. We are still actively being the church, connecting with one another, learning, serving, and growing in faith—there are ways it just looks a little bit different during this season.

Should you have questions or if you want to learn more, feel free to reach out. We look forward to much more activity over the coming six weeks...and for the program year kick-off on Sunday, September 11.

Blessings during this summer-time season!

Pastor Brad

Summer Worship Schedule

August Worship Services

Sunday services over the summer will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Monday services will be held at 7:00 p.m. outside on the East Lawn, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather or staff vacations, worship will be held in the Courtyard Room.

Sunday, August 7:	10:00 a.m.	Monday, August 1:	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 14:	10:00 a.m.	Monday, August 8:	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 21:	10:00 a.m.	Monday, August 15:	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 28:	10:00 a.m.	Monday, August 22:	7:00 p.m.
		Monday, August 29:	7:00 p.m.

Live-Streamed Services

Our Sunday morning 10:00 a.m. service will be live-streamed and available for later viewing at your leisure.

Subscribe to the St. Michael's YouTube Channel to watch worship live on Sunday mornings if you are not able to come in-person. Follow this link to the St. Michael's Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbsN5e-O1XueIDWgrWE_lag/videos

Watch your Friday Flyer for a copy of the Bulletin to download to follow along and a 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.

Life of the Congregation

In Memorial

Tom Reddy passed away on Sunday, July 24. The memorial service will be held on Tuesday, August 30th. We hold Julie and family in prayer.

Thank You

Thank you very much for you kind thoughts and prayers during my surgeries and recovery. I am well on my way to being fully recovered which I know is due to your prayers and kindness. Sincerely, Becky Anderson

Thanks to Pastor Jay Carlson for joining our staff this summer while Pastor Ali was on sabbatical!

August Staff Plans

In July, several of our staff will be traveling with the youth on the Service Trip and finishing up summer vacations. Please note:

- Pastor Ali is on Sabbatical through August 15 & Pastor Jay Carlson will be with us through August 15.
- Both Pastor Brad and Natalie will be traveling with the youth on the Service Trip July 30 – August 6.
- All staff will be offsite for a Planning Retreat on August 16 & 17.
- Lisa Koland will be out of the office August 20-27. September Messenger articles are due August 17th.

Music @ St. Michael's

Choir Summer Pick-up Dates

August 14 & 15

The choir will meet at 9:00 a.m. on August 14 to rehearse for an hour prior to worship on those Sunday mornings. The choir generally gathers between 6:15-6:30 p.m. on the following Mondays to rehearse prior to the Monday evening service. Contact Karen Wilkerson for more information.

Summer Worship Music

If you would be able to provide special music for any of our summer services, please contact a member of the st. Michael's music staff:

- Thomas Bartsch**, Organist bartsch18@msn.com
Jill Schendel, Pianist jill.c.schendel@gmail.com
Karen Wilkerson, Adult Choir Director kw.sings@gmail.com
Charles Preis, Adult Bell Choir Director band4life@q.com
Cory Bock, Youth Choir Director cory@stmichaelselca.com

Many thanks to all the talented musicians who participated in worship over our program year!
You are a blessing to the ministry of St. Michael's and we give thanks for you.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

2021-2022

Sunday School Starts in September



Don't miss the St. Michael's Fall Kick-Off Event on September 18th at 10:00 am on the Fellowship Hall

- Register for Sunday School, learn more about children's ministry events and music opportunities!
- The first day of Sunday school is on Sunday, September 25th, 2022.

Service Learning Trip

St. Michael's has been such a huge support with the tradition of our annual mission trips. From July 30th to August 6th, 12 youth and 4 adults will be traveling to and from Toledo, OH. We will be serving Toledo in various capacities. We are asking for prayers specifically as we travel and serve. On August 7th, these youth will help lead worship and share their stories from our experiences. We are so appreciative of all those who have continued to support our fundraising efforts, prayers, and encouraging words!



Luther Crest

We had 13 students attend Luther Crest Bible Camp from July 10th to July 14th. They had an amazing week enjoying camp outs, low ropes, high ropes, singing and worship, Bible Dives, camp fires, making friends and ALL CAMP GAMES!



Friday Flock

St. Michael's has had a busy summer! Our younger ones have enjoyed our monthly Friday Flocks. In June, we watched the movie, *Encanto*, had a dance party, and enjoyed dinner together. In July we played games, read a Bible story, and did crafts. We dove into the different backgrounds of Jesus' 12 disciples and how they all used different gifts to serve him. We connected it to the *Encanto* story of gifts and serving one another. Our last Friday Flock will be August 26th from 6pm-8pm. It is open to all 3 year olds to 5th graders. More details and registration will be shared through social media platforms and CYF emails.

Friday Flock 2022: ENCANTO & Faith!

6pm-8pm

June 24th: Movie Night

July 22nd: Explore

August 26th: Service

Project & Cooking!

This year's theme

is *Encanto*!

We will dive into and explore the characters of the movie and what they can show us about our faith!

Open to 3 & 4 Year Old & Kindergarten- 5th Grade.

Dinner is provided. More details will be provided in the weekly CYF email.



Confirmation Updates

Confirmation Mentoring

We are excited to announce that in September we will be bringing back the confirmation mentoring program! Each confirmation student will be paired with an adult of St. Michael's, but **we need you to make that possible!** Mentors will meet with their confirmation partner six times during the course of the program year (Sept-May) on scheduled 'Mentor Nights'. It is a three year commitment. If you are interested in learning more about being a confirmation mentor, please contact Natalie Romero (youth@stmichalesleca.com)

Confirmation Info Meeting!

2022-2023 7th- 9th Grade Students

Save the Date!

September 7th at 6pm

Registration forms and info will be arriving in your inbox soon!



Social Ministry Activities

Social Ministry Calendar

August 8: **Rezek House Meal**

August 9: **Keystone Mobile Food Distribution**

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. *in Circle drive*

August 10: **Quilting and Bandage Rolling**

9:00 a.m. *Fellowship Hall*

August 14: **Sandwich Making for Union Gospel Mission**

11:00 a.m. *Serving Area & Kitchen*

Daily: **Panera Bread Ministry:** Evening pick up at Rosedale Panera, Morning Bagging in Kitchen

School Supply Drive



It's time again to help students in our community get ready for school. The drive for school supplies runs **August 7 through August 28**. There will be a poster in the narthex to help you choose items to purchase.

To help you get started, here are a few items that are needed:

- Folders: plain, no design - students need yellow, red, blue, and green
- Wide ruled notebooks
- Trapper Keepers
- Locker locks
- Small hand-held white boards with markers
- Back Packs are always needed

More items will be listed on the poster at the collection box.

With your help, we at St. Michael's can supply the many students in need in our community for the upcoming school year. *Thanks for your generosity!*

Volunteers Needed for September Activities

Please check your schedules for your availability for these upcoming opportunities. Volunteers are needed.

September Rezek House Meal: September 10

Loaves & Fishes: September 19

Due to inflation and food costs, we are currently serving over 350 meals at Loaves & Fishes. Additional volunteers are needed for food preparation and serving.

Please contact the church office for more information on how you can fill these volunteer opportunities.

Guatemala Partnership

Spanish word of the Month:

Apoyar (ah-poo-yar): To support, as in I am going to *apoyar* the proposal.

Support itself, as in we support you, is *apoyo* (ah-poy-oh). The proposal has my *apoyo*.



In this time of uncertainty in the world, with Covid, increased heat and drought due to climate change, and political unrest, it is more important than ever that we support our partners in Guatemala.

- Joan Felice and Randy Edmondson are supporting the girls in Milagro School by teaching nutrition classes, and supporting the villages by demonstrating composting to make the soil richer and increase its permeability and water retention qualities to help increase sustainability and yields of gardens and crops.
- St. Michael's is supporting our partners in Cimiento in their project to build a permanent church by sending donations to help with material and building costs. Previous traveler, Nancy Recibe, asked how she could support the project and made a significant contribution to their materials budget.
- St. Michael's also supports our partners at Santa Cruz de la Esperanza by praying for them each Sunday, a promise we made to them and a comfort to them to know we will not abandon them.
- The Guatemala Team here keeps our Guatemala friends front and center with our monthly newsletter column and our bookcase display.
- Guatemala Committee at the Synod leads all the partner congregations in preparation for the Guatemala Gala on October 2.
- Your attendance at and/or support of the Iglesia Luterana Augustina de Guatemala through the Gala will *apoyar* all of the education programs of the ILAG.

At our recent Gala planning meeting, we learned all the ways our support of those education programs have a ripple effect. As the girls learn sewing or cooking, they teach others. As scholarships support nursing or other programs, the recipients of the grants give back by using their skills in their community.

Truly, our *apoyo* does more than send money or support a specific project. It ripples across the country in positive waves of education.

Gracias for your *apoyo* of our Guatemala friends by considering attending or supporting the Gala.

Please save the date, October 2, 2022.

If you are unable to attend the Gala, but would like to find a way to contribute, we will have a list of items in the next newsletter that you may purchase to help with school and education needs, items such as desks or white boards, guitars to help the music ministry, or computers for church leaders in remote areas. We would much rather see you in person at the Gala, but if you are unable to attend, we welcome your contributions to purchase specific items.

Examining Deeds for Red-Lining Language

The following story was submitted by St. Michael's members Dennis Skovsted and Jill Griffin. In April 2021 we had a guest speaker, Kirsten Delegard, present on "Mapping Prejudice Project." for St. Michael's Religion in Life. The link for this presentation is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_mZ1BjPLh0&t=19s.

A few weeks ago there was an article in the newspaper on the "Mapping Prejudice Project". The article reminded us of our intention to research our property deed and determine if it contained "red lining restrictions" similar to those we had heard about that were associated with properties surrounding North Minneapolis.

Our intentions to do this research was reinvigorated when we read that the Como/Roseville area was a hot bed of red lining. After reading the article I looked more closely at the maps created by the Mapping Prejudice Project". When I looked at those maps, I discovered our next door neighbor's property was one of the places the project had identified as having a restriction "to not sell or lease the real estate to a colored person". I also noted that the project had identified that there were 2 other properties at the end of our block with the same restrictions.

After discovering this, Jill searched our lock box, found a copy of our title but no obvious language of racist covenants.

I then contacted Penny Petersen from the "Mapping Prejudice Project" to get advice on the possibility that our property had been or was part of such covenants. Penny told me the Ramsey County covenant map that the project is creating is not yet finished. She then pointed out that our house is located in the Frankson's Como Park Addition. That fact was important because the project had evidence that Thomas Frankson openly advertised in newspapers that his lots were to be sold or leased only to white people. He also promised to enforce these restrictions to the full extent of the law.

It was Penny's opinion that there was a good chance that our property has a racial covenant, but the project had not documented that yet. When I asked how I might explore if her speculation was true she told me that I should be able to get a copy of our deed at the Ramsey County records office located at 90 Plato Avenue in St. Paul.

The next day I went to the Ramsey County records office and obtained a new copy of the title to our property. The title copy I obtained was an exact duplicate of the title Jill found in our lock box. The woman who was assisting me then graciously agreed to look for previous titles of our property that might contain the restrictive language I was concerned about. She was able to provide me with the previous owner's title which in fact contained the restricted statement "grantees can not sell or lease to a colored person".

The title showed the previous owner of our house was the first person to own the property since 1913 when I believe Thomas Frankson acquired the property. (Research was expedited because we are only the second to own the house.)

After obtaining a copy of the title associated with the previous owner I asked the woman assisting me if there might be other documents still listing the restriction on our deed. She suggested I call the "Title Examiner" office.

When I called Wayne Anderson at the "Title Examiner" office and explained what I was looking for, he immediately suggested that restrictive language was still likely associated with our deed. Within a few minutes he found a copy of our title and pointed out that it included the phrase "Subject to restrictions contained in document 26927." He then looked up document 26927 which contained the same racist covenant language as listed in the title of the previous owner of our house (i.e., "grantees can not sell or lease to a colored person".)

As Wayne and I talked about this he noted that I was not the first person to call about this issue. As I asked what I could do to get the clause removed from our title, he was empathetic, recalling that a black woman had recently called him about the same issue and noted her frustration with the fact that her deed stated she could not own her house. Wayne appreciated the woman's pain and was receptive to my request. He offered to create a deletion directive that would be posted to our title so that the racist covenant would not be included on the next title when our property is eventually sold/retitled.

Jill and I quickly accepted Wayne's offer and now have a copy of our title with the deletion directive posted to the title.

Epilogue: After reviewing their own home deed, Dennis also offered to research the St. Michael's Church property deeds to make sure that our church property does not hold racially restrictive covenants. Current research indicates that our church deeds do not have any racist covenant language. We continue to encourage others to learn more about the redlining that took place in the Twin Cities and explore what this has meant and means today for our POCl friends, family, and neighbors.

Study & Fellowship Opportunities

Esther Circle begins in September

The Sarah and Elisabeth Circles have combined into the new *Esther Circle!*

Meetings will occur on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. The first meeting will be held at Ginny Roadfeldt's home on September 13th

Rosters with meeting dates and birthdates will be mailed to previous members. Contact Sandy Gibson or Norma Forbord for more information.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

9:30-10:30 a.m.

In September we will be jumping back into our regular Thursday morning Bible studies. These will begin on Thursday, September 8. Look for a full schedule and topics in the September newsletter.

Possibility of adding an Evening Bible Study?

Also, there is interest in beginning an evening Bible study this year. If you are someone who would like to attend Bible study, but can't attend during the workdays, please let Pastor Brad know. He will be looking at what option might be added.

Religion in Life

Fall 2022

We are looking forward to starting up Religion in Life again this fall. We will adjust protocols depending on the COVID-19 variants this fall (this may include whether masks are required, whether coffee and treats will be served, or even potential limits on room capacity). However, we are excited to be able to provide this opportunity for learning over the coming year. Here are highlights of what you can look forward to this fall:

Sunday, September 11

What Should I Do?

A Family Physician Discusses Abortion, Religious Freedom and Difficult Decisions with Dr. Jeff Nelson

Sunday, September 19

Fix what you can: A lawmaker's fight for her son

A conversation around mental health and care for our children, youth, and young adults with Mindy Greiling

Sunday, September 25

Refugees & the Road of Accompaniment

Engaging the work that St. Michael's is doing in walking with Families from Afghanistan with the St. Michael's Refugee Resettlement Team

Sunday, October 2

Shared Ministry: Co-pastors & Beyond

Join in the conversation around what shared ministry looks like at St. Michael's—from co-pastors to congregational involvement with the St. Michael's Personnel & Administration Committee

Sunday, October 9

Amending the Christian Story

The Rev. Ron Rude will share his adventures in faith, learning, the natural sciences, and sustainable living. with the Rev. Ron Rude

Later this fall you will have opportunities to explore: conversations around healthcare with staff from Fairview health; the impact of trauma on children with Alexis Oberdoerfer from Lutheran Social Services; Whole Hand Health with Karin Galloway Egge; Christian White Nationalism: What it is and how we are called to respond with Nancy Koester and Rolf Olson; Christmas in the Gospel of John with Karoline Lewis...and much more!

Faith in Daily Life

2022-2023

September 7	<i>Amending the Christian Story</i> , by the Rev. Ron Rude	Parts 1 & 2
September 14	<i>Amending the Christian Story</i> , by the Rev. Ron Rude	Parts 1 & 2
October 5	<i>Amending the Christian Story</i> , by the Rev. Ron Rude	Parts 3 & 4
October 12	<i>Amending the Christian Story</i> , by the Rev. Ron Rude	Parts 3 & 4

Note: Sunday, October 9, Religion in Life class at 10:00 a.m. and Lunch with the Author at 12:15 p.m. We welcome the Rev. Ron Rude to St. Michael's and invite all to join in the Religion in Life class that day. Also, if you are interested in joining in a lunch with Ron following worship please RSVP to Pastor Brad by Monday, October 3.

November 2	<i>Prayer in the Night</i> , by the Rev. Tish Harrison Warren	Parts 1 & 2
November 9	<i>Prayer in the Night</i> , by the Rev. Tish Harrison Warren	Parts 1 & 2
December 7	<i>Prayer in the Night</i> , by the Rev. Tish Harrison Warren	Parts 3 & 4
December 14	<i>Prayer in the Night</i> , by the Rev. Tish Harrison Warren	Parts 3 & 4
January 4	<i>Witness at the Cross</i> , by Amy-Jill Levine	Intro-Chapter 2
January 11	<i>Witness at the Cross</i> , by Amy-Jill Levine	Intro-Chapter 2
February 1	<i>Witness at the Cross</i> , by Amy-Jill Levine	Chapters 3-4
February 8	<i>Witness at the Cross</i> , by Amy-Jill Levine	Chapters 3-4
March 1	<i>Witness at the Cross</i> , by Amy-Jill Levine	Chapter 5-Conclusion
March 8	<i>Witness at the Cross</i> , by Amy-Jill Levine	Chapter 5-Conclusion

Note: Sundays, March 26 and April 2, join Roland Hayes for Religion in Life as he explores the topic, "Why was Jesus Executed?" as we move from Palm Sunday through Holy Week.

April 5	<i>Journey to the Common Good</i> , by Walter Brueggemann	through Chapter 1
April 12	<i>Journey to the Common Good</i> , by Walter Brueggemann	through Chapter 1
May 3	<i>Journey to the Common Good</i> , by Walter Brueggemann	through Chapter 3(end)
May 10	<i>Journey to the Common Good</i> , by Walter Brueggemann	through Chapter 3(end)

Desserters II Book Club

All are welcome to the Desserters II book discussion group on the 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm. Location TBA in September.

Get a head start with this book list for the new season:

- Sep 27, 2022 *It Can't Happen Here* by Sinclair Lewis,
- Oct 25, 2022 *A Place for Us* by Fatima Farheen Mirza,
- Nov 22, 2022 *The Hotel at the Corner of Bitter & Sweet* by Jamie Ford
- Feb 28, 2023 *Searching for Sylvie Lee* by Jean Kwok
- Mar 28, 2023 *American Gospel: A Novel* by Lin Enger
- Apr 25, 2023 *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb
- May 23, 2023 *The Old Woman with the Knife* by Gu Byeong-mo

Men's Bible and Brew

Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the home/backyard of Dave & Barb Yarusso. Join the conversation and the fun!

St. Michael's Men's Bible & Brew will gather on August 18 with Dave Yarusso hosting at his home. Feel free to bring a favorite beverage, possibly a snack to share. We will gather starting at 7:00 p.m.

This month we will be focusing on a reading for the upcoming Sunday--a beautiful and challenging text from Isaiah 58.



Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own
affairs;
then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the
earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Quilting and Bandage Rolling

Quilting and bandage rolling will continue to meet once a month over the summer on the 2nd Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Yoga Devotion's next 8 week session starts September 13.
Classes start at 6:30 p.m.



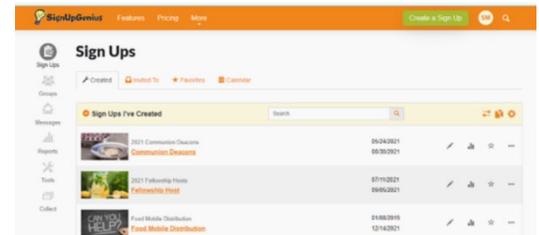
Cost is \$72, please contact Mary Drache with any questions.
Watch your Friday Flier for the registration link.

More Ways to Serve

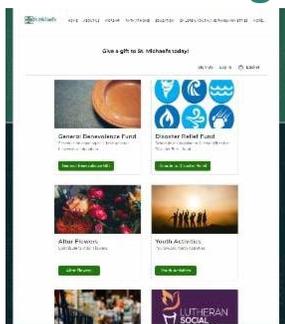
Worship Leaders and Volunteers Needed

Being back in the sanctuary or outdoors for worship again opens up some additional volunteer opportunities for St. Michael's members. Check SignUp Genius for opportunities to volunteer for: **Ushers, Lectors, Communion Deacons, Communion Bread & Altar Prep, and Providing sanctuary flowers.**

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



Online 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>

Mobile Giving



Vanco now 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".

A Church at Work

Church Council Corner

The St. Michael's Church Council did not meet in July.

The next church council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

2022 Budget Overview and Financial Update

	June Actual	June Budget	YTD Actual	Annual Budget
Income	\$42,565	\$61,863	\$440,183	\$874,359*
Expenses	\$59,793	\$67,279	\$436,858	\$874,359
Net Balance	\$-17,228	\$-5,417	\$3,325	\$0

*At the Annual Meeting on January 30, 2022, the congregation approved use of Reserve Funds (the carryover income from 2021) to balance budget, if needed at the end of the year. This is included in the Annual Approved budget of \$874,359.

SMART Update (St. Michael's Assessment & Reopening Team)

The team is planning a meeting in mid August to reassess the current levels and trends in order to form recommendations for the Program Year starting in September .

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

Last year, the ELCA 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!

Notes about the *Messenger*

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. Just let the church office know your preference.



The Messenger

Got something for the September *Messenger*?

The *Messenger* submission deadline is Wednesday, September 23, 2022.

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