



Saint Michael Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Sat. 5:30pm Informal

Sun. 8:00am Traditional & 10:45am Blended

Pastor Jon Zehnder, Senior Pastor
Pastor Steven Hess, Visitation Pastor
Pastor Roger Hubbard, Winter Associate
Mrs. Kati Miser, Principal

Mr. Colton LaMay, Director of Music Ministries
Mrs. Lori Schwan, Director of Nurturing Ministries
Mrs. Julie Berchtold, Director of Caring Ministries
Mr. Jack Proctor, Dir. of Christian Education Intern
Mr. Robert Jablonski, Director of Support Ministries

239-939-1218

www.smlcs.org

March 18-19, 2017

Welcome

The people of Saint Michael wish to extend a hand of welcome to all who join us in worship. May God fill you with the assurance of His love and forgiveness in Jesus.

Sunday Educational Hour

Sunday School

9:00 – 9:15am “Excite” (games)..... Gym
9:15 – 9:30am “Engage” (opening) Church
9:30 – 10:30am Individual Grade Level Activities

Toddlers- 2 year olds Church Nursery
PK3-PK4 Educ. Bldg. Rm. #29
K-1st Grade..... Educ. Bldg. Rm. #25
2nd - 3rd Grade Educ. Bldg. Rm. #4
4th - 5th Grade Educ. Bldg. Rm. #1
6th Grade Educ. Bldg. Rm. #47
7th/8th Confirmation Educ. Bldg. Rm. #48
High School..... Youth Room

Adult Learning Opportunities

Parents of High Schoolers Educ. Bldg. Rm. #49
Bible-Focused Friends Educ. Bldg. #28
Marriage Enrichment..... Art Room
Family Enrichment Boat Table
Pastor Zehnder’s Adult Bible Class Cafeteria

Church Nursery is available for children 2 years old & younger. Interested in volunteering? Sign up in Nursery, Contact Kati Miser or Lori Schwan at 939-1218 ext. 224.

All Who Are Communing

When Jesus said – *“This is My Body...this is My Blood”* – He really meant it. We believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament, not merely in a figurative or symbolic sense. Jesus is present with His Body and Blood, given to us in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. It is an act of His love, which we don’t deserve, we cannot explain, nor even understand. We humbly believe it. It is the request of our congregation, that anyone who wishes to commune with us share this faith. For all who intend to commune, we follow St. Paul’s admonition to –“examine yourself.”



- Do I believe that I have come short of God’s expectations, and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe that Jesus, my Savior and Lord, forgives me?
- Will I, with a grateful heart, and in loving obedience, allow God’s Holy Spirit to improve my attitudes, and empower me to live for Him?

Both individual cups and the common cup are offered from both sides of the altar (*individual cups with non-alcoholic wines are in the center section*). After receiving both elements, please return to your seat – the blessing is given to everyone. ***Gluten-Free wafers are now available!**

Communion is offered:

1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:45 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m.
(and the Saturday before at 5:30 p.m.)

Celebration of Life for Paul Henry will be Monday, **March 20 at 4:00pm** at St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Cherish DVD Bible Study is offered in Marriage Enrichment, **Sundays, 3/26-5/21, 9:15 am, Art Rm, #17.** What if one word could change everything for your marriage? According to best-selling author Gary Thomas, it can - and that word is "cherish!" Drawing from decades of experience with couples, he believes that when you and your spouse choose to notice, appreciate, honor, and encourage one another it will bring hope, light, and life into your relationship. Join any session!

LWML March meeting has been changed to 4th Saturday: **March 25th, 10:30am** in the cafeteria. Call Dee Engel 997-5953 or Nancy Jackemeyer 368-5490 for more information.

GriefShare Ministry You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. The 13-week program meets from 10am-Noon in the Boardroom of the ELC building. Current session: **Jan. 14 - Apr. 8.** You can join anytime. Contact Bob Betancourt 274-8188. *Bob will be offering more information on this important ministry Mar. 18-19 & Apr. 22-23.*

The DR Challenge! We have been offered a challenge by a couple in our congregation. They will *match* donations up to \$10,000 for the completion of the school addition in the Dominican Republic. This will be during March and April only. Are you up to the challenge? For more information contact Pastor Jon 939-1218 or Pat Ryan 540-8520. *Please write "DR" in the memo line of your check.*

Youth Car Wash Fundraiser On Sunday, March 19th from 7:30-11:30am the middle & high school Youth from St. Michael will be doing a car wash fundraiser. The money raised will support the youth as they look to serve God's people in Atlanta, GA and in the Dominican Republic! Bring your car by before you go to worship service and let the Youth make it squeaky clean!

City of Palms Youth Choir will perform at St. Michael Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 22 at 7:00pm.

The Mingling of Souls - Family Enrichment offers a new Song of Solomon DVD, 14 session series by Matt Chandler. Join any session, Sundays, **9:15 am, Boat Table in back of Office Center.**

Middle School Youth Nights It is a great time of fellowship and community building between the middle school students in grades 6th - 8th. We play games, enjoy snacks, build community, and learn more about God together! Upcoming meetings: Mar. 28 & Apr. 4, 6-7:30pm, in the Youth Room.

High School Revive Calling all High School students! Come out to Revive every Wednesday from 6-8 PM in the Youth Room in the gym building! Revive is a great chance to connect in the middle of the week with other High Schoolers. It's an opportunity to hangout, have fun, and grow deeper in your faith!

YOU ARE INVITED! Amigos Center Fundraising Luncheon **Wed., Mar. 22, 12:00-1:15pm** at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center in Bonita Springs. Come find out about the great work of this ministry in our community for 20 years! This is a fundraising event, but it's totally free, lasting just over an hour, with no requirement to contribute. Please email or call Steve Hess runrev@gmail.com, 239-834-2337, for arrangements to join his table from St. Michael for this special event.

Save the Life of a Neighbor The Bloodmobile will be on our campus Sunday, **April 2, 8:30am-1pm.** All donations stay in Lee County. Remember to eat a meal before donating and drink plenty of water before *and* after. Free health check-up and cholesterol screening included!

Thank You Dear church family and friends: I want to thank you for your great care for me over the past 6 weeks as I was recovering in the hospital and rehab. Your cards, calls, concern, & prayers have been deeply appreciated by both Dottie and myself. God Bless all of you! ~ Ralph Schneider

This Week at Saint Michael

Monday, March 20

4:00 – 8:00 pm.....Spirit Night, Jason's Deli
6:30 pm..... Stephen Ministry, Art Room

Tuesday, March 21

7:30 amMen's Bible Study,
..... 6835 Porto Fino Circle, Suite 2, Fort Myers,
..... Mike Roach, 239-275-9233
5:45 pmBell Choir, Sanctuary
6:00 pm PTL Meeting, Cafeteria
7:00 pmAdult Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 22

12:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service
7:00 pm..... Midweek Lenten Service
6:00 pm.....Dynamic Marriage

Thursday, March 23

7:00 pm DivorceCare, Pastor's Conf. Room

Friday, March 24

8:30 amMen's Bible Study,
..... Pastor's Conference Room

Saturday, March 25

9:00 – 10:30 am.....Men's Ministry/Bible Study
..... Art Room, Lee Berchtold, 872-8999
10:00 amGriefShare, ELC Boardroom
10:30 am LWML, Cafeteria
5:30 pm..... Worship Service, *Communion*

Sunday, March 26

8:00 am Worship Service, *Communion*
9:15amSunday School/Adult Bible Class
10:45 am.....Worship Service

Last Week at Saint Michael

Ash Wednesday 12pm.....97
Ash Wednesday 7pm.....110
Midweek Lent #2 12pm48
Midweek Lent #2 7pm.....56
Saturday Service 5:30 pm.....157
Sunday 8:00 am156
Sunday 10:45 am274
*Last Week's Total Offerings: \$19,428.00
Last Week's Ministry Needs:..... \$19,000.00
Fiscal Year to Date Received \$718,351.00
Fiscal Year to Date Needed \$718,290.00
Fiscal Year to Date Difference \$61.00
(Fiscal Year is July – June)

*Includes "Regular" and all "Extra Services"

Other St. Michael Key Contacts:

Main Church Office, 239-939-1218

Walt Kittel, Organist

Colton LaMay, Music Ministry, ext. 235

Ann Sluiter, Parish Nurse

Steve Eggen, Head of Maintenance, ext. 226

Jack Proctor, DCE Intern, ext. 237

Important Dates

Birthdays

03/18.....Sharon Hrabak
03/20....J'Ann Tharnstrom
03/21Pat Cody, Bernt Larson, Donald Rush
03/22Ryan Clark, Tim Underhill
03/23Charles Cook, Riley Shaw
03/24Julie Groe, Phil Irish (*father*),
Darryl Krumsieg, Justin Speiser
03/25Jason Hodson, Loren Jackemeyer,
Cassandra Lowe, Gavin Smith
03/26Alice Bauer, Brice Offerman,
Jacob Stanley
03/27Tom Boe, Robert DeMott,
Alexandra Dickinson, Paul Sayers
03/28....Randy Cooley, Hannah Koffman,
Ruthanne Thongkai

Anniversaries

03/18....Doug & Kathy Cooley
Robert DeMott & HongMei Kang
03/20...Matt & Mandi Mernin
03/22Raymond & Elizabeth Riano
03/24Dan & Lisa Wall
03/25Skip & Sally Adams
03/27Mike & Sarah Bell
03/28....Robert & Patricia Schroeder



Project Dentists Care is seeking donations due to a recent loss of funding. Project Dentists Care provides free basic dental care for less fortunate people. Donations are tax deductible. Please consider donating today by mailing your gifts to:

P.O. Box 60424, Ft. Myers, FL 33906.

Call Dr. Bill Truax with questions: 470-1302

Worship Assistants Today

5:30 pm Saturday Service

Elder(s): Lou Conzelmann
Richard Johnston

8:00 am Sunday Service

Elder(s): Rob Royston & David Radecki
Lector: Rob Royston
Ushers: **John Hoffmann**, Kathy Royston, Bob Richardson, David Engstrom
Acolytes: *Need Volunteers*

10:45 am Sunday Service

Elder(s): Richard St. Dennis & Mike Roach
Lector: Richard St. Dennis
Ushers: **Leroy Waldren**, Brian Bottorff, Marge Bennett, Jacob Haycook, Eric Zinn
Assistants: Richard St. Dennis, Mike Roach, Rob LeSueur, Roger Hubbard, Darryl Bell
Acolytes: *Need Volunteers*
Crucifer: *Need Volunteer*

Coffee & Snack Volunteers

8:00 am: Karen & Ken Zinn
10:45 am: Nancy Jackemeyer and
Lana Jackemeyer

Greeters Today

Sun. 8:00 am Bill & Elaine Armour – Bill & Elaine were both born and raised in Wellsville, NY and were high school sweethearts. They became winter residents of FL in 2003 and became members of St. Michael that same year. In NY Bill was a Funeral Director and then a Funeral Service Manufacture Rep., and Elaine spent 30 years as an RN in the Operating Room specializing in heart/vascular procedures. They raised three sons while living in Michigan, and now have seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They enjoy golf, travel, boating and auto racing, and Bill serves on committee of their VDS Association. Elaine's father was an LCMS pastor for over 50 years.

Sun. 10:45 am Richard & Ardis Loeber – Richard was born and raised in Green Bay, WI, and Ardis was born and raised in Beatrice, NE. They met in college in Blair, NE and have been married since 1967. They moved to Ft. Myers in January 2010 and became members of St. Michael in 2013. Richard was an independent sales representative and Ardis was an

administrator in the Bethesda Lutheran Communities in Watertown, WI for 28 years. Both are now retired. They two children and three grandchildren. Richard enjoys household projects and Ardis likes reading and going for walks. They both enjoy golfing and playing bridge.

Most Recent Prayer Requests:

- The Family of Paul Henry
- The Family of Andrew Klith
- Leroy Waldren
- Barbara Lanagan
- Azrael Early (Grandson of Carl Bergner)
- Wayne Wiles
- Tom Zeller



For our complete list of those in need of prayer please visit our web page, www.smlcs.org, scroll down to the bottom, click on "Visit Church Site" and select Prayer Chain under "Ministries"

If you would like to join our Prayer Warriors and receive a weekly e-mail with the complete list of prayer requests, please contact Eileen O'Hara at eileen.ohara@smlcs.org or call 239-939-1218 x241

Information for each week's bulletin should be submitted by noon on Wednesday to our Communications Coordinator.

Email: eileen.ohara@smlcs.org

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