



# 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 Steve Hess, Visitation Pastor  
Vicar Colton LaMay, Director of Music Ministry  
Mrs. Kati Miser, Principal  
Mrs. Kayla Swetz, Assistant Principal

Mr. Robert Jablonski, Director of Support Ministries  
Mrs. Lori Schwan, Ministry Coordinator  
Mrs. Julie Berchtold, Director of Caring Ministries  
Mr. Jack Proctor, Director of Youth Ministries  
Mrs. Stacie Thompson, Director of Little Saints

239-939-1218

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January 9-10, 2021

### A Note from Pastor Jon ~

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all who join us in worship, whether in person or online! May God fill you with the assurance of His love and forgiveness in Jesus our Savior. We continue to offer three unique worship opportunities: Saturday 5:30pm (informal), Sunday 8:00am (traditional), and Sunday 10:45am (blended). You can also watch these services at your convenience since all three worship services are recorded and posted on our website at [Livestream.com/SMLCS](http://Livestream.com/SMLCS).

Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible studies are available both in person as well as online. Please check the bulletin for details. Discover an opportunity to grow in your faith and live out that faith in your life. As we regather in person for worship, we still are encouraging everyone to wear masks and to be seated with social distancing in mind. At present, we will also still be celebrating communion in our own pew and not at the altar rail.

### Sunday Education

Sunday School 9:15 - 10:30am

Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.....Music Room  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation\*.....Cafeteria  
6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade.....Youth Room  
\*Parents should attend with students.

#### Adult Learning Opportunities

Flynn Women's Bible Study\*....Educ. Bldg. Rm. #28  
Family Enrichment.....Educ. Bldg. Rm. #49  
Marriage Enrichment.....On Zoom  
\*This Bible Study is full.

### 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?

Since safety is our top priority, we have purchased pre-packaged individual chalices with wine or a non-alcoholic option, as well as wafers with or without gluten. When you first enter the church, a volunteer will give worshippers their preferred elements. If you need assistance opening the packaging, a gloved usher will assist you as we commune from our seats. Even though we can't commune at the altar rail, the pew kneelers are available for those who can and would like to kneel during the meal.

## Important Dates

### Birthdays

Jan 9	Jamie Gilles Brian Hoffmann Joe Madden Hanson Truax
Jan 10	Jerry Albee Kamdyn Haycook
Jan 11	Joshua Brine Chris Risley Kristin Stiggelman
Jan 12	Sheron Ewers Lucas Speiser
Jan 13	Pat Ryan Lynn Van Cavage
Jan 14	Karen L. Atkinson Megan Minor Michael Pearce Hannah Zinn
Jan 15	Debbie Hake Katherine Hermann Lois Laporte
Jan 16	Jan Goedecke Jackie Hackworth Connie Hooper Marilyn Kasper Mike Roach Rollie Sachs Alan Weis
Jan 17	Brenda Hughes Laurel Nawrot
Jan 18	Marcia Malisiak Bob Schroeder
Jan 19	Gwen SchAAF Shawn Wingate

### Anniversaries

Jan 10	Colton and Sarah LaMay
Jan 11	Matt and Mairin Roepstorff
Jan 19	Will and Morgan Kollmann



**Altar Flowers** today are placed to the Glory of God by Jerry and Karen Albee in celebration of Jerry's birthday on January 10<sup>th</sup> and in honor of our dedicated pastors - Pastor Jon, Pastor Hess, and Vicar Colton.

## This Week at Saint Michael

### Monday, January 11

8:00 – 9:30 am.....DivorceCare via Zoom

### Tuesday, January 12

6:00 – 7:30 pm.....Middle School Youth

7:00 – 8:30 pm ..The Fellowship Young Adult Mtg.

.....via Zoom, Jack Proctor, 703-203-5510

### Wednesday, January 13

8:15 am.....SMLS Chapel

9:40 am.....Early Childhood Chapel

6:00 – 8:00 pm.....High School Revive in Gym

7:00 – 8:30 pm.....Bible Study via Zoom,

.....Lee Berchtold, 872-8999

### Thursday, January 14

10:00 am.....Women's Bible Study via Zoom,

.....Lori Schwan, 292-6544

5:30 – 7:30 pm.....Women's Bible Study via Zoom,

.....[paulette.mueller@gsmlcs.org](mailto:paulette.mueller@gsmlcs.org)

7:00 – 8:30 pm.....DivorceCare via Zoom

### Saturday, January 16

9:00 – 10:30 am.....Men's Ministry/Bible Study

.....via Zoom, Lee Berchtold, 872-8999

10:00 am – Noon.....GriefShare via Zoom,

.....Bob Betancourt, 239-274-8188

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

### Sunday, January 17

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

9:15 am.....Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies

10:45 am.....Worship Service, *Communion*

7:00 – 8:00 pm.....Bible Study for Busy Parents

.....via Zoom, [mandyzehnder.inspired@yahoo.com](mailto:mandyzehnder.inspired@yahoo.com)

## Last Week at Saint Michael

New Year's Eve 5:30 pm.....38/27

Saturday Service 5:30 pm.....31/70

Sunday Early Service 8:00 am.....59/87

Sunday Late Service 10:45 am.....66/98

The attendance is reflected as follows:

# In person attendees /

# Total online views by Monday

*Last Week's Total Offerings:*..... \$36,787.00

*Last Week's Ministry Needs:*..... \$38,000.00

*Fiscal Year to Date Received:*..... \$627,431.00

*Fiscal Year to Date Needed:*..... \$618,500.00

*Fiscal Year to Date Difference:*..... \$8,931.00

(Fiscal Year is July - June)

## Other St. Michael Key Contacts

**Main Church Office**, 239-939-1218

**Walt Kittel**, Organist

**Ann Sluiter**, Parish Nurse

**Steve Eggen**, Head of Maintenance, ext. 226

## Worship Assistants Today

### 5:30 pm Saturday Service

Elder: Lou Conzelman

### 8:00 am Sunday Service

Elder: Nate Miser

### 10:45 am Sunday Service

Elder: Richard St. Dennis

## Wednesday Individual Drive Through Communion

For our St. Michael family, we want to offer an opportunity to take Holy Communion in a safe and meaningful manner. We will have Drive Through Communion on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

One car at a time will drive under the church's transept by the main entrance to the sanctuary. There Pastor Jon will assist you in a time of confession and celebrating God's tangible forgiveness in the Lord's Supper.

Since safety is our top priority, we have purchased pre-packaged, individual chalices with wine or a non-alcoholic option as well as wafers with or without gluten. You can select your preference. If you need assistance opening the packaging, someone wearing a glove can assist you. Also, all communion assistants will be wearing masks.

Sign up for Wednesday, January 13, 2021 communion via this link. [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D45ACA92\\_92-wednesday27](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D45ACA92_92-wednesday27). Review the available time slots and click on the button to sign up. Thank you for listing all who will be in the car with you communing. If you have any questions regarding communion, please contact Lori Schwan at [lori.schwan@qsmclcs.org](mailto:lori.schwan@qsmclcs.org) or 239-939-1218, ext. 237. If you need assistance signing up, please contact Stephanie Bellino at 239-939-1218, ext. 241.

**Warm Clothing Drive** The Board of Human Care will be collecting warm clothing for the homeless. They will be collecting any type of cold weather wear - sweatshirts, blankets, jackets, hats, gloves, etc. New or gently used items can be placed in the collection bin in the narthex. They will be collecting items through January 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your support!



## Be the Match Bone Marrow

**Screening** As our Parish Nurse Ann Sluiter is needing a bone marrow transplant, we are encouraging anyone who is 50 and under to contact Be the Match directly at [www.BeTheMatch.org](http://www.BeTheMatch.org) to see if you can be put on the national registry. A potential donor will answer a few questions online. Those that qualify will be sent a screening kit directly to swab their mouth at home and return in the mail. People of all ethnicities are needing bone marrow transplants, so please share with anyone you know to consider giving the gift of life.

## Amazon Smile

Do you enjoy the convenience of online shopping? Now all your eligible purchases made through Amazon can benefit St. Michael! AmazonSmile is a program that donates a portion of your purchase price to the charity of your choice. Every little bit helps. You can choose St. Michael by using this link when shopping: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-0791044>



## GriefShare

If you, a family member, or a friend have lost a loved one, we offer help with healing at our GriefShare meetings. This group meets Saturdays from 10am-12pm on Zoom, beginning January 9<sup>th</sup> and ending April 10<sup>th</sup>. You may join *anytime*. Go to [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org) and click find a group. Contact Bob Betancourt for more information. 239-274-8188 or [rmbetancourt49@gmail.com](mailto:rmbetancourt49@gmail.com)



## DivorceCare – New Edition 4.0

(for separated or divorced) Online DivorceCare groups will be starting in January. **Monday morning group** meets 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. 01/11/2021 - 04/19/2021. **Thursday evening group** meets 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 01/14/2021 - 04/08/2021. Join any session. **Register at:** [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org). Have questions? Call Julie Berchtold at 239-470-5854.

## Offering Envelopes

for 2021 are now available. Please contact Nancy Lukitsch in the church office with any questions. [nancy.lukitsch@qsmclcs.org](mailto:nancy.lukitsch@qsmclcs.org) or 939-1218 ext 288.

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You can also use this link: [tinyurl.com/SMLGiving](https://tinyurl.com/SMLGiving)

**Volunteers Needed** As we come back on campus, we are in need of volunteers in a few areas:

- To prepare the sanctuary for weekend worship
- To disinfect the buildings after worship and parish education groups
- To set up the classrooms after parish education groups
- To help with Sunday School kid activities

Contact Lori Schwan to find out more!

**Middle School Youth Group** Mark your calendars! Middle School Youth will meet Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Youth room.

**MLK Jr. Holiday** The Church and School offices will be closed on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. School, extended care, and Little Saints will be closed as well.

**PTL Meeting** There will be a PTL Meeting on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

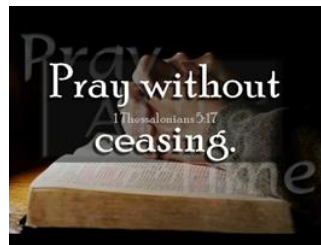
**School Board Meeting** There will be a School Board Meeting on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**Elder's Meeting** There will be a Board of Elders Meeting on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**SMLS Open House** Our annual St. Michael Lutheran School Open House will be a virtual event on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Do you have friends who may be interested in our school? Please be sure to share our open house information with them. This is a great way to get know more about our school and the opportunities available here.

## Most Recent Prayer Requests:

- Pastor Jon and Joni Zehnder
- Raymond Rodriguez (Uncle of Bob Betancourt)
- Al Betancourt (Cousin of Al Betancourt)
- Molly Bonk (Daughter of Linda Bonk)
- Tom Robertson
- Kaitlin Clark (Granddaughter of Jan Grube and Niece of Pam and Kevin Kollmann)
- Joe (Friend of Steve Brown)
- Greg Yost (In-law of the Webb Family)
- David Barber (Friend of Vickie Dinkel)
- Alma Smith (Grandmother of Meg Minor)
- Sam and Cindy Johnson's Cousin
- Jami Moeller (Friend of Carole Musich)
- Breezy Schafer
- Neil Sandfort (Father of Mary Sandfort)
- Ron Rohrs
- Carol Williams
- J'Ann Tharnstrom
- Lorraine Less
- Mark (Brother of Mary Sandfort)
- Vivian Brooks (Mother of Linda Lang)
- Rob LeSueur
- Stephanie Wohlert (Daughter of Rob LeSueur)
- James Hansen (Brother of Ken Hansen)
- Rev. John Roach (Friend of Steve and Jane Brown)



For our complete list of those in need of prayer, please visit our web page, [www.smlcs.org](http://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 Stephanie Bellino. [stephanie.bellino@gsmlcs.org](mailto:stephanie.bellino@gsmlcs.org) or call 239-939-1218 ext. 241

Information for each week's bulletin should be submitted by noon on Wednesday to our Communications Coordinator. Email: [stephanie.bellino@gsmlcs.org](mailto:stephanie.bellino@gsmlcs.org)