

# ST. MICHAEL CONNECTIONS



## SEPTEMBER

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### SUMMER'S GONE?

Special Points of Interest  
(see calendar for complete list)

**September 7-Labor Day**  
Offices Closed

**September 12, 8:30 AM**  
S. S. Teacher Meeting

**September 13**  
Rally Sunday,

**September 16**  
Family Night Open House

**September 16, 8:00 PM**  
Church Council Meeting

**September 20, 10:15 AM**  
Discovering St. Michael

**September 21**  
October Newsletter Deadline

**September 27**  
Confirmation Sunday

Say it ain't so! But as great as summer is in Michigan, how can you beat the fall? Each season is a sign of God's blessings to us. Fall means football, cooler weather, luminescent leaves, and the start of a new season at the church. Everywhere you turn you can see the signs of a gracious God.

The other day I saw another sign of God's graciousness. Linda and the twins and I sat down to eat. We always pray before we eat, and Linda lives to bring the girls into faith in the Lord. So, when we sat down and before I could open my mouth to pray over the food, Taylor started to pray. If it were an adult prayer, it would maybe be thought to have not had much content. But, out of the mouth of a three year old it was the Magna Carta, song of Zechariah, and Psalm 23 all rolled into one. Yes, she did forget, until reminded, to thank God for the food. But the prayer itself was a sign of young faith. It was the sign of God's love for this little child.



When Jesus said in Matthew 19:14 "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these," it meant something. It meant the smallest and least powerful connected to that which is greater than all else that exists. It meant those who could not possibly earn God's favor enjoying it. It meant a sign of God's love and graciousness.

This fall, bring a child to Jesus. A grandchild, your child, your neighbor's child. We have amazing opportunities for kids. There is Sunday School, Leaping Lambs (the pre-school dance group), Sonbeams Choir, Kids Kingdom on Wednesday nights, an elementary-age youth group, Children's sermons, Children's Church, activity bags, MOPS, and the list goes on. All for one purpose: to do what Jesus said. To bring kids to Him.

As great as summer is, it is now fall. It's time to experience God's graciousness in a new season. I'll see you in church.

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### Bible Humor

We take Scripture seriously, of course, but God also gave us the ability to laugh — and it's healthy to do so! Enjoy these Bible-based riddles:

Q: Who was the fastest runner in the Bible?

A: Adam. He was first in the human race.

Q: Where is baseball played in the Bible?

A: Genesis 1:1 reads "In the big inning." Then Eve stole first, and Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel, and soon everything was rained out.

Q: Who was the best financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter. She went to the Nile bank and pulled out a little prophet.

Q: What was Boaz like before he got married?

A: Ruthless.

Q: Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?

A: Because he knew there was something fishy about it.

Q: Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?

A: When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.

**A to Z Guide for Developing People and Growing Ministry**



## BIBLE STUDIES

# Bible Studies



### Israel's Mission: Becoming a Kingdom of Priests in a Prodigal World

The Bible makes it clear that the one True God desires to be known by all people. Thousands of years ago God gave an assignment to his people to bring the "lost sheep" back into the love and safety of His Kingdom. God's plan has always been and continues to be to reveal Himself to the world through His people. Understanding Blessed to be a Blessing, the Great Commission, Biblical Hospitality, and Redemption helps us fulfill our role today in God's plan to seek the lost.

A new 5 week study, *Israel's Mission: Becoming a Kingdom of Priests* begins on Sunday, September 13th (Rally Day) at 9:30 am in the Chapel. The series features newly released video by Ray Vander Laan, renowned Bible teacher who illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the Bible. Sessions will focus on Abraham and Sarah, Israel at Mt Sinai, Jesus seeking the lost, and the Prodigal. Group discussion will be facilitated by Greg Anderson (734-453-0861). Each week features a unique faith lesson so drop in whenever available.

### 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

#### 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.

### Crossways: Divine Drama



CROSSWAYS  
INTERNATIONAL

#### ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO SIGN-UP

- \* Have you ever wanted to take an overview of the Bible type of course?
- \* New to Bible study?
- \* A Bible study veteran, wanting an overview of the Big Picture of Scripture with strong applications for our lives?
- \* Never had a chance to take Bethel or would like a follow-up growth experience to Bethel.
- \* Would like to study God's Word in a friendly, relaxed, fun and informative environment.

All good reasons and more to consider enrolling in our next Crossways class that begins SEPTEMBER 10, 7 PM.

- \* Crossways will run from 7 to 8:30 PM on Thursdays with periodic breaks.
- \* One does not have to feel bad if one cannot make all classes. The materials are easy to keep up with.
- \* One can choose to do the reading each week or just come to class for the presentation.

Teacher: Pastor Tim  
Cost: \$35 (cash or check payable to SMLC)  
If finances are an issue, see Pr. Tim  
Child-Care: Available  
Register: Sign-up on the Pastor's Board, call the church office or via email [timewell@connectingwithGod.org](mailto:timewell@connectingwithGod.org).

**Assign** a core team, **Build** on a biblical foundation, **Create** a volunteer-friendly culture, **Delegate** ministry responsibilities, **Energize** your team through affirmation, **Focus** on the vi-



## BIBLE STUDIES

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### Men's Wednesday Breakfast Bible Study

Start your day in the Word! During summer and fall 2015 we will be studying Paul's prison epistles: Ephesians, Philippians and Philemon. We take turns reading a section of Scripture, followed by relaxed and informal discussion. Fellowship, study, and coffee are the rule – breakfast is optional.



### Men's Friday Breakfast Bible Study

Start your day in the Word! End your week strong and prepare for weekend worship. Each Friday we will review and unpack the Scripture readings which will form the basis for the Pastor's weekend worship message. Fellowship, study, and coffee are the rule – breakfast is optional.

6:30 - 7:20AM at Bob Evans (Ford Rd. and I-275). Contact: Pat Lukasik or David Schendel

**The ALPHA Course that was to begin this fall has been postponed until the new year. Watch the Happenings and Newsletters for updates!**

### Late Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

This study will begin with a focus on 1 Peter. We will read and discuss the scriptures with the expectation of being led by the Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith and prepare us to know and obey what God has planned for us to do. Please come join us as we invest our time in His Word. Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:AM in the Abraham room. Contact Robert Hellie with questions.

## CORNER OF GRATITUDE & THANKSGIVING



A big thank you to the many volunteers who assisted with the set-up, tear down and loading and unloading for the seven weeks of Worship in the Park. Your labors of love are so appreciated. Dave Collins did an exemplary job in coordinating the logistical efforts this year.



Dear St. Michael Family Friends,

I wanted to thank you for all of the prayers, concern and words of comfort and encouragement that you shared with me over the past few weeks with the passing of my mother. My family and I greatly appreciate the care and love. My mother always felt blessed when she would worship here on visits. God Bless!

In Jesus,  
Pastor Tim



Thank you to the pastors and the congregation for all of their prayers during our difficult pregnancy and our daughter's surgery. We truly appreciated the phone calls from Pastor Dave and Pastor Joe to check on all of us after her birth. A special thank you to Pastor Dave for coming to our home to pray with us the night before Gabby's surgery and to Pastor Tim for coming to the hospital to pray over our daughter as her little body healed. Erik and I have been extremely touched by the outpouring of love and support from our family of God at St. Michael.

Jacqui and Erik Batell

Mere words can't adequately express my thanks for the generosity of my St. Michael church family. Thanks to Pr. Tim, the Helping Hands ministry, and all of you, a check was sent to my cousin Beckie to help her and her family, who are experiencing medical and financial hardships. The check offered them some much-needed hope and they were very touched (as was I) that a church who doesn't even know them would reach out and provide them with some financial assistance. Thank you for being such a blessing and showing them God's love.

God Bless,  
Amy Bruhn



**Give** it time, **Have** fun, **Identify** the uniqueness of people, **Join** the community, **Keep** a positive attitude, **Lead** from your strengths, **Mobilize** your people, **Notice** the progress... ➡

## SERVICE, MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH



### DME Loan Closet

Continued thanks to all those supporting this ministry through donations and referrals. The gratitude and appreciation of those benefitting from equipment they would otherwise not have is both heartwarming and inspiring. "God moments" abound on both sides. As Pr. Joe would exclaim, "Hallelujah!"



### 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.



### 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.



### Rally Day Christmas!!

Rally Day Christmas!! Summer is over and our fall church activities are kicking off. We again have an opportunity to bring fun and smiles to some very special Peruvian children who live in horrible conditions either in the slums of Lima or remote villages in the foothills of the Andes. The children have been identified through participation at feeding stations operated by our missionary partners Susan Holowecky and Pastor Alex Cotrina.

#### Rally Day Christmas



Look for the Christmas display in the Narthex beginning on Rally Day, September 13. Prayerfully

consider taking a donation envelope. Donations will be used to purchase simple toys and gifts in Peru which will be distributed by Pastor Alex and Susan during special Christmas parties.

These gifts will be the only presents these children receive at any time during the year.

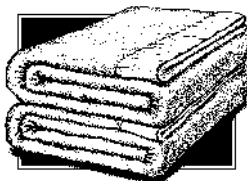
This is a unique ministry to St. Michael and we are the only church providing gifts to these children. Donations should be

returned to the offering plates by October 4th.

For additional information contact Andrea or Greg Anderson (453-0861).

### Lutheran World Relief Blanket Drive

September is collection time. We are asking for gently used blankets—no wool or afghans please. Bring them to the specially marked box in the narthex. We will take the soap that has been collected all year and the blankets to the big truck at Concordia College in early October.



### Help the Homeless

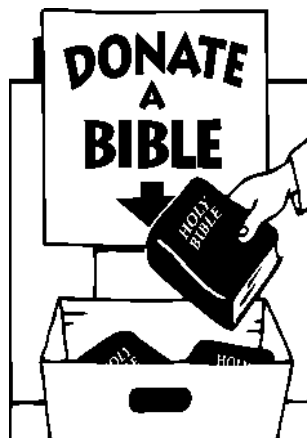
The Friday Night Bible study group will be assembling bags for the homeless at their study on Friday, September 11. We could use \$5 restaurant gift cards, granola bars and toiletry items like chapstick and sample shampoos and toothpastes. Please be sure to bring in your donations before then and place them in the basket by the coat racks across from the nursery.



### Bibles for Africa

Imagine living in a world without Bibles...How would you learn about Jesus? How would your faith grow? How would you give Bible studies and share the gospel truth with seekers?

Sounds impossible, doesn't it? Yet millions of poor Christians around the world are forced to share the Word of God or give Bible studies when they don't even own a Bible. Hungry for



His Word, they don't have enough Bibles to go around. In fact, many will sacrifice three days of food just to save enough money for a single Bible!

St. Michael continues to collect Bibles to send to Africa. If you have any to donate, please put them in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you for being a blessing to others.

**Organize** your connecting systems, **Prepare** people for ministry, **eEquip**, give **Recognition**, **Stay** the course, **Talk** openly, **Utilize** available resources, **Value** people... ➡



## SERVICE, MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH



### Thank you and Thank God

By Derek House, Stewardship Chair

The summer has flown by and we are now beginning to get back into our "normal" routine. Vacations have been taken, fun has been had and memories have been made. The summer months tend to be difficult financially for most churches as vacation and other summer activities pull members from regular giving. However, this year because of your faithful giving through the usually financially difficult summer months we have been able to remain on budget through the summer. THANK YOU!



Stewardship of the Church's finances is an important (and necessary) part of our Christian journey. But Stewardship is much more than just money. It is a real and physical representation of the Grace that God has given us. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (II Corinthians 9 NIV). We are rich in so many ways. Let us continue to share the grace that has been bestowed on us, so that we can be the light in the world.

### What Does It Mean to Volunteer?

According to the dictionary definition of 'volunteer,' it is a person who undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service—done, made or given with one's own free will.

I've always done something to serve others both inside and outside the church. I remember when my family moved to Livonia and because of distance I was looking for a new church home. My mother reminded me to look for a church that needed help because I would be a valuable asset to the church's mission. This has been enhanced during my retirement.

Biblically the NIV concordance equates volunteering with 'service.' Seven references are from the Old Testament (OT) while the remainder are from the New Testament (NT).

The extended references in the NT shine a light on service because of Jesus. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus tells us we are the salt of the earth, the light of the world and "let your light shine before others that they may see your **good deeds** and glorify your Father in heaven." (v. 16)

Furthermore, as Harry Wendt says it in Ch. 19E of the Divine Drama (Crossways) "Like Jesus, Christians are to use life to glorify God and **serve** others." that's why Wendt portrays Jesus as the "Servant-King". Hence, we can respond to Paul's description in Ephesians 4:12, "to equip his people for **works of service** so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (NIV).



To conclude, this composite from Lutheran Brotherhood (now Thrivent) still rings true. Volunteers are:

Valuable, Optimistic, Loving, Understanding,  
Necessary, Trusting, Energetic, Exceptional,  
Responsive, Special

Yours in Christ,  
Lois Beerbaum

### STAFF Q & A

Q: Now that Pr. Joe has retired, who is taking his duties?

A: Pr. Tim is taking on Pr. Joe's duties.

Q: What about the duties Pr. Tim used to have?

A: Pr. Tim's job description has been radically revised to include Pr. Joe's duties. This means reassigning most of Pr. Tim's former duties to Pr. Dave and other staff members.

Q: If I am in the hospital, who should I expect to come and visit me?

A: Pr. Tim. He will be making most of the hospital calls.

Q: Will we be hiring another Visitation Pastor to replace Pr. Joe?

A: Not at the present time. We hope to begin the process of calling a third pastor before too long. By reassigning Joe's duties to Tim, we have the flexibility of calling a third pastor to meet needs of growth and outreach.

Q: Who is responsible now for the building and for administration?

A: Tammy Chupa is now the staff person responsible for the property, and Pr. Dave is responsible for most administration including supervision of all full-time staff. Diana Collins continues to be the staff person most responsible for day-to-day finances. Daryl Chupa continues as Property Committee Chair.

Q: What does Pr. Tim's new job description include?

A: Pr. Tim's new job description focuses on three areas: Visitation, Evangelism, and Teaching. Pr. Joe was part-time and Pr. Tim is full-time, allowing Tim to have duties in addition to visitation.

Q: Where can I find out more about church staffing?

A: You can speak with Pr. Dave, Pr. Tim, or one of the Elders or Deacons.

**Worry** less; pray more be **eXternally** focused, take care of **You**, add some **daZZle** to your ministry.



## SERVICE, MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH

### Opportunities To Serve

One of the blessings and responsibilities we have as the Body of Christ (His Church) is the opportunity to be servants to the oppressed. The Bible is filled with references to helping widows, orphans, aliens, strangers, and the sick. Throughout the year our congregation supports many different organizations and ministries with their time, talents and treasures. The following chart identifies ministry opportunities that have come to the attention of our Mission and Outreach Board. Pray about where God may be leading you. Contact information is provided to help you plug in or gather additional information. The Mission and Outreach Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Dorcas Room. All are welcome.

Rally Day Christmas (Funding for Peru children)	Greg Anderson (734-453-0861)	September
Blanket Drive (Lutheran World Relief)	Jane Davis (734-455-4337)	September
Angel Tree (Prison Ministry)	Vicki Rennells (734-451-9721)	Nov-Dec
Plymouth Court Nursing Home Stockings: Sewing Stockings	Karen McIntee (734-397-8461)	Nov-Dec
Plymouth Court Nursing Home Stockings : Gifts & Stocking Stuffers	Jim/Roxanne Davis (734-453-8587) Darryl/Nancy Clark (248-437-3036)	Nov-Dec
Angel Tree/ Medilodge Nursing Home (socks & sweatshirts)	Joanne Sisler (734-981-4794)	Nov-Dec
Food Baskets	Staff	Nov, Dec, Easter
Kids Against Hunger (fund raising & packaging dehydrated food packets)	Greg Anderson (734-453-0861)	April
Lutheran World Relief (Personal Care Items)	Diana Collins (734-667-1267)	March/April
AAA Pregnancy Center (Fund raiser to fill baby bottles)	Kathy Starosciak (734-254-9184)	May- June
AAA Pregnancy Center (Race for Life)	Kathy Starosciak (734-254-9184)	May
American Cancer Society (Relay for Life)	Colin Campbell (248-724-6500)	May
Charity Golf Outing	Ivan Waterbury (734-634-9274)	July
Lighthouse Food Pantry (Pizza pick-up)	Daryl Chupa (734-451-0681)	weekly
Open Door Ministry (Food Pantry)	Daryl Chupa (734-451-0681)	monthly
Brown Ministry (Hands on volunteer opportunity)	Paul/Kathy Ingram (734-502-3951)	monthly
Hope Clinic (Hands on Volunteer opportunity)	Lois Beerbaum (734-259-8287)	ongoing
Bags for the Homeless (Collecting Personal Care Items)	Erica Snyder (734-846-4000)	ongoing
Durable Medical Equipment	Tim Carter (734-664-5178)	ongoing
Bibles for Africa (recycling used Bibles)	Karen Peoples (734-459-3333)	ongoing
Eye Glass Collection (recycling used glasses)	Barb Weide (734-416-9176)	ongoing
Dress for Success; Pillowcase dresses for 3rd world; Operation X-mas Child; Advent folders	no leaders identified	inactive
<i>Prepared by Mission and Outreach Board :6/11/15</i>		

## FOR AND ABOUT MEMBERS

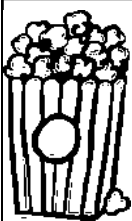


### Eldersversity Trip and Service Project

We've been collecting eye glasses for Mission Opportunity Short Term (M.O.S.T.) for many months. Now it's our opportunity to help! On Tuesday, October 6th (9:00 AM departure), we'll get a tour of the M.O.S.T. facilities and then work for an hour or so to process the eyeglasses. Lunch (at your cost) will follow at a local restaurant in Ann Arbor.



### Seasoned Citizen Cinema Day



Mark your calendars and plan on joining us on Tues, September 22. We will be having a matinee movie in the church Chapel ~ **The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel**, rated PG-13, starring

Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy, Dev Patel, and Tom Wilkinson. The movie will start at 1 PM and admission is free. The movie is entertaining AND there will be popcorn! It is not necessary to sign up; just show up. If you have any questions, please call Judy Washburn 453-8427 or Karen Peoples in the church office.

### Eldersversity Kick-off Luncheon

Attention All Seniors: Eldersversity's **BIG** kick-off Luncheon is just days away. **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE PAMPERED AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS LUNCHEON SERVED BY YOUR ST. MICHAEL STAFF AND ELDERVERSTY COMMITTEE.**

**ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 12:30 PM**, treat yourself to a tasty luncheon, followed by entertainment, provided by Janel deVries and the trio **Bar None**. You won't want to miss it!!

The Eldersversity Committee is anticipating a big turn out. Plan to attend...bring a friend or neighbor! What better way to introduce folks to the many activities being planned for seniors at St. Michael?



#### SIGN-UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE TODAY!

Tickets are \$9.00 per person which includes your lunch and entertainment.

**Sign-up/reservation deadline is no later than Sunday, September 6th.**

Looking forward to seeing you. If you have questions, see any Eldersversity Committee Member.

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

### Book Club

The St. Michael Book Club is excited to share the book titles we have selected for the next six months. We meet in the evening at 7:00 PM, the third Monday of each month in the Sarah Room with the exception of December when we have elected not to meet but rather focus on the Advent Season and February when we have changed our meeting time (TBD) to accommodate the winter break schedule. We hope you will consider joining us for discussion, sharing and laughter.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Bev Read at 313-515-8265 or [bmartinread@gmail.com](mailto:bmartinread@gmail.com)

**September** ~ Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman (254 pages)  
-Steel Magnolias meets The Help

**October** ~ Boo by Rene Gutteridge (304 pages)  
-Filled with humor, small town charm and a gentle message of enduring faith, Boo shows how even the most colorful group of busybodies and hypocrites can become a community changed forever by God.



**November** ~ Christmas Jars Reunion by Jason F. Wright (176 pages)  
-Continuing the story that started our book club last year, we follow the life of the main character, Hope Jensen, as her world changes forever over Thanksgiving weekend.

**January** ~ The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate (400 pages)  
-Tandi Jo Reese finds herself assigned with the task of cleaning out a sprawling Victorian home located in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Tandi discovers the story of a lifetime when she finds the carefully decorated prayer boxes of lola Anne Poole, her ninety-one year old landlord.

**February** ~ The Family of Jesus by Karen Kingsbury (305 pages)  
-Through The Family of Jesus, we find a fictional view of six of the family members of Jesus, all anchored by Scriptural truth providing us with a deeper understanding of the relatives of our Savior. The story will help us acquire tools that will draw us closer to Christ, to the Scriptures and to each other.

### Seasoned Citizen Bible Study

With a hassle-free and peace-filled setting led by Pastor Tim, com reflect on the Bible while you connect with friends. Study will open with praise reports and prayer before we begin a topical study or focus on a book of the Bible. Study will run a little over 1 hour. There is always plenty of coffee and occasionally cookies or snacks.

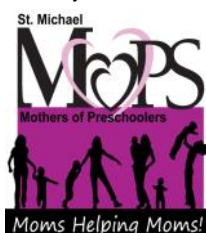
Senior Adult  
**BIBLE STUDY**

## FOR AND ABOUT MEMBERS



### MOPS

MOPS at St. Michael – Is your child in Kindergarten or younger? Or do you know someone who fits this description? If yes, MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is the group for you! We would like to invite you to join us this fall to experience all that MOPS has to offer; fellowship, encouragement, learning, a hot breakfast and more! Develop relationships with other mothers of preschoolers and learn to be the best moms you can be! Join us from 9-11:15 AM



on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, Oct through May. Childcare is provided. Contact Jennifer Hock 608-347-5662 to register.

### Moppets

St. Michael MOPS' (Mothers of Preschoolers) 2015-2016 season will begin this coming September. MOPS is in need of volunteers to Shepherd God's littlest lambs in our MOPPETS program. The MOPPETS program takes place during the MOPS meetings. Our Shepherds care for and play with our children while sharing with them the love of Jesus. All that is needed of you is a few hours of your time, only two mornings a month. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 9 – 11:15 AM, September through May, right here at St. Michael. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and help us meet the needs of young mothers in our church family and community, all to the glory of Jesus Christ! For more info or to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Hock (Coordinator) at 608-347-5662.

### Women's Christian Retreats

Ladies, consider taking advantage of the beauty and inspiring scenery of our own great state of Michigan. Grab your mom, your sister, your daughter, or your friends and register one of these fine Christian Women's Retreats.

### Camp Arcadia

*We, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory.*

~ 2 Corinthians 3:18

Come to the Camp Arcadia Women's Retreat featuring Linda Buxa (who writes, leads Bible studies and keynotes women's retreats) and Phyllis Wallace (a popular speaker and writer, has facilitated Camp Arcadia Women's Retreats for 18 years) and learn where to find contentment and purpose. **Our very own Jennifer Powell will be leading a breakout session!** Enjoy fellowship with women facing similar life challenges. Spend a faith-renewing, invigorating weekend among friends! Learn, inquire, share and grow from this retreat designed for adult women.

Camp Arcadia is held in Arcadia, Michigan on beautiful Lake Michigan from September 25-27. The cost is only \$175 and includes all meals, lodging and activities. For more information, please go to [www.camp-arcadia](http://www.camp-arcadia) or call Jennifer Powell.



### Win-some Women

*"My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge."*  
~ 2 Samuel 22:3a

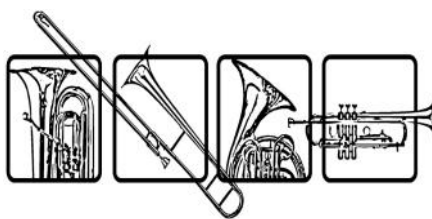
There is still time to register for the Win-some Women Christian Retreats! Keynotes for the 2015 retreats are Christian singer-songwriter, musician, author, and radio host Michael Card; Renee Bondi, whose journey as a quadriplegic has made her committed to bringing encouragement and the hope of Jesus to people of all ages; and Emily Klotz, who was abducted and cruelly raped, but Jesus brought her to a place of forgiving the unforgivable. We will also enjoy featured musician, Christy Nockels and Friends of the Groom, a theater group committed to proclaiming the Christian message with a unique blend of humor, story, challenging content, and scenes that are hard to forget.

The 2-day retreats are held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island from October 20 to October 23. There are three dates to choose from, and attendees can also choose two overnights if they wish. Visit [www.win-somewomen.org](http://www.win-somewomen.org) for more info and to register or call Karen in the church office.



### Brass Ensemble

If you play the trumpet, the trombone, the French horn or the tuba and would be interested in joining a brass ensemble at St. Michael, please contact Janel deVries at 734-397-8953



### Red Cross Blood Drive

Thank you to all who donated blood on July 27. If you are able, please sign up to give blood at our next drive which will be held at Geneva Presbyterian Church on Monday, September 28 from 1:30-7:15PM. Sign up on the Pastor's Board in the Narthex. And *thank you!*





## FOR AND ABOUT MEMBERS

### Parish Life

Parish Life is God's social network at St. Michael Lutheran Church. We create an environment within the church so people can come together for fellowship, support, and Christian growth. This helps people get to know each other and become a stronger part of God's family. People who get involved with activities outside of worship services become more connected to God's family, which will encourage involvement in other ministries at St. Michael. It is our responsibility to create a friendly, welcoming and social environment at St. Michael for everyone. If you feel lead to help Parish Life meet these goals, you can join the committee or just help run a single event. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Amy Bruhn at 313-563-2782 or amy.bruhn@gmail.com.

# NEWS

## From Our Parish

We had two fun events in August. On August 1, we had a Bonfire and Outdoor Movie Night on the north lot as the kick-off for VBS. After grilling hot dogs and making s'mores over the bonfire the children enjoyed a movie while the adults socialized around the bonfire. On August 12, the Canton Concert Band performed on the north lot and Parish Life provided hot dogs, chips, and drinks. We had a good turnout and God blessed us with beautiful weather for both events. A big Thank You to everyone who volunteered and pitched in to make these events possible.

### Rally Day Picnic

This year's Rally Day Picnic will be on Sunday, September 13, from 1 to 5 PM. The sign-up sheets are on the Parish Life bulletin board in the narthex, so please sign-up to help make the planning easier. This is a great event for the whole family. It is also a great opportunity to bring a friend and have them meet some new friends at church.



### Family Movie Night



Family Movie Night resumes on Friday, September 18. The doors will open at 6:30 PM and the movie will start at 7:05 PM. The movie will be "Big Hero 6", a PG-rated animation. Bring the whole family and the neighbor kids for a night of fun. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets or whatever you need to get comfortable on the Koinonia Room floor. Admission is free, however snacks and drinks are sold for 25¢ and pizza is \$1.00 a slice. Come on out for a night of family fellowship - see you all there!

### New Member Sunday

The next New Member Sunday is Sunday, October 25. A potluck reception will be held in the Koinonia Room following the 11 AM service and everyone is invited to come and welcome the new members to our St. Michael family. Bring your favorite dish to pass and a smiling face. Sign-up sheets will be on the Parish Life bulletin board in the narthex in mid-September to help us plan and ensure we have sufficient seating and food. Please join us as we welcome our newest members.

# WELCOME

## New Members



Here is a list of some upcoming events that may bless your family.

- \* Sunday, September 9 – Rally Day Picnic (1:00 PM to 5:00 PM)
- \* Friday, September 18 – Family Movie Night (7 PM)
- \* Sunday, October 25 – New Member Reception (following the 11 AM service)
- \* Saturday, October 31 – Harvest Party (5:30 PM)

There are many things happening at St. Michael Lutheran Church. Continue to read the monthly newsletter and the weekly Happenings to find the events that are right for you and your family. God Bless everyone.

# FOR AND ABOUT KIDS AND FAMILIES!!!



Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

### What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

### What you do:

1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!

## Sunday School



Help needed! We have some Sunday School teacher/helper positions that must be filled soon. The first day of Sunday School starts with Rally Day (and the annual balloon launch) on

September 13. There will be a teacher breakfast meeting on Saturday, September 12 at 8:30 AM. The Tomaykos have graciously offered to make an awesome breakfast for all that attend.

The teams available are:

- 3 year old: 1 more teacher and 1 helper
- 4 year old: 2 helpers
- Kindergarten: 1 more teacher and 1 helper
- 2nd grade: 2 helpers
- 3rd grade: 1 teacher and 1 helper

The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. For questions, please see Tim McIntee or Pam Hakala or email [tim.mcintee-smic@att.net](mailto:tim.mcintee-smic@att.net)

## Sonbeam Choir

Our Sonbeam Choir is for ages 3 (must be 3 by September 1) through Kindergarten. We practice most Wednesdays from 6:15-6:45 PM September—May in the Sarah Room. Rehearsals include 1) 5 minute Bible Story 2) practicing a variety of songs and 3) rhythm activity. We generally sing one time per month from September—May at one of the services. (Saturday 5:30 PM, Sunday 9 AM or 11 AM) We will be starting our rehearsals for the upcoming 2015 season on September 23.

On September 16 there will be Dinner 5:45 PM—6:30 PM, Large Group opening 6:30-7:00 PM and then we will have Registration for the different activities for our Family Night from 7:00 PM--7:30 PM.

**SONBEAM  
CHOIR**



Any questions, please call Andrea Anderson 734-453-0861 or Nita Maxwell 734-260-8755.

The nursery theme for September is "I See God's Love at Church". Anyone interested in helping in the nursery, please contact Markita Gottschalk at 734-744-5016.

## Leaping Lambs

Calling all 4-7 year old dancers. Leaping Lambs will be starting up on September 23 from 5:45-6:15 PM every Wednesday. Registration will take place at the Open House on September 16th. If you have any questions, contact Amy Nichol at [dancer0612@yahoo.com](mailto:dancer0612@yahoo.com)



Leaping  
LAMBS!

## Bible Quiz



When Jesus was on his way to heal a young girl, who touched his clothing, and why?

- A. The girl's father, to urge Jesus to hurry.
- B. A boy; he was in awe of Jesus and just wanted to meet him.
- C. Many people; they couldn't help it because it was so crowded.
- D. A woman in the crowd; she hoped that doing so would heal her.



Answer: D (See Mark 5:25-29.)

# SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00 Worship 9:30 AdventureLand 11:00 Worship/Communion 11:30 AdventureLand</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>LABOR Day</b></p> <p>10:00 Alanon 5:30 Monday Evening Prayer</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>7:00 AA 8:00 Executive Committee</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6:30 Men's Bkts/Bible Study 9:00 Open Door Ministry 5:15 Youth Committee Mtg 7:00 Parent/Student Conf Mtg 8:00 Elders</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>11:00 Seas Citizen Bible Study 7:00 MOPS Steering Committee 7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:30 Men's Bkts/Bible Study 12:00 Alanon</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00 St. Michael Losers 5:30 Worship</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>RALLY Day</b></p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion 9:30 AdventureLand 11:00 Worship 11:30 AdventureLand 1:00 Rally Day Picnic</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>10:00 Alanon 5:30 Monday Evening Prayer 7:00 Home School Parents 7:00 MOPS Steering 9:00 MOPS Set Up</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:00 MOPS Meet &amp; Greet 7:00 AA 7:00 Evangelism 7:00 Property</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>FAMILY NIGHT OPEN HOUSE</b></p> <p>6:30 Men's Bkts/Bible Study 5:45 Family Dinner 6:30 Large Group Opening 7:00 Family Night Open House 8:00 Church Council</p> <p><b>CHURCH COUNCIL</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>11:00 Seas Citizen Bible Study 7:00 High School Youth Group 7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>6:30 Men's Bkts/Bible Study 12:00 Alanon 6:30 Family Movie Night</p> <p><b>FAMILY Movie Night</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:00 St. Michael Losers 5:30 Worship</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:00 Worship 9:30 AdventureLand 10:15 Discovering St. Michael 11:00 Worship/Communion 11:30 AdventureLand</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>10:00 Alanon 5:30 Monday Evening Prayer 7:00 Book Club</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>11:00 Plymouth Ct. 1:00 Senior Cinema Day 6:00 Boys Basketball 7:00 AA</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>6:30 Men's Bkts/Bible Study 5:15 Family Dinner 5:15 Kids Kingdom Choir 5:45 Leaping Lambs 6:00 Teen Choir 6:15 Sonbeam Choir 6:30 Confirmation Lg Group 6:30 Kids Kingdom 6:45 Adult Bible Study 7:45 Lg Group Closing</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>11:00 Seas Citizen Bible Study 7:00 High School Youth Group 7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>6:30 Men's Bkts/Bible Study 12:00 Alanon 12:30 Home School Band</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:00 St. Michael Losers 10:00 Conf Rehearsal &amp; Pics 5:30 Worship/Communion</p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Confirmation Day</b></p> <p>9:00 Worship/Communion 9:30 AdventureLand 11:00 Worship 11:30 AdventureLand</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>10:00 Alanon 1:30 Red Cross Blood Drive 5:30 Monday Evening Prayer 6:00 Boys Basketball</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:30 Newsletter Staff 7:00 AA</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>6:30 Men's Bkts/Bible Study 5:15 Family Dinner 5:15 Kids Kingdom Choir 5:45 Leaping Lambs 6:00 Teen Choir 6:15 Sonbeam Choir 6:30 Confirmation Lg Group 6:30 Kids Kingdom 6:45 Adult Bible Study 7:45 Lg Group Closing</p>			

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## 41st Annual St. Michael Lutheran Church Rally Day Picnic

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.