



St Michael's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Messenger

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Invitation for Reformation ~Pastor Ali Ferin

At the end of this month, on Reformation Sunday, we will celebrate the affirmation of baptism for our 10th grade students – often known as Confirmation Sunday, or the rite of confirmation. On that Sunday, not only will we welcome them as adult members of the church, but we give them an opportunity to speak to the learnings that has informed them over the years and a faith they have experienced in their own lives, embracing their own questions, doubts, and hopes.



Along with their years of confirmation classes, the 10th grade students spent many weeks this fall preparing for this milestone in their life. The multiple capstone classes they attended in September (and will continue through October,) are intended to give them space to reflect on the experiences that have shaped their identities and faith, to gain an awareness of self, and begin discernment of their future. All of this work will culminate in their final faith projects, a creative endeavor which they will present to the younger confirmation students at the end of October. The project is not a test they can ace or fail; for confirmation is not a graduation! But the project is an invitation to explore their identities, their values, and their beliefs – and to see all those facets as interconnected. Aligning our beliefs and values with our actions is truly lifelong work.

So, on that Sunday at the end of this month, while we rightfully place our attention on these incredible young people, I hope you will also use the moment to examine *your* own faith. Contemplate *your* core beliefs, *your* driving values, and the moments in *your* life that have most impacted you. Similarly, assess your actions, your work, your words, and your relationships. And as you hear the commitments the confirmands will make;

To live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth,

join them in spirit as they respond, *I do and I ask God to help and guide me.*

As Lutherans on Reformation Sunday, it's easy to be overcome with pomp and circumstance and nostalgia; the brass harmonies, the white robes, the rich red tapestries draping across the walls and the scarlet blooms fragrant on the altar, all speak to the festivity of the day. Enjoy it! But do not let it escape you without wondering; what parts of life, individually and in the life of the church, need reforming? What within you, or within our community, is begging for healing, is in need of change?

Dear ones, these might be simple questions but that does not make them easy. But we work because we are reformation people. This does not mean that we simply celebrate what once happened over 500 years ago. It means we continue to reform those places and spaces in our lives and in the world where God's grace and love has been distorted, and where our actions are out of line with our values and beliefs.

As we pray for these young people confirming their faith, we ask for the same courage, the same commitment, and the same spirit of curiosity that they have embraced to enter our own lives as well. Amen and Amen!

Worship & Education Schedule

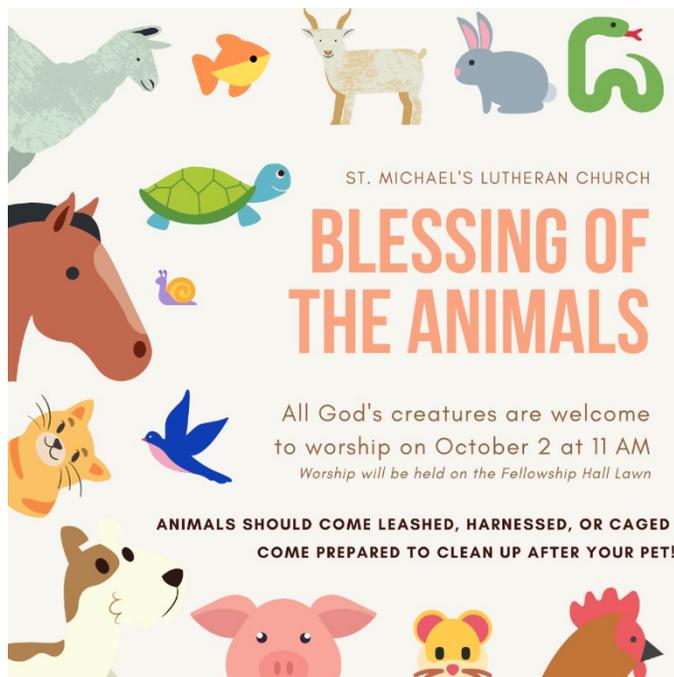
Blessing of the Animals

All God's Creatures are welcome to worship on October 2nd at the 11:00 a.m. worship service for a special blessing. Worship will be held on the Fellowship Hall Lawn. Animals should come leashed, harnessed, or caged. Please come prepared to clean up after your pet. In the case of inclement weather we will reschedule the blessing of the animals and resume normal worship in the Sanctuary.

October Worship Services

Worship at 8:45 a.m. is led by piano. Worship at 11:00 a.m. is led by organ.

- Sunday, October 2: **8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Blessing of the Animals. Outside.**
- Sunday, October 9: **8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**
- Sunday, October 16: **8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**
- Sunday, October 23: **8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**
- Sunday, October 30: **8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**



Live-Streamed Services

Each Sunday, one of the worship services will be live-streamed and available for later viewing at your leisure. Subscribe to the St. Michael's You Tube 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-01XueIDWgrWE_lag/videos

Our current schedule for Live Streaming worship is:

- Sunday, October 2 @ 8:45 a.m.
- Sunday, October 9 @ 8:45 a.m.
- Sunday, October 16 @ 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday, October 23 @ 8:45 a.m.
- Sunday, October 30 @ 11:00 a.m.

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.

Sunday Education Hour

Religion in Life @ 10:00 a.m. in the Courtyard Room

October 2: Shared Ministry: Co-pastors, Collaboration, and Community

Join in the conversation around what shared ministry looks like at St. Michael's—from the vision for co-pastors, to committee collaboration, to congregational involvement. The conversation will be led by members of the St. Michael's Personnel & Administration Committee and Executive Team and will include a unique conversation with Pastor Brad and Pastor Ali.



October 9: Amending the Christian Story

Pastor Ron Rude served as Lutheran campus pastor at the University of Arizona for seventeen years. He has also authored several books. Ron's most recent book, *Amending the Christian Story: The Natural Sciences as a Window into Grounded Faith and Sustainable Living*, asserts that current versions of the Christian faith are inadequate, and more than this, are fueling humanity's assault on Earth's biosphere. Ron provides a fuller and more expansive view of God's story of life and God's story of Jesus. Through new perspectives into ancient stories and current narratives, Ron Rude compels us to urgently shift Christianity's claim and conduct in order to unite with God's more sustainable and just world.

October 16: Advancing Health Equity in Our Communities by Addressing the Social Determinants of Health, Christina McCoy and Maria Regan Gonzales

We welcome two local health care leaders, Christina McCoy, Manager of Community Health Initiatives, and Maria Regan Gonzalez, Systems Director for Equity Initiatives, to learn more about the important social factors impacting individual and community health. Learn more about what MHealth Fairview is doing in partnership with community and within its own organization to advance racial and health equity and discuss concrete ways you can do the same in your organizations and communities

October 23: BeFriender Ministry, St. Michael's BeFriender Team

Life is filled with moments of loss, transition, crisis, and of course, joy. Learn how trained members of our community known as the BeFriender Team, enter into caring relationships with others during times of special need by being a listening presence and caring support. Learn some basic skills from team leaders and how you support others, or receive support in mutual relationship.

October 30: Building Blocks: Early Childhood Education's Role in Ending Intergenerational Poverty, Alexis Oberdorfer

A child's opportunity for success is built on the foundation laid early on in their life when critical periods of brain development occur, Children that receive strong starts to support kindergarten readiness will help reduce education inequities that are glaring in Minnesota, while also helping parents and caregivers actively participate in the workforce. Learn more about why Early Childhood Education is important in ending intergenerational poverty

Life of the Congregation

Congregational Conversation – Construction Update

Sunday, October 2nd at 12:00 p.m.

It has been a full and wonderful start to the program year! We know many of our congregation's committees, teams, and volunteers are busy with ministry at St. Michael's – and our finance and property committees have been especially busy! They would like to provide an update to you regarding the repair of the upper sanctuary walls. Since our congregation approved the project and financing at the annual meeting, the rise of inflation, worker shortages, and supply chain issues have altered our initial bids and timeline for this project. We hope you can attend this important conversation as we look to building up the future of St. Michael's!

Participate in the St. Michael's Feasibility Study

As we look to our congregation's 70th anniversary in 2023, we envision growing into the future! We aim to build on our foundation of vibrant ministry with a particular focus on upgrades to our physical church home that would strengthen our ability to gather as a community and live out our expansive welcome. At our annual meeting held in January of 2022, the congregation directed the council to begin a feasibility study to assess the possibility of a capital campaign for possible building improvements and expansion of ministry to the community. An interview team was created, and five firms to conduct the feasibility study were considered. Steve Olson of Olson Advancements was selected, and he began his work in the summer of 2022 with a feasibility team made up of St. Michael's members. The team welcomes your participation in the feasibility study! You may sign up to participate in a household interview by contacting the church office (651-631-1510) or by signing up online <https://www.stmichaelselca.com/growing-into-the-future.html> Thank you!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES

2022-23 Theme

We are so excited about all the things we have planned for this upcoming school year. We will be focusing on Vibrant Worship at least twice a month and students will have their own Children's Worship. This will allow us to learn more about the seasons of the church, stewardship and learn some great songs.

Our lessons will dive deeper into how Jesus lived his life and **Loved Out Loud** through parables, miracles, and teachings. Students will work and connect how we can live our daily lives to **Love Out Loud** through these lessons, service projects, science experiments, theater, and art!



Help Support
Local Nurses!
Sunday School will
assemble care packages for
distribution around the
Twin Cities.

If you would like to donate, please drop off
the items listed below by October 2nd.



**All items need to be
brand new:
hair ties
gum
sharpies
Chapstick
smooth writing gel pens



Youth Service & Learning Trip, 2022

Reflections Continued...

High School Students and chaperones, traveled to Toledo, OH in early August. In September's *Messenger*, we shared a few pictures and a reflection. Here are two more reflections from St. Michael's youth.

Emma's Reflection:

One of the reasons I loved the service trip was because I got closer with a lot of people my age from church. Between being in the van together, rooming together, and working together I got to learn a lot about everyone. I really enjoyed all our service locations, but I may have to say that my favorite activity was the small in between moments like playing cards or going out for ice cream. While we were all exhausted, we were having so much fun. Like Natalie said, there will never be another Toledo 2022.



Maddie's Reflection:

My experience on the mission trip is one that I will always remember. At first, I wasn't super excited because Ohio is not as glamorous as the Alaska trip that was planned for 2020. However, I had so much fun and learned a lot about the community. While driving through Toledo, we saw the effects of redlining and the drastic differences between neighborhoods. This made me think of Saint Paul and how as you move away from the city the houses get bigger and bigger. It made me realize that there are similar issues within my own community, and I do not need to go far to do God's work.



ST. MICHAEL'S
MOVIE NIGHT



OCTOBER 7TH--6:30PM

**MINIONS:
THE RISE OF GRU**

**PATIO LAWN
BRING A BLANKET OR CHAIRS!
**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER WE WILL GATHER IN
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL (DOOR 2)****

Family Milestone Workshop

October 9th --1pm-3pm

Exploring Communion-1st & 2nd Grades
Bible Dive- 3rd Graders
Worship Discovery-4th & 5th Grades



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Register using
the QR Code

Bonfire & Games!

Open to all Middle & High
School students!

October 16th
6pm-8pm



Sign up using
the QR Code by
October 9th



**3rd Grade
Students &
Families**

OCTOBER 16TH

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THEIR
BIBLES IN WORSHIP!
TO RSVP USE THE QR CODE

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Confirmation Classes



7th – 9th Confirmation Updates

- October 5** 6:30 -7:30 p.m. First Mentor Night in Fellowship Hall
- October 12** 6:30 -7:30 p.m. Confirmation in Fellowship Hall
- October 19** No Confirmation
- October 26** 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner* and Faith Project Party

**7th-9th grade confirmation class will help make and serve dinner for the 10th graders and share a meal with them as they present their capstone faith projects.*

10th Grade Confirmation Students

Please mark your calendar with the following important information as you prepare for the Rite of Confirmation on October 30th!

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| Sunday, October 16 | 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. | Sanctuary: Capstone Experience III:
Confirmation Worship Rehearsal |
| Wednesday, October 26 | 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall: Capstone Experience IV: Faith Project Party
<i>Present projects to 7th-9th grade students.
Dinner served by 7th-9th grade students</i> |
| Sunday, October 30 | 10:00 a.m. | Rite of Confirmation. Pictures at 10, Service at 11 |



Music @ St. Michael's

St. Michael's Singers, Adult Choir

Rehearsal Schedule	Worship Schedule
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Courtyard Room	October 2, 11:00 a.m. October 9, 8:45 a.m. October 16, 11:00 a.m. October 23, 8:45 a.m. October 30, both services

The Chapel Ringers, Adult Bells

Rehearsal Schedule	Worship Schedule
Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Room	October 2, both services October 16, both Services

Youth Choirs

Rehearsal Schedule	Worship Schedule
Wednesdays Upstairs 6:30 p.m. K-4 7:30 p.m. 5-8	October 9, both services October 30, both services

Youth Bells

Rehearsal Schedule	Worship Schedule
Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Adult Choir Room	November 6, both services

Sing (and Ring) to the Lord a New Song

All students in Kindergarten through 8th grade are welcome to join in the children's music groups.

Youth Bells (grades 5-8) play in worship on the 1st Sunday of the month

The Celebration Singers (grades K-4) and the Spirit Choir (grades 5-8) sing in worship on the 2nd & 4th Sundays.

I'll also see you in Sunday School! If you have any questions or would like to be added to the children's music email list, please contact me via email (cory@stmichaelselca.com). ~ Cory Bock, Director of Children's Music

"We're putting the band back together!"

Band of Angels will be back and playing at the services on Sunday, **November 13th**. We take all ages from Middle School on up (way up!). If you haven't played your band or orchestra instrument in years, then it's time to oil up those valves, put on a new reed, tighten up those strings and PLAY! Contact Charlie Preis.

Chapel Ringers

The **adult bell choir** is looking to expand. So, we need you! If you can count and read music even a little bit, come join us. It's a fun group of people, and it will be even more fun with you in it. *(Former Youth Bell members...This Especially Means You!)*

We rehearse Thursdays from 6:00-7:15 and play on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Contact Charlie Preis.

As a gift in memory of Tom Reddy, Tom Lange has generously donated two octaves of new Hand Chimes for both the youth and the adults of St. Michael's music program.



Social Ministry Activities

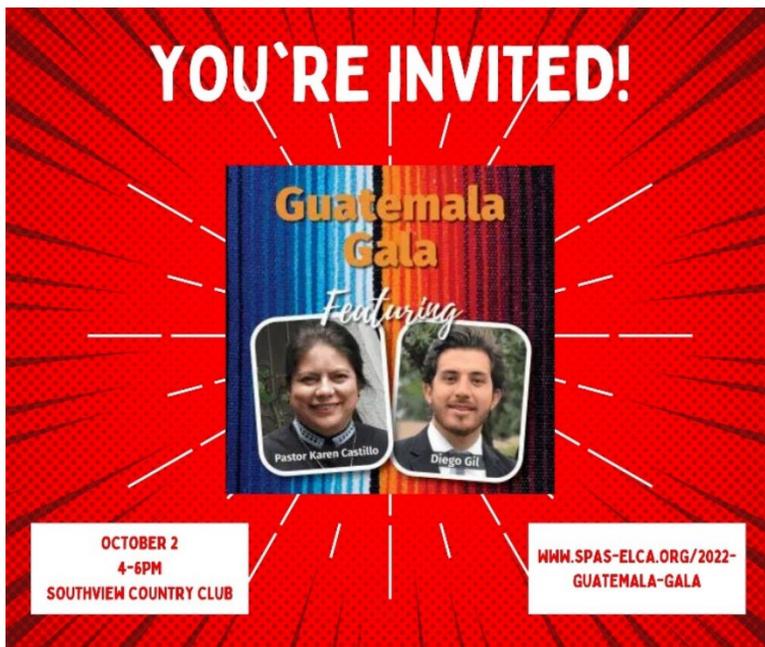
Social Ministry Calendar

- October 10: **Rezek House Meal**
- October 11: **Keystone Mobile Food Distribution**
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. *in Circle drive*
- October 12 & 26: **Quilting and Bandage Rolling**
9:00 a.m. *Fellowship Hall*
- October 9: **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

Guatemala Partnership

The Guatemala Committee of the Saint Paul Area Synod invites you to its 2022 Guatemala Gala on Sunday, Oct. 2, at Southview Country Club in West St. Paul. This is a fundraiser for the education ministries of the Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala (Lutheran Church of Guatemala), our companion synod in Central America. We are delighted that Pastor Karen Castillo (president of ILAG) and Diego Gil (ILAG Delegations Coordinator) will travel from Guatemala to be with us to share how your gala gifts will bring hope!

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



Individual tickets are \$50 per person. Head to <https://spas-elca.org/event/2022-guatemala-gala/> to register and learn more!

Guatemala Synod Visit at St. Michael's, October 4, 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Can't make it to the Guatemala Gala? (Or can you, and just can't get enough?) You're invited to a synod gathering hosted by St. Michael's. Pastora Karen Castillo and Diego Gil of the ILAG will be sharing updates and information from our Guatemalan partners. Join us for refreshments, learning, and conversation!

School Supplies for Colegio Luterano Augustino de Guatemala

2022- 2023 School Year

- Student Chairs
- Student Desks
- Work Tables
- Storage Shelving
- Teacher Desks
- Teacher Chairs
- Cafeteria Tables
- Cubbies
- Bookshelves
- White Boards
- Text Books
- Lockers
- Teacher Manuals
- Playground Equip
- Snack Supplies
- Acoustic Guitar
- Microphones
- Custodian

- \$22ea - Student Chairs
- \$80ea - Student Desks
- \$80ea - Work Tables
- \$103ea - Storage Shelving
- \$120ea - Teacher Desks
- \$65ea - Teacher Chairs
- \$208ea - Cafeteria Tables
- \$209ea - 20 Cubbies
- \$149ea - Bookshelves
- \$123ea - White Boards

- \$23ea - Text Books
- \$177ea - 4 Lockers
- \$35ea - Teacher Manuals
- \$300ea - Swing, Slide, Turtle
- \$125/week - Snack Supplies
- \$220ea - Acoustic Guitar
- \$23set - Guitar Strings
- \$75 ea - Microphones
- \$150/month - Custodian
- \$50/month - Hygiene Supplies

- \$60/class - Emergency Kits
- \$60/month - Internet
- \$250/month - Electricity
- \$55ea - Cooking Gas
- \$50ea - Potable Water
- \$2,480 - Security Gate
- \$140ea - Microwave
- \$100ea - Blender
- \$75ea - Coffee Machine

Join us at the Gala
to raise funds for
these school supplies
and more!



October 2
4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.
Southview Country Club

Can't make it to the Gala?

1. Ask us how you can contribute
2. Join us October 4,
6:30p.m. @ St. Michael's



Register Today!

www.spas-elca.org/2022-guatemala-gala

Donate:

Guatemala Gala @
www.spas-elca.org/give

Study & Fellowship Opportunities

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Religion in Life

- Sundays @ 10:00a.m. Courtyard Room
- Guest Speakers
- Current & Relevant Topics

Thursday Bible Study

- Thursdays @ 9:30a.m. Courtyard Room
- Study of lectionary texts
- Group discussion

Faith in Daily Life

- Monthly, 1st or 2nd Wednesday
- Courtyard Room @ 12:00p.m.
- Book-based study & discussion

Desserters || Book Club

- Monthly, 4th Tuesday
- Classroom 1 @ 7:00p.m.
- Book-based study & discussion

Esther Circle

- Monthly, 1st Tuesday* except holidays
- Courtyard Room @ 10:00a.m.
- A time of learning & Fellowship

Quilting & Bandage Rolling

- Monthly, 2nd & 4th Wednesday
- Fellowship Hall @ 9:00a.m.
- Sewing skills not required

Yoga Devotion

- Mondays @ 6:30p.m.
- In-person & on Zoom
- All ability levels welcome!

See your Friday Flyer!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday Morning Bible Study meets in the Courtyard Room at 9:30 a.m. This month we are exploring the weekly lectionary texts.

October 2

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	Wicked surround the righteous; wait for the LORD
Psalm 37:1-9	Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD
2 Timothy 1:1-14	Guard the treasure entrusted to you: faith and love in Christ
Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed

October 9

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	Naaman washes in the Jordan and is cleansed
Psalm 111	I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.
2 Timothy 2:8-15	If we die with Christ, we will live with Christ
Luke 17:11-19	One leper made clean by Jesus gives thanks to God

October 16

Genesis 32:22-31	Jacob's struggle with the angel: I'll not let go until you bless me
Psalm 121	My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.
2 Timothy 3:14--4:5	In the presence of Christ the judge, proclaim the message
Luke 18:1-8	The widow begs for justice.

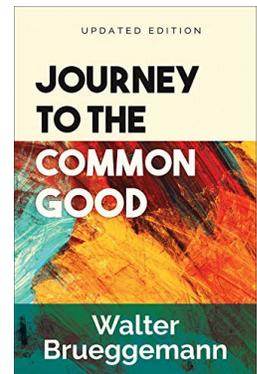
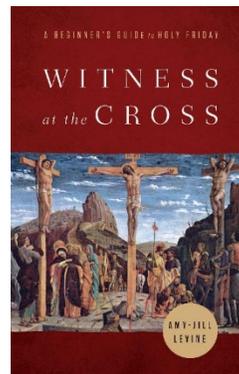
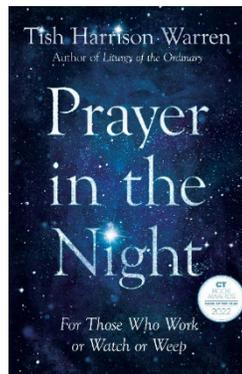
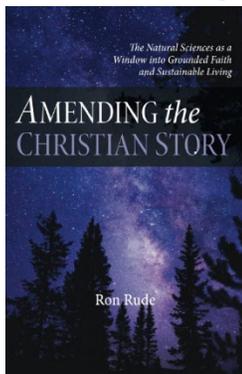
October 23

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22	Jerusalem will be defeated
Psalm 84:1-7	Happy are the people whose strength is in you. (Ps. 84:5)
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	The good fight of faith
Luke 18:9-14	A Pharisee and tax collector pray together

October 30

Jeremiah 31:31-34	I will write my law in their hearts, says the LORD
Psalm 46	The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold
Romans 3:19-28	Justified by God's grace as a gift
John 8:31-36	Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth

Faith in Daily Life



October 5 *Amending the Christian Story*, by the Rev. Ron Rude Parts 3 & 4

October 12 *Amending the Christian Story*, 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)

Esther Circle

Looking for a way to connect to other women at St. Michael's? Consider joining the Esther Circle! This is a time of fellowship and learning over monthly gatherings, on the second Tuesday of each month (Sep -June) at 10:00 a.m. The first meeting for the coming year for Esther Circle will be Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtyard Room at church. Interested in learning more? Contact Pastor Ali

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

Quilting and Bandage Rolling

Quilting and bandage rolling will meet twice a month over the program year on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we turn scraps into beautiful comfort items!

Come join the fun on **October 12** and **October 26**.

Desserters II Book Club

All are welcome! The Desserters II book discussion group will meet on Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 pm in Classroom 1. Masks are encouraged.

The Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford tells the story in two parallel story lines, one following 12 year-old Henry Lee's experiences during the Second World War, and the other depicting Henry 44 years later as a widower with a college-aged son.

Nov 22, 2022	<i>A Place for Us</i> by Fatima Farheen Mirza
Feb 28, 2023	<i>Searching for Sylvie Lee</i> by Jean Kwok
Mar 28, 2023	<i>American Gospel: A Novel</i> by Lin Enger
Apr 25, 2023	<i>The Violin Conspiracy</i> by Brendan Slocumb
May 23, 2023	<i>The Old Woman with the Knife</i> by Gu Byeong-mo



Men's Bible and Brew



The Bible & Brew group will meet on Thursday, October 20, 7:00 p.m. at church. Feel free to join the conversation.

This month as we move toward All Hollow's Eve (October 31) and All Saints Day (November 1) we will be sharing stories of saints, friends, mentors, and those who have greatly impacted your life and faith.

Yoga Devotion

All are welcome.

Classes start at 6:30 p.m. in person at church & on Zoom.

Watch your Friday Flier for the registration link.

Cost is \$72, please contact Mary Drache with any questions.



Mah Jongg!

Have you ever wondered why so many people love Mah Jongg? Have you been wanting to learn to play this fun and competitive game? We are excited to invite members of St Michael's to join us as we begin playing Mah Jongg in the Courtyard Room on Thursday, October 13. We'll be playing the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month from 1 - 4 p.m. All are invited to come and learn the game. We will be scheduling teaching sessions for newcomers to the game and offering ongoing support as necessary.

Mah Jongg is a game of skill, strategy and luck. If you are familiar with the card game gin rummy, you have a head start in understanding Mah Jongg. There are differences, of course, but it's the same general idea. Instead of cards, in Mah Jongg you mix and pick tiles in an attempt to achieve Mah Jongg. There's nothing more exciting than the moment when you can finally call "Mah Jongg!"



Contact Sue Kuhn or Jane Doyle for more information.

More Ways to Serve

WORSHIP Volunteers



13 staff members are involved in preparing for the Worship Program

PREP

At least 9 staff members are present each Sunday for Worship & Programming

STAFF



6 volunteers work behind the scenes during the week to prepare for worship

VOLUNTEERS

An average of 16 volunteers are needed each Sunday as Worship Leaders

LEADERS



YOUTH



Each Sunday, around 13 volunteers work with the Youth & Education programs

Help us fill all our volunteer needs. Call the office, visit the website, or scan this code to sign up!



SIGN UP

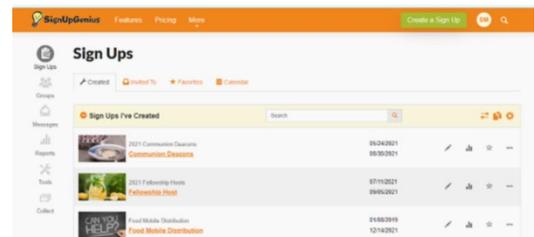
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Worship Leaders and Volunteers Needed

Our 2022-2023 Program Year has started and we are looking at a wide variety of OPEN Worship Leader spots over all the upcoming Sundays! Check SignUp Genius for opportunities to volunteer for: **Ushers, Lectors, Communion Deacons, and Worship Flowers.**

We can also start up Fellowship coffee & donuts once we have enough volunteers!

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



Share our values of:
EXPANSIVE WELCOME
 &
GENEROUS HOSPITALITY
Fellowship Hosts Needed



Set out the donut holes

Prepare Coffee for 10am

Cleanup at 11am

10-12 Households needed

call the office for more info!

Looking for Fellowship Hosts

Would you like to see a return of coffee hour on Sunday mornings? Would you be willing to help make it possible?

We are looking for a group of 10 volunteers who would be willing to host the fellowship time on Sunday mornings. We would ask you to make coffee, set out the supplies and donuts, and help clean up after the social time is over. Please contact the church office for more information or to sign up!

Bakers Needed

We are looking for those out there who love to bake! Do you long to make a pan of bars but give the majority away? Do your cookies always get compliments? We are looking for additional volunteers for our luncheon team who help us minister to families with a meal after a funeral. Please contact the church office for more information or to be added to the volunteer list.

St. Michael's is Hiring

Nursery Coordinator

St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church is looking for part-time Nursery Care. This position is 8:30 am – 12:15 pm on Sunday with opportunities for more hours on special events.

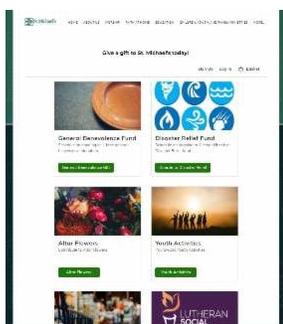
If interested, please contact St. Michael's Lutheran Church at 651-631-1510 or youth@stmichaelselca.com.

Weekend Custodian

St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church is looking to hire a weekend custodian. The position is Sunday mornings, 7:00 a.m.-1:00p.m Additional hours may be available for events or projects.

If interested, please contact St. Michael's Lutheran Church at 651-631-1510 or brad@stmichaelselca.com.

Check the Job Opportunity page on our website for more details.



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 church Council met on Tuesday, September 13th. Items of note include:

- Pastor Ali expressed her gratitude for her sabbatical. There was appreciation for Pastor Jay Carlson’s presence this summer and Pastor Brad’s work, and excitement surrounding Pastor Ali’s return.
- The pastors shared that the staff were able to have a retreat at Mt. Olivet retreat center. The staff enjoyed the retreat to plan for the program year.
- The motion was made and approved to provide a donation of \$5000 to the ELCA Disaster Response in support of helping those in Pakistan recovering from flooding from the St. Michael’s Disaster Response fund. (A previous gift of \$2000 was made to support those in Kentucky recovering from flooding this summer.)
- Property Committee provided several items: **The sanctuary operating controls** in the sanctuary fan room are no longer fully functional; due to their age replacement parts are difficult to come by or unavailable. In order to efficiently heat and cool the sanctuary, the control will need to be replaced. Peter shared information on the two options that the committee researched to replace the software controls that control the HVAC mechanical system. Property committee recommends upgrading to a system that is state of the art and would be able to have additions for the entire building over time and not just the sanctuary. A motion was made and approved for the property committee to pay up to \$20,000 to install new HVAC controls and thermostats and necessary upgrades to the mechanical system—a portion of this will be reimbursed through grants rebates. **Solar panels** are being explored by the property committee to assist with the rising cost of utilities. New government funding is available through the inflation reduction act. The property committee will share the proposals received with the Finance Committee for review. Treasurer, Brian Cihacek will speak with Thrivent regarding the financing options that may exist for a solar panel addition. **Several trees** are diseased and dying—including the Ash tree in the courtyard. The property committee will identify which trees need to be removed and get bids on cost for removal. Pastor Brad and Pastor Ali will check the list of trees given in memorial to determine if any needing removal correspond. **Wall project update** was provided, and a congregational conversation is scheduled for October 2 to apprise the congregation.

The next church council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

2022 Budget Overview and Financial Update

	August Actual	August Budget	YTD Actual	Annual Budget
Income	\$58,360	\$61,863	\$552,692	\$874,359*
Expenses	\$56,972	\$67,154	\$553,141	\$874,359
Net Balance	\$1,388	\$-5,292	\$-449	\$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.

2022 - 2023 Worship Year Highlights

Fall



Sunday, October 2

Blessing of the Animals Worship Outside @ 11am



Reformation Sunday, October 30

Brass Ensemble @ 8:45am & 11am
Rite of Confirmation @ 11am



All Saints Sunday, November 6

Celebrating baptisms this year & remembering saints who have died



Wednesday, November 23

Thanksgiving Eve Worship @ 7pm Followed by a Pie Fest



Advent & Christmas



Saturday, December 10

Finnish Advent & Christmas Service



Wednesday, December 21

Longest Night Worship Service @ 7pm



Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship Services @ 4:30pm & 10:30pm



Sunday, December 25

Christmas Worship @ 10am



Lent & Easter



Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday Services @ 12:30pm & 7pm



March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

Lenten Services @ 7pm with Holden Evening Prayer



Sunday, March 12

Minnesota Boychoir Allegro @ 8:45am & 11am



Maundy Thursday, April 6

Worship @ 12:30pm & 7pm



Good Friday, April 7

Worship @ 7pm



Easter Sunday, April 9

Brass Ensemble & Choirs @ 8:45am & 11am



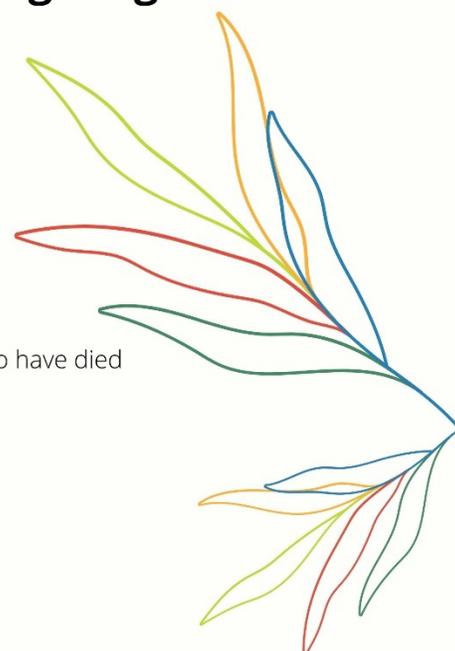
Sunday, April 16

Minnesota Boychoir Cantabile @ 8:45am & 11am



Sunday, May 28

Pentecost Sunday @ 10am



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.

Got something for the November *Messenger*?

The *Messenger* submission deadline is Wednesday, October 21, 2022.





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