

ST. MICHAEL CONNECTIONS



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The Call

On June 30, 1859 renowned tight rope walker Charles Blondin crossed Niagara Gorge on a tight-rope 1,100 feet long, 3.25 inches in diameter and 160 feet above the water. A number of times after he would cross again with different theatrical variations, the crowd would gather and "Ooooh and Ahhhh" and cheer him on as he would defy death with his stunts. He would cross blindfolded, then cross again on stilts. One time he stopped half way and sat down to cook and eat an omelet. On one of his better known crossings; he went across pushing a wheel barrow full of potatoes, the crowd cheered wildly. Upon returning back he asked the crowd if they believed he could cross this time with a person in the wheel barrow. Again the crowd was ecstatic and cheering at the top of their lungs. He then asked for a volunteer and the crowd fell silent.

worship, to testify, to be a miracle, to proclaim Jesus, it is often a different story.

I love watching God work but I'm often hesitant to answer a call when He calls me to do His work. "What if I screw it up?" "What if I get made fun of?"

"What if I don't know what to say?" "What will people think?" But there is so much more to our faith than just participating in worship. When we start asking God "What can I do for You?" as opposed to "What can You do for me?" Our faith starts to come alive.

This summer 18 high school students from our congregation have answered that call. They have set

aside a week from their summer schedule to serve those that need help in the Rochester, New York area. Rochester is the fifth poorest city in the nation. The students will serve by helping repair homes and demonstrating Jesus' love to those they serve.

As summer begins to wind down and we look forward to our fall schedules let's take time to listen to where God is calling us, instead of trying to fit Him into our schedules. God is calling to each one of us. What will your answer be?

Helping Hands Needed for Worship in the Park

We are all enjoying the Worship in the Park experience again this summer. These worship services will continue to run through August 24. To logistically make this all happen, we are in need of individuals who can help with the set-up and with the tear down at the park as well and/or with the loading and unloading of equipment and platforms before and after back at the church. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Dave Collins. Sign-ups sheets are available as well



in the narthex. One does not have to commit to all seven Sundays. We are prayerfully seeking and needing help any of the Sundays and in whatever capacity you feel moved to volunteer for to help make this unique and special worship experience possible. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and many hands help to make the load lighter!

Thanks for all the great help so far!

Special Points of Interest
(see calendar for complete list)

August 1, 7:00 PM

Outdoor Movie

August 3, 6:00 PM

VBS Begins

August 9

Annual Golf Outing

August 12, 7:00 PM

Outdoor Concert

August 16, 11:00 AM

Last Worship in the Park

August 29, 6:00 PM

Music in the Park

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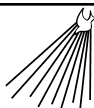
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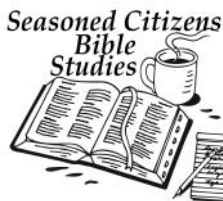
BIBLE STUDIES

Bible Studies



Seasoned Citizen Bible Study

The Seasoned Citizen Bible Study continues throughout the summer. All are welcome! Please join us for the Bible study on at 11:00 AM on Thursdays led by Pr. Tim. We have just begun to study the book of Genesis. All are welcome to join us for a time of growing in God's word, prayer and fellowship.



Crossways: The Divine Drama

32 people completed the first Crossways: Divine Drama Bible study on May 14 and we are planning to offer this survey, in-depth study of the Biblical story line and its applications to our lives again this coming fall.

Crossways will be offered again on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. beginning on September 10 and running 28 weeks, breaking for holidays, other times and ending in mid-May. Pastor Tim will be leading this study in the Portable. Some advanced preparation is encouraged but one can simply come to class each week for the presentation and discussions. There is a very user-friendly textbook with excellent graphics and accompanying workbooks.

This class is ideal and worked well this past year for people who were beginners to Bible study to those who have taken many classes including other in-depth studies like Bethel and to those somewhere in between. If you have always wanted to take a longer Bible study

course and/or have never studied the Biblical narrative from beginning to end, this is a great option for you. If you have taken Bethel, Crossways is a very different. It builds nicely upon Bethel. There is strong emphasis in all lessons on practical life applications as well. Regardless of your experience in Bible study or where you presently are at with your walk with the Lord, you will be able to grow and feed upon God's Word at your own pace and level by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A sign-up sheet is on the Pastor's Board. Advanced registration is required. The cost of materials is \$35. Couples may share materials. Cash or checks payable to St. Michael Lutheran Church are acceptable and payment can be submitted to the office or Pastor Tim. This class is open to non-members as well. Child-care will be available. If you have any questions or would like to sign up via email, please contact Pastor Tim at church or timewell@connectingwithGod.org. Thanks!



CROSSWAYS
INTERNATIONAL

Sharing God's Timeless Story Worldwide

Alpha is coming to St. Michael!

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, honest and informal environment. NO PRESSURE. NO FOLLOW UP. NO CHARGE. **Alpha** is for everyone and welcomes people from all backgrounds, religions and viewpoints. Typically Alpha has ten sessions that include food, a short talk and a time of small group discussion where you can share your thoughts.

Alpha is *relational*. We all desire to belong somewhere. Through good food and vibrant small group discussion, **Alpha** provides genuine hospitality and the space for authentic friendships.

Alpha is *engaging*. **Alpha** is intellectually engaging in a way that resonates with culture. The message of the gospel is clearly and rationally communicated through 15 foundational talks.

Alpha is *powerful*. **Alpha** creates the space and the time for the Spirit of God to do what only He can do. Faith moves beyond an intellectual exercise and becomes the foundation for a life transformed by God.

We will offer **Alpha** at St. Michael on Monday evenings from Sept 14 through Nov 30. There will be one "away" date on Saturday, Oct 31. The away venue will be local but has not yet been selected. The lessons are as follows and will be led by St. Michael facilitators. Pr. Dave will lead the away day Holy Spirit Sessions.

Introduction Dinner-Is there more to life than this?

Session 1-Who is Jesus?
Session 2-Why did Jesus die?
Session 3-How can we have faith?
Session 4-Why and how do I pray?
Session 5-Why and how should I read the Bible?
Session 6-How does God guide us?

Day Away-

Who is the Holy Spirit?

What does the Holy Spirit do?

How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?

How can I make the most of the rest of my life?

Session 7-How can I resist evil?

Session 8-Why and how should I tell others?

Session 9-Does God heal today?

Session 10-What about the Church?

For more information or if you would like to teach/facilitate, go to alphausa.org or speak to Barbara Weide or Lois Beerbaum.



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

The Wednesday evening Bible study with Pr. Dave will begin again on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. We're starting the year off with something a little different this time. We will begin the new year by splitting up into two groups—men and women. Each group will have their own 6-week Bible study and at the end of that time we will come together and compare notes on what we've learned in each study.

Women's Study ~ *Fight Back With Joy - Celebrate More, Regret Less, Stare Down Your Greatest Fears* by Margaret Feinberg

Learn to practice joy, defiant joy. Sooner or later, we find ourselves on the battlefield of life and struggle to know how to respond. But God says, "Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's" (2 Chronicles 20:15). On that fateful day, King Jehoshaphat and his army marched forward rejoicing. Though we can choose from many weapons, God wants to empower us to fight back with joy. Discover that joy is more than whimsy but a weapon we can use to fight life's greatest battles. Lay hold of joy and live the life you've always wanted. This is a 6-week, DVD study.

Led by Bev Read. Sign up on the Pastor's Board.

Men's Study ~ *Quiet Strength* by Tony Dungy

Discover God's Game Plan for a Winning Life. Join us on this 6-week journey to becoming a genuine man of God. Discover how to move past posturing and uncertainty. Connect with others in more authentic ways and find your answers to the six questions that men often deal with:

- What is your game plan?
- What is strength?
- What is success?
- What is Your security?
- What is your significance?
- What is your legacy?

Led by Pr. Dave. Sign up on the Pastor's Board.

FOR AND ABOUT MEMBERS



A Matter of the Heart

It's Summer Time! Keep Giving While You're Gone ~ There are times when we will be away from St. Michael, and for that reason, St. Michael Online Giving can help you consistently give while you are out of town. It's fast and easy to setup recurring giving and is flexible.

Visit giving.connectingwithGod.org to get started. Questions or concerns? Contact Diana in the church office at 734-459-3333 or it-services@connectingwithGod.org.



St. Michael Annual Golf Outing

SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 9, 2015

St. Michael Golf Outing @ Salem Hills golf course. 18 hole scramble, include cart & range balls. Burgers or Chicken sandwiches to follow. Great fellowship, fun, prizes and food. Bring a friend, co-worker, or relative. \$40 for golf and food. Please sign up on the Pastor's board.



NOTE: please make checks out to "St. Michael Lutheran Church and mark "GOLF OUTING" on the envelope when you pay. Any questions, contact Ivan Waterbury 734 634 9274 or ivanwaterbury@yahoo.com

Rally Day!

It's that time! Mark your calendars for the 41st Annual St. Michael Rally Day and Picnic on September 13! Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy a Fun Filled Day of Fellowship and relaxation. There will be a lot of fun activities for everyone to enjoy! Chicken, hotdogs, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer to help with set up/tear down or to supervise certain events. Sign-ups are in the Narthex and at Worship in the Park. This is a great opportunity for the youth to obtain community service hours for different projects that they have responsibilities for. If you have any questions please contact Dawn Kersten, 734.363.2003.

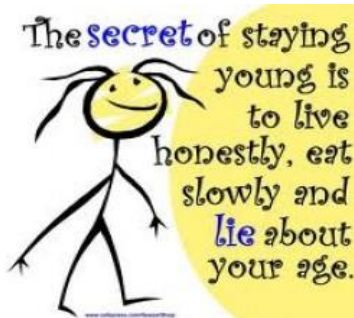


FOR AND ABOUT MEMBERS



Seasoned Citizen Phone Tree

We are starting a Seasoned Citizen Phone Tree! We want to make sure you don't miss out on important things going on around the church such as funerals or building closures due to weather. If you would like to be a part of this, please call the church office at 734-459-3333 or email Karen at officeadmin@connectingwithGod.org and we'll make sure you are included.



Church Security

Just a friendly reminder to turn off lights and lock doors when you are in the church after business hours. Please don't assume that someone else is doing it. Thank you for helping to keep our church safe and secure!



Financial Mid-Year Update

When the June Financial Reports were prepared through the first half of 2015 it showed General Fund Receipts were up from the first half of 2014. **To God Be the Glory!**

Envelope Receipts up 2.4%

Loose Plate Receipts up 4.9%

General Fund Expenses down 11.5%



With the above results the General Fund has been performing consistent with the 2015 Budget. The Building Ministry Fund Receipts have also been consistent. We've been blessed to now lower our debt to \$141,380 from the original \$300,000 borrowed in 2011. **Praise God!**

With the summer months come vacations & travels, and it's important tithes/offering remain consistent to enable us to be good stewards. Council reviews the Financial Reports every month and wants to enhance communication by providing these quarterly updates to our congregation.

ELDERVRSITY Is Looking for You!

YOUNG AT HEART
Slightly older
in other places.

www.cafepress.com/GreeterShop

Attention ALL Senior members of the St. Michael Church Family: Beginning in September, an exciting new emphasis is being planned for any and all Senior Citizen Members (62 years of age and older). An energized committee is planning activities that will be fun and provide a great outreach opportunity to our entire community.

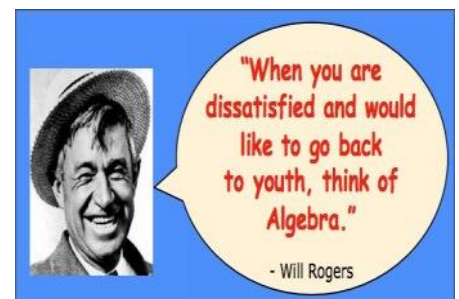
Activities are being planned that provide fellowship, enrichment, and entertainment. Everything from luncheons, trips, games, activities, movies, and just some good old fashion fun opportunities will begin in September.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 10th at 12:30 PM. Following the Thursday morning Bible study, the Eldersiversity Committee will host our first sit-down luncheon gathering. There will be entertainment and a great lunch. Pamper yourself and plan to join us! Meet new friends, enjoy a great lunch and enjoy live entertainment.

We want you to join us. So reserve the date now. Cost for the luncheon will be announced in upcoming bulletins and a sign-up sheet will be available on the Pastor's Bulletin Board. Should transportation be a problem, let one of the committee members know and we can help arrange a ride for you.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office or any one of the committee members:

John & Lynn Seidelman
Judy Washburn
Virginia Schubatis
Lois Beerbaum
Barbara Weide
Karen Peoples
Pr. Dave Denzer



Outdoor Concert

Free Outdoor Concert ~ The Canton Concert Band will perform on the church lawn on Wednesday, August 12 at 7:00 PM. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy an evening of music and fellowship. Consider inviting a friend or neighbor to join you. There is no charge for this event but donations of

nonperishable food items for the church food pantry would be appreciated.

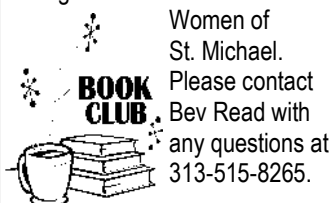


FOR AND ABOUT MEMBERS



St. Michael Book Club

Our book selection for summer reading is ***Redeeming Love*** by Francine Rivers. Ladies, please consider joining us on Monday, August 17 in the Sarah room as we discuss the book and strengthen our bond as Christian



Women of St. Michael. Please contact Bev Read with any questions at 313-515-8265.

Win-Some Women Christian Retreat

Registration for the fall Win-Some Women Christian Retreat ***begins August 15!*** Win-Some Women is a fellowship of inter-denomination women drawn together by their common desire to share the reality of Jesus Christ. This year's theme is "Rock of Ages."

The speakers include Michael Card, who has sold more than 4 million albums and has written 19 No. 1 singles including *El Shaddai*; inspirational speaker and singer, Renee Bondi; Emily Klotz, who will share her profound personal story; and featured musician, Christy Nockels.

Retreats are held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Please go to www.win-somewomen.org for more information and to register. Call Karen in the church office at 459-3333 with any questions.

The retreat dates are as follows:

ONE NIGHT STAY:

Tuesday & Wednesday October 20 & 21
Wednesday & Thursday October 21 & 22
Thursday & Friday October 22 & 23

TWO NIGHT STAY:

Tuesday, October 20 - Thursday, October 22
Wednesday, October 21 - Friday, October 23,

*"My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge."
~ II Samuel 22:3a*



Worship in the Park

We will again be meeting on the grounds of the old Cherry Hill Schoolhouse (corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads) for seven 11:00 AM Sunday worship services running through August 23. Bring a chair, a neighbor, a friend, and your family.



In case of inclement weather, please check the SMLC website at www.connectingwithGod.org or call the church ~ 734-459-3333. Any changes in the schedule will be posted on the front page of the website or will be on the voicemail system.

LCMC 15th Annual Gathering

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ's 15th Annual Gathering is all about celebrating the very thing that makes us who we are: **Our DNA.** This fall, **October 4-7, 2015 at the Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco in Frisco, TX**, join LCMC pastors, leaders and church members from all over the world for four fun-filled days of worship, inspiration, learning, fellowship and opportunities for networking.

Get Inspired:

Find out more about what it really means for us, as an association, to truly be Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ by hearing from some of the founding members of LCMC. Keynote speakers for this year's Annual Gathering include: **Rev. Dr. W. Bruce Wilder, Rev. Bill Sullivan, Mrs. Sharon MacFadyen, Rev. Mark Vander Tuig, Rev. Dr. Paul M. Cross, Dr. Steve Paulson and Rev. Bill Bohline.** Each day, enjoy worship and bible study with LCMC people from all over the world!

Get Informed:

Learn more about what we have accomplished as an association over the past year, our vision for the future, and be the first to find out about news and upcoming LCMC events!

Get to know some of our international members, church planters, new ministry leaders, seminarians, chaplains, pastors, staff members and more!

Get Equipped:

Attend breakout sessions.

Get Connected:

Join a fellowship group at our (optional) Monday Night Fellowship Dinner.

You'll also have an opportunity to get in touch with dozens of LCMC's mission and ministry partners, as well as other vendors, by exploring our vendor area.

For more information on registration, schedule and hotel information, go to www.lcmc.net ~ Events ~ Annual Gathering OR contact Cathy Nichol, LCMC Administrative Assistant at cathy@lcmc.net or 734.788.7476.



FROM YOUR EQUIPPING TEAM

5 Tips for Effective Team Communication

Written by: Bob D'Ambrosio

Team conflict is often rooted in communication issues. You may think you've over-communicated but your volunteers are thinking they were left out of the loop---again!

Keep these tips in mind as you communicate with the people you serve:

Listen, Thank, Respond – These three words say it all. Listen to people as they share their thoughts and feelings, thank them for sharing and then respond to what they've told you. This process values people by letting them know you care what they think and feel.

Ask for clarity – Make sure you understand the thoughts and responses of the people you're communicating with by asking for clarity. A good way to do this is by simply saying, "Tell me more...." Then you can rephrase back their message to make sure you received it correctly.

Avoid arguing – Don't get caught in a debate or argumentative discussion. That never leads to productive communication.

Say "I don't know", when you don't know – It's okay to let people know that you may not have all the answers. Don't set yourself up to be the only source of all knowledge and information.

Avoid sarcasm – Enough said.

Extend grace – Colossians 4:6 says it best, "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer to everyone." If team members lived out this concept you would create a culture that allows people to talk openly and honestly.

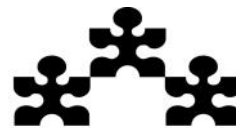
Bob is a 25-year veteran of church ministry and now serves on Group's Church Leadership team. He's the training director for the Equipping Institute, online editor for CVDaily, and part of the product development team. He recently coauthored and edited the newly released E4:12 Bible Study Series

Congratulations!

The first step to being an effective leader is to provide training to your volunteers. It's the "T" in **TAFER** (training, affirmation, feedback, evaluation are recognition). The ministries of Ushers, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and the Nursery, have written training materials or manuals for their volunteers. If your ministry provides written training materials for your volunteers, please let us know so that we can add your ministry to the list of ministries working towards equipping.

Your Equipping Team

Lois Beerbaum	John & Lynn Seidelman
Jim & Roxanne Davis	Doug Tomayko
Derek House	Barbara Weide
Markita Gottschalk	Sharon Waterbury



Equipping Ministry

WHO'S ON FIRST (STAFFING CHANGES)?

Pastor Joe just retired and many have wondered how his duties will be covered. Joe did a great job particularly with his visits to shut-ins and the hospitalized. His retirement has given us new challenges and an opportunity to realign staff responsibilities. So, now who is on first (or is he on second?).

Pastor Tim's duties will be centered around three areas: (1) Pastoral care including the shut-in and hospital visits that Joe would have made before. This means that if you are in the hospital, you will most likely be visited by Pastor Tim, (2) Evangelism. Tim will be responsible for outreach to visitors and inreach to inactive members, and (3) Teaching. Tim will continue to preach about once a month as he has done in the past, and he will be teaching the Thursday morning Bible Study that Joe used to teach as well as a couple of other studies. Tim will have virtually no administrative or property related duties in his new position.



Tammy Chupa, our church Custodian, will continue in her present duties and also now be responsible for managing property issues. She will be working closely with Daryl Chupa and the Property Committee to take care of the church vehicles and whatever property needs and issues arise. She will be the staff liaison to the Property Committee.

Pastor Dave (that's me) will continue in all present duties and add supervision of the custodial staff, which means that almost all staff and most administration will be handled by Pastor Dave. In addition, Pastor Dave will continue to visit the sick, shut-ins, teach, counsel, lead, and preach as has been done in the past.

Other duties will be picked up by various staff members. We have a great staff here that is willing to do pretty much whatever is needed to cover the bases in service of our Lord. Thank you to each one of them for their hard work, flexibility, and servant's heart.

SERVICE, MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH



**Service,
Outreach
and Ministries**

LSSM Servant Project

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan (LSSM) 2015 Servant Project. On Wednesday July 15th, brothers and sisters from St. Michael helped with various projects at LSSM's Wayne County Family Center located on Michigan Ave in Westland. The Center is the largest homeless shelter in Michigan and one of the few that allows whole families to live together for extended periods. Our team helped construct a wooden storage shed, assemble picnic tables, lay flooring and paint the dining room, and strip floors. The large red and white St. Michael tent was used for the entire week as a replacement dining

room during the remodeling. This project was a blessing to both the workers and residents as we all saw the hands of Jesus at work. Special thanks to Greg Hrbal, Tony Selk, Lynn Walker, Amy Frysinger, Tim Carter, Larry Aubuchon, Jim Bandli, Wayne Gardner, Ted Davis, Fred Reid, Andrea Anderson & Greg Anderson. Look for future opportunities for our church to serve at the Family Center.



M.O.S.T.

M.O.S.T. (Mission Opportunity Short Term) is having a fundraiser dinner on October 25 to raise funds to help pay for the mission trips. Look for more information in upcoming Happenings.



DME Loan Closet

Good news is that we are currently well-stocked with equipment with a very steady flow coming in and going out.

We unexpectedly received an electric hospital bed which we had initially just arranged transfer from donor to recipient with the understanding that the recipient planned to keep it. They now no longer need it and requested that we take it back which we did with John Kersten's much appreciated assistance. The bed is currently in John's pole barn, so if anyone is in need of an

electric hospital bed or knows of anyone needing one, please let us know.

Direct contact number remains 734-664-5178

Update ~ as this goes to print, someone in our congregation called looking for a hospital bed. Another "God moment" here at SMLC!



DME

Help the Homeless

The Friday Night study group continues to collect items to fill comfort bags for the homeless. If you could please help with any of these items we would be very appreciative. Nail clippers, baseball caps, sunglasses, sunblock, chapstick, deodorant, small new testament Bibles,



mini water bottles, light weight socks, combs/brushes, flip flops, granola bars, and fast food gift cards. Any questions, please call Erica Snyder at 734-846-4000.

Bagel Cafe Coordinator Wanted!

After many years of coordinating Bagel Cafe the Clark's have decided it is time put their efforts into other ministries at our church. We are looking for a family or families who will take over. The duties include shopping, setting up, organizing volunteers, etc.

Please contact Ed (734-216-6530) or Robin Clark (810-358-3166) for more information.

**Bagel
Cafe**



Brown Ministry

Join us on Saturday, September 12 at 8 AM as we carpool in the church van to Detroit to help support this ministry. Please call Paul Ingram at 734-502-3951 if you'd like to join us. Future dates are October 10, November 21 and December 12.

Please note that the November date is different than previously printed! For November only, it will be on the 3rd Saturday instead of the 2nd Saturday.



Tellers Needed



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We're looking for a few dependable people for counting the Sunday offerings. Time commitment would be 2-3 hours on a Sunday morning from 10 AM to 1 PM approximately every 8-10 weeks. Please contact Kathleen Fox at 734-945-7437 or email her at kathleenfox12@gmail.com if interested.

Weeders Needed!



The gardens surrounding the church are looking a little neglected and we can use your help. If you would like to help with this ministry to beautify our church grounds, please contact Tammy at the church ~ 734-459-3333 or email her at tammychupa@connectingwithGod.org.

FOR AND ABOUT KIDS AND FAMILIES!!!



YOUTH Ministry NEWS

Rummage Sale Thank You!

A huge **Thank You!!** to everyone who supported the rummage sale (donated, shopped, worked) which raised \$3800 for youth missions. This will be a yearly event so start saving items to donate next summer. We will let you know when you can bring them to the church.



The Call

Looking for a great opportunity to shepherd our youngest members of St. Michael? Maybe God is speaking to you to help spread the news. You won't be disappointed, in fact, you may find that you are the one learning from them! You'll find we have some really amazing kids at our church who will open your heart in ways you wouldn't even imagine. (Curriculum and supplies included!)

There is also a fun opportunity to lead the Large Group Sunday School 20 minute opening (where the kids go just after the Children's Sermon). Lots of excitement happens during that time.

The teacher/helper/Large Group Leader sign-up sheet is located across from the Sunday School office. We use teachers and helpers so you can work out a schedule that fits your needs (every other month every other week, two weeks on, two weeks off, etc.) there is also a fun opportunity to lead the Large Group Sunday School 20-minute opening (where the kids go just after the Children's Sermon).

Sunday School starts September 13, 2015. We will have a informational meeting on Saturday, September 12 for about an hour in the morning.



Remember, God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called! Make sure you are listening for God with both ears (to quote Pastor Tim).

If you'd rather, you can email to sign up:

Tim McIntee: tim.mcintee-smic@att.net

Or

Pam Hakala: ppkhakala@hotmail.cmo

You may begin now registering your children ages 3 through 5th grade for Sunday School at the tale in the narthex. There will also be a teacher sign-up sheet available there, too!

Please fill out forms completely with home address, email address and phone number.

Then the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant is listening."

~ 1 Samuel 3:10

Middle School Block Party



All middle-schoolers are invited to the Middle School Block party on Wednesday, August 19 from 6:00-8:00 PM. We'll meet in the Youth Room. Join us for good food, fellowship and fun. Invite your friends! See you then.

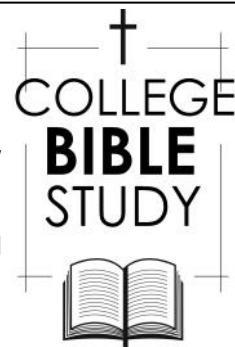
High School Bonfire and Bible Study

High-schoolers in grades 9th-12th are invited to join us for a bonfire and Bible study on Thursday evenings throughout the summer at 7:00 PM in the North Lot. We are doing "Sunday School Stories Revisited" ~ a fun in-depth look at the old, familiar stories. Invite a friend!



College Bible Study

There is still time to check out the College Bible Study on August 5th and August 12th. It's okay if you have not been to any of the other ones; just drop in and be welcomed.



Bible Quiz

Before Job's great misfortune, how many animals did he own?
A. 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen & 500 donkeys
B. 70 sheep, 30 camels, 50 yoke of oxen and 50 donkeys
C. 2,000 oxen and 4,000 camels
D. 250 sheep and 250 goats



Answer: A (See Job 1:3.)

+Christian Symbol

Ox ~ The ox sometimes appears in Renaissance art as a symbol for the nation of Israel. Luke the Evangelist is sometimes represented by a winged ox. In general, the ox symbolizes strength, service and patience. Jesus makes reference to oxen bearing a load when he invites his followers, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." ~ Matthew 11:29-30



FOR AND ABOUT KIDS AND FAMILIES!!!

COMING EXCITEMENT:

- ⊙ Cider Mill for the whole family!
- ⊙ Rally Day!
- ⊙ And the **NEW** and **IMPROVED FAMILY NIGHT!!**



MARKET PLACE–Jerusalem 29AD. This is an experience for all the senses!

AUG 3-7 It's not too late to join the FUN!

The children will feel as if they are truly a part of a Jewish family in 29AD. They will learn the customs and practices of early believers who lived during Bible times. They will go to the well to get water, make their own homemade bread, chisel stone, weave rugs, make soap and more!

Because the Market Place concept is not easily comprehended by young minds, the Pre-K children will have their own theme that caters to their developmental stage of learning and life. A giant Inflated Whale will help them grasp the story of Jonah and the Whale! Lots of singing and movement will engage their minds as well as their bodies. Crafts and Snacks that reinforce the Bible Stories and relationship building (and lots more). Boredom is a sin at VBS.

Remember to invite your friends and neighbors. This is a Labor of Love that is FOR the over 60 volunteers that give their time and heart. It is also FOR families of our community. It is a beautiful way to introduce families to St. Michael and the message of love and forgiveness offered by Christ. Even if they miss a day or two kids can join in any day during the week and still get a blessing from the time they are there.



We will need a group of volunteers to help with tear down and clean up. The volunteers who have worked all week will be worn out. So a new group of men and women will be needed. Contact the church office if you can help or just show up on Saturday Aug. 8th at 11am. Pizza served after the job is complete.

Events For ELEMENTARY KIDS and the family

August 13th @ 3:45pm Open Door Food Service Project. What a great time we had last month serving others. This will be the last one this summer...see you there! (K-6th graders)

August 14th @ 7pm-9pm UNSTOPPABLE – Youth Group! Pizza, Games challenges and a cool way to pray that I guarantee you have never seen before! Friends are always welcome!

August 22nd Family Adventure Day at Howell Nature Center – Bring a parent(s) and pack a picnic lunch. We will be ZIP lining, canoeing, and Rock WALL CLIMBING! 1st – 5th graders invited. You have the choice to drive or join us in the church van. Sign up today. Watch bulletin for further details

August 23rd GGRFC – 3:00 pm. Possibly a pool party.... We shall see what the weather brings us! You will receive an email the week before we meet with details!

FOR AND ABOUT KIDS AND FAMILIES!!!

Family Influences – Let's be Intentional

We cannot Out-teach What is Taught at Home. We're not that good ~ Pastor Dr. David Frazee

This statement captures the impact parents have on their children's faith formation. Research has consistently indicated that faith of children tends to mirror the faith of their parents AND grandparents.

Changing cultural and social factors now allow grandparents to be more involved than ever:

- ☉ Grandparents are providing more after school care as more and more parents are working outside of the home
- ☉ Senior adults' health is improving and their life expectancy is increasing.
- ☉ Grandparents have new ways to connect with their grandchildren through technology like Skype, Facebook and texts.

More contact and connecting with Grandparents translates into more potential spiritual influence from them. Grandparents could (1) reinforce the parents' spiritual influence, (2) substitute for parents' spiritual influence or (3) they could subvert the parents' spiritual influence.



The second and third paths indicate, sometimes the faith of grandparents actually 'skips' a generation as grandchildren end up following in their faith footsteps despite parent's choices to walk away from faith.

So what do you think that means for you today? Are there ways that perhaps God is calling you to be a spiritual influence in the life of your child or grandchild?

Would you join me in praying for and intentionally ministering to this next generation? May the Lord open up our eyes to how we can effectively communicate the gospel to them.

~ Brenda Stilley (Children's Ministry)

It's Not too Late to Grab a Good Book this Summer

1. *Love and Respect in the Family* by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs. An 'unloved' child negatively reacts in a way that feels disrespectful to a parent. A disrespected parent negatively reacts to a child that feels unloving to the child. This is the Crazy Family Cycle. Learn how to break it!

2. *Praying Circles around your Children* by Mark Batterson. You'll never be a perfect parent, but you can be a praying parent. Stories and Strategies for incorporating prayer into your family life in new ways. Simple meaningful ways to create a lasting prayer legacy for your kids.

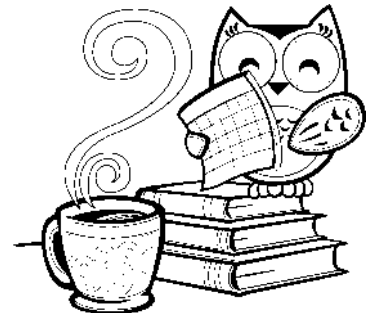
3. *Being a Dad who leads* by John MacArthur. The power of a dad's godly example can influence many generations to come!

4. *Raising a Modern Day Knight* by Robert Lewis. Accomplishing manhood requires vision, goals and uncompromising character. Courageously lead your son to Biblical Masculinity.

5. *How to Raise Self-less kids in a Self-centered world* by Dave Stone. Building strong Spiritual foundations in a family, Dave uses humor and conversational style. Equipping parents with what they need.

6. *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp. Grounded in the Bible's divine plan for parenting this guide defines your goals as a parent and provides the scripture methods for accomplishing them.

7. *Moms In Prayer: Standing the Gap for your children* by Fern Nichols. A wonderful Resource containing inspiration and ideas for praying intentionally for your kids.



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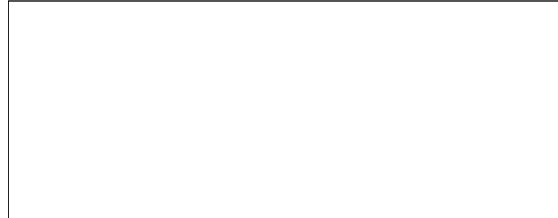
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 AM

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Come on out Saturday, August 29 at 6:00 PM to Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth for an evening of music. This event will feature singers, musicians and groups from St. Michael performing and leading worship for all who will come to Kellogg Park on a nice summer evening. There will be NO worship service at church on this day.