



# Saint Michael Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, Florida 33901

The Reverend Jon Zehnder, Pastor

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. Lori Schwan, Director of Nurturing Ministries

Mr. Robert Ziegler, Principal  
Mrs. Julie Berchtold, Director of Caring Ministries  
Mr. Robert Jablonski, Director of Support Ministries

239-939-1218

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December 6-7, 2014

## 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. #27  
K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade .....Educ. Bldg. Rm. #25  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade .....Educ. Bldg. Rm. #4  
4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.....Educ. Bldg. Rm. #1  
6th-8th Grade .....Band Room  
High School ..... Youth Room

### Adult Learning Opportunities

Marriage Enrichment..... Educ. Bldg. #26  
Family Enrichment..... Educ. Bldg. #5  
Pastor Zehnder's Adult Bible Study.....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.

### Communion is offered:

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

**DivorceCare Ministry** Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. It is a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about issues you've never faced before. DivorceCare meets weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. DivorceCare meets each Thursday for 13 weeks in Classroom #26, downstairs in the south end. The next session runs Jan. 8 through April 2, 2015. **Join anytime!** Contact Julie Berchtold 939-1218 Ext. 227 or [Julie.Berchtold@smlcs.org](mailto:Julie.Berchtold@smlcs.org)

**Book Signing** Anita Dennis' book "*Beyond Me*" will be available for purchase in our narthex December 13 & 14. Anita will be on hand to sign the books at all three services. Special book-signing price of \$20.

**Please consider** coming to St. Michael Lutheran Church on January 25, 2015 to have your cheek swabbed to see if you are a match for our dear sister in Christ, Nancy Troast. The drive is from 8:30am - 1pm. You can make an appointment by calling One Blood at 239-425-0953. The appointment is only 10 minutes or so. It is my understanding that if you are a match, and you choose to proceed with donating your bone marrow, it is a fairly simple process. Please contact Ann Sluiter, our parish nurse for more details regarding that process. The recommended age to donate is 18-44 years of age. Please share this event, tell your friends, and show your support for Nancy. Here's to finding her a MATCH!

**Father-Son Retreat** for 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Guys. Save the dates, Fri., Jan. 23 6pm - Sat., Jan. 24, 3pm for this awesome new opportunity for fathers and sons in 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade to explore "God's Plan for a Man" at Riverside Retreat Center in Alva. Cost is \$80/father-son team (scholarships are available if needed). **Deadline to register is Jan. 11, 2015.** Watch your mail for a brochure. Questions? Contact Lori Schwan [lori.schwan@smlcs.org](mailto:lori.schwan@smlcs.org) 939-1218, ext. 224 or one of our committee members: Bryon Haycook, David Radecki, and Mike Fenton.

**GriefShare Ministry** If you, a family member or friend have lost a loved one, we offer help with healing at our GriefShare meetings. This group meets Saturdays from 10am-12pm, beginning Jan. 10 and ending March 28, 2015. You may join *anytime*. Meet in the boardroom of the ECALC building (behind the school.) Contact Bob Betancourt 274-8188 or [rbmetancourt49@gmail.com](mailto:rbmetancourt49@gmail.com)

**Angel Giving Tree** We will once again be distributing Christmas gifts to the children of families who receive one of our food baskets. The Angel Giving Tree will be set up in our narthex. If you would like to contribute, please take a tag and return it with a wrapped gift attached no later than December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Advent Services** continue Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Progressive Servant Event** On Dec. 14 from 12 - 6pm. our 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders will adopt the 10-17-year-olds at Lutheran Services of Florida's Oasis Youth Shelter (right behind our soccer field). While we are having a tour of their facility, the Oasis teens will get to come to our gym for some fun. Would you like to be a part of this? We are taking donations toward the gifts. Church members could help host the Oasis teens at the gym. Adult drivers are also needed. **Sign up with Lori Schwan by Wed. Dec. 10.**

**Christmas Dinner** will be served to church members and their families in the cafeteria at 11:00 am following the Christmas Day service. Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce and applesauce will be served. If you would like to, please bring a dish to share for 10-12. A Free Will Offering will also be accepted. Contact Ann Sluiter for more information: 239-691-0110 or [twosisters35@hotmail.com](mailto:twosisters35@hotmail.com). (Note: Ann will be in the Dominican Republic Dec. 10-18)

**Food Donations** are being collected for the Board of Human Care's Christmas food distribution. Still needed are 114 15-oz cans of fruit, 60 boxes of stovetop stuffing and 55 boxes of mashed potatoes. Any contributions would be very much appreciated.

## This Week at Saint Michael

\*ECALC - Early Childhood Adult Learning Center

Monday, December 8

Tuesday, December 9

7:30 am ..... Men's Bible Study,  
..... 12670 New Brittany, #101 Rob Royston,  
..... 939-2222

9:30 am ..... Ladies in His Word Bible Study,  
..... ECALC Bldg. Boardroom

10:00 am ..... Women Experiencing Christ,  
..... Pastor's Conf. Rm.

5:30 pm ..... Walk Thru the Bible in Office Ctr.

5:45 pm ..... Adult Bell Choir

Wednesday, December 10

7:00 pm ..... Advent Worship Service

Thursday, December 11

8:00 am ..... Moms In Prayer, Sm. Chapel

Friday, December 12

8:30 am ..... Men's Breakfast Bible Study,  
..... Pastor's Conference Rm.

Saturday, December 13

9:00 - 10:30 am ..... Men's Ministry/Bible Study  
Educ. Bldg., #26 Lee Berchtold, 872-8999

5:30 pm ..... Informal Worship, *Communion*

Sunday, December 14

8:00 am ..... Worship, *Communion*

10:45 am ..... Worship



## Last Week at Saint Michael

Saturday Service 5:30 pm ..... 85

Sunday 8:00 am ..... 152

Sunday 10:45 am ..... 206

\*Last Week's Total Offerings: ..... \$19,224.00

Last Week's Ministry Needs: ..... \$19,125.00

Year to Date Received ..... \$364,929.00

Year to Date Needed ..... \$364,625.00

Year to Date Difference ..... \$304.00

\*Includes "Regular" and all "Extra Services"

## Other St. Michael Key Contacts:

Main Church Office, 239-939-1218

Walt Kittel, Organist

Ann Sluiter, Parish Nurse

Sue Briggs, Head of Food Service, ext. 317

Steve Eggen, Head of Maintenance, ext. 226

Kati Miser, Little Saints Director, ext. 333

## Important Dates

### Birthdays

12/06.. Allison Belcher, Julie Bledsoe

12/07.. Liam Bell, Brian Davis, Shea Flynn,  
Molly Schweers

12/08.. Alexandra Fahnlander, Sienna  
Hancock, Sam Johnson, Roman  
Mueller, Deborah Singh, Danny  
Wood, Mason Zehnder

12/09.. Tracie Carlson, Rachelle Louis,  
Abigail Mast, Diane Raimey, Norma  
Schwichtenberg, Preston Valk

12/10.. William Armour, Anbel Bell,  
Gretchen Hart, Robert Keljik,  
Adrianna Manetta, Michelle  
Principato, Kristina Rendon

12/11.. Steve Bauer, Dolly Dempsey, Jai  
Slater, John MacKenzie, Arianna  
Pursel, Olivia Sandifer

12/12.. Robin Beck, Taylor Fileman, Roger  
Lanum, Sue Marceau, Emily Murphy

12/13.. Jan Conzelmann

12/14.. O. T. Atkinson, Jr., Dustin Blair,  
Adrian Dougherty, Katie Guest,  
Jerry Hrinik, Justin Irizirry, Sharon  
Lantrip, Lori Skrutski, Nick Stella

### Anniversaries

12/11.. Denny & Jani Denison

12/12.. Bob & Carla Daniels  
Leon & Debra Pollard



**Altar Flowers today** are placed to the  
Glory of God in honor of Bill Armour's Birthday by  
his sister Sharon Arour.

## Worship Assistants Today

### 5:30 pm Saturday Service

Elder(s): Richard Johnston & Lou Conzelman

### 8:00 am Sunday Service

Elder(s): Bill Minor & Tom Schlotterbeck

Lector: Bill Truax

Ushers: **Bill Truax**, Tom Schlotterbeck, Charles Cook, Elaine Everhart, Bob Richardson

Acolytes: Laci Roszell, *Need Volunteer*

### 10:45 am Sunday Service

Elder(s): Kim Dinkel & Darryl Bell

Lector: Rob LeSueur

Ushers: **Tom Kosteno**, Elaine Everhart, Judy Ward, Roy Hendry, Diane Hendry

Assistants: Kim Dinkel, Darryl Bell, Rob LeSueur, Richard St. Dennis, Lee Berchtold

Acolytes: Jacob Haycock, *Need Volunteer*

Crucifer: *Volunteer needed*

## Coffee & Snack Volunteers

8:00 am: Christine Collingwood

10:45 am: Jamie & Heather Pittman

## Greeters Today

8:00 am Bill & Elaine Armour – Bill & Elaine were both born and raised in Wellsville, NY. They became winter residents of FL and Associate Members of St. Michael in 2003. In NY Bill worked in funeral services, and Elaine spent 30 years as an RN. They raised three sons in MI and now have seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They enjoy golf, travel, boating and auto racing, and Bill serves as President of their VDS Association.

10:45 am Will Jones & Marlene King – Wilbur & Marlene were married at SMLC in 2008. Wilbur raised his son and daughter in MD. He retired with 35 years of service in the U. S. Postal Service. Marlene was born in MI. She retired from the MASCO Corp. Her family includes three children and seven grandchildren. She moved to FL and joined SMLC in 2007. For fun they both are taking German speaking lessons, and belong to the German-American Club and participate at the Schuetzenverein Shooting Club.

## Most Recent Prayer Requests:

- John O’Harra (brother of Eileen Weckel)
- Wendy Whiteman (Daughter of Rose Marie Hart)
- Sharon Kirkman (Friend of Lee & Julie Berchtold)
- Phil Irish, Sr.
- Kristin Barrios (Granddaughter of Katherine Simpson)
- Windie Jordan (Sister-in-law of Cathy Yelvington)
- Edna Shilling
- Dr. Nancy Troast
- Cyndi Higbea
- Fred Christenson (Brother-in-law of Dorothy Rook)
- Frank Most
- The Family of Hunter Hauser
- Ryan Scharlau

*Those still in need of prayer can be found on our web page, [www.smlcs.org](http://www.smlcs.org) 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 Weckel at [eileen.weckel@smlcs.org](mailto:eileen.weckel@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.**



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